

Flying Display Programme & Aircraft Participation List

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Air Fete '97 marks the fiftieth anniversary of the formation of the United States Air Force. The 'Thunderbirds' are flying at only their second Air Fete while the B-2A Spirit appears at its first European public event; commitments in the U.S.A. preclude their display on Sunday. Together with a audience from around the world, the United States Third Air Force and the 100th Air Refueling Wing, the host unit at RAF Mildenhall, welcome aircraft from sixteen countries this year. The air arms of Hungary, Slovenia and Sweden make their first appearance, taking to twenty-eight the number of nations that have participated in the Air Fete's twenty-two years.

Saturday, 24th May

1032	'Falcons'	RAF
1048	Harrier GR7	RAF
0159	Jaguar E (x 2)	FAF
1111	PC-7 Turbo Trainer	RNLAF
1127	'Patrouille Suisse' (F-5E Tiger II x 6)	SAF
1153	F-16A Fighting Falcon	BAF
1203	Hercules	SWAF
1211	Tornado F3	RAF
1224	'Frecce Tricolori' (MB339A PAN x 10)	IAF
1250	MiG-29	GAF
1259	'Royal Jordanian Falcons' (Extra 300 x4)	RJAF/RJA
1315	EF-18A Hornet	SPAF
1324	Tornado	GAF
1338	'Red Arrows' (Hawk T1A x 9)	RAF
1409	F-16A Fighting Falcon	RNLAF
1418	Sea Harrier F/A2	RN
1427	JA37 Viggen	SWAF
1438	Nimrod MR2	RAF
1448	'Patrouille de France' (Alpha Jet x 8)	FAF
1516	C-5B Galaxy	USAF
1527	MC-130P Hercules MH-53J	USAF USAF
1538	KC-135R Stratotanker	USAF
1549	B-2A Spirit	USAF
1600	B-1B Lancer	USAF
1616	C-17A Globemaster III	USAF
1627	F-117A Nighthawk	USAF
1645	'Thunderbirds' (F-16C Fighting Falcon x 6)	USAF

Sunday, 25th May

1058	'Falcons'	RAF
1113	SH-14D Lynx	RNLN
1127	Harrier GR7	RAF
1138	Jaguar GR1A	RAF
1147	'Royal Jordanian Falcons' (Extra 300 x 4)	RJAF/RJA
1203	Hercules	SWAF
1211	Jaguar E (x 2)	FAF
1223	Tornado F3	RAF
1234	MiG-29	GAF
1242	'Patrouille de France' (Alpha Jet x 8)	FAF
1313	Tornado	GAF
1323	EF-18A Hornet	SPAF
1335	Patrouille Suisse (F-5E Tiger II x 6)	SAF
1403	Sea Harrier F/A2	RN
1412	F-16A Fighting Falcon	BAF
1422	JA37 Viggen	SWAF
1434	Nimrod MR2	RAF
1445	'Frecce Tricolori' (MB339A PAN x 10)	IAF
1515	B-17G Flying Fortress	BP
	P-51D Mustang	OFMC
	P-63 Kingcobra	FC
	A-26 Invader	SHF
	C-47 Skytrain	DN
	F-86A Sabre	OFMC
1536	A-10A Thunderbolt II	USAF
	F-15C Eagle	USAF
	F-16C Fighting Falcon	USAF
	F-15E Strike Eagle	USAF
1543	MC-130P Hercules MH-53J	USAF USAF
1554	KC-135R Stratotanker	USAF
1605	B-1B Lancer	USAF
1621	C-17A Globemaster III	USAF
1632	F-117A Nighthawk	USAF
1642	B-52H Stratofortress	USAF
1700	'Red Arrows' (Hawk T1A x 9)	RAF

Key: BAF: Belgian Air Force; BP: B-17 Preservation Ltd; DN: Dakota Norway; FAF: French Air Force; FC: Fighter Collection Ltd; GAF: German Air Force; IAF: Italian Air Force; OFMC: Old Flying Machine Company Ltd; RAF: Royal Air Force; RJAF: Royal Jordanian Air Force; RJA: Royal Jordanian Airlines; RN: Fleet Air Arm of Royal Navy; RNLAF: Royal Netherlands Air Force; RNLN: Royal Netherlands Navy; SPAF: Spanish Air Force; SHF: Scandinavian Historic Flight; SAF: Swiss Air Force; SWAF: Swedish Air Force; USAF: United States Air Force.

This programme, shown as at 23rd May, is subject to change without notice. The timings given are those for individual displays and do not include aircraft positioning movements.

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- * Refreshments American-style are available from some 36 points run by units or civil organisations at RAF Mildenhall and sited throughout the public area - sterling or US dollars are accepted. The range includes baked potatoes, chicken, crisps/chips, hamburgers, hotdogs, ice cream, sausages, popcorn, beer, coffee, tea and soft drinks.
- * 'Radio Air Fete '97' will be broadcasting on 1386 kHz AM/medium wave from 0600 to 2000 each day, giving the flying display commentary together with traffic bulletins and a programme of aviation music during the morning and evening.
- * Air Fete '97 stickers are on sale for 50p/\$1 in the 'Squadron Souvenirs' Hangar and at each information point. Sales teams also will be found throughout the public area. The stickers are in two different forms for application to car windows or camera bags etc.
- * Air Fete '97 programmes, priced at £2/\$3 each, are sold at the information points.
- * The 'Squadron Souvenirs' Hangar has stickers, patches and prints on sale from individual units with aircraft participating in Air Fete '97.
- * RAF Mildenhall's British-American Committee is selling Air Fete '97 souvenirs from its sales caravan on the grass area opposite the Exhibition Hangar. T-shirt prices are £7.50/\$12.50; polo shirts £15.50/\$26.00; sweatshirts £17.50/\$29.25; souvenir coin £5/\$8.
- * A wide range of aviation books, models, posters, prints and film is available from trade stands in the sales sites.
- * The Travel Centre offers information on train services, bus links and accommodation in the area.
- * The exhibition area - static aircraft parks, flightlines and exhibition hangar - closes at 1830.
- * 'Park & ride' and rail passengers should board buses for RAF Lakenheath, Newmarket, Ely and Shippea Hill at point **X** shown on the map opposite.
- * Overnight parking or camping is not permitted.

IN THE INTERESTS OF SAFETY, PLEASE:

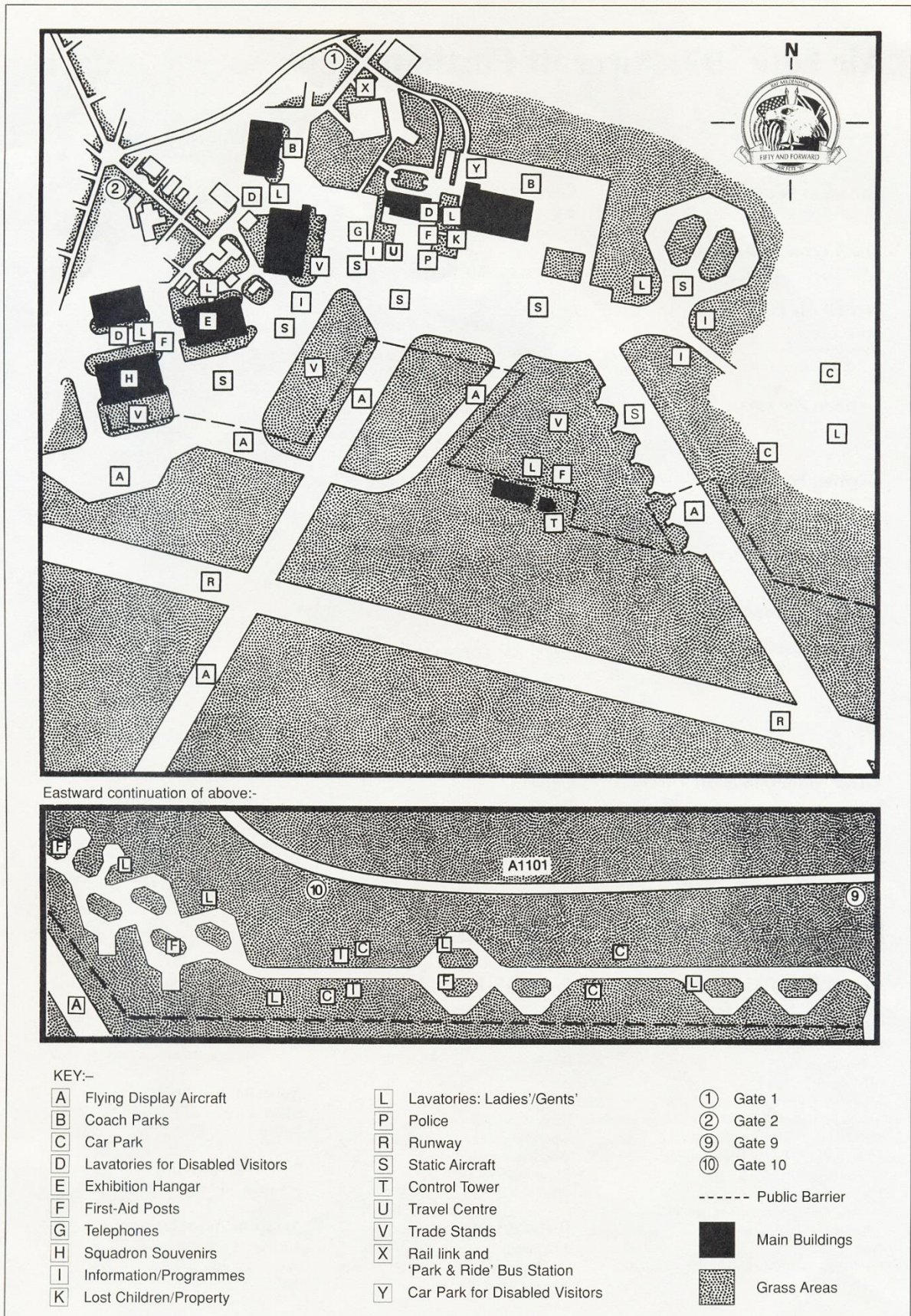
- * Do protect your eyes and ears from jet blast and noise
- * Don't cross any barrier
- * Do keep your dog on a leash, although it is preferred that dogs are not brought to the event
- * Don't smoke in the hangars or near any aircraft
- * Do select a point to meet before you get separated from family or friends
- * Don't drop litter, but put it in a bin - it can endanger aircraft operations
- * Do report any suspicious package to the nearest policeman

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Belgian Air Force		F-16A fighting Falcon	F	Fleet Air Arm	
F-16A Fighting Falcon	F	PC-7 Turbo Trainer	F	Sea Harrier F/A2	F & S
Canadian Forces		Royal Netherlands Navy		United States Air Force	
CP-140 Aurora	S	SH-14D Lynx	F	A-10A Thunderbolt	S
Royal Danish Air Force		P-3C-II Orion	S	B-52H Stratofortress	S
F-16B Fighting Falcon	S	Slovenian Air Force		B-1B Lancer	F & S
French Air Force		L410	S	B-2A Spirit	F*
Jaguar E (x 2)	F	PC-9	S	C-130E Hercules	S
'Patrouille de France'	F	Spanish Air Force		C-141B Starlifter	S
(Alpha Jet x 8)		EF-18A Hornet	F & S	C-5B Galaxy	F* & S
German Air Force		Swedish Air Force		C-9A Nightingale	S
MiG-29	F & S	JA37 Viggen	F & S	C-17A Globemaster III	F
Tornado	F & S	Hercules	F	C-20A	S
German Navy		Swiss Air Force		C-21A	S
Atlantic	S	'Patrouille Suisse'	F	EC-135C	S
Tornado	S	(F-5E Tiger II x 6)		E-3C Sentry	S
Hungarian Air Force		Turkish Air Force		F-117A Nighthawk	F & S
An-26	S	F-16C Fighting Falcon	S	F-15C Eagle	S
Italian Air Force		F-16D Fighting Falcon	S	F-15E Strike Eagle	S
MB339A	S	Royal Air Force		F-16C Fighting Falcon	S
'Frecce Tricolori'	F	Harrier GR7	F	KC-135R Stratotanker	F & S
(MB339A PAN x 10)		Hercules C1	S	KC-10A Extender	S
Jordan		Jaguar GR1A	F & S	MC-130H Hercules	S
'Royal Jordanian Falcons'	F	Nimrod MR2	F & S	MC-130P Hercules	F & S
(Extra 300 x 4)		Tornado F3	F	MH-53J	F & S
Royal Netherlands Air Force		Tornado GR14	S	OC-135B	S
Bo105	S	Tristar KC1	S	RC-135W	S
CH-47D Chinook	S	'Falcons'	F	T-43A	S
		'Red Arrows' (Hawk T1A x 9)	F	'Thunderbirds'	F*
				(F-16C Fighting Falcon x 6)	
				United States Marine Corps	
				EA 6B Prowler	S
				United States Army	
				AH-64A Apache	S

F = Flying; F* = Saturday only. S = Static

Exhibition Hangar Displays



United States Air Force	Royal Air Force	216 Field Squadron Royal Engineers TAVR field tractor
United States Air Forces Europe exhibit	Tornado GR1 facsimile	Royal Anglian Regiment infantry display
'Team Mildenhall' display and video	Hawk T1A facsimile	54 Signals Squadron, Royal Signals TAVR communications equipment
KC-135R refuelling boom, hose and drogue	Hercules display	
CFM56-28-1 engine	Careers exhibit	Aerospace Industry
F100-PW-228 engine		British Aerospace
Air Intelligence Agency exhibit	Royal Navy	McDonnell-Douglas
48th Fighter Wing munitions display	Super X simulator	
100th Security Police Sqn equipment exhibit	Operations room simulator	Aviation Museum
USAF careers	20mm gun trainer	American Air Museum, Duxford
Survival and life support equipment displays	Royal Marines' chefs display	
Escape trainer	Rigid raider	Aviation Associations
Prisoners of War/Missing in Action stand	British Army	Aircrew Association
X-1 replica	202 Battery Royal Artillery FH70 howitzer	Eagle Squadron Association
	10-ton DROPS vehicle	Friends of the Eighth