



# WAYPOINT

## The Priory Farm Aviators' Newsletter – May 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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**Wednesday 4 May** begins our Summer season of BBQs at Priory Farm. It will be a pleasure to welcome the new members who have joined the PFA since our last outdoor noshing session, so a brief summary of what to expect might prove useful.



In the Chairman's words: "The barbecue is an informal affair with people turning up from around 6 pm and sauntering home when it gets dark. The PFA-supplied coals are lit at about 5.30 ... and ready to cook food from about 6.30-ish. If the weather is poor, there may only be ten or so people turn up ... but if the weather is good, there could be thirty.

"Occasionally, a few members fly their aircraft and people fly in from other airfields. We don't mind if non-members come along ... the more the merrier.

"I should also add that the whole affair is D.I.Y., so you need to bring along your own food and utensils. If your burgers get burnt—nobody's to blame except yourself."

Then:

**Saturday 14 May is Share-a-Seat Day**

**Wednesday 1 June is BBQ Evening and**

**Sunday 19 June is Fathers' Day Fly-In & BBQ**

Share-a-seat is an informal meeting of aviators who have, or have not, their own aeroplane. There's nothing to stop 'consenting adults' setting up a joint flight in advance—otherwise just pitch up on the day and give or receive a flight as your circumstances permit. If you haven't an aircraft, or have one but are thinking of changing it, this is a time to weigh the options.

If the weather forecast is iffy, look out for an e-mail from the Chairman slipping the event to the Sunday.

### **MEMBERSHIP FEES (£40)**

**are now overdue**, 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 Visit to RAF Marham



Thanks are due to Richard Flagg for arranging a most popular and informative visit to the Heritage Centre at RAF Marham on the evening of 6 April. Our two, superb and knowledgeable volunteer guides made this, perhaps, the best away-evening we have enjoyed.

### PFA Committee Meeting

There was no meeting on 6 April,

## PYLON PROBLEMS

Members will have received an e-mail from the Chairman giving early warning of plans to construct a North–South line of electricity pylons passing close to Priory Farm on the West side.

This will facilitate the overhead transmission of 400 kV and it should be noted that a typical 400 kV pylon is 45-50 metres tall—**150 to 165 feet** in old money.

A provisional map of the planned route shows that the nearest pylon could be as close as 350 metres to the West and 1,400 m to the North, meaning that the pylons are within our circuit. At best, the pylons could be directly under the downwind portion of the circuit (1,200 metres)—but in view of the houses there, that seems an unlikely route.

Two of our ballooning members have already pointed out that there are negative implications for them. The PFA's response will be discussed at the next Committee meeting and while we might be encouraged by the number of local objections all along the proposed route, we should not be complacent. They might be arguing for the route to be farther East!



And on a 'lighter' note, Paul Coman advises us that Sackville AH-31 balloon G-CISD has arrived at Priory Farm, whilst G-BNMX, G-JINI and G-BUYD are still there, as previously advised.

## CHANGE OF COMMAND

*Alan McNeal has stepped forward to volunteer to be the next editor of Waypoint. The chains of office will be handed over during the coming months.*

A flyer for a "Fathers' Day Fly-in & BBQ" at Priory Farm on Sunday, 19 June 2022. The flyer features a photograph of a biplane on a grassy field with people in the background. The biplane has a checkered tail and the letters "WZ" on its side. The text on the flyer includes the event name, date, website (www.flyPFA.co.uk), and a prize for the "farthest-travelled a/c". There is also a starburst graphic that says "FREE Camping Saturday Night". At the bottom, there are coordinates, altitude, and contact information for Bob Sage.

**Fathers' Day Fly-in & BBQ**  
**Priory Farm**  
**Sunday, 19 June**  
2022  
[www.flyPFA.co.uk](http://www.flyPFA.co.uk)

Prize for the farthest-travelled a/c

FREE Camping Saturday Night

N52° 27' 09.24" E 001° 07' 51.30"  
186 ft AMSL, Priory Micro 129.830  
R/W 01/19, 600 m grass  
100LL (cash/cheque)  
Remain clear of intensive gliding at Tibenham  
Contact: Bob Sage 01370 677934 in advance  
07799 006144 on the day  
\*First-time visitors MUST FIVE

