



## AIRSHOWS

### June/July

**International Air Fair**  
Biggin Hill, Kent  
June 3 & 4  
[www.airdisplaysint.co.uk](http://www.airdisplaysint.co.uk)

**RAF Cosford Airshow 2006**  
RAF Cosford, Shropshire  
June 11  
[www.cosfordairshow.co.uk](http://www.cosfordairshow.co.uk)

**Salthill Airshow 2006**  
Salthill, Galway, ROI  
June 25  
[www.salthillairshow.com](http://www.salthillairshow.com)

**RAF Waddington**  
International Airshow  
RAF Waddington, Lincolnshire  
July 1 & 2  
[www.waddingtonairshow.co.uk](http://www.waddingtonairshow.co.uk)

**Royal International Air Tattoo**  
RAF Fairford, Gloucestershire  
July 15 & 16  
[www.airtattoo.com](http://www.airtattoo.com)

**Farnborough International**  
Farnborough Airfield,  
Hampshire  
July 17-23  
[www.farnborough.com](http://www.farnborough.com)

**Sunderland International Airshow**  
Sunderland, Tyne & Wear  
July 29 & 30  
[www.sunderland-airshow.co.uk](http://www.sunderland-airshow.co.uk)

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# FOCUS ON... AIRSHOWS

Have a day out and make money at the same time

**F**ROM THIS issue, *Events* has changed. Subscribers have informed us that it would be useful if we gave earlier notice of big events, giving ample time to contact potential clients and discuss requirements. As a result, this *Focus On* section will concentrate on events further in the future and list a number of potential clients for you to get in touch with now. All other events will still cover the 'on sale' period of this issue. Please continue to offer feedback on the magazine; we listen and, more importantly, act on what you tell us.

In June and July, the airshows calendar really, ahem, takes off. Events are held all over the country and they give freelancers the chance to shoot images with saleable potential.

Make the effort to find out which aircraft will be of specific interest at the show you're attending. Many of the bigger shows will attract 'guest' planes, the photos of which will have greater selling potential to specialist publications than a shot of a Lancaster bomber or the Red Arrows. But you shouldn't discount the value of these more stock-based shots, either.

If you're after shots of airborne planes, accurate metering is your biggest challenge. Relying on your camera's meter when pointing your lens skywards will more often than not result in under-exposed aircraft. Instead, take a meter reading from a plane on the ground, then use this exposure as a starting point around which you should bracket extensively.

If you're looking to contribute to a stock library or build up a portfolio to show what you're capable of at such events, don't forget to capture some statics, details and general interest shots.

The panel at the top of the page details some of the major airshows in June and July, but there are other events before and after these months. For a full listing visit [www.airshows.org.uk](http://www.airshows.org.uk).

### SELL YOUR SHOTS

The following publications may be interested in your airshow images. Contact them before you attend an event to discuss freelance potential and any specific photographic requirements they might have.

#### RAF News

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## EVENTS IN APRIL AND MAY

### Isle of Man TT races

May 27-June 9  
Snaefell Mountain Course,  
Isle of Man  
Details: [www.iomtt.com](http://www.iomtt.com)

THE TT is not only a must for all fans of two-wheeled motorsport, but should be in the diary of every serious freelance sports photographer as well. Being such a famous race, it gets plenty of media attention, but think about what you could offer potential clients over and above simply shots of winners and 'random rider with his knee down'. You can take pictures from almost any part of the course, but some are only accessible by the road which forms part of the circuit; you need to be at these spots early before the road is closed and be prepared to stay in one place for the day. Either way, you can expect some spectacular action. The current record to complete the 37 mile course is 17 minutes 50 seconds. You do the maths!



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ISLE OF MAN DEPT. OF TOURISM & LEISURE

### ALSO WORTH A VISIT

**What?** Streets of Brighton  
**When?** May 11-13  
**Where?** Various locations around Brighton  
**Details:** [www.brightonfestival.org](http://www.brightonfestival.org)

Part of the Brighton festival, the Streets of Brighton sees all manner of performers take the streets to put on free shows. Expect circus performers, musicians, performance artists, comedians and a whole lot more. Daytime shows take place at locations around North Lane, Pavilion Gardens and Spiegel Garden.

**Where?** West Cliff Slope, Bournemouth  
**Details:** [www.ccotp.co.uk](http://www.ccotp.co.uk)

This weekly event, which runs from now until the end of September, is in its fifth season. Anyone with a car registered before August 1983 can come and display their vehicle and there are regularly over 100 cars in attendance, some of which date from as early as 1915. The event runs from 4pm until 6.30pm and it's all free.

**What?** 39<sup>th</sup> Morpeth Northumbrian Gathering  
**When?** April 21-23  
**Where?** Morpeth, Northumberland  
**Details:** Morpeth Tourist Information (01670 500700)

Festival of street entertainment, music, dance and craft. The event mainly focuses on Northumberland's traditions but this year, as the final day is St George's Day, there are some very English events as well.



THE HOP FARM

RHS/CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW

### RHS Chelsea Flower show

May 23-27  
Royal Hospital, Chelsea, London  
Details: [www.rhs.org.uk](http://www.rhs.org.uk)

THE MOST famous flower show in the country, if not the world. Chelsea is renowned for showcasing the latest trends and is the place where plant breeders often unveil new plants. Make a bee-line for the Great Pavilion for exceptional examples of thousands of plants from all over the world, then be sure to visit the show gardens where 20 designers from across the globe get a chance to showcase their talents. Chelsea attracts worldwide media attention so the opportunity to sell your images to magazines may be limited, but it still gives you a great chance to top up (or start!) your stock collection.



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### Badminton Horse Trials

May 3-7  
Badminton, Gloucestershire  
Details: [www.badminton-horse.co.uk](http://www.badminton-horse.co.uk)

A THREE-day equestrian event where horses and riders compete in three disciplines; dressage, cross country and show jumping. The latter two disciplines present the best opportunities for the photographer and take place on the Saturday and Sunday respectively. Although saleable pictures are achievable from the public viewing areas, you'll get the best shots with press

accreditation. To get this you'll need to be commissioned to cover the event. If you've got some good examples of equestrian shots, get in touch with the names below right and tell them what you can offer.



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**What?** Kent Country Show  
**When?** May 27-29  
**Where?** The Hop Farm Country Park, Beltring near Paddock Wood, Kent  
**Details:** [www.thehopfarm.co.uk](http://www.thehopfarm.co.uk)

A traditional country show this year featuring a wide range of photogenic activities including birds of prey, mountain biking, show jumping and a dog display team. Weekend camping is available and tickets are available now.

**What?** Classic Cars on the Prom, Bournemouth  
**When?** Every Sunday until September 24

**What?** Hare Pie Scramble and Bottle Kicking  
**When?** April 17  
**Where?** Hallaton, Leicestershire

Worth turning up for if only to watch what goes on in this traditional Easter event, which has run since 1878. A hare pie is cooked and paraded through the village before being distributed to the assembled crowd by the rector of the local church. After this, the chaotic bottle kicking match gets under way between Hallaton and the neighbouring village of Medbourne. The local papers will love some shots of this.

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