

## **RED ARROWS CONFIRMED IN LINE-UP FOR CLACTON AIR SHOW**

The world famous Red Arrows will be winging their way to Clacton for both days of the town's crowd-pulling Air Show this summer.

The team has now officially signed up and will be performing on August 26 and 27, although exact times for their displays have yet to be finalised.

The Red Arrows are acknowledged as one of the world's premier aerobatic teams and always prove hugely popular with flight fans of all ages.

Tendring District Council (TDC), organisers of the event, are delighted to be having them back again this year for two spectacular performances, as in the past two years.

The Hawk aircraft used in displays are mainly made of British components and the team demonstrates both British skill and technology to millions of people around the globe every year.

Stephen Mayzes, TDC's Cabinet Member for Leisure, said that the Red Arrows always provide the major highlight of any event they attend.

"It is a real thrill for everyone involved with the show to have the team back with us again in August," he said.

"This is especially so as they have been forced to pull out of other events after two of their jets were involved in a mid-air collision in March."

The Red Arrows have been forced to cancel appearances at nine shows including Southend at the end of this month.

"Although it is a great pity that fans will miss out at Southend they will have the chance to come to Clacton and see them perform in Essex in August," added Cllr Mayzes.

Plans for the Clacton Air Show are already getting off the ground and it is hoped to include a number of new ideas and attractions.

A whole list of other aircraft is being lined-up to take part and details will be revealed in due course.

The show is in its 19<sup>th</sup> year and attracted around 140,000 visitors and residents to the site, which is centred on the West Greensward, in 2009.

This year there has once again been a strong interest in sponsorship and trade stands. However, opportunities are limited – as is the space on the ground for stands.

Anyone wanting to book a trade stand or a sponsorship package should contact Sarah Daniells, TDC's Tourism and Marketing Manager on 01255 686654 as soon as possible.

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