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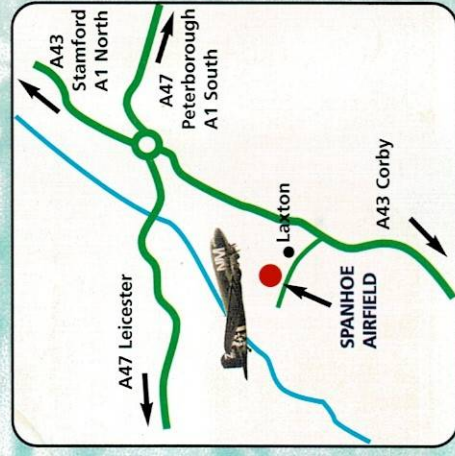
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Period Allied uniform and
civilian dress encouraged.



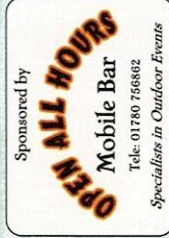
and other local charities.



**OTHER ATTRACTIONS
THROUGHOUT THE DAY:**

- *1940's music throughout the weekend*
- *Wartime entertainment*
- *Trade and craft stalls*
- *Old time funfair*
- *Model aeroplanes*
- *Military marching bands*
- *Museum*

**• NAAFI
and bar**



*Dance Saturday night
away to a traditional
1940's Dance Band*



**'OPERATION'
SPANHOE'**

**1940's WEEKEND
7th & 8th MAY 2005**

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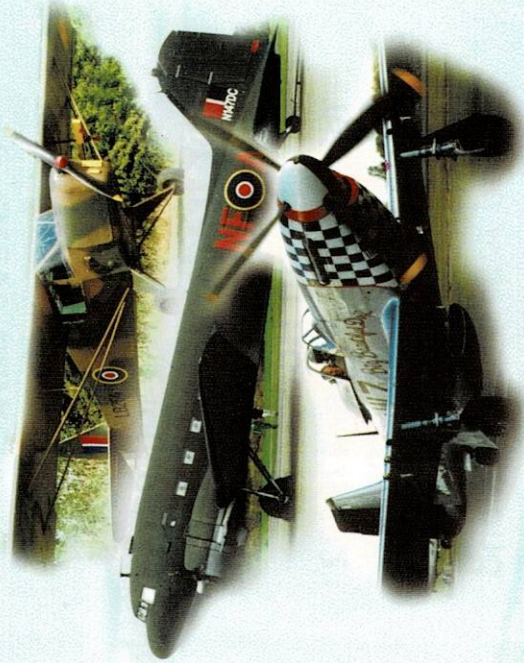


ANNIVERSARY

**SPANHOE AIRFIELD
LAXTON, Nr. CORBY, NORTHANTS.**
(Off the A43 between Corby and
Stamford Lincs.)

www.operationspanhoe.co.uk

AIRCRAFT FROM THE 1940's ERA - FLYING & STATIC



'OPERATION' SPANHOE

Spanhoe Airfield was home to the USAAF 315th Troop Carrier Group of the 9th Army Airforce. From 1944 to 1945, Spanhoe's C-47 Dakotas towed the WACO gliders which carried the British, American and Polish paratroopers and supplies to the Arnhem bridges, D-Day beaches, and finally, the Rhine crossing.

SUNDAY MORNING - 8th MAY

A memorial service will be held on site and afterwards there will be a wreath laying ceremony at appropriate memorials.

(Music provided by Stamford Brass Band)

It is the main aim of the event to pay gratitude to the WWII generation and to introduce visitors to the men and women who served at home and abroad.

FIGHTING THE WAR ON THE HOMEFRONT

Agriculture was under great pressure in the war years to produce food to feed everyone at home. To celebrate this we will have a display of vintage tractors and working machinery from the humble standard Fordson, which many Land Army girls learned to drive, to threshing machines producing the end product.

Transportation by roads played a major part in moving produce to and from rural communities, but on a much smaller scale than today. Ammunition, troops and raw materials were moved around the United Kingdom at 20mph speed limit and lorries were always loaded by hand and driven with black-out lights during air raid attack.

ALL CIVILIAN EXHIBITS MUST
BE PRE 1950's

**LIVING HISTORY
DISPLAYS
BATTLE
RE-ENACTMENTS**

