

ROYAL AIR FORCES Association

The charity that supports the RAF family

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 please visit
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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 and not attempt to watch the Display from the sea.

An Air Display Water Safety Zone has been published by the Harbour Master and all boat owners are asked to take note of the detail.

CONSORTIUM MEMBERS... THANK YOU!

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THURSDAY 6TH JUNE 2019

IN THE YEAR OF THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE D-DAY LANDINGS IN JUNE 1944
AND THE CENTENARY OF THE RETURN HOME OF THE ROYAL GUERNSEY LIGHT INFANTRY IN MAY 1919

AIR DISPLAY SCHEDULE

11.15am – Cheeky Champ

The Cheeky Champ is a 1946 Aeronca Champ 7AC, powered by a flat four air-cooled piston engine that produces 75 horse power flat out (A75 continental). It has no electrics other than the magnetos for the spark plugs so has to be hand-started. It has no fuel pump as it is gravity fed, no flaps for slowing down or extra lift, and the brakes are cable operated drum brakes of limited use.



11.30am – Team Raven

Team Raven is a formation aerobatic display team that was established in May 2014. The Team name 'Raven' came from a play on the letters 'RV' and makes more sense if written 'RaVen' as per the badge on the sides of the six aircraft fuselages. The RaVens use Van's RV aircraft with a mix of one RV4 and five RV8s.



11.55am – Bader's Bus Company

The Bader Bus Company is the UK's first disabled display team and is made up of three disabled aviators flying PA-28 Warrior aircraft. The team is named after Sir Douglas Bader who famously defended the nation during the Battle of Britain despite being a double amputee and was formed in conjunction with Aerobility, which has spent the last 25 years making it possible for people to participate in a variety of aviation-related activities regardless of their disability.



12.10pm – Muscle Biplane

Rich Goodwin's unique Pitts S2S has symmetrical wings and four symmetrical ailerons with spades on the lower set to help reduce stick force in a roll. The six cylinder engine has more of a growl than its predecessors and this enables the S2S to draw longer vertical lines than its smaller brothers and sisters. It is also capable of spectacular tumbles and a different style of high energy aerobatics.



12.30pm – Red Arrows

The dual control BAE Systems Hawk T1 has been used by the Red Arrows since 1979. Reds 1-5 form the front section, known as 'Enid', Reds 6 and 7 are the synchro pair, performing the highly popular opposition manoeuvres and Reds 6-9 make up the rear section. The pilots all have fast jet operational experience and have to pass a thorough selection process.



2019 ANNIVERSARIES

75th anniversary of the D-Day Landings

The Normandy landings were the landing operations on Tuesday, 6 June 1944 of the Allied invasion of Normandy in Operation Overlord during World War II. Codenamed Operation Neptune and often referred to as D-Day, it was the largest seaborne invasion in history. The operation began the liberation of German occupied France from Nazi control, and laid the foundations of the Allied victory on the Western Front.

Centenary of the return home of the Royal Guernsey Light Infantry in May 1919

An infantry regiment of the British Army that was formed from the Royal Guernsey Militia in 1916 to serve in World War I. They fought as part of the British 29th Division. Of the 2,280 men, most of whom came from Guernsey, who fought on the Western Front with the RGLI, 327 were killed and 667 were wounded.

Centenary of civil aviation

Guernsey entered the world of aviation in World War I when the French established an anti-submarine base near Castle Cornet. An Avro 536 prototype seaplane settled on the waves of St Peter Port and discharged one passenger, a Lt Fulford who had hitched a lift from Jersey, the aircraft's first port of call from Southampton.

80th anniversary of Guernsey airport

The airport at La Villiaize opened on 5 May 1939 and operated flights to Heston (London) and Southampton.

1944 also saw Flt Lt Saville and his Typhoon aircraft shot down over the east coast of Guernsey and sinking to the bottom of Havelet Bay. The wreck has never been raised but the site was declared a war grave some 30 years ago and a plaque can be found on the raised walkway leading to Castle Cornet.

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The cost to become a Friend is £15 and includes:

- Bespoke enamel pin badge
- Your name listed in the Air Display programme and on the website
- The chance to win one of three pairs of VIP tickets to watch the Display at Castle Cornet

Name.....

Address.....

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I **would / would not** (please delete) like my name listed in the programme and on the website.

Please complete and return this form together with a cheque for £15 made payable to the Guernsey Air Display or £15 in cash to The Guernsey Event Company, 4 Market Street, St Peter Port, GY1 1HF. For more information please call **01481 728686** or email **natalie@eventguernsey.com**

