

THREE MORE AIRCRAFT UNVEILED FOR AIR SHOW LINE-UP

Three popular aircraft will be making a welcome return to this year's Clacton Air Show.

The Twister duo, the Swift Glider and the Tucano will all be on show at the event having been missing from the line-up in 2009.

They will be added to a strong programme of displays put together for the show on August 26 and 27 by Tendring District Council (TDC).

The Twister has a big heart and a stage presence that belies its diminutive size. The smoke system is better than anything else in its class and the display fills the sky with movement and smoke.

The aircraft has superb handling qualities and a very low weight making for a very efficient and economical aircraft with a whisper quiet engine.

The shape of the Twister gives superb aerodynamic performance. The elliptical wing means the aircraft produces plenty of lift while minimizing induced drag.

Also performing in the skies over Clacton will be the Swift Glider which was produced in Poland between 1992 and 1997.

It remains the strongest, most aerobatic glider ever built, with an unparalleled roll rate and immensely strong but slender composite wings.

She is the only glider in UK fitted with a double smoke system, which is capable of firing four wingtip smoke flares simultaneously. The Swift glider will display rolls, flick rolls, loops, outside loops, tailslides and tumbles.

The Tucano T1 is a modified version of the Brazilian Embraer EMB-312 Tucano aircraft, and is built under licence by Shorts of Belfast.

The Tucano is operated primarily from No 1 Flying Training School, at RAF Linton-on-Ouse. The aircraft handling is similar to that of a jet aircraft and it is fully aerobatic, thus providing an excellent workhorse for training fast-jet pilots in all aspects of military flying.

It is used to develop students in a full range of skills, including general aircraft handling, formation flying and low-level navigation and, due to its comprehensive avionics and ice-protection packages, it can be flown in all types of weather, by day and by night.

They will all join the Red Arrows, the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight and many other which will thrill fans over the two days of the event.

The Air Show programme will soon be on sale and will provide a full list and timetable of all the events and attractions – both in the air and on the ground at the West Greensward.

Sarah Daniells, TDC's Marketing and Tourism Manager, said it promises to be an exciting show.

"We have come up with a very attractive line-up once again and hope it will pull in the visitors in their droves," she said.

Peter Halliday, TDC's Deputy Executive Leader, said that the Air Show – which is in its 19th year – is one of the most established on the calendar.

"It is a great crowd puller and is free to watch," he said. "It is a favourite with visitors and residents alike and we hope they enjoy it again this year."

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