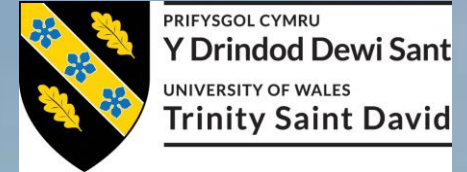


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The Dark Tourism of Heritage Air Shows

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Daily Express Air Race, (London to Manchester), 1910

Prize - £10,000 (£1.15 million in 2018!)



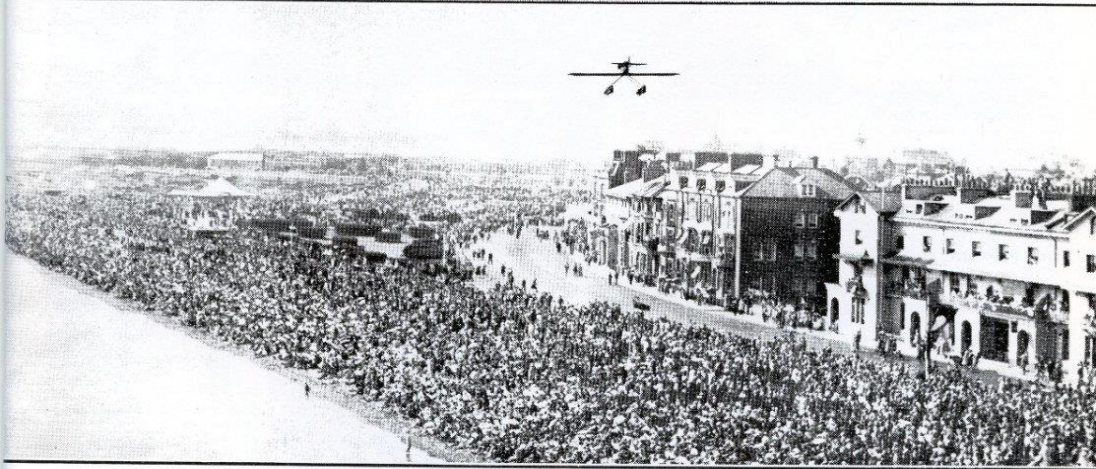
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Marooned spectators—they forgot the tide in their excitement.

World's speed records were shattered by Britain's representatives in the Schneider Trophy race contested over the Solent in ideal weather and in the presence of thousands of thrilled spectators who crowded on land and in ships and boats of every description. Flying-Officer Wagborn won at 328.63 m.p.h., with Warrant-Officer Dai Molin, Italy, second



Lieutenant Mori with bandages on his burns.



Flight-Lieutenant D'Arcy Greig after the race.



The Prince of Wales preparing to leave by aeroplane after the race.

and Flight-Lieutenant D'Arcy Greig third. The winner's time greatly exceeded the best previously recorded in the history of the race, and Flying-Officer Atcherley, unluckily disqualified for failing to round a pylon by mistake, completed the fastest lap at 332 m.p.h. Two Italian machines were forced down.

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RAF Syerston, 1958 Avro Vulcan prototype VX770

- * Four crew killed
- * Three killed on the ground



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Ramstein, Germany – 1988

‘Frecce Tricolore’ (Italian Air Force) Aermacchi MB-339

- * 3 aircrew killed
- * 66 ground fatalities, 346 major injuries
- * Many on-going PTSD cases (2018)

Shoreham UK, 2015

Hawker Hunter T Mk.7 VW732

- * Pilot survived
- * Eleven killed on the ground
- * Inquest: victims 'unlawfully killed'
- * Trial: Pilot 'Not Guilty' of Manslaughter





Motivations of the public to attend:

- * The thrill of the show
- * Memorials to previous generations
- * Technology Development
- * To support national aviation heritage
- * A 'good day out'
- * Jeopardy - 'those magnificent men...'

Why continue?

- * Issues of public risk
 - * Destruction of private and public property and Heritage assets
 - * Environmental concerns - fuels, pollution
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- * Government Interest and National Prestige
 - * Aviation Industry showcase - RIAT
 - * Continuing public popularity
 - * Shows Aviation Heritage in its true context
 - * Memorial to aircrew, groundcrew and constructors

Re-negotiation

- * Necessity/purpose?
- * Static Display
- * Model airshows
- * Virtual Reality/FPV video
- * ‘Green Fuels’ – Electric Power, Hydrogen, etc.

BUT.....



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