



## Chairman's Report

This month has seen some interesting aircraft arriving at Tatenhill (Margaret's catering is obviously becoming famous throughout the UK). In particular the visit and 'airfield beat-up' by the Mustang, a frequent exhibitor at Duxford, was very memorable. An immaculate aircraft that looked like no money had been spared on the restoration. The owner had not been to Tatenhill before but said that he would definitely be returning. His flight took 35 minutes from Norwich!

Those intrepid aviators who have taken part in the 'Chippie' experience so far appear to have had an excellent time and were well looked after. I just need to 'encourage' one of them to write a small article for the next newsletter – any volunteers?!

Hopefully you will all have seen details of the proposed 'Whirlybird' experience to take place at Nottingham. I have had some names submitted and will be closing this at the end of September so that I can finalise the numbers and agreed the dates with Phil. If you would like to have a go in a Robinson R22 and have not contacted me please make sure that you send me your details or write your details on the list at the clubhouse.

I think I can say, and I hope you agree, that the BBQ and Quiz was a great success and it was pleasing to see so many members and their family attending. This made for a good atmosphere and I would have to say that the food and drink was excellent! Although it was cold the weather did not really interfere with the event, until very late in the evening when Angus's marquee started heading off to the Peak District!

We are at the planning stage for the ESFC 'Xmas Do' the details are in this newsletter. We already have a good list of people wanting to attend but if you have been missed out please contact me.

Don't forget it's nearly time to think about that night rating, there are plenty of instructors keen to take your money (and provide valuable tuition)!

Mike Tidmarsh

And talking about Xmas.....





## FLYING EVENTS

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No flying events are currently in the pipeline.

If you have any suggestions for flying events or would like to help, please contact Liam Darcy on 01889 500676.

Please keep an eye on the club notice board and the website ([www.esfc.org.uk](http://www.esfc.org.uk)) for more regular updates on forthcoming events.

## WANTED

Michael Foist is looking for someone to fly with. Partly for the company but also to share the cost and to enable flying further a field. If you're interested please contact Michael on Tel: 01675 481218 or mobile: 07742 201777. Alternatively email him at [mike.jana@onetel.net](mailto:mike.jana@onetel.net).

## Summer Barbeque

The ESFC summer barbeque was a success with over 65 people attending. The weather held for the evening despite threatening high winds and rain. For those not there on the night, anyone interested in an ESFC Xmas 'do' at the Bass Museum around mid December could you email your details to Mike Tidmarsh at [flyer.tidmarsh@btinternet.com](mailto:flyer.tidmarsh@btinternet.com) asap.

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## Tatenhill Radio

The radio roster for Tatenhill Airfield has been placed back under the control of ESFC. Rob Rowley has kindly agreed to take on this responsibility so any members on the roster wishing to change shifts or be withdrawn or added to the roster in future should contact Rob. His phone number is listed in the Chairman's Report of last month's newsletter.

## NEWSLETTER

If you have any articles for the newsletter or comments on the format, please contact Alison at [alie\\_todd@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:alie_todd@yahoo.co.uk).

## SOCIAL EVENTS

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### CLUB NIGHT – Thursday 30 September 2004

Stewart Jackson, a local co-ordinator of the PFA will be giving a talk on the rebuilding of an historic racing aircraft - the De-Havilland DH88 Comet Racer. This aircraft is being rebuilt at Derby airfield and Martin Jones has kindly agreed to let us use their clubhouse to hold the meeting so that we can not only hear about this work but see the present stage of the rebuild. Final arrangements are still to be confirmed by Martin Jones. This information will be emailed to members over the weekend.

### CLUB NIGHT –Thursday 28 October 2004

To be confirmed. Provisional plans are for an end of season barbeque following the success of the ESFC summer barbeque on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Details will be emailed to members and also placed on the notice board.

## OTHER EVENTS

If you have any suggestions for other events or would like to help, please contact Hugh Clarke on 01283 531556.

## NEXT MEDICAL DUE?

As a reminder Dr Hill, our local AME, continues to give a discretionary £5 discount on aviation medical examinations to East Staffs Flying club members. To receive the discount you must show your current ESFC membership card at the time of your medical.

Contact details for Dr Hill are as follows:

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