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THINGS ARE REVVING UP AT STOW MARIES GREAT WAR AERODROME!

Grab your helmet and hit the road to **Stow Maries Great War Aerodrome** for the first **Stow Maries Motorbike Show** on **Saturday 16 May** – a celebration of freedom on two wheels.

For one day only, the historic World War One aerodrome will be a focal point for bikers from all over Essex and beyond – along with visitors coming to admire their superbly polished machines. From classic wartime workhouses to modern superbikes, every kind of bike will be represented, and if you haven't signed up to show your pride and joy yet, we still have room for a few more!

Whether you like to ride bikes or would simply enjoy admiring these fantastic machines lined up among the Grade II* listed World War One Royal Flying Corps buildings, The Stow Maries Motorbike Show will be a great day out for the whole family.

The Stow Maries Motorbike Show is one of Stow Maries Great War Aerodrome's "added value" events, which means you can enjoy all the day's extra activities for the same price as normal Museum entry – £12 for adults, £9 concessions and children 0-10 free.

Whether you're a biker or an admirer there will be plenty to enjoy. We have a variety of trade stalls to browse including bike sales, repairs, accessories and customisations. The Airmen's Mess café will be open throughout the day for classic fried breakfasts, a variety of hot and cold lunch options and cakes and snacks, plus we will have a hearty barbecue on the go. A bar will be provided by local brewery Datum Attitude, including a selection of its small-batch aviation-themed beers.

Ian Flint, Chief Executive Officer of Stow Maries Great War Aerodrome, comments: "We are looking forward to welcoming a fantastic selection of bikes to the show. We already have a massive collection of classic cars and aircraft visiting the Museum for Wings and Wheels on 24 May, so this is the ideal opportunity for the biking community to have an event all of their own, celebrating the freedom of two wheels."

As well as enjoying the bike show, visitors can also explore the whole Museum, including guided tours around the aircraft hangars running throughout the day and all the indoor exhibition spaces. We can't guarantee that the sun will be shining, but we can promise that the bikes will be gleaming!

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Tickets for **Wings and Wheels** classic car and air show on Sunday 24 May must be booked in advance: Adults £25, children 6-15 £12, children 0-5 free, family 2+2 £65, plus small booking free. Please note that The Airmen's Mess café is open to ticket holders only during both events.

Stow Maries Great War Aerodrome is open Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, 10am to 4pm. The new family-friendly pricing structure for 2026 means that children aged 0 to 10 are now free on all standard admission days, and prices for adults and concessions have been frozen. For more information, to book tickets for any event or to sign up to the monthly newsletter, visit www.stowmaries.org.uk.

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Notes for editors:

- All proceeds from opening to the public and all events directly funds the ongoing work to preserve and protect Stow Maries Great War Aerodrome and support its battle for survival.
- The museum, situated between Chelmsford and Maldon in the Essex countryside, features 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.
- 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.