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Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February

19:00 for 19.30

## Operation Mali and other stories from RAF Odiham

by

*Sqdn Ldr Matt Holloway*

**Matt Holloway**, will outline the reasons as to why ‘**Operation Mali**’ was so important to the UK, by reducing terrorism threats. It supported French counter-terrorism operations in this **West African** country.

The **Chinook** deployment demonstrated the UK’s commitment to help the **Sahel region**, in providing lifesaving humanitarian support, which created a bigger diplomatic network. Previously extremists were using ungoverned space in the Sahel, to **plan & launch attacks on Europe**, as well as countering the illegal trade in people, drugs, & weapons.

There will also be more stories about **18 & 27 (Chinook) Squadrons**, operating from **RAF Odiham**.

His talk will, in addition to slides, include a number of videos showing the operation in Mali.

*All welcome*

*£3 members / £5 visitors*

**Chichester Park Hotel, Chichester, PO19 7QL**  
Off Madgwick Lane roundabout, 1mile South of Goodwood Aerodrome