

# NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE EDITOR

Last newsletter I wrote that we were patiently awaiting the arrival of some decent weather, today it's scorching and we are all hogging the front of the aircon unit!!! Let's hope it lasts through for our next club trip and end of season BBQ. Hope you enjoy reading this edition and look forward to seeing you all at the end of September for a "catch up", when we hope to hold some more "tryouts" in the Gazelle and EC120



Tim Piper, when asked to give us a brief for publication came up with "CPL passed on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2014, 6ft 1in tall with blue eyes and married with one child". The Editor applied the thumb screws and he supplied a little bit more information! Having worked as a Security Engineer and Operations since leaving school he trained for 5 years to get his PPLH and CPL to become a Flying Instructor who has subsequently joined the ranks at EBG.

A man of few words with a very warm hearted smile – welcome Tim we're pleased to have you on-board.



IT'S A BOY



Warmest congratulations are sent to  
Joe and Rachael Searles  
Upon the birth of their junior pilot  
"CHARLIE"

Born on 26.07.2016

*Happy days ahead, not so sure of the nights!*



**Health warning .....Molly's on a diet**



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CONGRATULATIONS  
ON YOUR WEDDING DAY

## ***Nadia and Howard***

The 16<sup>th</sup> July was a magical day for Nadia and Howard as they 'tied the knot' with a lot of support from EBG Pilots old and new! Dave Milton represented the Air Ambulance in case of emergency - no Howard didn't faint.

*Congratulations to you both  
may you have many happy years co-piloting*



### ***Did you know?***

The Greeks and the Romans believed there was a vein in the left 'ring' finger, known as the 'Vena Amoris' or the 'Vein of Love'. They believed this vein connected directly to the heart, which we all know is the symbol of love so it became traditional to wear the ring on that finger

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## Private pilot Jason Taylor talks about the recent club trip to Le Touquet, France.....

It's not every day you get an opportunity to fly yourself over the channel for lunch, but on 12th August that's just what 14 of us did.

Our day started at 0730 where (almost) everyone met for breakfast, followed by a pre-flight briefing. Our plan was to lift at Redhill at 0900; follow our planned route via Edenbridge, Lydd, Cap Gris-Nez and Boulogne; arriving at Le Touquet at around 1030.

Jeff and I were the first to set off in the Cabri G2, the weather was perfect and we had a great flight over the channel and with no clouds around we got up to 5500 feet using the VOR to guide us over to France and despite our tiny engine we arrived first and well before the others.



Once we'd all landed, our next mode of transport arrived - bicycles, hired by Tim. Cue the type rating jokes! Ken assured us he knew the way to the sea front so we all set off, following our Le Touquet guide for a short tour of the car park (he didn't really know the way) we found the exit and were finally on our way.





With only a short ride from the airport to the town centre, we arrived and found a place to leave the bikes



before having a lovely walk through the streets to the restaurant.



I thought we all made good inroads into eating the contents of the sea, until we saw three waiters carrying the next tables meal. The look on the people's faces as they received it was priceless... instant food regret!



Saying that, we enjoyed watching them devour an entire French coast worth of sea food.

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After a long lunch talking and making friends with like-minded people, we had a walk to the sea front and explored



the shops, where Jeff purchased the towns supply of coffee, before making our way back to the airport.



For the journey back I was a passenger in the R44 along with Tim and Jonathan piloted by Rohan. We had an eventful flight back as we spotted a house fire in the country side and reported it to Farnborough LARS - good deed done!



Touching down at Redhill, we were met by border control. They didn't look too pleased when Jeff announced he had a bag full of drugs. We could only hand over our passports for inspection and hope Jeff wasn't arrested. Fortunately, they got the joke (it was caffeine), but weren't too impressed.



It was a really great day with great people and looking forward to the next trip, wherever that might be to

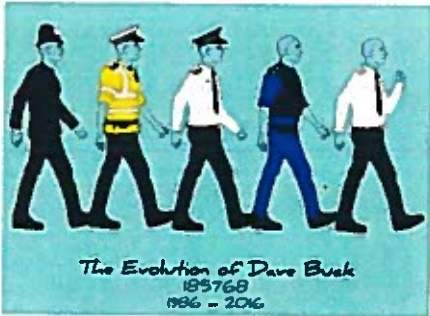
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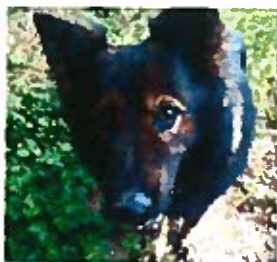
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***The Many Faces of Captain Dave Buck...***



Captain Dave Buck retired from the Met Police Force on 25<sup>th</sup> March this year with his faithful sidekick Ed. To mark his retirement and to acknowledge his faithful service we present the many faces of Dave Buck since becoming a member of EBG!



We couldn't leave the photos of the good looking one out! Whye you go Ed!!



***Edinburgh Fringe Festival Award winning joke***

"My dad suggested I register for a donor card, he's a man after my own heart." – *Masai Graham*

***Most Groan Worthy Joke***

"What do you call three members of Abba in a French slaughterhouse? Abba trois." – *Darren Walsh*

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## Happy Campers here at the "Start of Season BBQ"



The weather held, the food was great and much fun was had by all especially those pilots who signed up for a mini tryout in either the G2, R44 or Gazelle.

It was definitely a very busy day at the Aerodrome and a special mention should be made for the dedicated hours of training given by Bill Pitcher on the Gazelle. There were a serious number of happy pilots – thank you Bill for all your time and patience



To quote private pilot Rick Godbolt

"Realising a boyhood dream, I flew the incredible Gazelle Helicopter today. Simply amazing".



## CLUB TRIPS

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Following on from our recent successful Club Fly Away days to HeliUK, Le Touquet and the Start of Season BBQ we are on a roll so sign up for the following events:

### 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2016 – Lydd Go Karting – *Are you up to the Challenge?*



Lydd Kart Circuit is one of the fastest for Go Karting in Kent and one of the fastest in the country. The track is 1040m and worth the challenge!

### 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2016 – End of Season BBQ

We start to wrap the summer festivities up with the 'End of Season BBQ'. As ever, a great time to catch up with the Club gossip and go flying! Don't forget it's a family and friends event so get your numbers booked now.

### 12<sup>th</sup> November 2016 – Fireworks Display – for the Big Kids and Little

Obviously, we have to close the season in style and in true EBG panache go out with a bang with the Fireworks Display. Toasting marshmallows is obligatory and your entrance fee is one large firework - seems a bit mean when you are buying one firework but when you have a lot of people participating it adds up so can we go for quality not quantity?



# PILOT NOTICEBOARD

## CAP 1415-NCO

Would all Pilots make themselves aware of CAP 1415 Part NCO which applies in the UK from 25<sup>th</sup> August 2016. This order applies to non-commercial flights in other than complex motor powered EASA aircraft. Please familiarise yourselves with this directive which can be located via the web:

<https://publicapps.caa.co.uk/docs/33/CAP1415-NCO-QuickGuide.pdf>

In simple terms, all flights conducted within "EASA Land" must now have on board an ELT or PLB. With the exception of NDIA, ERRY and SWNS all our aircraft are equipped with an ELT.

When you fly NDIA, ERRY or SWNS please make sure that you have on board a working PLB.

Please make checking this part of your pre-flight routine.

## Pilot Reminders

### Redhill Aerodrome - Effective 21<sup>st</sup> May 2015

Would all Pilots make themselves aware of the Redhill Aerodrome Manual 2015 "Guide to Heli Ops at Redhill". This is now available to download from the Redhill Aerodrome website.

### Front Pad

No pilots are to use the front pads unless accompanied by one of the instructors/commercial pilots and then only in the R22 or G2. All other aircraft are to use the rear pads.

### 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)

### Pilot Reporting and Procedure Requirements

#### ALL PILOTS

It is very important that the information recorded on the aircraft Tech Logs and the EBG White Sheet in the front of each aircraft folder is completed correctly – if you are unsure about anything please ask.

#### ALL R22 PILOTS, STUDENTS AND SELF-FLY HIRERS

Please turn off the headsets once landed, we are getting through so many batteries!!!!!!!!!!!!

# PILOT NOTICEBOARD

## ALL HELICOPTER PILOTS

- Please switch off the landing lights prior to touch down as we have had a lot of them 'blow' upon impact.
- We are currently reviewing all our paperwork, so please, if you have a moment when you are next in, check that the information we hold is still accurate. We should have a Membership form for all of you and an Indemnity Form for all Self-Fly Hirers.
- Due to incidences lately with Hangar Rash, please do not remove any of the helicopters for the Hangar unless you have a member of staff with you. We are much busier now but will try to make sure the aircraft are already out on the pads, but you will have to bear with us.

## And finally Congratulations to

The students below have achieved the following passes:

Ian Kirham\* – *Cross Country Qualifier on R22*

Nazim Javani\* – *Type Rating on R44*

Richard Trueman\* – *Type Rating on EC120*



Rick Godbolt  
*Type Rating on R44*



Tom Long  
*Solo Flight on G2*



Chris Marshall  
*Type Rating on R44*



Luka Damianic  
*PPLH on R22*



Chris Cornish  
*Solo Flight on R44*



Alex Whitehouse  
*Solo Cross Country*

\*Apologies photographs unavailable at time of going to press