



WAYPOINT

The Priory Farm Aviators' Newsletter – January 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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Members on e-mail will already be aware that the PFA AGM will be held at the Norfolk Gliding Club at 7:30 PM this Wednesday, 5 January.

Food will be available from 6:30 and there is a choice of either Chilli Con Carne or Spanish Chicken (or a mystery veggie option.) If you want food, and haven't ordered you need to let the Chairman know *this very (Monday) morning*.

After the AGM, starting about 8:00 PM, we have a couple of informative and entertaining presentations from members:

VISITING AN F.I.S. AIRFIELD

A bit nervous of visiting a Flight Information Service airfield? How are they different from air/ground radio? Don't come unstuck by not knowing the ropes! Come to the PFA AGM when Alan McNeal (AFISO & CAA air/ground radio tutor/examiner) is giving an enlightening and demystifying visual presentation on the topic.

That will be followed by one of Paul Jackson's aviation-related quizzes.

Aircraft Identification Quiz

It's like an aircraft *recognition* contest — only without the pictures of aircraft!

How does he do it?

Bring paper and pen; find out and, possibly, win a prize.

The evening will finish at about 9:15 PM.

Because of the pandemic, this will be a biennial 'annual' meeting, and it would be a bonus to the PFA if some members would offer their services to the Committee. We have one new volunteer, who will be standing for election by the membership at the AGM.

If you can offer your services to the PFA, e-mail John Fielding (address above) or call 07941 290162.

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

The next PFA members' meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 2 February in the Norwich area. Subject to a satisfactory check-out, the venue will be the *Marsh Harrier* on the Ipswich Road, south of Norwich (near to Tesco). Confirmation will appear in the next *Waypoint*.

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL EVENING

— Or how the PFA snatched victory from the jaws of defeat; related by the Chairman

The evening didn't start well. Sharon and I arrived at the Norfolk Gliding Club clubhouse and were shown to the party room by Julian, the chef providing the catering. The tables and chairs were piled up everywhere and the room was a mess. Julian explained that he'd been told that I'd be setting up the room. I'd foolishly texted the club secretary to say that I'd be there an hour early on 1 December to decorate the venue and prepare—but I'd meant that I'd be putting out the bunting and balloons ... and setting up the games and music.

It wasn't a calamity though. Mik Horn had kindly arrived early with his bunting and everyone pitched-in to set out the room and decorate the place, ready for the club members' arrival at 6:30.

I'd been concerned that we might have to cancel the PFA Christmas Dinner this year for obvious reasons; however we had 24 guests which was more than enough to provide a great club party feel to the event. Julian and his assistant provided a terrific Christmas dinner which was served in the form of a three-course, help-yourself buffet.

After the meal, the winner of the challenging aviation crossword competition was announced, followed by a rip-roaring aviation jigsaw puzzle race.

The **John McCleod Trophy** was then presented to David Brown who was invited to tell us about his epic flight from Jersey to Priory Farm in his self-built Sherwood Ranger, via the long sea crossing. Apparently, he was out of sight of land in his Jabiru-powered biplane for an hour and forty minutes.

The evening concluded with the judging of a 'choose a caption' competition and drawing of the raffle. Thanks to everyone for their generosity in donating prizes and buying raffle tickets. It was a splendid

evening and a great way to kick off December.



David Brown (left) is congratulated and alcoholically rewarded by John Fielding on his winning the John McLeod Trophy for 2021.

Fashioned by our own John Barker, the Trophy was endowed by the late John Horowitz in memory of his flying companion, John McLeod. It is awarded annually by a vote of the Committee for “services to light aviation” by a member of the PFA.

This is a deliberately wide citation which often recognises a feat of well-planned, but adventurous flying which inspires our members to make more of their aviating than partaking of coffee and cake at Northrepps or Fenland.



Welcome to our new member Matthew Hyde, who joined the circuit on 1 January and expects to land his Vans RV-7 at Priory Farm in a couple of months' time.





Priory Farm Residents at 1 January 2022

G-AHHH	Auster J1N Alpha	Adrian L Hall-Carpenter
G-AKVN	Aeronca 11AC Chief	Paul A Jackson
G-ASRC	Druine D.62C Condor	Tom Garnham
G-BHPK	Piper J3C-65 Cub	L4 Group "238410 44-A"
G-BPML	Cessna 172M Skyhawk II	Nigel A Bilton
G-BUPR	Jodel D.18	Roger W Burrows
G-BYPF	Thruster T600	Trevor R Villa
G-CBDL	Mainair Blade	Trevor R Villa
G-CBGE	Tecnam P92-EA Echo	Daniel Nutt
G-CDXU	Chilton DW.1A	Michael Gibbs
G-CETO	Best Off Skyranger Swift	Simon C Stoodley
G-CGUG	P&M QuikR	George Bennett
G-CIWA	Best Off Skyranger Swift	Stephen 'Charlie' Lilley
G-CIXS	Zenair CH 701SP	Steve and Sue Foreman
G-CLCO	Groppo Trail	Christopher Barnes
G-CLZA	Zenair CH 601HDS	Stephen & Susan Foreman
G-DGAV	P&M QuikR	Matthew D Howe
G-DWCB	Chilton DW.1A	Christopher Barnes
G-FIDO	Best Off Skyranger Nynja 912	David Hunter
G-LDWS	Jodel D150 Mascaret	Adrian L Hall-Carpenter
G-MYWE	Thruster T600	Robert J Adams
G-MZGW	Mainair Blade SS	Richard C Ford
G-SDFM	Evektor EV-97 Eurostar	G-SDFM Eurostar Group c/o Simon Moore
G-SNUG	Best Off Skyranger Nynja	John Mundy & John Fielding
G-SWAB	Sherwood Ranger	David S Brown
N6438C	Stinson L-5 Sentinel	Mike Nice "298177 8-R"

Long-term unserviceable (mostly, dismantled or incomplete):

G-ASSV	Kensinger KF	Chris I Jefferson; in trailer
G-BMOJ	Cameron O-56 (balloon)	Workshop
G-BZNP	Thruster T600	Peter Twissell
G-BZRZ	Cameron Thunder AX11 (balloon)	Barn (for disposal)
G-CCSG	Cameron Z-275 (balloon)	Barn (for disposal)
G-KRII	Rand Robinson KR2	Bob Sage; preserved
G-MBYM	Eipper Quicksilver MX	Mike Harper & Roger Doggett
G-MOTW	Meyers OTW-145	Dismantled
G-OBUN	Cameron A-250 (balloon)	Barn (for disposal)
N1328	Fairchild F24R-46KS Argus	Workshop; frame only
BGA1283	EoN 463 Olympia	Bob Sage; preserved in trailer
PFA216-12061	Piel CP.328 Super Emeraude	Adrian L Hall-Carpenter

Further Notes:

G-FANC *Fairchild Argus III* *A few pieces remaining*

Arrived and departed during 2021: G-BLPG Auster; G-BOOH Jodel

Balloon occasional deployments (not resident):

G-CKKO	<i>Ultramagic H-77</i>	<i>Ian Steward</i>
G-DURX	<i>Thunder & Colt 77A</i>	<i>Paul Coman</i>
G-JINI	<i>Cameron V-77</i>	<i>Ian Warrington</i>
G-NLCH	<i>Lindstrand LBL 35A Coudhopper</i>	<i>Sean Simington</i>
G-TADS	<i>Mead BA-77</i>	<i>David J Stagg</i>

