



NEWS UPDATE

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## Lightning Bolts Army Parachute Display Team will perform a dramatic WWII themed parachute jump at the Revival Festival

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**On 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> September Cotswold Airport is throwing open its gates to the public once again for its incredible vintage and wartime extravaganza, the 'Cotswold Airport Revival Festival'.**

New attraction, from the Army's Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (REME) the 'REME Lightning Bolts Army Parachute Display Team' has now been confirmed. The team will perform a dramatic WWII themed parachute jump out of an AN-2 biplane, the world's largest single engine bi-plane. The REME team will perform their jump wearing vintage German military uniform and will be met on the ground by the 'Home Guard', some of the festival's re-enactors, who will arrest them at gunpoint. The whole display will be accompanied by the sound of WWII bombs, gunfire, a



commentary and period music – this unforgettable spectacle will be one not to miss!!

For military enthusiasts, this is particularly apt; the REME's home is nearby MoD Lyneham and the Airport Manager is a former REME Colonel.



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## **NOTES TO EDITORS:**

### **COTSWOLD AIRPORT:**

A Gloucestershire airfield steeped in history, Cotswold Airport, formerly known as Kemble aerodrome, is now one of Europe's largest and busiest private airports. Once home to the Red Arrows, Cotswold Airport is now a thriving hub of activity including VIP and business jets, general aviation, helicopters, flying tuition with some of the country's top flying schools based on site, and an exciting calendar of events.

After the departure of the United States Air Force in 1993 Kemble faced a bleak future, and looked destined to go the way of so many ex-military airfields – back to agriculture or an industrial estate. However, over the years local businesses have occupied most of the buildings and aviation has returned to this historic airfield. This was largely due to the successful acquisition of the airfield from the Ministry of Defence by Ronan Harvey and a consortium of local businesses in March 2001.

The resurgence of energy that Ronan put back into Cotswold Airport had started several years before he bought the site. He had relocated his own business 'Polydron' from Northampton into one of the hangars and as a keen aviator took out a ten year lease on other hangars. This has now grown to such an extent that Kemble is a thriving business park for both aviation and non-aviation companies. Ronan's daughter, Suzannah Harvey, now runs the business as CEO.

The AV8 restaurant opened in 2005 is another quality feature in an outstanding success story and is open to the public all year round for all to enjoy.