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## Committee Members

John Fielding (chair), Bob Sage (airfield owner), Mik Horne (Treasurer), Alan McNeal (WX station, R/T, Waypoint editor)  
Paul Jackson, David Brown, Richard Flagg (webmaster), Paul Archer, Sean Simington, Julian Campbell, Nigel Hall



Let's hope the New Year brings some international stability, an end to war, lower prices, health, happiness and great flying to all PFA members! Wishful thinking? Maybe!

It's a fairly 'light' issue this month with just a report on our very successful Christmas Dinner at a new venue - The Gamekeeper pub in Old Buckenham....



Apologies for the low quality - they are frame grabs from some I-Phone video.....

The general consensus was that the Gamekeeper function room - being huge, was a good choice for our 'do' (thanks to Steve & Sue Foreman for checking this out). The meal was enjoyed by most and served without too much of a wait, so all in all it was a success.

Paul Jackson came up with an aviation puzzle where you had to find aviation names in a huge block of letters, which kept us all quiet for a while!

The raffle was a great success as the number of prizes donated by members was huge! Many thanks to all of you for your generosity.

John Fielding once again made a short speech on this year's award of the John McLeod Trophy which goes to the club member who in the opinion of the Committee has made a significant or outstanding contribution to Priory Farm operations, or has made a flight or flying adventure which is out of the ordinary. Here are John's words from his presentation....

*"When we were discussing who should be awarded this year's John McLeod trophy, none of us could believe that this man hadn't already won it.*

*We are fortunate to enjoy a relaxed, easy going atmosphere at Priory Farm Airfield which .... isn't an accident ... The character at Priory Farm filters down from the top. And by the top, I don't mean me ... or the committee. There's really only one person in charge at Priory Farm and you know who it is. Mention Priory Farm Airfield to any aviator in East Anglia and they'll all know him.*

*The atmosphere at the airfield might be relaxed but there's very little that takes place on the that he isn't aware of. Have you ever heard a gruff little voice behind you when you're getting your plane ready for flight?*

*Do you think that tyre could do with some air?*

*Are you missing a screw on the cowling?*

*Are you going to put the oil cap back on?*

*Did you mean to leave the fuel cap on the wing?*

*Did you mean to put diesel in the fuel tanks?*

*And the way he tells you, is never accusing or unkind. Simply helpful and without an edge. By the way ... those errors have nothing to do with me ... but I've heard it said of others.*

*From training to work in air traffic control, to rebuilding Stearman and to developing an airfield operation .... aviation and Priory Farm Airfield have been his life .... and WE have have been the beneficiaries!*

*And ... it's blooming unfortunate that the one person who has been to almost every committee meeting, barbecue, group outing and Christmas party in our history ... isn't able to be with us tonight. SO we'll send him a video .... wish him well ... and send him our love.*

*Please be upstanding to offer a toast: TO BOB SAGE !!"*

**N.B. There was no Committee meeting in December, so no Minutes this month. The AGM is on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023. THIS WILL BE AT THE CLUBHOUSE THIS YEAR, so when asked, please let John Fielding know if you are coming, so that we know the number of members to accommodate.**

That's if for this month. Ed.