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**AIRPORT PREPARES FOR TRAVEL AND LEISURE WEEKEND**



Gloucestershire Airport is gearing up for a Holiday, Travel and Leisure weekend in January to spread the word about the wide range of services and activities that Staverton can provide.

With over 40 companies on site, employing almost 600 staff, the County's airport is home to around 160 aircraft, ranging from single seat microlights to state-of-the-art executive jets. It handles a staggering 70 000 flight per year.

Passenger flights are available to the Isle of Man, Belfast and Jersey through ATOL-bonded tour operator OSET Holidays, and visitors to the airport will be able to take advantage of early bird package deals and learn about what's on offer at these great destinations. They'll also get to see first hand how easy it is to use your local airport, with free parking just yards from the Terminal Building.

Business development manager, Kim Davenport said: - "Our passenger flights have been so successful because we offer first class service, a world away from the hassle of flying from bigger airports. With no queues and, most importantly, a smile, this really is flying like it used to be."

For the more adventurous, a wide range of airborne opportunities will also be on display. The Airport can offer hot air ballooning, helicopters sightseeing, pleasure and vintage flights as well as aerobatics and even wing-walking.

Kim says: -"Our operators will have a range of aircraft on display and will be on hand to tell you all about the services they offer. Whether it's a once in a lifetime gift for that special birthday of anniversary, or a new challenge for 2012, trial lessons and learning to fly are much more affordable than people may think."

The event will take place at the Airport's Terminal building from 11am to 4pm on the weekend of 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> January.