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## Chairman's Report

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I have to say that all the planning (and pain) for this years Fly In & Display was well worth it. I hope that everyone would agree that the day was a great success and everything ran smoothly. The flying displays were exceptional and certainly got the crowds attention! I still find it difficult to believe how John and Dave managed to get their Antonov into a vertical climb - spectacular. The Extra 300 and the Yak 52 showed both aircraft displaying some extreme manoeuvres, especially the flick roll on take off performed by Gennady in the Yak. As could be expected the display by the Spitfire was the highlight - I noticed that everyone in the crowd stood and were all silent watching in awe. Charlie's display was superb and will be remembered by a lot of people for a long time to come. With regard to the numbers we believe that about 2,000 people, 700+ cars, 70+ aircraft attended on the day, we even had to shut the gates in the afternoon. The primary purpose was to raise money for the County Air Ambulance and we collected approximately £2,800 on the day. This cheque will be presented in the next couple of weeks. A big thanks to everyone who helped out on the day and made the event the great success that it was.

Mike Tidmarsh

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## Recent Achievements

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John Bricknell completed his first solo flight at the end of July. Well done.

The 9th of August was a good day for two of our pilots. In the morning Mike Ramsden passed his PPL renewal flight test. Mike hadn't flown for approximately twenty-five years. It only took him six or so hours to get back up to speed. In the afternoon Jonathan Taylor passed his PPL Skills Test. Congratulations to both of them.

On Monday the 13th of August Trevor Lyons passed his PPL Skills Test. All that he needs to do now to make use of his licence is to reinstall the engine back into his own aircraft. Well done.

Paul Cheetham passed his PPL Skills Test this month. Congratulations.

This summer has, to say the least, been a bit of a washout. Nobody seems to remember having ever seen a summer like it. I know from my own logbook that I've lost approximately 40% of my training flights due to poor weather conditions. Hopefully the autumn weather will be kinder to us.

Martin Handley.



### **Student Survey Request - Can you help?**

Chris Hughan is a Post Graduate from Griffith University, Australia who contacted me recently with the following request. It seems more geared to pilots who fly for work but he is also interested in private pilots too.

As part of my post graduate studies in aviation at college I'm doing a Work and Lifestyle study about commercial and instructor pilots (either full-time or part-time) and am offering a David Clark headset as a prize draw for completing an anonymous online e-survey about whether you "agree / disagree" with how satisfied you are with being a pilot etc, and recreational activities you enjoy or might enjoy etc. Student pilots and PPLs can also complete the survey.

The idea for this survey is to learn more about work and lifestyles among pilots; what they like and don't like etc. It's anonymous for participants, and for the organisations (e.g., flight schools). For participating you'll get your own:

FREE personalized Work and Lifestyle Profile immediately after completing the whole survey (generated by the survey itself) and:

A FREE results newsletter, and: Be in the draw to WIN a David Clark headset!!

Completing the survey might also give you a "self-check" of where you are in your career / job, and how you think / feel about it, now and into the future.

If you can spare 20-30 minutes (either now or later) or when you having nothing to do, click on the e-survey link below to participate and be in the draw for the DC headset. This is not a commercial survey. It's a university study. You might find some survey questions more relevant to you than others (to accommodate for everyone and schools/ businesses of different sizes), but just try and continue and answer them as best you can.

Here's the link (Remember to scroll to the bottom of each page).

<http://www.surveyzwizard.com.au/Workandlifestyle/>

I hope you enjoy this unique survey experience. If you have any feedback about the survey, or any other aviation related comments or opinions, please email me at [Chris.Harper-Hughan@student.griffith.edu.au](mailto:Chris.Harper-Hughan@student.griffith.edu.au). I look forward to emailing the winner of the David Clark headset and sending out the results newsletter just in time for Christmas, 2007!! Enjoy the survey!

Cheers

Chris PPL (A) aviation



## Flying Events

### **Saturday 15th September – Fly-out to Belgium.**

A proposed Fly-out to Ostende in Belgium. For those who missed the opportunity of over water and ex-UK flying early this year due to the poor weather conditions here is another opportunity to experience flying further a field. More details will follow closer to the event.

### **Joke of the Month**

**Defect:** Turn & slip indicator ball stuck in center during turns.

**Action:** Congratulations. You just made your first coordinated turn!

**Defect:** Whining sound heard on engine shutdown.

**Action:** Pilot removed from aircraft.

**Defect:** Autopilot tends to drop a wing when fuel imbalance reaches 500 pounds.

**Action:** Flight manual limits maximum fuel imbalance to 300 pounds.

**Defect:** Weather radar went ape!  
**Action:** Opened radar, let out ape, cleaned up mess

### **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

### **CLUB NIGHT - 30th August 2007**

Informal Evening for drinks and a chat.

Due to an unfortunate accident, (which necessitated the use of the County Air Ambulance the day before the ESFC Annual Fly-in to raise funds for the Air ambulance) Hugh Clarke has been unable to arrange a social in time for August 30<sup>th</sup> therefore this month will just be an informal evening in the clubhouse for drinks and a chat, from 7.30pm.

### **CLUB NIGHT - Thursday 27th September.**

An evening of Wine Tasting with Pierre Hourlier involving quality wines. Venue and times to be confirmed closer to the event.

### **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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