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Hi There {FirstName},

## October Events - and Beyond

Timely Reminders.....from John Eburne CFI

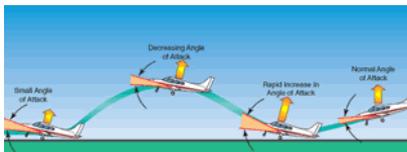
Just an observation really but.....you invest a significant amount of cash in learning to fly and add on various ratings, but some of you present yourself for flying without even the most basic of kit.



I'm talking about an **accurate wrist watch**. Over the years I have been presented with various items that people plan to tell the time with, I kid you not, but a Chess players alarm clock with reset handles, an athlete's stop watch on a lanyard and some even contemplate using their mobile phone.....not remotely aware that it should be turned off in the aeroplane. Especially if you plan flying IMC where it may disrupt or interfere with your ILS and VORs. I'm waiting for a sextant and hour glass. I know air navigation stems from maritime navigation but please spend a little of your hard earned dough on a basic watch then you will know how long you have been flying, how much fuel you have burned, how far to go etc etc and not need to ask me.

On a different but serious point we have seen 3 aircraft at Wellesbourne recently wheel barrow or balloon on landing all have resulted in significant airframe and engine damage.

Luckily no one has been hurt (and none were our aeroplanes). Remember that the stick **NEVER GOES FORWARD** from the flare and if you do not like the look of an approach, you balloon or just have a bad day **GO AROUND** - have another go, it just might be the best landing you ever do.



The **150 Aerobat** is at last part of "The Fleet" with at least four members enjoying turning their world upside down and all of a spin!

The Club is now a corporate Member of AOPA and David Donovan can instruct the Basic Aero course. If you want to get some spin awareness or just be signed off for normal pleasure flying get in touch with David via e-allocator or 07888 999158 - don't forget it's only £79/£89, its a great little aircraft.

## Notes From "The Tower"

As you know **Flight Planning** is entering a new era with the responsibility for addressing individual flight plans lying with the pilot in command.



Here is the latest information from NATS at Swanwick flight planning. Click on the [VFR flight plans.pdf](#) or [Flight in Controlled Airspace.pdf](#) to take you to the TakeFlight members website and download the files

It takes some reading but includes some helpful information. Please bring it to the attention of any one wishing to file a flight plan, especially infrequent users.

We will of course do our best to help where possible, but a busy day in the tower does make that quite difficult. **There is also a change in the requirement to close a flight plan.** It is the view of the CAA, that with modern communication it is not necessary, we will only therefore send an 'arrival' message when you specifically request us to do so. Any queries or further help please contact myself or Jonathan...

Frankie

## October 7th (1st Wednesday)



Dear John....

### Confessions of a Private Pilot

Join John Eburne for a short talk, confessional and timely reminders on those little "incidents" that stop the heart, but we get away with, and are then too embarrassed to mention. C ircuit discipline, licensing, revalidating, fuel/oil management, hobbys, tech logs, into IMC, weather minims etc etc. Let's air them.

It would be nice to see as many members as possible at this event, regulars and new members will be made most welcome. It's often said that some of the pilots who could most benefit from John's expert advice are often the ones that don't attend these events, **so make sure you're not one of them!!**

The club aircraft run very close to their actual operating costs so self management and careful use of the aircraft is essential to ensure that there are no large maintenance bills that could have been avoided, and take the aircraft off line when others wish to use. .... Then down the Fox for a confessional drink. Cheers!

## October 23rd (Friday)

### Bomber Command Dinner at the "Pheasant"

Don't forget this "unique opportunity" to hear the exploits of two of "The Few" who were actually there. Tickets are selling fast at **£27.00 each**.

We already have over 20 members going so it may turn out to be a great "pre-christmas" event. Mike may even do a turn!



## Jersey flyout happened - honest!

With *some* members cancelling (but taking the opportunity to start their Aerobatic course.) The three remaining intrepid heroes, Mike, Amanda, and Dave, filed a flight plan and ventured off to Jersey in Sierra Pappa, via the Isle of Wight stopping also at Guernsey and then Alderney. The weather turned out to be superb - and it just goes to show that sometimes everything falls into place. More pics on the members gallery. <http://www.takeflightaviationgallery.com/>

Amanda is planning to make the Channel Isles Fly Out even bigger and better next year!



## FUTURE EVENTS

### Dublin Fly out 14/15th November

The confirmed dates are now **Saturday 14th to Sunday 15th November**, all aircraft are currently reserved.



for those that haven't, e-mail [events@takeflightaviationgallery.com](mailto:events@takeflightaviationgallery.com) to request tickets.

### October 28th (Wednesday)



#### Keep flying after the sun goes down, night flying season begins ....

**John and Sat** will be available from the start of the night flying season for revalidations and new ratings, contact them and book the planes.

This is a great **inexpensive** rating to get (5 hours), and even if you don't intend to use it in anger it really does sharpen up and improve your daytime general flying no end.

**Night Flying from Wednesday 28th October till the end of March.**

Wednesdays, Fridays (till 8.00pm local) and Saturdays (till 7.00pm local) So the 28th would be a good time to book up for renewals and refreshers.

Bookings are by advising the Tower on the **Monday** of the week in question with number of aircraft reg etc, *then* confirming **by 4.00pm latest** on the day in question - this allows the management to ensure sufficient staff is available. Cost per sortie £10.00 paid on the night in advance and cash please! usual aircraft hire and instructor fees apply.

### November (1st Wednesday) NIGHT FRYING!

#### Circuits with a Fish Supper

As part of the night flying season, we are using this for a "first wednesday" event as well. Marina Angelides, one of our more recent students, has offered to put on a Fish and Chip supper from one of her chain of shops "THE big FISH". Order on the night and they will be delivered to the clubhouse by the end of the night flying session.



Menu on club noticeboard soon, click on logo for website.

This is the fourth of our new mailshots to keep you up to date with club events etc - if you don't wish to receive any more then *click* "unsubscribe" below. If you want to send in suggestions, responses, or ideas then e-mail [flightlines@takeflightaviationgallery.com](mailto:flightlines@takeflightaviationgallery.com) Best wishes and safe flying,

**MIKE**

Please express your interest in going to this flyout - we have had one or two members who have already e-mailed.

For those who want to fly, this is a great chance to try out that IMC rating and the weekend consists of the fly out to Weston (Dublin) with an overnight stay in a local hotel. Perhaps a visit to "The Guinness Experience" after a great night out.... with more Guinness.

email interest to [events@takeflightaviationgallery.com](mailto:events@takeflightaviationgallery.com)

### Christmas Party Friday 18th December



The date is now fixed for **Friday 18th December** at the Aviator Hotel - Hangar One at Sywell Airfield.

## AVIATOR HOTEL

This year we have chosen Friday for the event as the entertainment is "The Kings of Swing" which we haven't attended before. Click on any of the logo's for more info of the hotel and event. Ask anyone who went last year (for what little they remember!!), it's a superb celebration of the year gone by, with an aviation theme. Rooms are cheap but going fast.



E-mail your interest for info as places will go fast to [events@takeflightaviationgallery.com](mailto:events@takeflightaviationgallery.com)

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