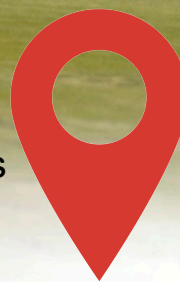




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Breaking News!



You have a new Waypoint editor! After many years of producing a regular monthly edition of Priory Farm's excellent newsletter, our good friend Paul Jackson decided to sit back on his well-earned laurels and hand the job to someone new. Guess who was in the way when John Fielding was looking for a victim?

No, it's not true - I volunteered for the job! As some of you know I have a long and varied background in GA - pilot, aircraft owner, sales broker, radio operator and AFISO. Flying and owning aircraft is behind me now, so along with my work as an air/ground radio (ROCC) tutor and examiner, I enjoy remaining in aviation. Being editor of Waypoint is a welcome new job I shall do to the best of my ability.

This month's edition is very much 'work in progress' whilst I get to grips with new desktop publishing software and the newsletter content but it will get better! Alan McNeal, Ed.

Events

Our next big event is the Fathers' Day Fly-in' on 19th June, so put it in your diary - come along and support this once-a-year fun, food & flying event at Priory Farm.

Fathers' Day Fly-in & BBQ
Priory Farm
Sunday, 19 June
2022
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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 01379 677334 in advance
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 *First-time visitors MUST PPR

SHARE A SEAT DAY

From John Fielding

We could not have had more perfect weather for this year's PFA share-a-seat day. Tom Garnham in his Condor and I in my Skyranger took a few delighted people up for flights.

Tom's wife Sue, very kindly brought in a tray of donuts for everyone to enjoy and Alan spent the day operating the radio, making the multiple comings and goings feel much safer.

My highlight was taking new member, Nick Duckworth's son, up for a flight. See attached. It was Luke's very first time up in an aircraft of any description. You can tell from Luke's relaxed smile that the pic was taken after the flight!



Airfield Matters

The prospect of having a giant line of electricity pylons pass right through our circuit to the west is still attracting public debate. Bob Sage and John Fielding have attended meetings with the agency handling the planning of this and gathered information which has been passed to all of you in recent emails. It is important we respond to this as individuals, making coherent, factual and safety based arguments to persuade the planners to eventually route the pylons further away from Priory Farm circuit. The proposed route would seriously disrupt operations and raise the potential dangers of flying in our vicinity.

YOUR VIEWS MATTER, so please take up the cudgels and get your comments in as soon as possible! The link for posting your views is in John Fielding's email to members on 9th May.

Arrivals/Departures



One arrival this month was a new member, pilot and aircraft owner - Julian Campbell. He flies a rather colourful green and yellow Streak Shadow, G-BUVX with a Rotax 582 engine. Julian lives in Bury St Edmunds. Welcome Julian to one of the most friendly farm airstrips anywhere. We hope to get to know you very soon.

Website Matters

Richard Flagg, our webmaster is creating a Members' Page on the PFA website. This will list past issues of Waypoint for download and other useful information and be accessible to all members by password. Look out for an email from John Fielding.

Committee Meeting

We have not held a committee meeting for a couple of months, so no Minutes to share with you just now. Our next meeting will be on June 1st, so the minutes will follow in the next issue of Waypoint, together with (hopefully) a giant write-up on the Father's Day Fly-in! That's all for now. Ed