

## A hidden treasure - A walk around Martlesham Heath

Nearly one hundred people joined us on **Sunday 19th April** as we led an archaeology walk through selected areas of the 8th USAAF airfield at Martlesham Heath, home to the 356th Fighter Group during WW2.

We'd like to thank everyone who came along and give an especially big thank you to the wonderful volunteers at Martlesham Heath Aviation Society and Control Tower who made this day possible. Without their support and expert insight the day wouldn't have been such a success.

The walk started from the control tower and along the way we discovered more about the landscape history & airfield archaeology of the area, whilst enjoying the chance to have a walk in the unique urban landscape of this World War Two airfield.

This really was a great opportunity to experience an airfield that has now become very much a part of the urban environment around it. One where we uncovered the past that lay hidden behind housing estates and shopping centres.

There were many highlights along the way, including the revetments, battle HQ and Bronze Age burial mounds!

And then there was the story of Jeep the Coyote who traveled here all the way from America.

Martlesham Heath has a much longer airfield history than most. The walk enabled us to learn about the Royal Flying Corps and RAF development of the site and how the RAF & 8th USAAF worked alongside each other during the war. We hope the gallery below will give you a flavour of the day.

[Martlesham Heath Control Tower Museum](#) was also open on the day for visitors. If you'd like to find out more about this unique airfield then please pay them a visit soon.

You can also uncover more photographs about the base on the IWM's American Air Museum in Britain's great new [website](#).

We'll be running more walks soon. Please keep a check on our website and social media for details.

And if you'd like to volunteer to help us deliver this events then please drop us a line for [further information](#)