

VC 10 tanker on final approach to Brize from the east



The History of RAF Brize Norton from 1937 to the present day

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This talk on the history of RAF Brize Norton covers the beginning of the station's life back in 1937 in the lead up to World War Two and continues throughout the war and describes its roles within that conflict. It then moves on to the post war period of the Cold War and the arrival of the US Air Force strategic bombers, describing the impact that had on the station. The departure of the Americans saw the base revert to use by the Royal Air Force in 1965 and it became the main air transport hub for the United Kingdom. The talk will also cover the gradual changes of the different aircraft types that have become a common sight across West Oxfordshire since then and their use in various conflicts across the recent decades to the present day.



USAF B47 bomber at Brize Open Day 1957

Hanne History Group

8.00 p.m.

**Monday 25th
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Main Hall

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**Prearranged visitors
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The station badge and motto 'Move with confidence' – over 5800 service staff and around 1500 civilians and contractors currently work there to achieve this.