



● **TAIL STORY...** Brooklands volunteers celebrate the latest stage of restoration work on the museum's Concorde.

# Fin-ishing touch

**CONCORDE is flying the flag again, thanks to the Brooklands Museum.**

Last week volunteers, including British Airways engineers, positioned the tailfin on to the aircraft, known as G-BBDG, which stopped flying in 1981.

It is part of attempts by workers at Brooklands to restore the Concorde to its former glory.

"We were all relieved that it went well," said Julian Temple, Brooklands

curator of aviation. "With a big crane to lower the fin and 250 bolts needed, it was a big job."

The fin features a Union Flag and was lowered on to the fuselage by skilled crane operators from J Thomas (Southern) of Henfield, West Sussex.

The Brooklands Concorde will close to visitors from Sunday so that fitting out of the interior exhibition can begin.

When completed it will be the only Concorde in south east England to be

accessible to the public.

This work is expected to be completed and the aircraft will open again to the public by the start of the holiday season in August.

Visitors to the museum on Brooklands Road, between Weybridge and Byfleet, will still be able to view the exterior of the 'flying sculpture' close up.

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