

The Big Stuff at Sculthorpe

For one week in 1951 seven B36s operated out of Sculthorpe, they must have used the entire week's allocation of fuel! This may have been the last time that there were heavy bombers at Sculthorpe because North American RB45s (recon. jets) were being introduced. Later, at one of the Open Days in the 1950s a B47 called in.

Moving forward into the 1970s a C5 brought a load of troops in for a Flintlock exercise and this was followed by a number of its cousins the C141.

Following this Victor tankers operated from there on a temporary basis and there is anecdotal evidence that a Vulcan called in while they were there.

For a time the squadrons from Lakenheath were based there on a temporary basis and during that time K135s called in occasionally, at one time one appeared together with an SR71 spy plane. Unfortunately some observers confused the K135 with a B52!

In recent times Sculthorpe has seen visits by C17 Globemasters and A400 Atlas.