Run by volunteers, Air Tattoo Live 87.7FM is the airshow's very own radio station. Starting on Friday morning, 13 July, it broadcasts until Sunday evening. This year, Air Tattoo Live will feature live commentary of the flying display Friday-Sunday, 10.00am to 5.30pm.

You can contact Air Tattoo Live 87.7FM for dedications, requests or news either by telephoning 01285 713300 ext 5140 or by texting to 07797 881188.

Courtesy of HSL Mobile www.hslmobile.com

TIMINGS

AIR TATTOO LIVE 87.7FM
Friday 13, Saturday 14 & Sunday 15 July
On Air 7.00am-9.00pm

HELPLINE

COMMUNITY

A team of volunteers with excellent airshow and local knowledge will operate our Helpline (01285 713000) during the Air Tattoo. The team will answer questions and endeavour to provide solutions to issues associated with the airshow.

TICKETING

RIAT 2018
The standard admission ticket price is £55 plus admin fee (subject to availability). All accompanied Under-18s* can enter free of charge (*2018 only). For details, call the Ticketline on 0800 107 1940 or visit www.airtattoo.com. Parking is free for ticketholders. Please note: tickets must be purchased in advance as they will not be

REVIEW

ANNUAL

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19-21 JULY 2019

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Helpline open

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Monday 16 July
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8.00am-6.00pm
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SAFETY

ANIMAL

Please remember the nature of the Air Tattoo means that it is sometimes noisy. Whilst RAFCTE makes every effort to minimise any impact caused, it does rely on residents being prepared, especially those with animals and livestock. If there is anyone in the area who has recently opened new stables or keeps livestock that we are not already aware of, please contact Chris Murray on 01285 713300 ext 5398 or by email: chris.murray@rafcte.com
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This summer’s RIAT will be the official international celebration of the RAF’s centenary and, as such, it represents the RAF Charitable Trust’s primary contribution towards the nationwide RAF100 Appeal. At 100 years old – the Royal Air Force is the world’s oldest independent air force. I hope you are looking forward to our local area taking such a key role in such an historically noteworthy event.

The Trust is delighted to be in partnership with the RAF Benevolent Fund, the Royal Air Forces Association, the RAF Museum and, of course, the Royal Air Force raising money for such a worthy cause.

Tens of thousands of individuals are set to benefit from this joint venture, building on the partners’ successes over the past century and seeking to deliver a lasting legacy for years to come.

The RAF100 Appeal focusses on young people, serving personnel and veterans and at its heart is a determination to ensure that all members of the RAF family – past, present and future – are honoured, supported and inspired.

I am pleased that so many of you reading this successfully applied for complimentary Air Tattoo tickets and will be joining us on Friday 13 July. It is important that you share in the success of this wonderful event that takes place on your ‘doorstep’ each year.

Also joining us on the Friday will be 6,000+ local schoolchildren who will have the opportunity to learn how the Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths subjects that they study in class are brought excitingly to life in industry.

We’re currently reaching out into your communities, organising half-day workshops at 20 local primary schools as part of the Trust-sponsored Junior Engineering Challenge which culminates at RIAT on the Friday. Please take the opportunity to visit the Techno Zone during your airshow visit and you’ll see the many ways in which we are helping to inspire these young, hungry minds.

Whether attending the Air Tattoo or not, I’d like to thank you for the role you play, through your patience and understanding, in the Air Tattoo’s success, which in turn enables us to continue to have such a positive influence on the growth and development of our young people – as well as in many other ways.

You can find out more about the work of the Trust by visiting www.rafct.com
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**RAF EXPERIENCE** - Bigger than ever to mark the RAF Centenary, the RAF Experience will showcase the RAF today - by the men and women who protect the UK’s airspace 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Learn about current operations, the specialised equipment used and the ways in which members of the Regular and Reserve forces come together to deliver effective, 21st century airpower capability.
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VINTAGE VILLAGE - Themed performers, dancers, re-enactors, historic aircraft and vehicles are all designed to transport you on a trip down memory lane. Vintage traders will be selling clothing and accessories with a retro twist whilst the vintage tea room serves a fresh cuppa and cake. Visit the Pilots’ Mess bar to complete your visit.

ACTIVITY ZONE - A great selection of interesting attractions suitable for all the family, take a trip into the Activity Zone. You’ll be more than amused at the ‘have a go’ attractions – rides and novelty experiences designed to thrill all ages. The emphasis in the Activity Zone is on fun and you’ll find plenty of it here. Tunnelling, Mini Land Rovers and a Skate Ramp are among the attractions on offer.

SERVICE STATIONS - Many of the facilities that visitors to the Air Tattoo use are gathered together at a ‘Service Station’. We have three Service Stations; one located in each of the coloured zones and many of the same facilities are also in the Vintage Village.

In the food court you can sit at picnic benches, either under cover in a large marquee or outside in the sun, and enjoy a wide range of food including vegetarian, organic and salad options. Also located at the service stations are visitor information points, official merchandise and souvenir programmes, cash points and free Wi-Fi.
The Royal International Air Tattoo

RIAT 2018

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All flying during the Air Tattoo is undertaken in accordance with UK MOD flying regulations and all display flying is overseen by a highly experienced Flying Display Director, supported by a Flying Control Committee under the chairmanship of a serving (RAF) senior officer with extensive flying display experience from the Air Tattoo and elsewhere.

The Royal Air Force Charitable Trust Enterprises (RAFCTE) is an active member of the British Air Display Association and European Airshow Council and is compliant with all UK regulatory requirements in respect of the organisation and management of public airshows.

In respect of all Air Tattoo flying, please note that whilst the airfield is open from 8.00am to 8.00pm from Tuesday 10 July to Sunday 15 July and from 8.00am to 5.00pm on Monday 16 July, this does not mean there will be continuous flying between these periods. Whilst every effort is made to minimise the effect of aircraft noise, it will greater than during the rest of the year.

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TRAFFIC
PLAN & ROUTES

The Traffic Management Plan has the full support of both Gloucestershire Constabulary and Wiltshire Police. Police and contracted traffic officers will be deployed at key junctions during the Air Tattoo and the whole traffic operation will be managed from a Joint Control Centre established at RAF Fairford.

RIAT and the police request that you DO NOT REPOSITION OR REMOVE TRAFFIC CONES ONCE THEY ARE IN PLACE. Should you need assistance during RIAT 2018, please call the Community Helpline on 01285 713000. Your patience and understanding during the period of the Air Tattoo is greatly appreciated.

RED ROUTE - Bringing traffic from the northeast via Oxford, Burford and Lechlade along the A40, A361, and A417, through Whelford to the Red Car Parks. During the Entry Phase, the entire length of Whelford Road (from the Shell Garage to Allotment Corner, Kempsford) will be the subject of a tidal flow one-way Temporary Traffic Order, allowing dual flow traffic towards the Car Parks. When considered no longer necessary, this restriction will be lifted and two-way traffic reinstated until the commencement of the Exit Phase.

In order to streamline the Exit phase, the one-way order in Whelford Road will, when required, be reversed. This will be operational from the Red Car Park exit gates to the Shell Garage.

(NB: One Way restrictions for Entry and Exit phases WILL all be in place on the Red Route on Friday, Saturday and Sunday).

BLUE ROUTE - Bringing traffic from the M4 Junction 15 and the South along the A419(T), exiting on to the C124 over-bridge...
signposted Fairford, and along the C124 to Kempsford. Vehicles will be directed to the Blue Car Park along Top Road. The Exit route will be reverse of Entry, but due to route limitations a proportion of vehicles will be directed to exit via the Purple Route.

**BROWN ROUTE** - As a pressure relief for the A419(T) east of Swindon, traffic from the West, South West and Bristol direction will be directed off the M4 at Junction 17, north towards Malmesbury and then north-east through the Cotswold Water Park and the Spine Road junction before returning south to rejoin either the Green route via Down Ampney or the Blue route at the C124 dependent upon inbound flow rates.

**GREEN ROUTE** - Traffic on the A417(T) dual carriageway will exit at the Burford Road roundabout near Cirencester, to travel briefly on to the A429 before joining the old A417 after Cherry Tree Lane crossroads. Vehicles will be directed through Meysey Hampton to the Green Car Parks located to the north of Marston Meysey. In order to increase the vehicular flow rate during both Entry and Exit phases, the main road between Meysey Hampton ‘T’ junction and Marston Meysey will be subject to a One-Way Temporary Traffic Order.

(NB: One Way restrictions for Entry and Exit phases WILL all be in place on the Green Route on Friday, Saturday and Sunday).

Please note that unlike previous years, to allow for a dual flow of traffic towards car parks there will be no vehicles allowed to travel from the village of Marston Meysey towards Fairford via Ash Copse during the Entry phase on all three days. The Green Triangle end of Marston Meysey village will be manned and barriered to facilitate this. This will be in force from 6.00am on each day until lifted at the end of the Entry phase at around 1.00pm.

Around 3.00pm upon the start of the Exit phase, this one-way system will be re-instanted in the reverse direction towards Meysey Hampton at which time traffic from the village will be allowed to join exiting car park traffic.

For anyone unfamiliar with the area, the recommended alternate route towards the A417 for Fairford or Cirencester is: leave the village travelling due south to the junction with the C124 turning right towards the A419(T), first right towards Down Ampney then right again on the outskirts of Down Ampney towards Meysey Hampton to the A417 turning right for Fairford and left for Cirencester.

**PURPLE ROUTE** - This route leaves Swindon on the A361 towards Highworth, then to Kempsford via the Freke Arms, Hannington and Hannington Wick. This is a Non Public route and wherever possible its use is restricted to residents and specific Air Tattoo pass holders. The roads which comprise this route are very narrow, thus during the Entry phase, it is intended to keep traffic flowing almost exclusively towards Kempsford with access denied from Kempsford particularly to large vehicles that are likely to compromise safety and traffic movement. For the same reasons, during the exit phase, the same controlled access will apply from the Freke Arms junction and Hannington Wick. Police will, wherever possible, permit residents access to properties during both Entry and Exit phases, but only if the size of vehicle does not compromise free and safe movement for oncoming traffic, the general rule being ‘No Through Road – Access-Only’. It is likely that, during the peak period of the outbound phase, in order to speed egress from the general area, a proportion of vehicles departing from Blue Car Park will also be directed to depart via the Purple Route.
ENTRY AND EXIT PHASE

Subject to the operational requirements of the police, for the purposes of the above instructions, it is anticipated that there will be a period of approximately two hours between the Entry Phase ending and the Exit Phase; beginning Friday 13 July until Sunday 15 July. During this period, two-way traffic will resume. Whilst road signage will be in place indicating to motorists the prevailing direction of travel, should residents have any doubt please contact the Community Helpline on 01285 713000. We anticipate the Exit Phase will commence at 3.00pm on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, but this will be decided on the basis of need.

KEMPSFORD ONE-WAY SYSTEM

Gloucestershire County Council has, once again, been asked to approve the introduction of a one-way system in Kempsford commencing 6.00am Thursday 12 July through to 9.00pm Sunday 15 July. However it is hoped that traffic permitting, we will be able to lift this restriction before 7.00pm on Sunday 15 July in order to facilitate the safe departure of large vehicles from the showground and local area. If approved, a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order will create a clockwise flow around the village on Top Road, Chapel Street and High Street. This process will be enforced by police staff during daylight hours and by prominent temporary signage at all other times. Experience has shown that the one-way arrangement is a fundamental element in easing congestion that would otherwise occur around the village.

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PARKING
RESTRICTIONS

Vehicles parked in contravention of any ‘No Waiting’ restrictions may generate interest from Gloucestershire County Council Parking Enforcement Officers. Any vehicle considered to be causing any obstruction or danger will, under police powers, be removed. If you encounter any difficulties, call the Community Helpline on 01285 713000.

LOCAL RESIDENTS’ VEHICLE STICKER

You should have received an allocation of RIAT 2018 residents’ vehicle stickers with this Newsletter; a maximum of two stickers will be issued per household. For the system to work, the stickers must be limited to people living near to RAF Fairford who are directly affected by our traffic routes - please help us to help you in this respect.

Please note that this sticker serves to assist the police and traffic officers in identifying you as a local resident. Whilst this does not confer any specific rights of movement or access; it will allow, where possible, staff to facilitate your ease of travel.

Please display the sticker prominently in your windscreen to highlight to the police staff that you are a local resident.

SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE

Stagecoach will operate a dedicated shuttle bus service from Swindon between Tuesday 10 July and Monday 16 July with a dedicated single service from Cheltenham to RIAT on Friday, Saturday and Sunday and from Gloucester on Saturday and Sunday. Their Inbound service will follow the Purple Route entering the Base at Gate ‘G’ and departing from the area via Gate ‘D’ onto the Whelford Road, turning right to Kempsford then utilizing the Blue Route. Their Outbound service will depart via Gate ‘D’ using the Blue or Purple Route dependent upon levels of congestion and ultimate destination.

CONTRACTOR & EXHIBITOR MOVEMENTS

As part of the build-up to RIAT 2018, Gate G, in Kempsford, will be open to contractors on Monday 18 June and will close on Friday 27 July.
HELPING YOUR COMMUNITY

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SUPPORT LOCAL

As in previous years, a limited number of complimentary Air Tattoo tickets are regularly made available to schools, charities and organisations in the area - on a rotational basis – to help them raise money. Among those to benefit last year were: Meysey Hampton School; League of Friends of Fairford Hospital; Fairford Pre-School; Lechlade Little Learners; North Cerney Primary Academy; Farmor’s School; Fairford Aviation Society; Fairford Primary School; Friends of Ampney Crucis School; Fairford & Lechlade Business Club; Cotswold Water Park Trust; St Swithin’s Church, Quenington Fete; Oak & Furrows Nature Reserve; Southrop Village Fete; Fairford Festival; Filkins Ball; Friends of St Lawrence School; 1st Kempsford Rainbows; Meysey Festival.

POP-UP CAFE

The Whelford pop-up café traditionally operates over the Air Tattoo weekend and over the past five years has raised more than £7,100 for the Whelford Village Hall Trust. Ran by volunteers, visitors who pop in can purchase bacon and egg rolls as well as hot and cold drinks.

Pop-up Café organiser Lindsey Knott said: “It’s hard work but good fun and nearly everyone in the village helps one way or another. We now have a following of regular customers.”

RIAT INSPIRES YOUTH

Did you know, in total, more than 6,000 children from 100+ primary and secondary schools in the region, along with 30+ Rainbow, Scout and Brownie Groups from Gloucestershire and Wilshire will be attending the Air Tattoo on Friday 13 July as part of the RAF Charitable Trust’s aim to Inspire young people? This STEM-focused, schools day includes activities such as an Innovation Trail and Schools’ Engineering Challenge focused around the critically-acclaimed Techno Zone.

Helen Fallon, Office Administrator, Bishops Cannings Primary School, Devizes said: “We can truly say, last year’s involvement exceeded our expectations with RIAT going down in history as the “best ever school trip” from our pupils and staff equally, it was simply incredible. We are bursting with excitement here at the promise of attending again this year.”

TICKET GIVEAWAY

We were delighted that so many of you took advantage of our special one-off offer to apply for one of 500 pairs of complimentary tickets to RIAT 2018. Every household that applied received free tickets for Friday 13 July and we are looking forward to sharing this special RAF100 day with you.
TRUST SPONSORS SCHOOL COMPETITION

Local primary schools are competing for a prize and the chance to meet the Red Arrows’ Engineers in a STEMworks initiative, funded by the RAF Charitable Trust. The competition requires teams of two to design and build a vehicle that can travel five metres in a straight line.

Twenty year five classes from the Cotswolds are participating in the competition. Pairs from each class race their vehicles against one another in order to decide the winning team from each school.

Each winning team receives free tickets to the Air Tattoo, enabling them to compete in the grand final at the Techno Zone, where they will undertake a new challenge and present their design to the judging panel, composed of STEM representatives, Red Arrows Engineers and guest Apollo 15 astronaut, Al Worden.

Sandra Keen, the Air Tattoo’s Junior Engineering Challenge Coordinator, said: “In order to pursue an engineering and aviation career, children need to be actively interested in the sciences before they make their GCSE choices. Hopefully the Techno Zone will fuel their passion and spark their imagination.”

SECURITY & COMMUNITY POLICY

To ensure that everyone can enjoy the Air Tattoo 2018 in a safe and secure atmosphere, we will again be introducing a number of security measures throughout the airshow. Every endeavour will be made to ensure that these measures have as little impact as possible on the everyday life of local residents. However, we would be grateful for your assistance in supporting us.

Should you see anything that concerns you, please contact the police by phoning 101, or if you prefer to remain anonymous, ring “Crimestoppers” on Freephone 0800 555111. Alternatively, please contact the Community Helpline on 01285 713000.

MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

If a resident requires urgent medical attention they should contact the Ambulance Service or their local GP in the normal way; plans are in place to ensure a speedy response, whether by road or air.
RIAT 2018 IMPORTANT

CHANGES

- RIAT will begin receiving aircraft on Tuesday 10 July, a day earlier than usual.

- Friday 13 July will be a full public day at the Air Tattoo with higher visitor numbers as usual and a full eight-hour flying display. One-way systems that would normally be in operation at the weekend only will, for this year, also be in operation on the Friday.

- The Kempsford One-Way System will start a day earlier than usual and will be in operation from 6.00am on Thursday 12 July.

- No vehicles will be permitted to travel from Marston Meysey to Fairford via Ash Copse during the Entry phase on all three days. The Green Triangle end of Marston Meysey village will be manned and barriered to facilitate this. This will be in force from 6.00am on each day until lifted at the end of the Entry phase at around 1.00pm. Around 3.00pm upon the start of the Exit phase, this one way system will be re-instated in the reverse direction towards Meysey Hampton at which time traffic from the village will be allowed to join exiting car park traffic.

Local primary schools are competing for a prize and the chance to meet the Red Arrows’ Engineers in a STEMworks initiative, funded by the RAF Charitable Trust. The competition requires teams of two to design and build a vehicle that can travel five metres in a straight line.

Twenty year five classes from the Cotswolds are participating in the competition. Pairs from each class race their vehicles against one another in order to decide the winning team from each school.

Each winning team receives free tickets to the Air Tattoo, enabling them to compete in the grand final at the Techno Zone, where they will undertake a new challenge and present their design to the judging panel, composed of STEM representatives, Red Arrows Engineers and guest Apollo 15 astronaut, Al Worden.

Sandra Keen, the Air Tattoo’s Junior Engineering Challenge Coordinator, said: “In order to pursue an engineering and aviation career, children need to be actively interested in the sciences before they make their GCSE choices. Hopefully the Techno Zone will fuel their passion and spark their imagination.”
Run by volunteers, Air Tattoo Live 87.7FM is the airshow’s very own radio station. Starting on Friday morning, 13 July, it broadcasts until Sunday evening. This year, Air Tattoo Live will feature live commentary of the flying display Friday-Sunday, 10.00am to 5.30pm.

You can contact Air Tattoo Live 87.7FM for dedications, requests or news either by telephoning 01285 713300 ext 5140 or by texting to 07797 881188. Courtesy of HSL Mobile www.hslmobile.com

ANIMAL SAFETY

Please remember the nature of the Air Tattoo means that it is sometimes noisy. Whilst RAFCTE makes every effort to minimise any impact caused, it does rely on residents being prepared, especially those with animals and livestock. If there is anyone in the area who has recently opened new stables or keeps livestock that we are not already aware of, please contact Chris Murray on 01285 713300 ext 5398 or by email: chris.murray@rafcte.com

ANNUAL REVIEW

Copies of the RAFCT Annual Review by the RAFCT are available to download at www.rafct.com

COMMUNITY HELPLINE

A team of volunteers with excellent airshow and local knowledge will operate our Helpline (01285 713000) during the Air Tattoo. The team will answer questions and endeavour to provide solutions to issues associated with the airshow.

Monday 9 July to Thursday 12 July
Helpline open 8.00am-6.00pm

Friday 13 July to Sunday 15 July
Helpline open 7.00am-6.00pm

Monday 16 July
Helpline open 8.00am-11.00am