

SCULTHORPE AT HOME

When the 47th BW had settled into its new home some thought was given to how to connect with its new neighbours so the idea of an open house was put forward, this was to be held on the US Armed Forces day in May of each year.

This proved successful and visitors came from far and wide.

Static Aircraft on display were not 'roped off' and could be inspected at close quarters, it was thought that visitors from Eastern Europe would already be familiar with them.

Of particular interest were the C119 Boxcars which were open for visitors to walk through also of interest was the US Army's OQ19 radio controlled target plane.

A crowd line for the flying display was 'roped off' because some of the participants were using the main East to West runway



C119 Boxcar of 47th BW Base Flight 1961



VC47 \$&BW Base Flight 1961



A Spitfire Mk 14 in 1959



A Gloster Javelin of 41st sqn RAF in 1959

These open days were all American affairs with arrangements, entertainment and catering done in all American style.
Bring a little touch of the US to Norfolk.



F84f 81st FBG

1957



RAF Percival Prentice

in 1959



RAF Hawker Hunter

1957



KB20D 420th Air Refueling Sqn

1961



B66B 84th BS

1961



AS16 9th Air rescue sqn

1959

With the 47th BW and the 49AD gone Sculthorpe became a standby base with limited manpower. Occasional temporary deployments presented the opportunity for openings. These were not on the scale of those in the 1950s and 1960s, nevertheless they attracted some large crowds. By the 1990s the International situation caused security concerns and so open days ended.



Unidentified C130 1988



F111s 48TFW and 20FW 1988



F111 48TFW 1988