

## Press Release from the Farnborough Air Sciences Trust

Rock Choirs from Guildford, Godalming and Farnham entertain volunteers and visitors at the FAST Museum, Farnborough

The Cody Pavilion at the Farnborough Air Sciences Trust Museum (FAST) has for the past two weekends reverberated to the sounds of 50 members of the Guildford, Godalming and Farnham Rock Choirs as one of the destinations on their Mystery Bus Tours.

Rock Choir is the pioneering contemporary choir of the UK and remains unique with over 25,000 members throughout the country. It was set up in Farnham 12 years ago by Caroline Redman-Lusher.

Tom George, choir leader for the members based in Guildford, Godalming and Farnham, said that there were about 700 members in those areas and many of them have donated their time and money to come on these Mystery Bus Tours. Today the members started at Frensham Great Pond and unbeknown to them their next mystery location is Tesco Aldershot. The tours have raised over £3000 for our local charities Surrey Age UK, Challengers and Phyllis Tuckwell, as well as supporting other local charities like FAST. He went on to say that to be able to sing in the Cody Pavilion at the FAST is great for us - a lot of the guys have not been here before. It is great to experience local areas which they might not previously have been aware of. FAST is a hidden gem. We've all learnt a little bit of history during our short time here today and Cody's aeroplane has provided a beautiful backdrop for our performance.

After their twenty minute performances on both mornings (Saturday 25 March and Sunday 2 April), FAST volunteers explained that the aeroplane they had performed in front of was a full scale replica, built by the volunteers, of British Army Aeroplane No 1A in which Samuel Franklin Cody had made the first powered controlled sustained flight in Great Britain on 16 October 1908. The FAST Museum is open to the public every weekend from 10:00 – 16:00 hours.



Rock Choir in front of the replica of British Army Aeroplane with an effigy of Cody dressed for his first flight.

Note to editors: For further information on the Choir please see [www.rockchoir.com](http://www.rockchoir.com) or contact [office@rockchoir.com](mailto:office@rockchoir.com) and for information on the FAST Museum please see [www.airsciences.org.uk](http://www.airsciences.org.uk) or the Publicity Manager at [publicity@airsciences.org.uk](mailto:publicity@airsciences.org.uk)

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