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Message from the Chair

Well - we look to be having a pretty prolonged spell of good weather at the moment, and I'm sure we will all be aiming to make the most of it! Probable worth remembering that with good weather we need to stay alert to issues around hydration - especially for those with greenhouse type cockpits. Whilst not a primary threat in terms of flight safety, dehydration can affect your decision making ability - as was noted in one particularly [sad case](#) last year - along with a GPS failure that may also have been temperature related. So remember to think about the challenges posed by hot sunny weather - and don't get caught out!

We did have our first attempt at a fly-out recently, following on from our 'My Favourite Airfield' evening earlier on in the year - unfortunately only 3 aircraft could make it on the day, so not quite the gathering of the clan that had been hoped for. Our June get together will be on Tuesday 6th, and as there was little interest in getting together for a skittles practice we will simply be aiming for a meal together for anyone that can make it to the Eastfield Pub, Henleaze. It would be helpful to know numbers for booking a table, so if you could email myself and confirm if you're attending that would be great.

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Last meeting

As Neville mentioned above, there was only a select gathering at Compton Abbas on 27 May, for the first Strut fly-out in a very long time: Alan in his Pitts, Mary & Trevor in G-DENS and Phil + 1 in Cotswold Aero Club's Robin. We had blue skies and a chance to see Compton's new facilities. The building is striking, with the side overlooking the runway being totally glass.



Last month's meeting—continued

The restaurant and bar occupy the space previously used by the restaurant + pilots' eating area. There is still an area of seating reserved for residents and pilots. Food options seem a little less flexible than previously, but this was only their second weekend.

Trevor



This month's meeting

We normally take a break from meetings at BAWA for the peak summer months, so as noted by Neville we plan to gather on Tuesday 6 June at 18:30 at the Eastfield Pub, 219 Henleaze Road, for a chat and a meal. Please let Neville know soonest if you plan to attend so that we can reserve appropriate seating.

Bristol Aero Talks – late news—Tuesday evening!

To commemorate the 70th anniversary of Walter Gibb breaking the world altitude record in a modified English Electric Canberra aircraft powered by two early Bristol Olympus engines there will be a showing of a video recording of an autobiographical lecture that Walter gave to the Rolls-Royce Heritage Trust Bristol Branch on 20th September 1999. This is a fascinating record of Walter's amazing career that included his test flying of many Bristol aircraft types. 5:15 pm on Tuesday 30th May 2023, John James Lecture Theatre, Aerospace Bristol, Hayes Way, Patchway BS34 5BZ. Pre booking is not required, with no charge for entry. However, there will be a voluntary 'bucket' leaving collection to cover costs with any residue going to support the Aerospace Bristol Museum. This event is being jointly organised by Bristol Aero Talks and the Bristol Branch of the Rolls-Royce Heritage Trust.

Looking ahead, on June 20th a talk on "Barnes Wallace's R100 Airship" will be given by Roger Allton of the Airship Heritage Trust. This will also be held in the John James Theatre at the earlier time of 5:15pm. This talk is being jointly organised by Bristol Aero Talks and the Bristol Branch of the Rolls-Royce Heritage Trust.

Picture Quiz—Tails of the Unexpected!

What happened next in these two cases?



Information from the CAA and elsewhere

The CAA and DfT have again extended the rebate scheme on electronic conspicuity devices. The scheme will remain open to applications until 31 March 2024 (or until the funding is used). Those meeting the requirements can claim a 50% rebate of the purchase cost of an EC device to a maximum of £250.00 (including VAT), per applicant. Full details [here](#).

The CAA has updated Safety Sense leaflet 31 on [Distraction and interruption in General Aviation operations](#).

ORS4 No. 1578—[Standardised European Rules of the Air – Compliance with Cruising Level Requirements](#): this is a reissue of an ORS4 to maintain the current situation in the UK pending formal incorporation in the Rules of the Air regulations.

There is a new [GA podcast](#) from the CAA—Episode 6: Talking RT.

In case it has any interest, there is a revised version of [CAP1302](#), which explains the policy and process for transferring a non-Part 21 aircraft from a national CofA to a national (CAA or LAA) Permit to Fly.

The next AIRAC update is on 15 June; don't forget to keep your electronic databases current.

I ordered some oil from Adams Aviation today. In the past their website home page allowed you to register an account for discount as an LAA/EFLEVA member. The home page has now changed. I am told by Adams that, If you already have an account which recognises you as entitled to the LAA discount, the prices you see automatically include that discount. If you don't have an account with discount, you will need to order by phone to claim it.

Trevor

The LAA has been asked by the Home Office to share this request for feedback:

Home Office Consultation: Advance information requirements for international General Aviation flights

On **Monday 24 April** the Home Office launched a consultation on 'General Aviation: Advance information requirements for international flights'.

The consultation can be found online here: [Advance information requirements for international General Aviation flights - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#).

We are seeking views from the General Aviation sector on a proposal to introduce new regulations requiring persons responsible for international GA flights to submit information online and in advance about flights to and from the UK and persons on board for immigration and policing purposes. These regulations would be underpinned by a civil penalty regime.

When do I have to return my response?

We encourage you to take the time to read the proposal and respond to the consultation which closes on Friday 16 June.

Join online sGAR familiarisation sessions

In March 2019, the Home Office launched the s-GAR "submit a general aviation report" web service, enabling the submission of information online and in advance about international GA flights and persons on board.

During the consultation period the Home Office will be hosting online sessions demonstrating the sGAR portal. If you would be interested in joining, please email GeneralAviationConsultation@homeoffice.gov.uk.

Where to go in June

'Light Aviation' vouchers: Enstone North Side, Eshott, Kittyhawk Farm (£5 reduction)

Events

June 3	Blackbushe Air Day Bodmin—Ladies' Day fly-in Compton Abbas Vintage fly-in
June 8-10	Aero Expo, Sywell – fly-in booking and pilot briefing pack here
June 15	Popham evening fly-in and BBO
June 17	Devon Strut—Farway Common
June 21	Shobdon—Longest Day fly-in & BBO
June 23-25	Draycot Farm airfield fly-in. Basic food and refreshments, live music on Saturday evening and camping. Staying over is welcomed. 700m grass runway 36-18, safety com 135.480 and avgas fuel. PPR with Kevin Hale - 07762931590. £10 landing fee.
July 1	Compton Abbas Vintage fly-in

And looking further ahead...

GRASS ROOTS
Popham Airfield EGHP
18th - 20th August 2023 *Fly-In*

LAA Annual Fly In. Vintage, gyros, home built and sport aircraft. www.laa.uk.com

Tip of the Month

Do beware helicopter downwash—even modest-sized helicopters. If you want to know why, just watch [this YouTube footage!](#)