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Buses To Blackpool Squires Gate: 1, 11, 17 (5 mins walk)
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Open SATURDAYS ONLY from April–October inclusive

Admission Charges: Adults (16+) £7.00
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OUR HISTORY

The Lytham St Annes Spitfire Ground Display Team was established in 2009 to help raise funds for the RAF Memorial now located on Fairhaven Lake in Lytham St Annes. In 1940 the residents of the Borough of Lytham St Annes raised funds to purchase Spitfire W3644, sadly shot down in 1942. A full size replica of the Aircraft now sits at the centre of a Memorial at Fairhaven Lake (FY81BD).

WHAT WILL I SEE IN HANGAR 42?

We have four marks of Spitfire and a Hawker Hurricane, all currently being restored with original parts to a high standard. A small additional fee of just £5.00 enables you to sit in the cockpit of our Mark IX "Lucy" and have a number of unique photographs taken to remember your visit. You will learn about the restoration of our rare fleet of RAF airfield vehicles and equipment, from the volunteers. On public open days our staff present talks on our various exhibits and the wartime stories of the North West. The stories behind our recovered exhibits of WW2 aircraft crash wrecks, both Allied and Luftwaffe, will also bring the realities of serving in the air during WW2 to life.



THE BELLMAN HANGAR

Our stewardship of Hangar 42 commenced in July 2015. H42 was the first Hangar constructed at RAF Squires Gate in May 1939. Polish & RAF Squadrons flew night fighter operations from Blackpool, with the hangar now refurbished to its WW2 operational state. Hurricanes, Boulton Paul Defiants and latterly Spitfires were amongst the range of Aircraft operated from Squires Gate.

Famous Aviation Pioneer and ATA Pilot Amy Johnson also flew her last fateful mission from Blackpool in 1941, where you can view the progress of the Saving Amy project to rebuild an Airspeed Oxford in tribute to the ATA.

FUTURE PROJECTS

Your visit to Hangar 42 helps us find new exhibits and fund their restoration. Our wish is to return an operational RAF warbird to Hangar 42 in the future. We are expanding our community involvement and supporting School visits and programmes for all age groups. We also offer volunteering opportunities for the young and old to get involved in helping preserve our aviation heritage. We have a donation and collection scheme and welcome gifts of WW2 RAF artefacts, large or small, and welcome financial donations towards our projects.

