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Take off given for Cosford's Food Festival

27th – 28th July 2013

This Summer the Royal Air Force Museum Cosford will be giving visitors to the popular West Midlands attraction a slice of variety, as it holds the first ever Cosford Food Festival. This brand new Museum event is set to tantalise taste buds with a bustling market of around 70 independent food and drink retailers, including local businesses and award winning brands.

Taking place the last weekend in July, a whole host of yummy treats and refreshing beverages will be available to purchase. This food festival with a twist will take place outdoors with the Hercules acting as a backdrop for the food market. Suppliers from across Shropshire, Staffordshire and the West Midlands will be exhibiting a wide range of exquisite local, fresh and handmade produce not available from your average supermarket store.

Learn fascinating techniques and tips from the experts through live talks and cooking demonstrations and sample some of the culinary delights available. With entertainment taking place over the weekend, it is sure to be a great day out for the whole family. Plus, the Cosford RAF Voluntary Band will be creating a real buzz with live musical performances over the weekend as they play nestled in the heart of the festival.

Nina Mitchell, RAF Museum Cosford Events Executive said:

"We already have some really great businesses on board and lots of fantastic demonstrations lined up both days. This is a new venture for the Museum so to help with the planning, we have enlisted the help of Abi Dakin who has lots of experience and has organised other festivals around the UK. We are looking forward to the festival and we hope it will become a popular event on the Museum calendar."

Abi Dakin, of Dakin Events said:

"I'm thrilled to be working with Cosford on their first Food Festival. The site is iconic and the range of stalls, talks and demos we have lined up are going to be a real treat. Whether it's fans of the museum or foodies, there's going to be a great atmosphere and plenty to keep your taste buds tingling."

The Cosford Food Festival will run from 10am to 5pm Saturday and Sunday. Admission is just £5 per adult which includes a free Cosford Food Festival programme containing everything you need to know about what's going on over the weekend and where to find everyone using the exhibitor map. Family tickets for two adults and up to four children cost just £12 for a full day of entertainment. Concessions are £4 and children aged 5-16 are £2 with free entry to children under the age of 5. Save time and beat the queues by booking your tickets online via the Museum website www.rafmuseum.org or for more information, please call the Museum on 01902 376200.

Visitors to the food festival will also have access to the RAF Museum which is home to the world's oldest Spitfire and the mighty Vulcan bomber to name but a few. Exhibitor bookings are now being taken. Any businesses interested in exhibiting at the Cosford Food Festival should contact Abi Dakin by email: abigail@dakinevents.com.

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Notes to Editors:

- Exhibitor bookings are now being taken. If you would like to exhibit at the Cosford Food Festival please on 07794 033 221 or email abigail@dakinevents.com .
- Royal Air Force Museum Cosford, Shifnal, Shropshire, TF11 8UP
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