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PREPARATIONS CONTINUE FOR CHARITY OPEN DAY



With just three weeks to go, preparations are well underway for Gloucestershire Airport's second charity open day to be held on Sunday 3rd July. The Staverton site celebrates its 75th anniversary this year and is throwing open its doors for the second time, raising money for its chosen charities in the process.

The local public will be able to see behind the scenes at the County's airport and experience some of the aeronautical activities that take place. There will be pleasure flights every hour provided by Manx2.com in a 19-seater Dornier 228, as used on the Airport's Isle of Man and Jersey scheduled services. Airport staff will be also attempting to set the world record as the fastest airport in the world by unloading passengers and baggage in under 5 minutes.

Helicopter rides and even trial flying lessons will also be available and, weather permitting; visitors will be treated to the sight of two Spitfires flying in. There'll be a number of current and vintage aircraft on static display, including the Jet Age Museum's Gloster E28, Meteor and Javelin.

With the RAF careers team, an Army assault course, Down Hatherley cricket club, hog roasts, coffee and cake stands, there'll be something for all the family, whatever the weather. Admission is free but visitors will be asked to donate to the Airport's chosen charities, which are Help for Heroes, Great Western and Midlands Air Ambulances and the Jet Age Museum.

Airport business development manager, Kim Davenport said: - "It'll be a great day, everyone at the Airport is really looking forward to it. Last year we raised over £2500 on the day and we'll be looking to beat that target this year."

For more details and to book the Manx2.com pleasure flights call Gloucestershire Airport on 01452 857700.