

FIRST WARBIRDS JOIN RAF100 CELEBRATIONS AT RAF COSFORD AIR SHOW

As we fast approach Christmas, organisers of the RAF Cosford Air Show have recently announced details on three aircraft due to display at next year's event on Sunday 10th June.

Visitors to the Air Show, which celebrates the Royal Air Force's centenary, will be treated to a flying display from a rare Supermarine Spitfire PRXI. This version of the Spitfire was a photo-reconnaissance aircraft, designed to operate at high altitudes and high speeds, painted blue rather than the traditional camouflage pattern. The particular aircraft which will be on display on Sunday 10th June will be Spitfire PL965, which was operated from RAF Cosford for a short-period during WWII, so the aircraft will be 'returning home' next June.

As well as thrilling six-hour flying display, there will be a unique static exhibition of 100 aircraft, showcasing the history of the Royal Air Force and aircraft development over the last century. It was announced today that a unique example of the Hawker Hurricane IIb – known as a 'Hurribomber' – will be exhibited in this line-up equipped with replica bombs and accompanied by period re-enactors. The 'Hurribombers', bravely carried the fight to the European mainland in late 1941 and early 1942, armed with a pair 500lb bombs, together with an up-rated armament of twelve Browning .303 inch machine guns. Another aircraft added to the static line-up today was a Douglas C-47 Dakota, forming part of a tribute to the Berlin Airlift. The Berlin Airlift remains the largest ever humanitarian airlift in history, during which British military and civilian aircraft flew more than 540,000 tons of cargo into the city.

Air Show Deputy Director, Marilyn Summers, said, "Today's announcement hopefully gives a flavour of what people can expect to see on Sunday 10th June 2018 as we host the most spectacular and interactive tribute to the Royal Air Force's centenary. Air Show tickets make a great Christmas present for your loved one, and are available to purchase online and print at home so they're also ideal as a last minute stocking filler!"

Air Show tickets will again only be available in advance, and are priced £25.00 per adult, with accompanied under-16s attending the Air Show for free, presenting excellent value for money, tickets are available from www.cosfordairshow.co.uk.

Notes to editors:

- Please ensure the event is referred to as the “**RAF Cosford Air Show**” as this will fall in line with our branding and corporate identity.
- The RAF Cosford Air Show 2018 will be held on Sunday 10th June.
- The RAF Cosford Air Show is an **ADVANCE TICKET ONLY** event. Those who travel to the event without a ticket will not be admitted.
- Our official website is www.cosfordairshow.co.uk
- When posting on social Media, please ‘tag’ our official channels:
Facebook Page: **RAF Cosford Air Show (Official)**
Twitter Handle: **@CosfordAirShow**
- Air Show tickets are priced £25.00, and are available online at www.cosfordairshow.co.uk.
- Admission is **FREE** for all under-16s accompanied by an adult.
- For those travelling by train to the RAF Cosford Air Show, joint travel/air show tickets are available from any manned railway station in the UK. More details will be announced in March 2018.
- Full Details of aircraft scheduled to participate in the Flying Displays and Static Displays can be found on the website. More aircraft will be announced over the coming months.
- For further information on the event, in-depth interviews or pictures please contact the Air Show Office email press@cosfordairshow.co.uk, visit the website or call 01902 377922
- For further information about other Royal Air Force centenary events, please visit the main RAF100 website; www.raf.mod.uk/raf100