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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Spitfire's at Shuttleworth**

Cadets from 22 (Sandy) Squadron along with Staff and Civilian Committee teamed up to run a recruiting display and tombola on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June at the Shuttleworth Military Air Pageant Old Warden Aerodrome. It was the hottest day of the year, and the good weather drew in large numbers of air enthusiasts from all over the country.

The Squadron was inundated with members of the public either talking to them about their days in the ATC and RAF, talking to potential members of Staff, as well as former 22 Squadron RAF personnel introducing themselves to "touch base".

The Cadets worked hard during the day, as they always do, despite the searing temperatures, they also had the chance to view the air display with a special flypast by the Lancaster, which drew a lot of attention. Along with the usual aircraft at Shuttleworth, the Cadets found the old bold Pilot "Biggles", who was trundling around in his Spitfire talking to the members of the public, as well as looking at the Squadron recruiting display. The Cadets found him highly amusing with his handlebar moustache, flying helmet, jacket, goggles and scarf and his banter from the "old days" of chocks away and toodle pip. (see picture).

22 Squadron are actively recruiting Cadets both male and female age 13 plus, log on to the website at [www.sandy-aircadets.org.uk](http://www.sandy-aircadets.org.uk) or ring 01234 307776 for further information.

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Photo 1 – Recruiting Display  
Photo 2 – “Biggles” and Cadets



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