

## **AN AFTERNOON WITH BIGGLES at the RAF Museum**

### **Talk and Tour of WW1 aircraft plus a sneak peak inside Claude Grahame White's office**

**The RAF Museum is running a 'must-attend' event for all Biggles fans on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2013.**

An Afternoon with Biggles will start at 2pm with a talk from Biggles expert Geoff Hales and will look at the parallel lives of W.E Johns and his creation: Biggles. A humorous and engaging speaker, Geoff brings Biggles to life and looks at how W.E Johns used his life experiences, to create this much loved character.

Guests will be given an exclusive opportunity to enter the Office of Claude Grahame White, located in same building: the Grahame White Factory. This room is rarely on show to the public and even rarer is the chance to step inside and look at the room in greater detail. The office itself was created based only on a sole surviving photograph of the office.

Everyone will then be given a guided tour of the WW1 aircraft on show in the Factory including an RE. 8, SE5a and a variety of Sopwith types: Strutter, Dolphin, Pup, Tabloid and Triplane. Questions are encouraged! Guests can also walk around the factory at their own leisure as the Museum does not close until 6pm.

The Afternoon with Biggles event comes hot on the heels of the recent launch of the Museum's new membership scheme aimed at those with a passion for aviation history – anyone who signs up for membership on the 27<sup>th</sup> will be able to take advantage of a concessionary rate. The Museum also launched its new quarterly magazine: RADAR at the beginning of April which will be giving readers a behind-the-scenes glimpse at the workings of the Museum as well as the stories behind the exhibits and collection. One of its key articles in the July edition will be a profile of the SE5a currently on show in the Grahame White Factory.

The event will start at 2pm and will end at approx 5pm. Tickets cost £20 for Lightning Members; £25 Lancaster members and Non-Members and can be purchased here: [www.rafmuseum.org/whatson](http://www.rafmuseum.org/whatson)

Ends

#### **Notes:**

- Royal Air Force Museum, Grahame Park Way, London, NW9 5LL
- For further details, please contact Kerrie Fuller on 020 8358 6422.