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Museum aircraft join Air Show line-up

A collection of aircraft from the Royal Air Force Museum Cosford will be joining the line-up in a static display at the RAF Cosford Air Show, taking place on Sunday 19 June. Aircraft already confirmed to appear include the experimental jets; Bristol 188, Fairey Delta II and the Avro 707. The recently added Hawker Siddeley Gnat T1 will be the fourth aircraft to complete the museum's display at this year's show.

As part of the Air Show's key theme this year 'Speed: Evolution of the Jet Engine', the Bristol 188, Fairey Delta II, Avro 707 and Gnat T1 will be rolled out from the museum hangars and exhibited outside on the airfield, forming part of a unique display of vintage British jet aircraft. All four aircraft played a vital role in the advancement of British aviation technologies in the 1950s and 1960s, and are sure to be a popular attraction for aviation fans visiting the show, which attracts in excess of 50,000 visitors each year.

Known as the 'flaming pencil' for its sleek looks and intended role as a supersonic research aircraft, the Bristol 188 will be one of the key highlights for aviation fans. Sure to be popular with families is the Gnat T1, made famous by the RAF Red Arrows display team. Not only will visitors see the Red Arrows fly overhead, they will also have the opportunity to get up close to one of the team's former aircraft on the ground. Plus, Red Arrow fans now have the opportunity to add their name onto one of the iconic planes and see it fly at shows throughout the 2017 season thanks to the museum's 'Names on a Plane' campaign. Speak to museum staff on the day or visit www.namesonaplane.org to find out more.

RAF Museum Cosford Curator, Al McLean said:

"This is the perfect opportunity for aviation fans and photographers to get stand-alone photos of our aircraft outside of the hangar, particularly the Avro 707 which has been off display for a little while. We are delighted to be able to support the show again this year with static aircraft displays and we hope they will prove popular with visitors."

In addition to the aircraft displays, the museum's Access and Learning team will be running workshops in the STEM hangar throughout the day, where families can take part in rocket car activities, in free drop-in sessions. There will also be the opportunity to try on some of the jackets, hats and flying goggles from the museum's handling collection and view some of the objects used by RAF personnel through the years. To find out more about the museum and the wide range of learning opportunities available, head to the STEM hangar and speak with the team.

RAF Museum Cosford Access and Learning Assistant, Julie Brierley said:

"This is the first time the Access and Learning team have exhibited at the Air Show and we are excited to be able to showcase some of the activities we run with schools to all the families visiting the show. We will be running rocket car workshops throughout the day and alongside this a competition on our Twitter stream for visitors to share photos of their rocket car, with a prize bundle for one lucky winner."

Tickets for the show are advanced sale only and cost £25 per person with free entry for accompanied under 16s. Tickets will not be available to purchase on the gate so to avoid disappointment, visit the shows website www.cosfordairshow.co.uk and book online.

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