



WAYPOINT

The Priory Farm Aviators' Newsletter – April 2022

**Monthly meetings are held on the first Wednesday at 7:30 PM.
Summer venue (May to Sept): Priory Farm; Winter venue (Oct to April): Various**

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This Wednesday's PFA meeting is on 6 April and is our traditional, annual **AWAY EVENING**

on this occasion at RAF Marham Aviation Heritage Centre, starting at 18:00 *sharp*. Those members who have applied will have been briefed and given a map by Richard Flagg, so it will suffice here to issue final reminders to bring ID if you want to view the 'gate guardian' Tornado; give Richard your mobile phone number; check that you have the 'suggested' donation of £10 on your person; and get there well before 6 PM.

If you are not on the visit, there is nothing organised at Priory Farm on 6 April.

However, 4 May will begin the Summer season of **BBQs** at the airstrip, while Saturday 14 May is **Share-a-Seat Day** and Sunday 19 June is the **Fathers' Day Fly-In & BBQ**.

Watch this space for shorter-notice **Fly-Outs**, including one being planned to the former RAF West Raynham—and, yes, we do know about the solar panels!

TERMINATE THE TEA TOWELS; TA!
We know you mean well, but please do not donate any more tea towels to the kitchen. Marion, the cleaner, is no longer paid to wash them, so their condition is better imagined than described.

MEMBERSHIP FEES (£40)

are now due, and can be paid by BACS:

Priory Farm Aviators

Sort Code: 20-62-53

Account No: 33333094

BACS is the preferred method, but if that is not possible, you can still pay in cash or (as a last resort) by cheque made out to "Priory Farm Aviators" and handed to Bob Sage or posted to Priory Farm, Pristow Green Lane, Tibenham, Norfolk, NR16 1NY

PFA Committee Meeting

Held at the Old Ram Inn restaurant in Tivetshall St Mary on 2 March 2022

Present: Alan McNeal, Bob Sage, David Brown, John Fielding, Mik Horn, Paul Jackson, Richard Flagg, Steve Foreman, Sue Foreman

1. April trip. Richard explained that he had arranged a trip to the RAF Marham Heritage Centre and that members needed to let him know if they were coming. It would be on 6 April. Meet at 5.45 for 6:00 start. Paul has included some details in the latest Waypoint.

2. Fly-out destination. Richard is working on arranging for the club to have a fly-out to West Raynham where there would be a tour of the control tower. Date unknown.

3. Membership. Bob explained that there are currently 40 paid-up members.

4. Finances. Mik stated that there is £23,592 in the PFA bank accounts and £220 cash and cheque to pay in. John has yet to present purchase receipts totalling £1,256 for reimbursement to Mik. The biggest one being £1,224 for the defibrillator.

5. Share-a-Seat Day. This has been scheduled for 14 May.

6. Defibrillator/first aid box signs. Alan has shopped around and sourced custom-made, plastic-backed signs to be nailed up in prominent locations around the airfield. He'll be coming up to the airfield during the week to put them up with Bob.

7. Broken anemometer. The recent gales blew down the weather station pole, breaking the wind cups which were on top of the pole. Alan has obtained replacement cups and will be mending the weather station and using strong fastenings on the pole to prevent it being blown over in the future.

8. Liability insurance. The renewal date is not until 3 October but Steve and Sue kindly agreed to take on the job of looking for best prices and arranging the renewal when the time comes.

9. Next committee meeting. This would normally have been on 4 May (at the first of our summer barbecues) but John is away and it was decided to miss this date and hold the next meeting in June.

10. New concrete patio area. Bob explained that this would be best tackled when the weather turns warmer.

11. UL91. Whilst E5 unleaded petrol is still available from petrol stations, Bob has decided that he will continue to use his fuel bowser to provide Avgas.

12. AOB. Bob asked for it to be mentioned again that for hygiene reasons, members should not bring tea towels in the club's kitchen.

13. AOB 2. Bob pointed out that the new PIR light above the club hut door needed adjusting as it was remaining on. Mik agreed to have a look at its settings.



Welcome . . .

To our two most recent members: Nick Duckworth and Maurice Edwards.

By way of self-introduction, Maurice writes, "In terms of my flying backstory, I'm afraid there is little to report, primarily due to the fact that I didn't start training until after the first lockdown

in August 2020, I gained my NPPL M in October last year, despite the various Covid lockdowns, and my GST having been deferred three times due to weather. I did pass my first four theory exams in one sitting which was one advantage of lockdown two or three, swatting is easy when you're housebound.

"Trained in a C42 microlight and I continue to fly one, having bought into a syndicate while training. I am now awaiting delivery of a C42C which should arrive mid-June.

"Being retired, I now try to fly at least once a week to improve my skill set and I try to enter a new airfield in my log book every couple of weeks. I guess I'm still in the honeymoon period and being able to pull a plane out of the hangar and fly simply gives me a buzz."



Nick Duckworth, our second new-joiner has always held an interest in flying and first aspired to be a Navy helicopter pilot. Seeing sense and joining the Army instead, he later attended Army pilot selection and progressed onto Chipmunks.

Top Gun hit the cinemas the same week but it failed to provide the inspiration needed; not only could Nick not fly upside down, but he couldn't get the Chippy to land either.

If taking off wasn't pretty, landing was a precarious event, skimming over the roof of Middle Wallop Aviation Museum and bunny hopping down the runway until the aircraft trundled to a gentle halt much to the relief of the ill-tempered and frustrated instructor.

Flying took a back seat for a number of years until Nick discovered weight shift microlight flying and went on to gain his licence through the RAF at Wyton in the late 1990s. He then flew a 462 Q from Newton Peveril in Dorset; familiar destinations being Corfe Castle, Old Harry Rocks, Lulworth and Durdle Door. He later went solo on three-axis before leaving the services.

Now wishing to return to small aviation Nick is looking forward to getting back into the clouds, probably in a small single-seat weight-shift but also with one eye on a three-axis replica from the early 1900's. Priory Farm embodies the same grass strip atmosphere as Newton Peveril and Nick looks forward to joining the community.

EDITORIAL ANNOUNCEMENT



In August 2004, the monthly newsletter of Breckland Strut, Popular Flying Association, gained a new editor—namely, the undersigned. More by reticence of the membership than brilliance of the journalistic arts, he has retained that position ever since.

This will be changing in a few months, so the search is on for a new *Waypoint* editor.

To likely candidates, I will impart a closely-guarded secret: *It is all done on bog-standard Microsoft Office Word—even the photographs!*

If you can write a letter on your computer, then you can produce this newsletter. And Bill Gates will even check your spelling and syntax for you.

A phased transition of editors is planned over the coming months; “Training will be given.”

Should you be able to spare half a day once per month, please contact the Chairman to offer your services. *DO* all rush at once.

Paul Jackson

The tempo of comings and goings increased during March—but first, to catch up, the stored Meyers OTW-145 G-MOTW has departed to the owner’s home in Suffolk.

- ❖ 21 March Thruster T600N G-BZNP left by road to go to a new owner. It has been stored since Peter Twissell suffered an engine failure and forced landing. Peter is considering going back to paragliding.
- ❖ 25 March G-CBAS a Rans S6-ES Coyote II (80 hp Rotax 912) arrived; but departed (see picture below) to Monewden with Keith Garnett on 3 April.



- ❖ 26 March Jodel G-LDWS departed for new ownership, having been sold by Adrian Hall-Carpenter.
- ❖ 26 March G-BUVX Streak Shadow (64 hp Rotax 582) arrived, as depicted below. Owned by Keith Garnett since 22 March; flown by Julian Campbell.



(Expected soon is G-GTFC, a P&M Pegasus Quik registered on 25 March to GGTFCC Flying Group c/o George Winter.)

And remaining exactly where it is in Hangar 1, Aeronca Chief G-AKVN was sold by Paul Jackson to Adrian Hall-Carpenter on 2 April.

