



# Press Release

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## LATE SUMMER FLY-IN OFFERS A DISCOUNTED DAY OUT FOR PILOTS AND A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR LIGHT AIRCRAFT SPOTTING

Twice a year, **Stow Maries Great War Aerodrome** offers a special deal for the aviation community, with a discount on regular prices and a chance to meet up with their fellow light aircraft enthusiasts. The next event, the **Late Summer Fly-In** on **Saturday 26 September** could see up to 50 light aircraft landing at the accredited museum and World War One aerodrome in Essex.

Visitors to the museum are always welcome to arrive by air, but there is normally a £15 landing fee, in addition to the regular admission price of £12. At the **Late Summer Fly-In**, however, pilots can enjoy a one-off discounted price of just £10 that covers both their landing fee and their full admission – that's a 63% discount! Any passengers arriving by air also enjoy a discount, with admission at the concessionary rate of £9. Please note that spaces are limited and PPR must be obtained in advance, see [www.stowmaries.org.uk/directions-air](http://www.stowmaries.org.uk/directions-air) for instructions.

For those not lucky enough to be able to arrive by light aircraft, Saturday 26 September is still a very special day to visit the best-preserved World War One aerodrome in the country. Small aircraft will be coming in to land and taking off again throughout the day, adding an extra special dimension to exploring this fascinating location where the Royal Flying Corps once defended the nation against Zeppelins and Gotha bombers.

**Ian Flint, Chief Executive Officer of Stow Maries Great War Aerodrome**, comments: *"Aviation is alive and well here at Stow Maries Great War Aerodrome. As well as the classic aircraft on display in our hangars, we are home to pilots of both historic and modern aircraft and we are delighted to have visiting pilots landing here regularly. Our Fly-In events are a chance for owners and pilots of single engined, fixed wing light aircraft to enjoy a day out with their fellow enthusiasts – and for those who can only dream, to enjoy the sight of the skies buzzing with action."*

While the Late Summer Fly-In is the last air event of the year, there is still plenty to see on the ground. On Friday 9 October, the Museum is running a full-day event focusing on World War One history and aviation subjects. **Frontline: Faces and Spaces** features three guest speakers, object handling, museum tours and a splendid lunch in The Airmen's Mess café. And on non-event days, Stow Maries Great War Aerodrome, Hackman's Lane, Purleigh CM3 6RN is open on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 10am to 4pm, until 6 December (except Friday 9 October), with fascinating exhibition halls, historic aircraft, interactive flight simulators, pedal planes and more, to keep every member of the family happy. For further details and online booking, visit [www.stowmaries.org.uk](http://www.stowmaries.org.uk).

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Images are from previous Fly-In events, please credit photographer as show. For more information contact [comms@stowmaries.org.uk](mailto:comms@stowmaries.org.uk)

**Notes for editors:**

- Essex County and Maldon District Councils led the acquisition of the site for the nation in 2013, following a generous grant from the Heritage Memorial Fund. It was placed in the care of Stow Maries Great War Aerodrome, a registered charity.
- Today the museum, still an operational airfield, is supported and maintained by over 100 volunteers. It is open each Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 10am until 4pm
- Situated between Chelmsford and Maldon in the Essex countryside, the site hosts the largest collection of Royal Flying Corps buildings in the world. It was the base of 37 (Home Defence) Squadron Royal Flying Corps, which was tasked to protect London from raids by German Zeppelin airships and Gotha heavy bombers.
- More information about Stow Maries Great War Aerodrome can be found at [www.stowmaries.org.uk](http://www.stowmaries.org.uk)