



# ICONIC LONDON BIGGIN HILL AIRPORT CELEBRATES 100TH ANNIVERSARY

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It was on 13th February 1917 that the War Office first established a military camp on the site at Biggin Hill in South London that is the origin of the airport.

The Biggin Hill Spitfire flight was an opportunity for guests to remember with pride and gratitude ‘Churchill’s Few’ who flew with skill and courage from RAF Biggin Hill throughout the Battle of Britain in the summer of 1940, supported by dedicated ground crews and operational staff.

The Zenith Aviation Learjet flight marked Biggin’s current role as a dedicated international gateway airport for Greater London and the City for business, corporate and private aviation.

Will Curtis, London Biggin Hill’s Managing Director used the occasion to outline a very bright future for the airport and its community and commented “Biggin 100 will enable us to showcase our continuing commitment as we lay the foundations and investment enabling us to inspire young people to pursue exciting and worthwhile aerospace careers in the future”



Stuart Mulholland, Managing Director of Zenith Aviation said: “We’ve been based at London Biggin Hill for a number of years now, so it is a privilege to be able to support this event with one of our Learjet 75s. Marking the centenary with a special flight carrying some esteemed guests is the perfect way to celebrate the extraordinary heritage of the airport.”

Included in the programme for London Biggin Hill’s centenary year is confirmation of the creation of the London Aerospace & Technology College, flying and engineering bursaries for young people, a 2-day Festival of Flight on the 19th & 20th of August and the opening to the public of the heritage areas of the airfield during ‘Battle of Britain’ Week in September.

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