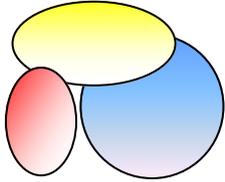




# Brissle Strutter



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## Next Meeting— REVIEW OF 2021

As Trevor has already informed you, our January meeting will be by Zoom - on **Tuesday 4th January at 7.45 pm**. Login details will be circulated separately via email to Strut members. Any non-member wishing to join us, please contact our Treasurer Neville or Trevor at the email addresses on this page.

We will stay with our usual January theme of hearing about what flying we have achieved in the past year, but as this may be a bit thin compared to previous years we would also like to hear about plans for 2022. Also we would welcome your contributions on 'I learned about flying from that' - we tackled this subject in February 2021, but have the impression that there may be more that could be offered. So I repeat the invitation from our February meeting:

*If you have any lessons learned which you would be prepared to share with our strut members (there's no need to be embarrassed—we've all done something which we wish we'd rather forget) then do be prepared to say a few words about it and particularly emphasise the lessons learned. No longer than 5 minutes per incident - and often a minute or two may be enough. By all means have a picture or two ready to illustrate, and Neville will pass Share Screen to you - or you can provide material to him in advance for him to act as your projectionist.*

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## LAST MONTH—Christmas Event

We gathered as usual - but suitably distanced - for our Christmas meeting.

A serious element of the evening was a discussion on the CAA consultation on cost sharing - see reminder later. Otherwise we relaxed with quiz questions and a couple of short films, finishing by resurrecting an event from earlier Strut years - turning our quiz sheets into paper darts and attempting to land them on a carrier deck. It would appear that some lessons on cg and aerodynamics are needed before next year, though the chairman of the RAeS General Aviation Group had more success than most.

## Where to go in January?

**Flyer** ; Beverley, Cromer, Netherthorpe, Spanhoe, Strathaven  
**Light Aviation** ; None this month – due to magazine space.

## February:

**Flyer:** Blackpool, Eshott, Holmbeck Farm, Middlezoy

## ZOOM TALK ON RAF BRIZE NORTON ATC

For those who missed Neil McDonald's presentation to the Strut in May 2019 on **RAF Brize Norton ATC**, which led to subsequent fly-ins to Brize, he is talking by Zoom to Cambridge Aero Club on **Monday 17 January**.

Details and booking, **which is essential**, can be found [here](#).

## Picture Quiz

Last month Trevor said:

*"Here's a rather unusual aircraft, seen at the Stoke Golding informal fly-in in August. A design about 40 years old, but just a sole example in the UK."*

Ron Perry was very quick off the mark replying with: *The mystery aircraft is a Sandler Vampire SV2. I looked over one at Husband's Bosworth when I was up there. Probably the same one! G-CIMY*

Quickly followed by **Pete White** from Cornwall with the same answer.

And bringing up the rear was **Alan George** with: *The picture quiz in the December newsletter is a Sadler Vampire, I have no idea how I know that, have we had a question about it before? Plus I did not know there was one in the UK.*

Trevor's full description is: 'Sadler Vampire, the sole example in the UK, at 290kg MTOW it is now in the Single Seat Deregulated category. Designed in the US in the early 80s, with 20hp single cylinder engine, the Vampire won the Grand Champion Design award at Oshkosh 1982. Shorter wing versions with larger engines have been manufactured in the US and Australia - this one is an Australian example.'



### For this month:

At our Christmas Strut meeting we saw a video about Croydon operations in the '30s. A couple of quite similar foreign airliners were shown.

Interestingly, both types ended up being used by the RAF in WW2.

Can you identify them?



## CAA Etc UPDATES

**Cost-sharing:** There are a couple of weeks left (until 12 January) to respond to the CAA consultation on cost-sharing. Clarity is certainly needed in this area, and illegal operations can not be condoned, but some aspects of the consultation suggest an imposition of a documentation burden on legal cost-sharing which would have no impact on safety in respect of those prepared to operate illegally. It's likely to affect you - have your say at [consultation on cost sharing regulations for private pilots](#).

The CAA has issued an updated Safety Sense leaflet SS03 - **Winter Flying**.

## The PilotAware team break ground again!

Expect a software update to be available for your PAW (Classic or Rosetta) in the next few days. Until now, when in reception range of an ATOM ground station you have been benefiting from information available to that ground station, eg positional information on Flarm, ADS-B, Mode S, in addition to direct reception of other PAW-equipped aircraft within range. As we understand it, the new software will allow each PAW aircraft to act like an ATOM station so that, if aircraft A is in contact with an ATOM ground station and also with aircraft B which is not in contact with the ground station (obscuration, range etc), A will act as a relay between B and the ATOM grid, providing a dramatic improvement in detection of all electronic conspicuity systems.

And they haven't finished yet - there is the promise of a further radical development which is underway.

## 'Scramble'

We're aware that other Struts operate a 'scramble' system, which allows member to co-ordinate ad-hoc fly-ins very easily via use of the 'WhatsApp' app (available on all major phone operating systems!). The idea is that if you decide to go on a landaway somewhere relatively local, you can send a message on the WhatsApp group which all other members will see - and they can indicate if they will try and join you there. All that's required is:

- A. Install 'WhatsApp' on your mobile phone.
- B. Send Neville (who is the administrator for the group) a message on 07825 138077 (text message or via WhatsApp once he's in your contacts list) saying that you want to join the Bristol Strut Scramble - and he will add you to the group - it's that simple.

Given the disparate locations we fly from, this could be a great way to encourage more socialising outside of our monthly BAWA meeting in the New Year - and to see other flyers from the Strut with their aircraft!



If you've got any queries feel free to contact Neville either by email via at the [treasurer@bristolstrut.uk](mailto:treasurer@bristolstrut.uk) address or by text on the number given above.