



Press release

Saturday 22nd July 2017

50,000+ wowed with amazing aerobatics and glorious sunshine at Bray Air Display

100,000+ expected tomorrow to marvel at incredible #BrayAirDisplay

50,000 people made their way to Bray Promenade today to marvel at spectacular aerobatic performances as part of this year's Bray Air Display, supported by the Irish Aviation Authority. Amid glorious sunshine spectators were treated to a dazzling display of precision perfect maneuvers from some of the world's most accomplished aerobatic display teams as they looped, twirled and zipped across a picture perfect blue sky.

Headlining today's display were the Royal Jordanian Falcons - one of the world's most experienced and accomplished aerobatic groups. A professional national aerobatic team formed in 1976 at the request of His Majesty the Late King Hussein Bin Talal, the Royal Jordanian Falcons have an international reputation for precision, professionalism and spectacular performance. Flying Extra-300 L aerobatic aircraft the highly skilled team set Bray skies alight with their award winning performance.

Other display highlights included a very special 74 year old Catalina Flying Boat and the 'Swedish Air Force Historic Flight' team flying Viggen jets. Vintage glamour was on display with a British Spitfire and a Seafire as well as a beautiful vintage Aer Lingus aircraft, the DC-3, popular in the 1940s and 50s. Norway was represented by a MiG aircraft as well as a pair of 'Vampires'. Irish aviation was celebrated at the event by the Irish Air Corps and Eddie Goggins aka 'The Flying Dentist'. The Irish Coast Guard also demonstrated a safe water rescue. A total of 13 acts performed today with 18 high performance air display acts lined up to wow the crowds tomorrow, Sunday 23rd July.

Even bigger crowds are expected in the Co. Wicklow seaside town tomorrow to see another world class display. On the ground family-fun activity including a food & craft village, static defence forces display and fun fair will kick off at 12 noon. The Air Display activity will began at 2pm. Large crowds are expected; for safety and traffic management reasons, and not to miss the headline act, event organisers and the Gardaí advise people to come early so as to avoid rushing and have a stress free trip to the event. There will be plenty of entertainment to be enjoyed both on the ground and in the air – all in all a great family day out!

"A big thank you to everyone who came out to support the event today – it's wonderful to see so many enjoying the spectacle. And we were blessed with glorious sunshine and the backdrop of a most beautiful blue sky," said Sé Pardy, Director, Bray Air Display. "We're looking forward to another fantastic day of thrilling aerobatics from the very best in the world tomorrow. Arrive early to make the most of the day – as well as the amazing aerobatics there's a whole host of activity on the ground with the fun fair as well as live music and a food and craft village."

Eamonn Brennan, Chief Executive of the Irish Aviation Authority said, "The Bray Display has been a phenomenal success over the last couple of years. Aviation is a hugely important economic driver for our country and this year under the IAA's "Aviation Ireland" campaign we are supporting not just one but two spectacular air shows over the same weekend at Foynes and at Bray, making this year an extra special one for fans of aviation across Ireland. We see this as a great avenue to raise the profile of aviation and to generate an interest in our industry."

Supported by main sponsors the Irish Aviation Authority, as well as Wicklow County Council and Bray.ie, the award winning Bray Air Display is renowned as one of Europe's best air displays.

Visit www.brayairdisplay.com and follow on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) for the full event details.



All events and activities are subject to change without notice and may be dependent on weather.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Performing on Sunday:

1. Royal Jordanian Falcons
2. The Catalina
3. Irish Air Corps
4. Swedish Air Force Historic Flight
5. British Spitfire & Seafire
6. The Black Knights
7. The Strikemasters
8. Norwegian MIG & Vampires
9. Eddie Goggins
10. The Ravens
11. Irish Coast Guard Search and Rescue Demonstration
12. Aer Lingus DC-3
13. Irish Parachute Club
14. F-18 jet, Spanish Airforce
15. Patrouille Tranchant
16. Richard Goodwin
17. Irish Historic Flight Foundation
18. Aer Lingus – A321 passenger aircraft

About Bray Air Display

The 12th annual Bray Air Display will take place this year on Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd July 2017. One of Europe's biggest and best air shows, Bray Air Display attracted 140,000 people to the Co. Wicklow coastal town for the two day event last year. #BrayAirDisplay takes place thanks to main supporter the Irish Aviation Authority, as well as Wicklow County Council and Bray.ie.

As well as the incredible display in the skies over Bray there will be a food and craft village featuring artisan food and specialist craft stalls as well as musical entertainment, and a family fun fair.

About Irish Aviation Authority (IAA)

The IAA is a commercial, semi-state company employing approximately 650 people at five main locations in Ireland. The IAA is responsible for the safety and security regulation of the Irish civil aviation industry, including 1,250 aircraft, 9,200 pilots and 24 airports. The IAA is also provides Air Traffic Management (ATM) services in Irish controlled airspace (covering some 451,000 square km) and at the three state airports (Dublin, Cork and Shannon Airports), as well as aeronautical communications on the North Atlantic. The IAA handles approximately 1 million flights in Irish managed airspace each year. IAA is a partner of the Aireon joint venture, which will deliver the first-ever space-based global aviation surveillance system from 2018. The IAA is a shareholder of Entry Point North, the leading international Air Traffic Controller training academy. For more information please see: www.iaa.ie

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