

East Staffs Flying Club



Newsletter

January 2007

Chairman's Report

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2007. As I write this the winds are blowing gale force and causing chaos across the country - and yet last Sunday we had a glorious sunny day with good flying - global warming has a lot to answer to.

Remember, there is still time to lobby your MP about both the Brownfield/Greenfield planning proposals and GA fuel tax issues. If you have a look on www.flyer.co.uk there are templates/contacts that you can use - please add your voice to the increasing swell it has got to be in all our interests to stand our ground when threatened like this.

We are at the planning stage for the 2007 Fly-In and will be on the lookout for some willing volunteers to assist with the various activities. Rob Rowley is leading this event and will be contacting the members with an update in the near future so please offer your time and support if at all possible to ensure that we smooth out the workload. The current planned date is 4th August.

As most of you will be aware the Duchy of Lancaster (with the support of TA) has decided to appeal against the planning rejection of last year and we hope to see some developments happening in the near future. As this evolves we will update the membership on progress made. I am sure that all of us would welcome the new accommodation/control tower planned for Tatenhill and we may call upon the members to lobby the Planning Department to demonstrate their support.

Mike Tidmarsh

Recent Achievements

Unfortunately the weather so far this January has been fairly appalling. There have been a few good days scattered among the bad; but generally speaking the airfield has been a pretty miserable place to be.

Neither Dave nor myself have flown an awful lot. I'm hoping to finish off Bob French's night rating this week. Hopefully I'll be able to report this in next month's newsletter.

The good news is that we already have new students/ members joining us this year. I've had two new PPL students start this week. I've got my fingers crossed for an early spring.

Martin Handley.



A MESSAGE FROM TATENHILL AVIATION:

On Departure

Despite the recent glitch over the planning application, we are still always keen to maintain good relations with our neighbours.

Fortunately, the local geography is mainly in our favour and the normal circuits have very little impact on the locals. However, we would still ask you all to consider the following, please.



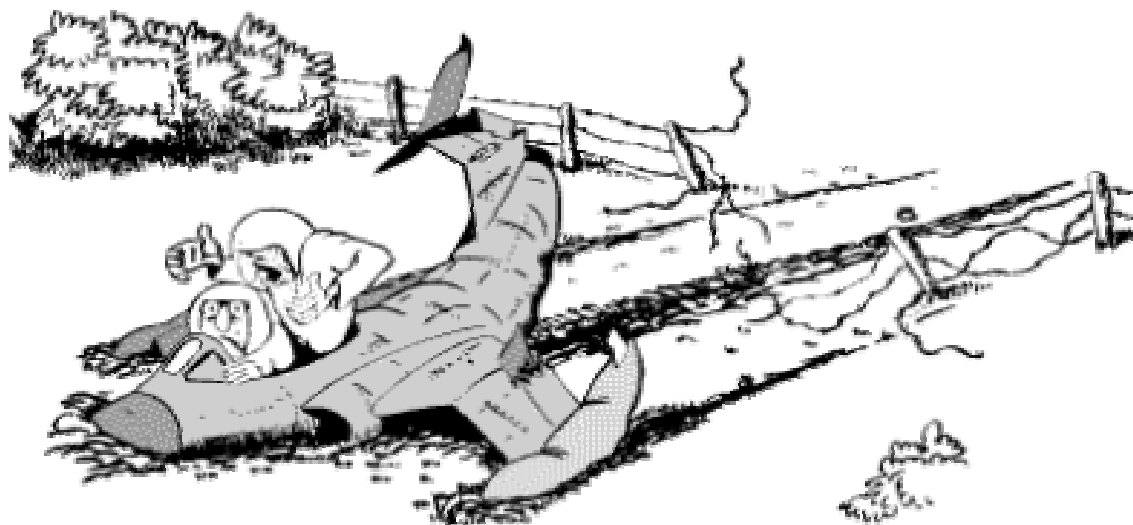
On Runway 26

Please ensure that you do not over-fly Newchurch village. Maintain the runway heading until you are well past the village before making any turn into the circuit or to the North. Please make due allowance for any cross wind.

On Runway 08

Now that we have a longer runway (1190 metres), please use as much of it as you can. (Well, you know what we mean!) The higher you are as you pass over the farmhouses on the B5234, the less noise you will make at ground level. Ideally also climb out on a heading of 070M.

Thank you for your cooperation. It really is in all our interests to keep our neighbours as happy as we can!



No, I did not say "I have control"

FLYING EVENTS



We intend to build on the success of last year's flying events and have a number of events planned for 2007. There will be a number of fly-outs, the air rally as well as the annual fly-in.

We are hoping, weather willing, to have an equally exciting fly-in this year, if not more so and are currently seeing whether we can get another flying display together. We have pencilled in the 4th of August and will confirm as soon as possible.

It is intended to put a sub-committee together to plan and co-ordinate this event and if you are interested in helping please contact Angus Stewart on 07967 593341.

Dates of events will be included each month in this newsletter and will also be placed on the website. Dates will be confirmed as events are arranged so it is important to keep checking the current position.

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

Joke of the Month

A student became lost during a solo cross-country flight. While attempting to locate the aircraft on radar, ATC asked, "What was your last known position?"

Student: "When I was number one for takeoff."

NEWSLETTER

If you have any articles for the newsletter or comments on the format, please contact Alison at alie_todd@yahoo.co.uk.

CLUB NIGHT - 25 January 2007

Malcolm Wilkins will be holding an aviation themed DVD and film evening at The Albion Hotel, Shobnall Road, Burton-on-Trent. The evening will start at 7.30pm, everyone is welcome, including partners.

CLUB NIGHT - 22 February 2007

This will be a talk by Roger 'Dodge' Baily on the training of pilots to fly the historic aircraft of the Shuttleworth Collection.

Dodge is currently the chief test pilot at Cranfield University and in his spare time is a display pilot with the Shuttleworth collection amongst others. He is an ex RAF squadron pilot and then test pilot after qualifying at Edwards in the USA. He has also flown as test pilot at RAE Bedford.

The talk will be held at The Albion Hotel, Shobnall Road, Burton-on-Trent. The evening will start at 7.30pm

ESFC AGM - 29th March 2007

ESFC AGM starting at 7.30pm, to be held at The Albion Hotel, Shobnall Road, Burton. 8pm.

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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