

## RARE WWII FIGHTERS ADDED TO AIR SHOW LINE-UP

Iconic Second War World fighter aircraft, including Spitfires & Hurricanes, are the latest aircraft added to amazing list of attractions for this year's RAF Cosford Air Show.

Visitors to the event on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June, which celebrates 100 years since the formation of the Royal Air Force, will bear witness to incredible aerial displays from an unparalleled assortment of historic aircraft. Today organisers announced that a rare 'Mark 1a' version of the Supermarine Spitfire would be performing in the flying display, a first for the RAF Cosford Air Show.

This particular Spitfire, known by its registration N3200, fought during the Battle of France in 1940. It was tasked to provide air support for the evacuation of Dunkirk, protecting the British forces below. During combat with German fighters, N3200 was hit by a German aircraft and forced to land on the beach at Sangatte, and the pilot taken as a prisoner of war. The Spitfire remained on the beach, slowly buried in the sand, and remained there until 1986. The airframe was returned to the UK in 2000 and after a lengthy restoration flew again in 2014. Spitfire N3200 recently starred in Christopher Nolan's critically acclaimed film 'Dunkirk' thus repeating the true history of this aircraft.

The Spitfire will perform an evocative display in the skies above Shropshire, as part of the thrilling six-hour flying display planned for the show. Air Show Director, Clive Elliott, said, "To celebrate RAF100 we've got a huge assortment of ex-RAF warbirds coming to the Air Show, of which Spitfire N3200 is the latest exciting attraction. This selection of aircraft, in the air and on the ground, has never been seen together before, and will never be seen again, making the RAF Cosford Air Show 2018 an unmissable and unique event!"

As well as the flying displays, an assortment of vintage aircraft will be flying in to RAF Cosford to bolster the RAF100 static exhibition at the Air Show. Today it was confirmed that a genuine Battle of Britain veteran Hawker Hurricane would be present, surrounded by WWII re-enactors and period vehicles, to recreate a historic scene from a Battle of Britain fighter airfield. Other vintage aircraft recently added to the ground displays include WWII training aircraft such as the Tiger Moth & Harvard.

Visitors are encouraged to buy their Air Show tickets soon, at the discounted price of £25.00 per person, which are available from the Air Show website. From Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April tickets for the Air Show will be priced £29.00.

**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 10<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://www.cosfordairshow.co.uk).
- From 17<sup>th</sup> April, tickets will be priced at £29.00 and available from retail outlets as well as online at [www.cosfordairshow.co.uk](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.raf.mod.uk/raf100)