

### Press Release

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Peterhead Scottish Week are delighted to welcome the Royal Air Force back to Peterhead this coming July, with a special flypast to celebrate Peterhead Scottish Week's 60th anniversary.

The display, scheduled for Wednesday 20th July across Peterhead Bay, will feature the R.A.F. Red Arrows Aerobatic Display Team, the R.A.F. Falcons Parachute Display Team and two R.A.F. Display Spitfires.

Sponsors for the event are to be confirmed. The Peterhead Scottish Week Committee continue to liaise with local authorities regarding the event. More details will follow in due course.

# The R.A.F. Red Arrows Aerobatic Display Team

Since flying the first time in 1965, the Royal Air Force Aerobatic Team has performed almost 4,900 times across the globe. The Red Arrows are lucky to have both a wonderful history and the support and interest of millions of well-wishers. This year will see the team's 9th appearance at "Scottish Week".

## The R.A.F. Falcons Parachute Display Team

The R.A.F. Falcons have enjoyed a long and distinguished history as one of the premier display teams in the world. The team was originally formed in 1961 by six instructors from the Parachute Training School at R.A.F. Abingdon. It is a great honour to be an R.A.F. Falcon displaying all over the country, demonstrating skills and promoting the R.A.F. to the general public. By providing their own unique freefall display, the Falcons remain one of the world's leading free fall display teams and continue to be a major attraction wherever they perform.

## The R.A.F. Display Spitfire

The Spitfire is the most famous British fighter aircraft in history. It became a symbol of freedom during the summer months of 1940 by helping to defeat the German air attacks during the Battle of Britain. It was the highest performing Allied aircraft in 1940.

The Spitfire continues to be popular among enthusiasts; around 70 remain airworthy, and many more are static exhibits in aviation museums throughout the world.

## **Peterhead Scottish Week**

The town of Peterhead in North East Scotland will host its 60th edition of "Peterhead Scottish Week" in July 2022. It remains the largest and longest running weeklong gala in the country, hosting a programme of events to cater for every age group. Many towns and cities across Scotland hosted its own "Scottish Week" gala, but Peterhead remains the only original from 1962.