

# NEWSLETTER

November 2014



## FROM THE EDITOR

As the evenings draw in with a chill in the air, the flying slows down and Ken and the Pilots draw a big breath..... What a summer!!!

A record number of charters from delivering aircraft parts to Cardiff, trips to Glastonbury, Ascot, Silverstone, Weddings and sightseeing trips all kept the aircraft and Pilots flying late into the summer evenings.

DEPARTURES			
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REN06 :: GSKYN	(Local)	07:23Z	Departed
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REN08 :: GTAKE	(Local)	08:30Z	Departed
GCEFM	(Circuit)	08:34Z	Departed
UNP37 :: GSUSX	(Circuit)	08:51Z	Departed
FF027 :: GOCOW	Falrocks	08:13Z	Departed
GBMTB	Covertry	08:30Z	Departed
GCEFM	(Local)	10:00Z	Departed
RDL03 :: GIGPW	Private Site	10:13Z	Departed
RDL21 :: GEERY	(Local)	10:18Z	Departed
RDL10 :: GWCKD	London Helipad	10:51Z	Departed
RDL30 :: GPOGY	(Local)	10:56Z	Departed
UNP37 :: GSUSX	(Local)	11:00Z	Departed
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Unfortunately, as a result we were not able to carry out some of our own 'Club' trips, however, we did get over to Le Touquet again and enjoyed the sights of Montruiel-sur-Mer.

Come 2015 we intend to concentrate on a couple of the more popular 'away days' rather than trying to cram everything in with the emphasis on quality not quantity!

With Christmas fast looming on the horizon I will take this opportunity to thank you for your support over the last year and together with the EBG Team wish you all

**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year**



Hope you enjoy reading our Newsletter

## And another one leaves the nest...

In our Newsletter of November last year it was the 'lure of the North Sea' that beckoned our full-time pilot, Mike Driscoll. This year, it is the Air Ambulance who have lured David Milton away!

He can still be seen around as he has moved to the Hangar next door! We wish him well in his new career path



Our Chief Flying Instructor did not realise that at the time of taking this photo he had interrupted the start of David's test – hence his nervous grin!

We are pleased to report all went well!

## Then into the limelight steps our latest recruit...

**WELCOME** Joe Searles from Rochford in Essex.

Did I hear you say we have our very own member from TOWIE? I wouldn't say that to his face as he served 7 years in the RAF with operational tours of Iraq and Afghanistan. All joking aside, Joe started flying in 2003 obtaining his PPL in 2007 and commercial licence in 2010. In 2013 he became an Instructor and started instructing at Halfpenny Green Airport in the Midlands. Their loss our gain!

Joe says he is really pleased to be part of the EBG team and is really looking forward to 'cutting his teeth' on the bigger machines.

If you have any interesting articles or news items please email them to

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Joe will be dealing predominantly with training so all you PPL(H) students and Self-fly hirers can expect a call from him as he takes over the role.

He has also become the EBG Twitter Guru and is happily tweeting the exploits and antics of EBG. So don't forget to follow him and tweet him [@ebgheli](https://twitter.com/ebgheli) or



alternatively email: [joe@ebghelicopters.co.uk](mailto:joe@ebghelicopters.co.uk)



This year has seen an increase in our London sightseeing trips with a special emphasis on the 'Poppies' at the Tower of London. As you will all agree by air or by foot they were quite spectacular!



Poppies in situ



Aerial shot as the Poppies are being removed

Please visit the EBG Facebook page for further photographs  
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/EBG-Helicopters/815270795280625>



During the year we have not only filmed 'film locations' but been in the movies ourselves!

The latest film is due out this December and if you fancy having a look at the trailer and seeing G-OTFL in action then check out the link on You Tube <http://youtu.be/2k1wngJwnX4>



Another film due out in 2015 is Age of Kill

"A black ops sniper is blackmailed by a psychotic international terrorist into killing 6 unrelated people in 6 hours... but there is more to the victims than meets the eye".

See Ken in his latest acting role as a member of the Police Force but why he is smiling?????



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## G-PGGY is back

The 'old gal' was out of action a little longer than anticipated but all who have flown her since her return have marvelled at how well she is flying and how posh she looks in her new mint condition! Newly equipped with Bose headphones, built in ELT, refurbished seats and a new purring engine she is ready for action.

As Captain Grumpy aka Nic flew her on her delivery flight from Sywell it was only right and fitting that he was there for her with Ken on her maiden flight



## G-SWNS joins the fleet



New to our fleet is G-SWNS another R44 Raven II

G\_SWNS was purchased by Steve Rogers an EBG trained private pilot. Adding to Steve's obvious talents he is the proud owner of 'Swanstaff Recruitment' and his ambition is to grow his company up to 100 branches in the not too distance future

***As you can see the fleet is going from strength to strength!***



## Photographic Portfolio



We have been building up an admirable portfolio of pictures on our Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/EBG-Helicopters/815270795280625>

with photographs ranging from G-WCKD at Farnborough meeting an executive jet through to G-OTFL parking up next to a bonfire (fortunately it was a day or so before it was lit)

We would love to see any photos that you have of our aircraft

Please send your photographs to:

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## *Shhhh...Can you keep a secret? It was Linda's important birthday*

I would like to thank all of you who knew about my husband's plans for my birthday and kept it a secret (some of you for 11 months!!)



I had a once in a life-time experience!

Firstly, I had a birthday bash at home where Molly wore herself out

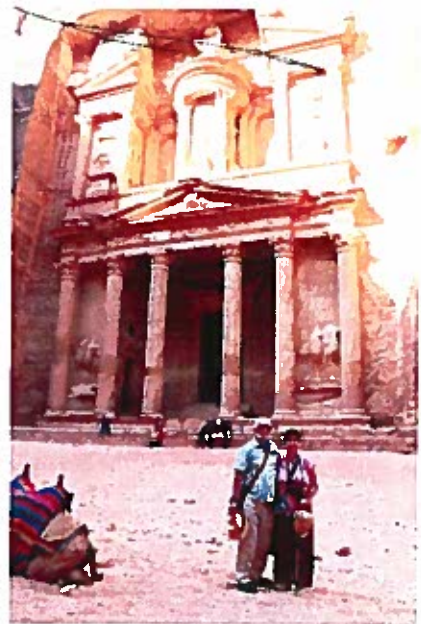
Followed by a week in Jordan to visit Petra which I knew about

Then the real surprise!!!

Three days in Singapore followed by nine days in Bali which came as a complete shock as the family (minus one) joined me at Heathrow Airport for our flights



Her bags were packed and she was ready to catch those rays – Sorry Molls not this time



## **Holiday Humour...**



A bloke goes into his local shop.

"Hi, a packet of helicopter flavour crisps, please" he says.

Puzzled, the shop keeper replies that he doesn't have helicopter flavour crisps.

"Oh, ok.", comes the response." I'll have plain...."

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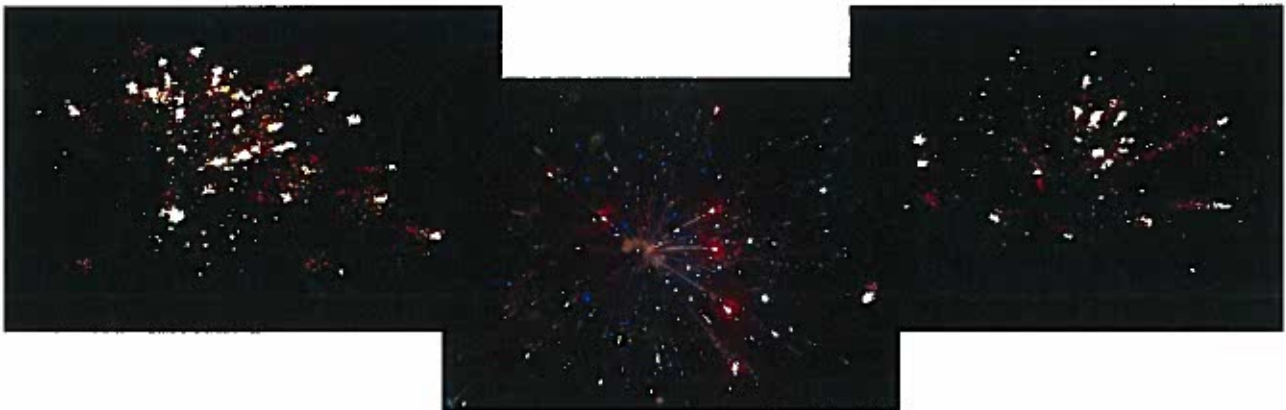


Great turnout this year!



60 fellow pyromaniacs watched Ken and Joe run back and forth.

With ideal weather, marshmallows melting beautifully and sparklers creating that magical effect "just like in the movies" ....OK bit over the top?... a very successful and enjoyable evening was had by all. Thanks to all who came armed with explosives and supported our pyromaniac adventure!!



*A very big thank you from those present is extended to Linda for cooking up a storm in the form of the most enjoyable hog roast and beef baps – any chance of the recipe for the beef?*



# PILOT NOTICEBOARD

## Congratulations go to



*Tony White* who passed his PPL H and is our first student to do so in G-ETWO.

This summer the following have all 'gone solo'

*Richard Godbolt*

*Grant Eyles*

*Kerry Henshall*

*Brian Chueng*

*Jack Manchester*

*Steve Mullett*

## Pilots Noticeboard

A new Pilots Notice Board will be erected just inside the Porta cabin door. Please remember to check the board for information.

## Porta Cabin Flooring

Be warned! We are hoping to refurbish the porta cabin flooring over the winter so watch your step and hopefully there should be no more tripping over!

## Front Pad

With immediate effect there will be NO landings and take-offs on the front pad.

## Legal requirement

Please remember if you are flying you need to **bring your licence and photo ID on all occasions** (This is now a legal requirement)