

## **AIR SHOW ORGANISERS PREPARE FOR TAKE-OFF**

Final preparations are beginning to take shape for Clacton Air Show which is just seven weeks from take-off.

The event – which is now in its 19<sup>th</sup> year – is organised by Tendring District Council (TDC) and will be staged on August 26 and 27.

The services of a large number of aircraft have been secured for the two day show and arrangements are also being made for the events on the ground.

Trade stands have been snapped up for the site on the West Greensward – but there is still space left for those interested in being part of one of the biggest dates in the District's calendar.

For the first time the Council is setting up a marquee for small businesses and arts and crafts.

It will give people the chance to take a table area at a cost of just £100 for the two days in the marquee which was previously used for hospitality.

It will provide an opportunity to showcase a small business without the outlay for a trade stand and could become a regular feature if it proves successful.

Stephen Mayzes, Cabinet Member for Leisure, said the aim was to change the focus of this space to support Tendring's small businesses.

"The area previously used for corporate hospitality – which has been moved elsewhere – is now being put to an excellent new use," he said.

"It is the Council's way of helping our local businesses to take advantage of this event."

The Red Arrows have confirmed their attendance on both days and they always provide a huge draw for the 140,000 or so visitors who turn out for the event.

The Red Arrows is made up of about 100 officers and airmen from across the Royal Air Force and is based at RAF Scampton in Lincolnshire.

Another huge favourite is the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight which is also making a welcome return to the show at Clacton.

It will be particularly poignant this year as it is the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Britain.

The full line-up of aircraft will be unveiled in the air show programme which will go on sale soon.

Cllr Mayzes said he is looking forward to one of Tendring's main events of the summer.

"The event is the biggest in the District's calendar and it attracts massive crowds to the area and helps to boost business for our traders."

"A great deal of effort is being put into this year's show, as always, and a number of new features – such as the arts and crafts marquee – are being lined-up.

"There will be a strong flying programme once again and with a host of attractions on the ground there will be plenty for all ages to enjoy."

Cllr Mayzes added that he would like to thank and congratulate all the staff at TDC who are involved in the event which is put on for the benefit of residents and visitors alike.

Anyone interested in more information about the marquee or wanting to book space should contact Michelle Kyriacou on 01255 686642 or email her on [mkyriacou@tendringdc.gov.uk](mailto:mkyriacou@tendringdc.gov.uk)

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