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**JET AGE MUSEUM FUNDRAISING OPEN DAY**



The Jet Age Museum will be holding an open day on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September at Gloucestershire Airport's Flying Shack venue to raise funds for their planned new building.

The museum's historic trio of Gloster-built jets, the E28, Meteor and Javelin will be on display and visitors will be able to sit in the cockpit of the Vulcan bomber, which has been recently restored to its former glory. Museum merchandise and ever popular bi-plane 'Biggles' will also be available for children's rides. Weather permitting; the Flying Shack hopes to lay on a BBQ, live music and trial flying lessons in their Eurostar microlights.

Admission is free, but the museum is hoping for donations towards their building fund. The Jet Age Museum – an all volunteer charity - has planning permission to build a permanent home for their collection at the Airport but needs to raise around £20 000 to complete the project.

Their funds were boosted significantly very recently with a private donation of £40 000 from a local benefactor who wishes to remain anonymous. Museum chairman, John Lewer said: "This exceptionally generous donation pushes our funds through the £250 000 mark and will enable us to begin the building project in the near future. We hope that visitors to the open day will help us make that dream a reality."

The Flying Shack is located on Bamfurlong Lane (GL51 6ST), 200m north of the main Airport entrance.

For more information about the museum, visit [www.jetagemuseum.org](http://www.jetagemuseum.org) or follow us on Facebook.