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Staverton pilots offer flying fun



Kind hearted pilots at Gloucestershire Airport are preparing to fly some of the most deserving members of the local community.

Richard King (pictured right) and Steve Neale have rallied around their flying friends and invited passengers from a variety of military and local charity groups to experience the fun of flying in a light aircraft. Up to thirty aeroplanes from around the country are expected to meet up at the Airport on Sunday 15th May.

The passengers have been drawn from groups including Combat Stress, Down's Syndrome Group, Gloucester, First Battalion The Rifles; Pilgrim Bandits, Royal Marines Hasler Company and Star College. Aerobility, a charity specialising in teaching disabled people and injured service personnel to fly, will also be attending with one of their specially modified Piper aircraft.

Richard said; "We held a similar event last year near London and it was very popular. Flying is such great fun and our passengers, many of whom have been injured whilst serving their country, or suffered hardship during their everyday lives, have never had the opportunity. We hope we can bring smiles to peoples' faces."

Airport head of operations, Darren Lewington added: "We're delighted to be able host the event and hope it can become a regular feature in our calendar. We're extremely grateful to the pilots who are giving their time and offering their aircraft free of charge, so we're waiving our normal landing fees. Gloucestershire is a beautiful county and there's no better way to see it than from above, let's hope for good weather."