



# Midlands AIR FESTIVAL



**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2024**

Ragley Hall, Alcester, Warwickshire. B49 5NJ

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**Model Balloonists Invitation**

## Introduction

We are pleased to announce that the Midlands Air Festival will be returning to its home at Ragley! Once again, we have over 250 acres for bimbaling, flying out and in!

We will be adopting the same relaxed feel with a great balloonist package! Please read the information detailed below including terms and conditions before applying.

## Ballooning Schedule

### Friday

Our press launch flight on Friday morning will return. This is a private ascent purely for press photos etc. Camping will be available from Thursday evening for those wishing to join us for this flight.

The event opens to the public early afternoon – any pilots willing to tether would be very welcome. There is then a balloon ascent.

### Saturday

There are morning and evening ascents, as well as tethering opportunities in the Cameron Arena throughout the day in our new tether area! In the evening we have our own private balloonist's social!

### Sunday

Once again, we have morning and evening ascents as well as tethering opportunities in the Cameron Arena throughout the day. Please do stay for the Sunday Evening if you can. The paying public allow us to put on this great weekend including an extensive balloonist's package, and we do need to repay them with an evening launch if possible.

## Other Entertainment

Daytime air displays will take place mid Friday afternoon. Later in the evening we will commence our Nightfire which will consist of breath-taking aerobatics combined with pyrotechnics streaming from various aircraft/people! The night glow will take place afterwards and conclude with a musical firework finale!

Saturday & Sunday will both see full air shows consisting of over 45 aircraft including WWI & WWII aircraft, high energy aerobatics and fast jets. It's a sight not to be missed!

As well as all of this, there will be parachute displays, large model aircraft, special character kites and various ground exhibits for everyone to enjoy. All of this is included within your entry package as well.

## Balloonist Package

The entry fee for the entire weekend is £40 (inc VAT) and this includes:

- Entry for pilot plus three to the entire site
- Breakfast bap for pilot plus three
- Camping with running water, toilets and showers
- Unlimited tea & coffee
- Gas
- Saturday evening social evening for pilot plus three

### **Please Note:**

- Dogs, other than assistance dogs, are not permitted anywhere on site due to the close proximity of the balloonist's area and camping area to the live airstrip.
- We would like to think that we have the full support of those that enter, therefore, if you are accepted, participants agree they will not take part in any other balloon events during the three days of the Midlands Air Festival.

## Passes

Passes will only be required for those over the age of 12.

## Applications

Applications are now open and close on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023.

Applicants will be informed if their application has been successful by Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023. Entry fees plus any fees due for additional passes must be paid by Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2023 to confirm your space.

Visit [www.midlandsairfestival.com/model-balloonists-application](http://www.midlandsairfestival.com/model-balloonists-application) to apply.

Email [balloons@midlandsairfestival.com](mailto:balloons@midlandsairfestival.com) for queries.