

People

A huge number of people gathered at Boscombe Down during 1964/5, many to work on the aircraft, others to watch, give support or, some might say, poke their noses in and get in the way!!

This section of the Photo Album includes shots of VIPs and workers alike.



Dated 4 January 1965 and thus probably taken before a taxi run held between flights 3 and 4, this photo shows the test pilot R P 'Bee' Beamont (right) talks with BAC Chairman George Edwards (centre) and Vickers' director Henry Gardner.

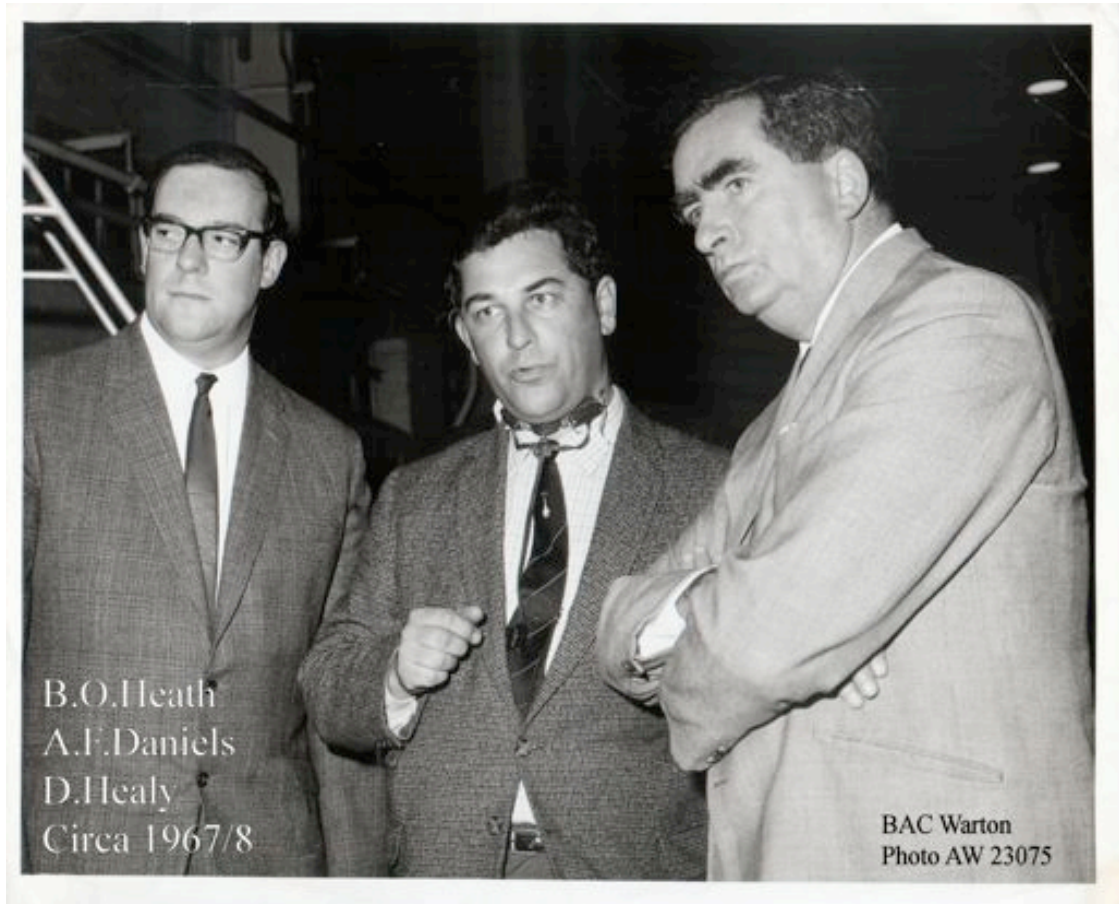
(Next Picture, right) Also dated 5 January 1965 (which might not indicate the date taken, but rather the date processed back at Warton), 'Bee' Beamont is surrounded by people after what is reported to have been a taxi run. Facing the pilot is the Works Inspection Department (WID) man, to whom Bee is giving the post-trials snags to be rectified before the next trial. To the left, the two hoodies are from Safety Equipment, responsible for flying suits and helmets, the ejection seats and other such vital matters. In the duffel coats to the foreground



are two more WID inspectors. To Bee's left and facing the camera, is D R H "Dickie" Dickenson, Warton's chief flight test engineer, who sadly died a few years later. To the far right is Bill Eaves, Warton's assistant works manager. Top right with the pipe is Vickers' director Henry Gardner, and to the left, with macintosh and hands in pockets, is Don Wolfenden, head of Warton's Mechanical Systems Department. Finally, almost obscured by Bee is test pilot Jimmy Dell, whose first flight in XR219 was on 25 January (flight 6), and to the far left, just above Safety Equipment, is an unidentified person from Warton's finance offices.



Alan Daniels (*above, see Memory 221*) writes: This photo is an official BAe Warton shot taken beside XR219 in early 1965. It was originally organised as a group photo for the ESD (Electrical Systems Design) team on the project. I, as Weybridge liaison, was invited to attend but, typically, I was late. The ESD team had departed and the photographer was packing up but he said "Oh, come on then, stand there and imagine it's yours!" A very precious picture for me.



The good, the bad and the.... Alan Daniels. Alan, centre, is flanked by B O "Ollie" Heath (left) at the time MRCA project manager, and, right, Dennis Healey, at the time Defence Minister but who, when Chancellor of the Exchequer, had cancelled the TSR.2 project in his 1965 Budget speech. Alan is pointedly wearing a TSR.2 tie.



Just before Alan Daniels turned up to be photo'd next to XR219, the men of Warton's Electrical Systems Department had this group shot taken, it is dated March 1965..

Left to Right

1. C.A.Parkinson
2. J. Chester
3. T.C.Campbell
4. D.G.Helliwell
5. R.J.C.Tarr
6. C.M.Baker
7. E.A.Wadlow
8. ??
9. C.Hoyle
10. J.Nathan
11. J.F.King-Makim
12. ??
13. G.Holmes
14. R.Smallt
15. E.F.Cox
16. A.S.Leyland
17. ??
18. B.Geldard