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Last month...

Since it was n't possible to book a formal speaker, we had the opportunity to catch up on news with fellow members and also to watch a video of Mlada Boleslav's fly-in (in the Czech Republic). Thanks to Graham for making this possible at short notice.

This month's meeting – 10th February.

We are delighted to announce that Barry Tempest will be our speaker on Thursday 10th February. Barry is an extremely experienced pilot who:

- Has over 13,000 hours of flying experience in some 350 types and variants of light aircraft including over 8,000 hours instructing.
- Started display flying in 1958 and has over 2,300 public airshow performances in the UK and many other countries including France, Germany and the USA.
- Was a founder member of the Barnstormers Flying Circus in 1963 and, in 1971, flew with the famed Rothmans Aerobatic Team in Stampe biplanes.
- Has won numerous aerobatic competitions and display awards in the UK.
- His career in aviation included the role of Chief Flying Instructor at a number of UK Flying Schools, training commercial pilots and flying instructors, air taxi work throughout Europe plus ferrying aircraft to the Middle East. From 1984 to 1997, as a Flight Standards Officer in the UK Civil Aviation Authority, his responsibilities included the regulation and oversight of all civil Air Displays in the UK.
- Was a Flying Instructor Examiner for some 28 years and is a CAA appointed Display Authorisation Evaluator covering a wide range of aircraft.

Barry has recently been asked to arrange the proposed airshow at this year's F4F at Kemble, so he will no doubt welcome any ideas forthcoming from our membership. Do try to come along.

Where to go in February.

Flyer's Free Landings: Fife, Old Sarum, Shobdon and Thruxton.

Pilot's Free Landings: Andrewsfield, Leicester, Perth, Peterborough, Popham and White Waltham.

17th RAeS Bristol Branch Lecture, 6.30pm @ BAWA Filton, Room 1: *A400M Wing and Engine Development* presented by Roger Taplin, Airbus UK & Lars Seumenicht, Rolls-Royce.

20th Kemble Fly-In (Free Landing) - Ops 01285 771177

27thFeb - Bristol Aviation Enthusiasts Fair

At BAWA Filton, from 10:00 until 16:00 – Admission £1.50

Buy, sell, or just browse. Contact Jack Thomas on 01278 760448

Advance diary dates for March:

10th March - CAA GA Safety Evening, Bristol & Wessex Flying Club - Dennis Skidmore 01275 472514
or e-mail: dennis@bristolandwessex.co.uk

13th March - Cardiff International Airport Fly-in (!) Also, look for a free landing voucher for Cardiff in next month's *FLYER* magazine which can be used any time during the month.

Entente Cordiale

Penny Sharpe, at PFA HQ, has passed us this message for circulation to members. If you are interested, and have a 15-year-old who wants an exchange in France, than do contact Jean-Marie.

I am French, I live near the méditerranée between Valras plage and Cap d'agde. My village is Portiragnes 34. I fly on Beziers airport and I like all the Jodels aircraft. I have a D112 and I built a DR250.

But my question is: There may be some members of your association who have a son 15 years old because I want to find a family that could accept for the holidays my son in England for two weeks or one week, and afterwards, the son of this family come for two weeks or one week in holiday in my house in France. I want to find a family for this exchange for learning the language. I think that if this family has also a Jodel or an old plane it is the best. Excuse me for the mistake and the sentence, my English is very bad. It is very good for me to learn also English.

Sincerely thank you.

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The following news items come from the *FLYER* website (www.flyer.co.uk)

W WOW !!

Airbus A380 launched.

The A380 was launched at Airbus's plant in Toulouse, France in mid January in front of 4,500 VIP guests and the leaders of the four European countries - including Britain - involved in the \$12 billion project. With two decks running its whole length and a wingspan of 250ft, Airbus F-WWOW makes a Boeing 747 look small. The A380 is the biggest civil aircraft in the world and will carry up to 850 passengers, 35 per cent more than a 747, and has around 50 per cent more floor space.

Singapore Airlines will next year become the first to fly the A380, which has British-built wings, undercarriage and fuel system as well as Rolls-Royce engines. The wings are made by BAE Systems at Broughton, North Wales, the Trent engines come from the Rolls-Royce plant in Derby and the company's Filton team designed the landing gear. It will start test flights later in the spring before going into service next year.

Around 150 firm orders have already been placed at £86million each - including 41 to Emirates Airlines and 15 to Lufthansa. About 250 need to be sold for the break-even point to be reached.

North Weald faces threat

The East of England Plan names North Weald Airfield and surrounding land specifically as a strategic site for development of 6000 homes and an industrial area. It also suggests a park and ride facility on the site and maybe a rail link passing through. The final study to be produced before the planning policy is adopted went out to public consultation on 8th December and lasts until 16th March 2005. It is imperative that everyone who wishes to support the continued existence of North Weald Airfield registers objections before the deadline.

This can be done by filling in the consultation form on the EERA website at:
<http://eera.web-labs.co.uk/eeerapublicconsultation/>

Or the North Weald Users Group: Website: www.northwealdairfield.org Email: info@northwealdairfield.org

The newsletter is somewhat thin this month because no interesting articles have been received. It's your Strutter, so all material of an aeronautical nature will be considered, even welcomed! Please e-mail or post to us by the first Thursday each month as we normally go to print on the Friday before the meeting. Thanks, I&M.
