

2018 GUERNSEY

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THURSDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2018

CELEBRATING THE CENTENARY OF THE ROYAL AIR FORCE, 1ST APRIL 2018  
AND PROUD TO BE PART OF BATTLE OF BRITAIN WEEK

11.00am to 1.15pm

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# THE GUERNSEY AIR DISPLAY

The raison d'être of the Guernsey Air Display is to provide a lasting and unforgettable legacy to all those airmen and women who gave their lives defending Britain in two World Wars through until the present time where Air Force men and women continue to fight in theatres of conflict around the world. It is not only the serving airmen and women who are honoured and remembered but all those who are "left behind" - colleagues, families and friends.

This legacy needs to remain at the forefront of society's priorities and needs to be handled carefully, with the candle of remembrance shining brightly, to each generation as it takes over from the previous.

The Guernsey Air Display is a huge team effort. Whilst full credit should go to the Consortium Members, credit and appreciation should also go to the airport and the commercial operators who agree each year to close the airport for the duration of the Guernsey Air Display. Without such co-operation the Air Display could not take place.

The emphasis of this year's Guernsey Air Display is the RAF centenary and where possible, aircraft with a direct connection with, or a history of being part of, the RAF will be displaying in the skies above St Peter Port on Air Display day.

"The motto of the RAF 100 centenary year is 'Commemorate, Celebrate and Inspire'" says Barry Neal, Guernsey Air Display Organiser and Flying Display Director.

"These three words also encapsulate the core objectives of the Guernsey Air Display: to commemorate the lives and legacy of all those airmen and aircrew who have served their country with honour and pride over the past one hundred years; to celebrate the invaluable work that RAFA does for all ex and current serving personnel who need support and assistance, and to inspire islanders across Guernsey to continue to support the annual Guernsey Air Display in whatever way they can - becoming a Consortium Member, a Corporate or Individual Friend."



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# Important Safety Information

From Barry Neal, Guernsey Air Display Flying Display Director & Organiser

Our primary focus for the Guernsey Air Display has always been everyone's safety. We make every effort to reduce the risk from the display to as low a level as possible, recognising that flying always has an element of risk. In the unfortunate event of an incident, please obey any instructions issued by the Emergency Services' personnel, the Harbourmaster's staff and/or other people acting in an official capacity. Every effort must be made to allow access to an incident site.

Let's hope the weather is favourable for everyone. Please be careful when watching the display - especially from the piers in St Peter Port, and when crossing car parks and roads if you are looking skywards towards the aircraft.

Thanks to the sterling efforts of the Harbourmaster and his staff, and the co-operation of boat owners, the Display Area has been largely undisturbed over the years. Should we get a build-up of boats in the Display area, then I have to consider the effect on the Display item in progress and the risk to those on the water should we have an incident. In the worst case I would have to suspend or cancel a part of the display. Please can all boat owners continue their excellent conduct and refrain from sailing in or out of St Peter Port during the Display (10.45am to 1.15pm) and not attempt to watch the Display from the sea.

The Air Display Water Safety Zone will be published by the Harbour Master nearer the time and all boat owners are asked to take note of the detail.

## Royal Air Forces Association (RAFA)

The Royal Air Forces Association is committed to providing confidential, professional and fair services to members of the wider RAF family from the youngest recruit to the oldest veteran and their families. Ongoing training and support for welfare volunteers and staff ensure services are consistent and of the highest possible standard. All will be treated with dignity and respect at all times.

With thousands of members and volunteers across the UK and further afield, RAFA has the network needed for a personal one-to-one approach. RAFA is there whenever an injured airman or airwoman is fighting to get back on their feet or the widow of a WWII veteran needs a shoulder to lean on. RAFA is there when a family needs support to stay strong and connected despite the separation that comes with RAF service. RAFA is trusted to work tirelessly to make sure no member of its family ever feels alone or unsupported.

For more information, visit [www.rafa.org.uk](http://www.rafa.org.uk)



# CENTENARY OF THE ROYAL AIR FORCE

## A FEW HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE TIMELINE

Source: [www.raf.mod.uk/raf100/timeline](http://www.raf.mod.uk/raf100/timeline)

### **APRIL 1 1918**

#### **WHEN AIR POWER CAME OF AGE**

The Royal Air Force was formed as a separate Service, independent of the British Army and Royal Navy – the first time that any country had formed an entirely separate and independent air force. The ‘new’ RAF was the most powerful air force in the world, with more than 290,000 personnel and nearly 23,000 aircraft, and fought effectively from April 1 1918 over the Western Front in support of ground forces.

### **NOVEMBER 11 1918**

#### **ARMISTICE**

At 10:45 on the morning of November 11, the crew of a 15 Squadron RE.8 observation aircraft landed at Auchy and reported no enemy aircraft or anti-aircraft fire seen. Fifteen minutes later the Armistice with Germany came into force and fighting on the Western Front ended.

### **JULY 3 1920**

#### **AIR PAGEANT**

The first RAF Pageant at Hendon (later known as the RAF Display) was attended by 60,000 spectators.

### **APRIL 23 1930**

#### **RAFA: HELPING OTHERS**

Created on this date, Comrades of the Royal Air Forces Association, now known as The Royal Air Forces Association or RAFA, is dedicated to the welfare of serving and ex-serving RAF personnel and their dependants. King George V gave his patronage in 1936 and the Association has been honoured with Royal patronage ever since.

### **JULY 10 – OCTOBER 31 1940**

#### **BATTLE OF BRITAIN: STRUGGLE FOR SUPREMACY**

The Battle of Britain ranks alongside the Battles of Trafalgar and Waterloo as one of the most significant in British History. Without the radar scientists; WAAFs and airmen; volunteers of the Royal Observer Corps; plotters; tellers; and controllers; telephone engineers; production workers in our aircraft factories; airfield ground crews and the Commanders, the valour of ‘The Few’ would not have achieved their mission.

## **JULY 11 1957**

### **BBMF ON COURSE**

Historic Aircraft Flight forms at RAF Biggin Hill with 1 Hurricane (LF363) and 3 PR Mk XIX Spitfires (PM631, PS853 and PS915) to establish what is now known as the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight based at RAF Coningsby. The BBMF is a living memorial to the aircrews of World War II, providing inspirational air displays at events across the UK.

## **MAY 6 1965**

### **BIRTH OF THE RED ARROWS**

Established March 1 1965, the team's first official display took place May 6 1965 at RAF Little Rissington for the press. The first public air display was staged May 9 at the French Air Force base at Clermont Ferrand but the first air show in the UK was May 15 at the Biggin Hill International Air Fair, Kent.

## **NOVEMBER 30 2016**

### **'REACHING FOR THE SKY'**

Sergeant Alan Robinson, an aircraft engineer based at RAF Waddington, who lost a leg in a motorcycle accident, became the first amputee to fly solo in a Spitfire since WWII aces Douglas Bader and Colin 'Hoppy' Hodgkinson. He was awarded The Spitfire Scholarship and undertook two years of pilot training before taking to the air for his historic flight.

## **SEPTEMBER 23 – SEPTEMBER 30 2017**

### **INVICTUS GAMES TRIUMPH**

The 90-strong UK team of wounded, injured and sick (WIS) Service personnel and veterans returned from Toronto with an impressive 87 medals and more than 170 personal bests. The haul of medals included 26 golds, 34 silvers and 27 bronzes. The fourth Games will take place in Sydney with 500 competitors from 18 nations competing from 20-27 October 2018.

## **JULY 10 2018**

### **RAF EXTRAVAGANZA**

The centrepiece of RAF 100 public-facing activity took place on 10 July 2018 with a centenary service in Westminster Abbey, followed by a Parade in The Mall and a Flypast comprising one hundred aircraft over Buckingham Palace.

## **AUGUST 10 2018**

### **617 SQUADRON REBORN**

The new Officer Commanding No 617 Sqn, Wg Cdr John Butcher, took his first flight in an F-35B Lightning, the UK's new multi-role stealth combat aircraft. The standing up of 617 Sqn (designated as the first front-line UK F-35B Lightning squadron) is due to take place in the UK in 2018 when RAF and RN pilots, currently training on Lightning in America, arrive at RAF Marham. The Operational Conversion Unit for the UK's F-35B Lightning fleet will stand up as 207 Sqn on 1 July 2019, and will train future RAF and RN F-35B Lightning pilots at RAF Marham.

# The Guernsey Air Display Line Up

The aircraft and schedule are subject to change up to and including the day of the display

**11:00 – 11:17**

## **Battle of Britain Memorial Flight**

The Royal Air Force Battle of Britain Memorial Flight (BBMF) operates from RAF Coningsby, a Typhoon and fighter base, in Lincolnshire. The mission of the RAF BBMF is to maintain the priceless artefacts of our national heritage in airworthy condition in order to commemorate those who have fallen in the service of this country, to promote the modern day Air Force and to inspire the future generations.

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**11:18 – 11:35**

## **Team Raven**

A five 'ship' display team, Team Raven was formed in 2014 and over the past four years have striven to create a professional and effective display team that embodies the shared values of professionalism, drive and enthusiasm for aviation and display flying at the highest standards.

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**11:36 – 11:46**

## **Boulton "City of Exeter" Spitfire**

With parts sourced from myriad locations across the globe, the RR232 Spitfire the "City of Exeter", call sign G-BRSF, is the result of one man's dogged determination to return an iconic fighter to the skies above Britain: an endeavour that took thirteen years to complete upon being challenged by friends to produce a Spitfire from the single rivet with which they presented him.

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**11:47 – 11:55**

## **Duxford Mustang "Miss Helen"**

Miss Helen is a little bit special, even among P-51 Mustangs. Delivered to the US Army Air Force (USAAF) in 1945 she saw active service in World War II and has several confirmed kills to her name. What's more she's still in flying condition today and capable of ripping through the skies at up to 400 knots /460 mph! She was flown by Capt. Raymond Littge as 'Miss Helen' and later by Lt. Russell Ross as 'Miss Nita'. Today wearing the the same paint scheme as she did in 1945, she's the last original 352nd Fighter Group P-51 known to exist.

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**11:56 – 12:06**

## **Jet Provost Mk5**

The BAC Jet Provost was a dedicated jet-powered trainer aircraft. According to aviation publication Flight International it had the distinction of being the first ab initio jet trainer to be standardised by any air force. As designed, it was intended for the Jet Provost to replace, rather than accompany, the use of piston-engine trainer aircraft. The Jet Provost incorporated numerous features to support students during training. JP XW325 has recently been repainted into her original 6FTS markings.

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**12:07 – 12:17**

## **Messerschmitt ME108**

In 1939, the RAF impounded four ME108s from the German embassy and one from a UK dealer. They operated with No. 24 Squadron, located at RAF Hendon, under the designation Messerschmitt Aldon. Whilst known for being one of the fastest light aircraft in the RAF, it is sometimes mistaken for the ME109. Post war, a further fifteen captured ME108s flew in RAF colours.

**12:18 – 12:26**

## **Avro Anson**

The Avro Anson originated from the Avro 652 commercial aircraft which first flew on 7th January 1935. It was a twin-engine British built multi-role aircraft which saw distinctive service with both the Royal Air Force and The Royal Navy Fleet Air Arm as well as The Royal Canadian Air Force during and after the Second World War. The Anson was one of the most successful aircraft built by Avro and 11,020 were manufactured by the end of 1952.

**12:27 – 12:36**

## **Pitts Special S1-S**

Designed and built for serious aerobatics, Lauren Wilson's machine G-BKDR was originally built in 1982. Over the years it has received a few modifications to increase its performance and strength beyond the original design.

**12:37 – 12:45**

## **Beech 18**

The Beech 18 is the most successful airliner from US Beech Aircraft Corporation and the prototype was first flown in January 1937. Over 9,000 Beech 18s were built over an uninterrupted three-decade long production run and whilst many of those built were against Wartime military contracts, vast numbers went on to see civil service.

**12:45 – 12:50 / Buffer**

**12:50 – 13:15**

## **Red Arrows**

The Royal Air Force Aerobatic Team, the Red Arrows, is one of the world's premier aerobatic display teams. Representing the speed, agility and precision of the Royal Air Force, the team is the public face of the service. With their trademark Diamond Nine shape and combination of formations and precision flying, the Red Arrows have been displaying since 1965.



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We need **your** support...

We need your support in order to keep the Air Display going. The display is **fully funded** by the Consortium, donations and memberships. We have found costs of running the Display to be ever-increasing and the current financial support for the display is not matching the expenses.

Please make sure Guernsey doesn't **lose** its Air Display, let's **make it happen** in 2019.

Thank you,  
Event organisers

# 2018 GUERNSEY



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