

Flower Festival - Holy Innocents' Church Foulsham

The aim of the flower festival is to raise funds for Holy Innocents' Church Restoration appeal — to felt the roof of the nave and restore the clerestory windows.

The theme has been chosen to coincide with the unveiling, during the same weekend, of commemorative plaques to the World War II RAF airfield, Foulsham.

The plaques are being sited in the plinth of the village sign. Funds for the plaques have been raised by a cheese and wine evening and by donations, some from ex-RAF Foulsham personnel, many of whom are expected to attend.

Foulsham airfield opened in 1942 and was the home in turn of 98, 180, 514 and 192 RAF squadrons and 462 RAAF squadron operating with the Two (Day Bomber) Group, the Three (Heavy Night Bomber) Group and 100 Special Duties Group. The aircraft which flew from Foulsham were Mitchells, Lancasters, Ansons, Wellingtons, Halifax's and Mosquitoes, also P38 Lightnings by a detachment of the USAAF. The airfield closed in 1947.

In addition to the church being open to the public, there will also be a marquee in the churchyard housing refreshments, a craft stall, tombola, grand raffle (offering a first prize of a £300 English Country Cottage holiday), and an airfield memorial stall selling commemorative mugs, tea towels and booklets on the history of the airfield. Proceeds from the latter stall will be donated to the RAF Benevolent Fund.

Memorabilia by the Norwich Branch of the RAF Association and the Norfolk/Suffolk Aviation Museum will be on display in the Frost Hall on the Sunday. A display of "Toys of the Forties" will be on show in the Baptist church during the weekend. There will also be a "Forties Dance" on the Saturday and a village barbecue on the Monday, both in aid of the restoration appeal.

**Theme — "Foulsham in the Forties",
Saturday, Sunday, Monday
— August 26, 27, 28**



TIME TABLE OF EVENTS

Saturday, August 26th

10 am-6 pm — church open to the public, marquee for refreshments, crafts, tombola, raffle, RAF stall.
8 pm-midnight — "Forties Dance" at Westfield Farm Barn. Bar and light refreshments available. By ticket only, £3 from Mr P. Slapp, Foulsham 388 and Mr D. Wright, Foulsham 4171.

Sunday, August 27th

9 am — Said Holy Communion in Parish Church.
11 am — Festival Service in Church. Preacher the Bishop of Lynn. Morning Service in the Baptist Church.
12 noon-6 pm — Church and marquee open to the public. RAF Memorabilia on display in the Frost Hall.
12.30 pm — Unveiling of commemorative plaques at village sign attended by RAF detachments, British Legion etc.
1 pm — 137/139 Wings Association Lunch at The Gamp Restaurant.
2 pm — Meeting of 137/139 Wings Association at the Frost Hall.
3 pm — Coach tour of airfield.
6.30 pm — Songs of Praise in Church with Hindolveston Silver Band.

Monday, August 28th

10 am-6 pm — Church and Marquee open to the public.
6.30 pm-8 pm — Village Barbecue at Ivy Farm by ticket only, adults £2.50, primary school children £1.50. Chicken piece, sausage, hamburger, roll, salad, music. Bring your own drink. Plates and glasses provided. Grand Raffle Draw.