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RAF Valley

Aircraft Movements

January 2026

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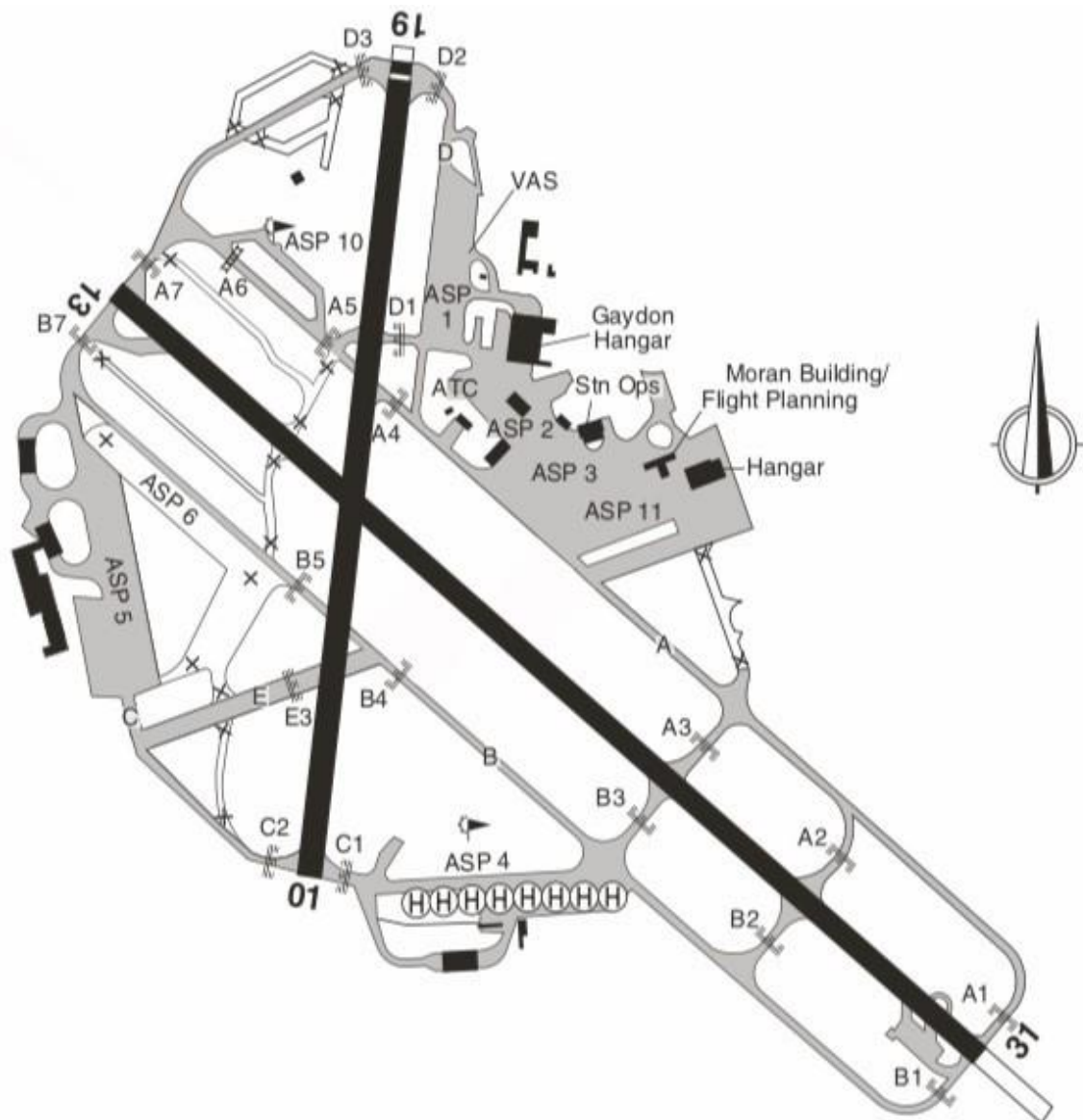
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SUMMARY	
Unless a special movement, Valley remained closed on Weekends/Bank Holidays.	

Abbreviations	
AAC	Army Air Corps [UK]
AMRO	Aircraft Maintenance & Repair Organisation [Gaydon Hangar]
ARW	Air Refuelling Wing [USAF]
BNTW	Brize Norton Transport Wing [24/30/70/206 Sqns]
FS/FW	Fighter Squadron/Fighter Wing [USAF]
FTS	Flying Training School
JHTS	Joint Hawk Training Squadron [Joint RAF/Qatar Emiri AF]
NAS	Naval Air Squadron
N/stop	Overnight stop
PAR	Precision Approach Radar [Talkdown]
PD	Practice Diversion
QEAF	Qatar Emiri Air Force
RAFAT	RAF Aerobatic Team [Red Arrows]

RTP	Reduce To Produce, effectively scrapping
SOS/SOW	Special Operations Squadron/Wing [USAF]
SRA	Surveillance Radar Approach, controller calls out the heights
Sqn	Squadron



Valley based aircraft at the beginning of 2026.

Hawk T.2 4 Sqn [callsign 'VYT']

ZK011:B ZK012:C ZK013:D ZK014:E ZK015:F ZK016:G ZK017:H

ZK018:I ZK019:J ZK020:K ZK021:L ZK022:M ZK023:N ZK024:O

Hawk T.2 25 Sqn

ZK025:FA ZK026:FB ZK027:FC ZK028:FD ZK029:FE ZK030:FF ZK031:FG

ZK032:FH ZK033:FI ZK034:FJ ZK035:FK ZK036:FL ZK037:FM ZK010:FN

Hawk formation callsigns:

'AXIS/CUTLASS/DERVISH/DEVIL/MUSTANG/NINJA/OBI/POISON/ROCKSTAR'

Texan T.1 72 Sqn [callsign 'VYT/ANGLESEY']

ZM323 ZM324 ZM325 ZM326 ZM327 ZM328 ZM329

ZM330 ZM331 ZM332 ZM340 ZM341 ZM342 ZM343
Texan formation callsigns:
‘CORDITE/GUNSLINGER/METEOR/ROCKET/SWIFT/VANQUISH/WINDER’
Jupiter HT.1 202 Sqn.
As allocated by 1 FTS at Shawbury.
ZM498:98 ZM499:99 [callsign: ‘WHIRLWIND’]
AMRO [Gaydon Hangar]
Hawk RAFAT undergoing maintenance:
T.1 XX232 XX242 XX310
T.1A XX319
T.1A XX303 black to red conversion.
T.1 XX161 ground instructional airframe.
T.1A XX330 reduced to produce [scrapping]

RAF Valley re-opened 5.1.2026 after the Christmas/New Year break.

Monday 5th January 2026

Runway 31
Snow, frost & icy conditions.
No Fixed Wing flying.
Based noted:
Jupiter HT.1 202 Sqn
ZM498:98 ‘WHIRLWIND222’ ZM499:99 ‘WHIRLWIND206’

Tuesday 6th January 2026


Runway 19
Icy conditions.
09:30 Texan T.1 ZM332 ZM323 ‘ROCKET’ first fixed wing departures of 2026.
12:33 Weather recall.
ZZ418 - Shadow R.1+ 14 Sqn ‘SERPENT48’ PD at 13:57



[Iwan Pritchard]

Carried out 2 approaches to 19 at 13:57 & 14:13, from & to Waddington.

Wednesday 7th January 2026

Runway 31				
ZK330	330	Typhoon FGR.4	11 Sqn	'TYPHOON23' PD at 12:28
				
FL140 through the Lichfield Corridor then a radar to visual with 2 circuits/low approaches before departing low level to the South to the Mach Loop then back to Coningsby.				
Based noted flying: Hawk T.2 4/25 Sqn ZK012:C ZK016:G ZK019:J ZK020:K ZK022:M ZK025:FA ZK031:FG ZK035:FK ZK035:FK 'VYT18' PD Prestwick. Texan T.1 72 Sqn ZM323 ZM324 ZM327 ZM328 ZM330 ZM331 ZM332 ZM341 Jupiter HT.1 ZM498:98 202 Sqn				

Thursday 8th January 2026

Runway 13				
ZK356	-	Typhoon FGR.4	BAE	'TARNISH15' PD at 14:37



[Iwan Pritchard]
Touch & go on 13, from & to Warton.

Friday 9th January 2026

Runway 31 [No visitors]				
Based noted flying: Hawk T.2 4/25 Sqn ZK012:C ZK016:G ZK019:J ZK022:M ZK025:FA ZK031:FG ZK034:FJ Texan T.1 72 Sqn ZM323 ZM324 ZM327 ZM328 ZM329 ZM330 ZM332 Jupiter HT.1 ZM499:99 202 Sqn 'WHIRLWIND222'				

Monday 12th January 2026

Runway 19 Valley opening hours – 08:45-19:10. Hawks & Texans night flying.				
ZK356	-	Typhoon FGR.4	BAE	'TARNISH17' PD at 14:34
				

[Iwan Pritchard]
From & to Warton, high overshoot on 19.

Based noted flying:
Hawk T.2 4/25 Sqn
ZK013:D ZK016:G ZK019:J ZK022:M ZK025:FA ZK031:FG ZK032:FH ZK034:FJ



[Iwan Pritchard]
ZK032:FH 'VYT53' air test.
Texan T.1 72 Sqn
ZM323 ZM324 ZM327 ZM328 ZM329 ZM330 ZM331 ZM332
Jupiter HT.1 202 Sqn
ZM498:98 ZM499:99

Tuesday 13th January 2026

Runway
Valley opening hours – 08:45-19:10.

Based noted:
Hawk T.2 4/25 Sqn



[Iwan Pritchard]
ZK017:H 'VYT53' air test.

Wednesday 14th January 2026

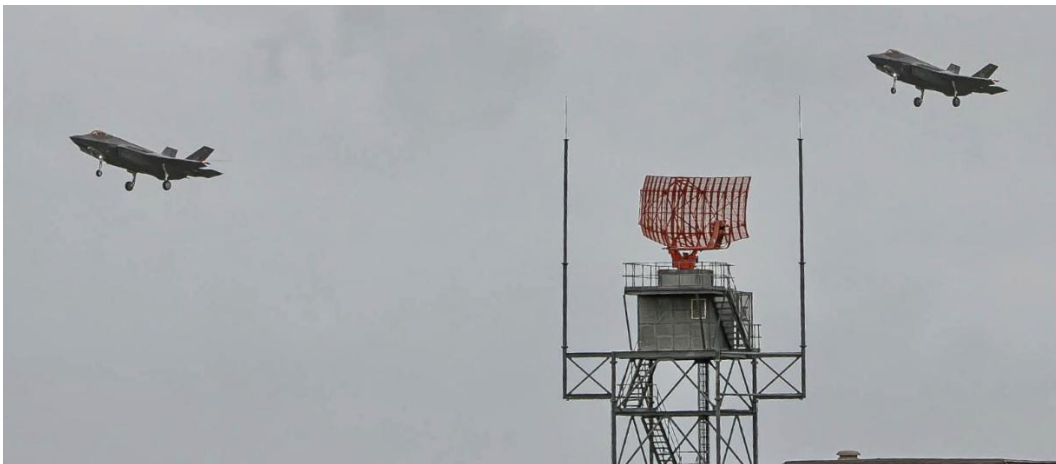
Runway 19
Valley opening hours – 08:45-19:10.

ZK381	381	Typhoon T.3	29 Sqn	'TYPHOON69' PD
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[Iwan Pritchard]

20-5599	LN	F-35A	493 FS/48 FW	'TACO01' PD
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[All: Iwan Pritchard]

They carried out an approach to 19 then 13 after.

22-5683	LN	F-35A	493 FS/48 FW	'TACO02' PD
[XX219]	-	Hawk T.1A	RAFAT	'RED9' did it arrive ?
XX242	-	Hawk T.1	RAFAT	'RED9'



[Iwan Pritchard]

Delivery from AMRO to Waddington.

Thursday 15th January 2026

Runway 13/31 Valley opening hours – 08:45-19:10. Hawks & Texans night flying.				
G-RESE	-	AW.139	HM CG	'CG325' PD on 31 at 12:27



[Daniel Maguire]

G-MCGZ	-	S.92	HM CG	'CG936' PD on 13
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[Iwan Pritchard]

Based noted:
Hawk T.2 4/25 Sqn
ZK031:FG ZK032:FH 'OBI12/11 & OBI21/22' noted at Prestwick.
ZK013:D 'VYT533' ZK019:J 'VYT532' both night PD Warton.
Texan T.1 72 Sqn




[Iwan Pritchard]
ZM332 'ANGLESEY61'

Friday 16th January 2026

Runway 19/13 Valley opening hours – 08:45-17:00.				
ZK380	380	Typhoon T.3	29 Sqn	'TYPHOON85' PD 19 at 10:42
G-MCGZ	-	S.92	HM CG	'RESCUE936'
Possibly to pick up the Valley MRT, headed towards Eryri after.				
G-LOYW	-	H.145	HeliMed	'HLE61E' PD on 13 at 15:19

Monday 19th January 2026

Runway 13 Valley opening hours – 08:45-19:40.				
G-DITW	-	Tecnam P2006T	Private	PD
				
<p>[Iwan Pritchard]</p> <p>From Hawarden at 14:32, approach followed by 2 visual circuits, then departed. It then flew along the Lleyn Peninsula coastline before returning to Hawarden.</p>				
<p>Based noted flying:</p> <p>Hawk T.2 4/25 Sqn</p> <p>ZK012:C ZK013:D ZK016:G ZK019:J ZK020:K ZK022:M ZK025:FA ZK031:FG ZK034:FJ</p> <p>Texan T.1 72 Sqn – only 5 on the flightline AM.</p> <p>ZM327 ZM328 ZM329 ZM330 ZM332</p> <p>ZM329 'VYT85' PD Warton.</p> <p>Jupiter HT.1 202 Sqn</p> <p>ZM498:98 ZM499:99</p>				

Tuesday 20th January 2026

Runway 13 Valley opening hours – 08:45-19:40. 1 st 2 waves of Fixed Wing flying cancelled.				
XX322	-	Hawk T.1A	RAFAT	'VULCAN84' at 09:10 to AMRO
Arrived for AMRO with the crew then air testing XX219 below.				
20-5594	LN	F-35A	493 FS/48 FW	'SPECTRUM01' PD



[Iwan Pritchard]

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[Iwan Pritchard]

XX219	-	Hawk T.1A	RAFAT	'RED8' to Waddington at 15:33
G-RESE	-	AW.139	HM CG	'CG365' PD at 13:22

Based noted flying:
 AMRO
 Hawk T.1A XX219 RAFAT 'VULCAN84' air test 10:55-11:55.
 Post air test it later departed to Waddington post servicing at AMRO.
 AM
 Jupiter HT.1 202 Sqn
 ZM498:98 ZM499:99

Wednesday 21st January 2026

Runway 13 Valley opening hours – 08:45-19:40.				
ZJ950	950	Typhoon FGR.4	29 Sqn	'TYPHOON310' PD at 11:17



[Daniel Maguire]

ZK313	313	Typhoon FGR.4	29 Sqn	'TYPHOON306' PD at 11:58
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[Iwan Pritchard]

After Valley both Typhoons transited to the Lake District before returning to Coningsby.

G-COBS	-	Da.42M-NG	Thales	'CLB379' Calibration on 19
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[Iwan Pritchard]

Calibrated 19/01, did not land, from & to Liverpool.

G-MCGZ	-	S.92	HM CG	'CG936' PD at 14:38
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[Iwan Pritchard]

Based noted:
AMRO



[Both: Iwan Pritchard]

Hawk T.1A XX319 RAFAT 'VULCAN84' air test 14:42-16:00.

Hawk T.2 4/25 Sqn

ZK034:FJ ZK022:M ZK025:FA 'POISON21-23/31-33' noted at Prestwick.

Thursday 22nd January 2026

Runway 13
19/01 closed until 28.1

Valley opening hours – 08:45-19:40.

ZB136	-	Hawk 167	JHTS	'JAVELIN23' PD at 11:10
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From & to Leeming, carried out circuits too, did not land.

ZB131	-	Hawk 167	JHTS	'JAVELIN15' PD at 11:30
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From & to Leeming, carried out circuits too, did not land.

ZM498	98	Jupiter HT.1	202 Sqn	'SYS11' to Shawbury at 11:14
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XX319	-	Hawk T.1A	RAFAT	'VULCAN84'
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Airborne 11:55 from ASP.1/AMRO back to Waddington post servicing.

ZM334	-	Phenom T.1	45 Sqn	'CWL55' PD at 13:00
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From & to Cranwell, carried out circuits too, did not land.

ZB135	-	Hawk 167	JHTS	'JAVELIN25' PD at 14:50
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From & to Leeming, did not land.

Based noted flying:

AMRO

Hawk T.1A XX319 RAFAT departed AMRO post servicing, see above.

Hawk T.2 4/25 Sqn

ZK012:C ZK016:G ZK019:J ZK022:M ZK025:FA ZK031:FG ZK032:FH



ZK032:FH 'VYT32' waits at the holding point as ZK012:C 'VYT15' gets airborne.

ZK019:J 'VYT24' PD Warton.

ZK022:M 'VYT22' ZK025:FA 'VYT35' ZK031:FG 'VYT12' ZK032:FH 'VYT32' all PD IoM.

Texan T.1 72 Sqn

ZM323 ZM324 ZM327 ZM328 ZM332 ZM340 ZM341

Jupiter HT.1 ZM499:99 202 Sqn, see above also.

Friday 23rd January 2026

Runway 13 19/01 closed until 28.1 Valley opening hours – 08:45-17:00.				
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Based noted flying:

Hawk T.2 4/25 Sqn

ZK013:D ZK016:G ZK019:J ZK022:M ZK025:FA ZK031:FG ZK032:FH ZK034:FJ
ZK032:FH 'VYT24' ZK019:J 'VYT26' ZK034:FJ 'VYT17' ZK019:J 'VYT24' all PD Liverpool.

Texan T.1 72 Sqn

ZM323 ZM324 ZM327 ZM328 ZM329 ZM330 ZM332 ZM340

New callsign 'BANSHEE' ZM340 & ZM328
 ZM332 'VYT61' PD Hawarden.
 ZM330 'VYT69' ZM340 'VYT91' both PD Liverpool.



Due to work in progress on taxiway Bravo, the Texans after landing vacated onto taxiway Alpha on the North side of the Airfield before crossing onto the South side at A7.
 Jupiter HT.1 ZM499:99 202 Sqn

Monday 26th January 2026

Runway 13 19/01 closed until 28.1 Valley opening hours – 08:45-19:15. No Fixed Wing flying PM.				
Based noted: Texan T.1 72 Sqn ZM323 'VYT87' PD Liverpool. ZM340 'VYT68' PD Hawarden.				

Tuesday 27th January 2026

Runway 13 19/01 closed until 28.1 Valley opening hours – 08:45-19:15. Limited flying due to the remnants of Storm Chandra from the South West. No Fixed Wing flying all day.				
Based noted flying: Jupiter HT.1 ZM499:99 202 Sqn AM only flying.				

Wednesday 28th January 2026

Runway 13 Valley opening hours – 08:45-19:15. Texans night flying.				
ZM517	17	Juno HT.1	1 FTS	'SYS113' PD at 11:47



[Iwan Pritchard]

PAR carried out on 19 followed by low level East departure on 13 back to Shawbury.

G-LOYW	-	H.145	HeliMed	'HLE61' PD at 16:14
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Based noted:

Hawk T.2 4/25 Sqn flightline:

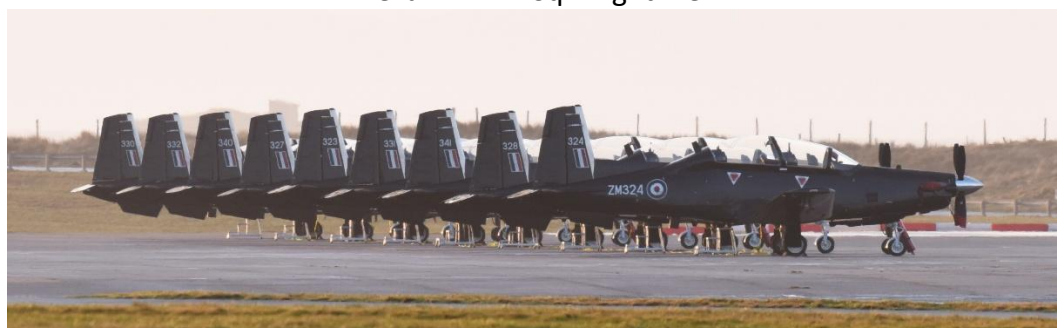
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ZK017:H 'VYT26' PD Liverpool.



ZK018:I 'VYT51' air test.

Texan T.1 72 Sqn flightline:



ZM323 ZM324 ZM327 ZM328 ZM330 ZM331 ZM332 ZM340 ZM341

ZM331 'VYT82' PD IoM.

ZM328 'VYT68' ZM331 'VYT91' both PD Liverpool.

ZM324 'VYT660' & ZM341 'VYT664' both returned with OBOGS faults squawking 7700.

[OnBoard Oxygen Generating System]

Jupiter HT.1 ZM499:99 202 Sqn

Thursday 29th January 2026

Runway 13
Valley opening hours – 08:45-19:15.
Texan night flying.

G-LOYW	-	H.145	HeliMed	'HLE61' PD at 15:34
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Earlier it had attended an RTA at Conwy then flown a casualty to Aintree University Hospital, Liverpool. It carried out the PD whilst routing back to Caernarfon Airport from Liverpool.

Based noted:
Hawk T.2 4/25 Sqn
ZK012:C ZK016:G ZK019:J ZK020:K ZK022:M ZK025:FA ZK031:FG ZK032:FH ZK034:FJ



ZK034:FJ 'VYT53' air test.
ZK012:C 'VYT27' PD IoM.

Texan T.1 72 Sqn
ZM323 ZM324 ZM327 ZM328 ZM330 ZM331 ZM332 ZM340 ZM341
Jupiter HT.1 ZM499:99 202 Sqn

Friday 30th January 2026

Runway 13
Valley opening hours – 08:15-17:00.

72 Sqn Graduation Ceremony – NOTAM 11:05-11:35 for a flypast.
Reviewing Officer – AVM J J Attridge OBE, 6 pilots presented with their 'wings'
Flypast carried out by:



Texan T.1 ZM324 ZM340 ZM332 72 Sqn 'SWIFT' at 11:20



Hawk T.2 ZK017:H ZK022:M ZK034:FJ 4/25 Sqn 'AXIS11-13' at 11:21



[Iwan Pritchard]

'AXIS' parked on the 72 Sqn flightline before returning to ASP.11 later.

On static display outside 72 Sqn for the Graduation were:

Texan T.1 ZM323 72 Sqn

Hawk T.2 ZK013:D 4 Sqn

19-5489	LN	F-35A	493 FS/48 FW	'VADER01' at 10:02 ASP.11
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The F-35's were weather diversions from Lakenheath, they departed back at 13:20.
First ever F-35A's to land at Valley.



[Both: Iwan Pritchard]

22-5684	LN	F-35A	493 FS/48 FW	'VADER02' at 10:02 ASP.11
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[Iwan Pritchard]

Based noted:

Hawk T.2 4/25 Sqn

See above for the Graduation flypast by 'AXIS'

ZK012:C ZK013:D ZK016:G ZK017:H ZK018:I ZK019:J ZK020:K ZK022:M

ZK025:FA ZK031:FG ZK032:FH ZK034:FJ



ZK012:C 'VYT20' departed at 13:09 to Waddington, W/e stop.

Texan T.1 72 Sqn

See above for the Graduation flypast by 'SWIFT'

ZM323 ZM324 ZM328 ZM330 ZM331 ZM332 ZM340 ZM341

Jupiter HT.1 ZM499:99 202 Sqn