## **RAF Museum Cosford** 2019 Events Diary



## Forthcoming events taking place at the Royal Air Force Museum Cosford during 2019:

Date	Event
February 18 -22	Airfix Make and Take
March 2	Pillows and Pilots Sleepover (sold out)
March 16	Night Shoot
April 13	Pillows and Pilots Sleepover (limited availability)
April 13-28	Easter Holidays
May 11	Pillows and Pilots Sleepover
May 25 - June 2	May Half Term
June 22-23	Open Cockpits
June 29-30	Armed Forces Weekend
July 6-7	Large Model Air Show
July 20-21	Cosford Food Festival
July 22-31	Summer Holidays
August 17-18	Vintage and Handmade Festival
September 1	Spitfire 10K and Family Run
September 20	Outdoor Cinema – Star Wars: The Force Awakens
September 21	Outdoor Cinema – Top Gun
October 19-20	Open Cockpits
October 28 - November 1	October Half Term
November 10	Remembrance Service
November 11-16	Conservation Centre Open Week

## RAF Museum Cosford Public Events Manager, Abi Betteridge said:

"We have another busy events programme scheduled this year and visitors can expect to see all the big favourites making a return, including the Cosford Food Festival and Spitfire 10K.

We've increased the number of exhibitor pitches for the Food Festival this year to give foodies even more choice and we're making plans to incorporate our VC10 aircraft in a special way, so watch this space!

The Spitfire 10K is one of our sell out events and of the 1,200 places available we only have around a third of the places remaining. We would encourage any runners who want to experience the unique opportunity to race across the airfield and get their hands on one of the highly sought after bespoke Spitfire 10K medals to sign up soon so they don't miss out.

Brand new for 2019 will be a Night Shoot photography event taking place in March, that will see lighting used to illuminate our external aircraft, creating the perfect photo opportunity for aviation enthusiasts and keen photographers alike.

Also new this year will be our Armed Forces Weekend in June, taking on a similar format to the 100 Years of the RAF Festival we held in 2018, which attracted in access of 11,000 visitors. There will be plenty of

nostalgic activities for families to enjoy, plus re-enactors, engine demonstrations and even a play taking place across the entire site, celebrating and paying tribute to our heroes past and present.

Now into its second year the Vintage and Handmade Festival in August will be expanding with the addition of a vintage fairground and more exhibitors with plenty of added extras including access on board the VC10 and Hercules, making this event one not to be missed for those who love all things vintage!

It's a busy schedule that caters to our wide and diverse audience and we look forward to welcoming back repeat visitors, along with those just discovering us for the first time. We're confident that the RAF Museum's great offer, combined with our exciting events programme will make a visit to remember!"

For further information on the 2019 events, please visit the Museum's website <u>www.rafmuseum.org/cosford</u>. Admission charges apply for some events and activities. Events may be subject to change and additional events may be added during the year.

The Museum is open daily from 10am and entry is FREE of charge.

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## Notes to Editors:

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- Further details on each event will be issued nearer the time
- Follow the RAF Museum on social media:







- Royal Air Force Museum Cosford, Shifnal, Shropshire, TF11 8UP
- Open daily from 10am
- Admission to the Royal Air Force Museum is free of charge.
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