

# Supersonic jig-saw comes together



Visitors to the Brooklands Museum can monitor progress on piecing Concorde G-BBDG back together.

CONCORDE 202 G-BBDG emerged from its protective 'tent' at the Brooklands Museum, Weybridge, Surrey, during August 2005 to enable its re-assembly to gather pace, ready for its public opening later this year.

A team from Air Salvage International was contracted to move the supersonic transport from Filton, Glos, to the museum and then re-assemble it. (It was ASI that moved Concorde 102 G-BOAA from Heathrow to East Fortune, Scotland.) As well as the ASI crew, Brooklands Museum volunteers are also working on this challenging project.

The second production BAC/SNIAS Concorde, *Delta-Golf* was first flown at Filton on February



During late October, Concorde G-BBDG was put back on to its undercarriage units.



Delivered by road to Brooklands on September 10, 2005 was Hawker Hunter F.51 'XF314'. The former Danish Air Force example had been stored at Wycombe Air Park, Bucks.

13, 1974, and was used for development work, route proving etc. It last flew on Christmas Eve 1981, completing its 633rd flight and 1,282 hours on 'the clock'.

Stored at Filton, it was acquired by British Airways on April 1, 1984 as spares source for the fleet. On the retirement of the BA Concorde, *Delta-Golf* was offered to Brooklands, and the final sections arrived on June 5, 2004.

Since then, work re-assembly work has been going on, protected from the elements by a temporary shelter. In October, G-BBDG emerged so that it could be jacked onto its undercarriage. The 'drop snoot' gear was installed, and the nose cone will go on later.

Museum volunteers have been painting the entire airframe as the re-assembly has progressed.

Logos, titling, cheat lines etc will be added later.

The outer wings were successfully fitted on November 16 and some of the leading edges have also now been attached. The intakes and then the fin will be put in place shortly.

Work will then begin on fitting out the interior. The museum hopes to give the public a sneak preview of the interior before the full-blown Brooklands 'Concorde experience' opens this summer. [www.brooklandsconcorde.com](http://www.brooklandsconcorde.com) With thanks to JULIAN TEMPLE. KE



The tailfin is the first item of 'Delta-Golf' to gain livery details. The fin will be the last structural item re-attached. ALL KEY-KEN ELLIS