

## Virtual Air Festival 2020 FAQs

### **Why is the Bournemouth Air Festival virtual in 2020?**

Due to government restrictions on mass gatherings the difficult decision had to be taken to cancel this year's Air Festival. However, we decided to use this brief pause to normal life to look back on some of the most loved elements of the event and bring them to you in virtual form this year – a virtual festival!

This year's unique event is being broadcast from Europe's largest VR facility, Bournemouth's very own Centre VR.

### **Will there be any planes in the skies?**

NO! This year's air festival is an entirely virtual event. There will be no 'live' flying displays. This is an event designed to be watched on a smart TV, mobile, laptop or computer.

### **How do I view it/ join the virtual experience?**

All you need to enjoy this Air Festival in 2020 is an internet connection, and the [Virtual Air video stream](#). In your bedroom, in your garden wherever you want to enjoy this year's action... it is totally up to you! You can also watch via [Facebook live](#) and [Love Bournemouth](#) YouTube Channel, details are online [www.bournemouthair.co.uk/virtualair](http://www.bournemouthair.co.uk/virtualair)

### **Do I have to pay to watch?**

No, like the Air Festival ...it's free! Log on to the website [www.bournemouthair.co.uk/virtualair](http://www.bournemouthair.co.uk/virtualair), YouTube [Love Bournemouth](#) channel and [Facebook live](#) – join us at any time, find an hour that's of interest to and tune in then or simply watch it back later on via YouTube.

### **When does Virtual Air Festival take place?**

Three fun packed days of (virtual) action in the air, on land and at sea take place from Friday 21 August to Sunday 23 August inclusive, start times are approx:

Friday from 3pm

Saturday from 1pm

Sunday from 1pm

For schedule details check out the website [www.bournemouthair.co.uk/virtualair](http://www.bournemouthair.co.uk/virtualair)

### **What is happening at Virtual Air Festival 2020?**

An idea of what you can expect to see can be found on the [Virtual Air](#) page of our website. Download the poster and keep a copy close so you don't miss a thing!

### **Can you give us a taste of the highlights?**

Friday, Saturday and Sunday will have hourly themed entertainment – so you can have it on in the background or pick and choose what you're interested in. Timings are subject to change so be sure to check our social pages for the most up to date information and schedules. Highlights include...

**Friday:** Fancy dress – get involved and send in photos of you and your family dressed to impress in your best air festival outfit, a Royal Marine, pilot, a red arrow jet or perhaps you're inspired by a the vintage era. Watch an interview with Robert Fleming, from Vulcan to the Sky Trust and the last flight of the Vulcan (5.10pm), there's a special Night Air (6pm) section and to end, an acoustic set recorded especially for the virtual festival by Roy Stride, lead singer of Scouting for Girls (6.30pm)

**Saturday:** The RAF hour (2-3pm), which includes the Typhoon team, exclusive footage and

interviews with members of the Red Arrows team (3-4pm). A chat with Patrick Marchant from the Breitling Jet Team (1.30pm). Look out for Martin Bridge, the man who famously went viral after creating a homemade air show in his back garden, he'll be showing you how to make your own 'Diamond Nine' (4.20pm), there are also interviews with The Tigers Parachute Display Team (1.10pm), The Blades Aerobatic Display Team (4pm) and Phil O'Dell pilot of the Rolls Royce Spitfire (4.30pm)

**Sunday:** Vintage and daredevil flying! Interviews with The Matadors (12.35pm), and Super Pitts pilot Rich Goodwin (12.50pm). Within the vintage hour (1-2pm) learn the Lindy Hopp, how to apply your retro make up and watch an interview with Jonathan Whaley, Miss Demeanour pilot...and that's not forgetting the Army hour 2-3pm.

### **Will Night Air still feature?**

Saturday evening (from 5pm) is given over to the best bits of the spectacular Night Air displays that have become a fan favourite of recent events and a chat about how it has grown over the years to a much anticipated magnificent three-night event within the festival.

### **What time can I watch the Red Arrows online?**

Always a popular feature of Air Festival, and star performers the Red Arrows will appear online from 3pm on Saturday afternoon alongside STEM and engineering interviews.

### **How can I get involved with the virtual Air Festival?**

Our social media channels will be open and waiting for you to share your favourite Air Festival memories. Have a favourite display, family story or image from your time at the event? Share it with us with our official [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages!

Have a question for your favourite pilot? Get in touch and let us know. Fancy Dress Friday – get dressed up as a pilot, member of the armed forces or even a tank! Again share your pics with us.

### **Are there Air Festival dates for 2021?**

Yes the Air Festival dates have been confirmed as 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

### **How are you ensuring the green initiatives introduced to Air Festival are carried over?**

Video links and interviews highlighting some key environmental initiatives will be a key element of Virtual Air Festival 2020, so tune in to find out more about how we Air Festival is adapting for the future.

We might not be able to share this year's event together in-person, but the virtual air festival is designed to bring everyone together to celebrate everything that makes the Bournemouth Air Festival such a special event! We hope you have fun!

For details visit [bournemouthair.co.uk/virtualair](https://bournemouthair.co.uk/virtualair) or follow the Air Festival crew behind the scenes on social media #bmthairfest



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