

# East Staffs Flying Club



Newsletter

May 2007

## Chairman's Report

It looks like the flying season is about to start in earnest and to that end we have started the planning for the Fly-Outs. Mike Dillon is organising these and the first destination will be Bembridge, IOW in June as detailed in this newsletter, this will be followed by a trip to Calais and then Waterford. It is proposed to hold planning evenings for the trips over water so that members can feel comfortable that their planning is correct and can also share their experiences.

Also on 9th June we will be holding the Annual ESFC Rally followed by a BBQ, please make every effort to support this event and make it a sociable day. Details of the event are also posted on the club house notice board, please add your name to the list of those taking part in the Rally. These events do require a lot of planning so please support us on the day.

Bruntingthorpe have an Open Day this Sunday 27th May. They have the fuel and other arrangements in place to run many of their big toys like the Comet, Victor, Buccaneer, Hunter, Lightning, Canberra, Iskra etc. plus there are all the other aircraft that live there including the Airbus Guppy. There will also be a few stalls selling magazines, providing information etc. and one which will be selling surplus Comet parts for collectors and display purposes at what they say will be "silly" prices. Pooleys provide contact info but we are advised that they will probably be using their Grass runway - 06/24 and have also been warned that when coming in on 06 do NOT land short of the strip. There are growing crops short of the runway with furrows which have recently tripped up a Pitts with expensive results!

For those who are not aware, Margaret had to go into hospital for a minor op and hopes to return in the very near future. I am sure that we all wish Margaret a very speedy recovery and look forward to her return. Pauline Hall has stepped in at very short notice and we are indebted to her for this.

Finally, we have our very own JK Rowling at the airfield - see the following advert. Make sure you obtain your signed copy of the First Edition - it has got to be a good investment!

Mike Tidmarsh



## Recent Achievements - Martin Handley

On the whole May has been a bit of a miserable month. There have been some nice days, but these have been few and far between.

On Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of May Ian Mitchell passed IMC Rating flight test. During his test he had the opportunity to experience flying in IMC for the first time. Congratulations.

On Wednesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May Pete Furnival and Danny Weaver passed their PPL Skills Tests. Congratulations to both them.

New students/ members are still joining on a weekly basis. Hopefully with some more favourable weather conditions I should have more to report next month.

## Budding New Author!



Set in both the south-west of England and Spain this is the story of a teenage girl called Liv.

From an early age Liv has always wanted to learn to fly an aeroplane. "Sky Dreamer" follows Liv's path towards her pilot's licence.

Along the way romance blossoms in Liv's life. She is also given the opportunity to experience life in rural Spain when she goes on holiday to Andalucia with her best friend, Montse.

A story about flying, life, love and adventure.

This book is available to buy at [www.lulu.com/uk](http://www.lulu.com/uk). The first two chapters can be previewed at the above site. Costs £4.95 plus postage & packaging.

- I wrote this book over the winter as a hobby/ experiment to see if I could write a book.
- The story is aimed at an audience between the ages of ten through to early teens (predominately female).
- I've written, proof read and published this book myself.

Martin Handley



## FLYING EVENTS

### Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June - ESFC Annual Air Rally and Barbecue

Test your observation and navigation skills in the annual ESFC air rally. This is a 'FUN' event starting in the morning and running throughout the day and comprises of 4 activities:

1. Clues to enable you to plan and time a route.
2. Photos of landmarks for you to identify whilst you fly the route.
3. A 'light hearted' quiz when you get back to the clubhouse.
4. The 'dreaded' Spot Landing competition.

All of the above are scored and (once money has changed hands) an eventual winner is selected who will be presented with the ESFC Rally Plaque for 2007.

Note: All routes will be carefully checked before people set off to ensure you are heading in the right direction!

The route can easily be flown within one hour, so book an aircraft and have some fun!

**The BBQ will start about 4.30pm so bring your partners along for a social!**

Tatenhill aircraft can be booked in the usual way.

### Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

#### Planned Fly-out to Bembridge.

Please see club notice board for further information or contact Mike Dillon on the number below.

#### Contact

If you have any other questions relating to any of the proposed events please contact Mike Dillon on 07818 004188

## SOCIAL EVENTS

### CLUB NIGHT - 31<sup>st</sup> May 2007

There are no special events or guest talks this month. But members can enjoy an informal gathering at The Albion on Shobnall Street, Burton-on-Trent for drinks and socialising with like-minded people.

### SUMMER BARBECUE - Saturday 9th June

Following on from the Rally earlier in the day, a barbecue will be held at Tatenhill Airfield starting at 4.30pm so bring along the family!

### CLUB NIGHT - 28th June 2007

No events currently planned at present.

### CLUB NIGHT - 26th July 2007

Karting - details to follow.

## 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:

Dr J D Hill AME  
Burton upon Trent  
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