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Forties fever hits Gloucestershire Airport

As part of Gloucestershire Airport's 75th anniversary celebrations, a 1940's 'USO' themed charity evening was hosted. Party goers donned retro clothing, and professional hair and make up stylists were on hand to re-create the era.

An aircraft hangar was transformed with original 1940 props including a 1941 Chevrolet tractor and trailer unit, which formed the stage for Sticky Wicket and his 9 piece swing band, a Boeing Stearman aircraft and a wartime bar tent.

The evening was hosted to raise money for the airport's nominated charities, Help for Heroes, Great Western and Midlands Air Ambulances and the Jet Age Museum. The sum of £1980.57 was raised in total by ticket sales, a raffle, auction and donations.

In addition to the airport's 75th anniversary, it was a joint celebration with Peter Turner of Executive Aviation Services who is marking his 50th year in aviation.

Gloucestershire Airport Business Development Manager, Kim Davenport, said 'Following our Open Day last week, the 1940's hangar party was a fantastic culmination to our celebrations. We are thrilled to have raised so much money for our charities, and proud to share the evening with Captain Peter Turner, who has been part of the airport community at Staverton for many years. We would like to congratulate him on reaching an incredible milestone in aviation.'



Party goers in 1940's themed dress.



Peter Turner celebrates 50 years in aviation.