

Metheringham Airfield Visitor Centre

Westmoor Farm, Martin Moor, Metheringham, Lincoln, LN4 3WF



ONLINE LECTURE



Wednesday 7th April 2021

Tony Dixon

The Mc Donnell Douglas Phantom F-4J(UK) in RAF Service

After Navigator training, Tony Dixon started his RAF career on Photo-Recce Canberra PR7s, progressing onto the Phantom in 1982. A tour at RAF Leuchars on the FG1 was followed by a Phantom Simulator instructor tour at RAF Bruggen and then a move to RAF Wattisham and No 74 (Tiger) Sqn and the F-4J. He left just after the Squadron converted to the FGR2 and moved to RAF Coningsby and the Tornado F3, flying with 5, 29 and 56. He also spent 5 seasons flying the Lancaster and Dakota with the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight before leaving the RAF to become a journalist. More accurately, the Editor of the newly-published Airliner World, the largest-selling commercial aviation publication. He has now retired although is still called upon to comment on aviation matters on radio stations - predominantly around the London area.

The talk will cover the varied history of the 'Tigers' and why the F-4J(UK) was purchased. It will emphasise the aircraft's good points and also its 'foibles', and the major differences encountered by the Squadron to bring it in line with RAF procedures. Finally, Tony will cover its untimely demise and disposal.

This lecture will be delivered via Zoom on Wednesday 7th April 2021. Start time is 7.00 PM.

The lecture is free to members, who can book their place now by emailing lectures.mavc@gmail.com. Members must provide a current 2021 membership number to reserve their place. Non-members can book a place for £3 through the online store at <https://mavc.onlineweb.shop/>. Non-members will only be able to book from the 31st March as current members will be given priority until the end of March as we are limited to a total of 95 attendees.

