

HISTORIC HELICOPTERS ADDED TO AIR SHOW LINE-UP

With the Air Show now less than six months away, today the organisers of the RAF Cosford Air Show announced an assortment of ex-Royal Air Force helicopters which will be on display for the spectacular RAF Centenary Air Show on Sunday 10th June.

One of the highlights of the flying display for aviation enthusiasts will be the world's only flying Bristol 171 Sycamore, making its first appearance at a UK flying display since it's impressive restoration to airworthy condition by the Flying Bulls, based in Austria. The Sycamore was the first British designed helicopter to enter production and served with the Royal Air Force between 1953–1972 in a number of roles including VIP transportation.

Other ex-RAF helicopters appearing in the flying display will include the yellow Westland Whirlwind, performing a search and rescue display, and the Gazelle Squadron, who will perform a synchronised aerial ballet in their two Westland Gazelle helicopters. On the ground, a number of helicopters which were used by the Royal Air Force for Search and Rescue duties will be parked together as part of the unique RAF100 static exhibition including a Sea King, Wessex & Whirlwind.

Air Show Operations Manager, Mr Peter Reoch, said, "Showcasing the world's only airworthy examples of the Whirlwind & Sycamore helicopters is really exciting for us in this special RAF100 year and we're very thankful to their operators for providing them for the RAF Cosford Air Show. Alongside our growing list of vintage aircraft scheduled to display, we have already received word from a number of overseas Air Forces who are hoping to send aircraft to join our RAF100 celebration too, so we're expecting this year's Air Show to be a truly spectacular occasion!"

Air Show Tickets are currently priced at £25.00 and are available from www.cosfordairshow.co.uk with accompanied under-16s admitted free of charge.

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 currently 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