



Turweston Aerodrome Newsletter

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Updates & News

Christmas Munch

Please join us for Christmas lunch at 12:30 on Tuesday 15th December (note the change of date—this was originally planned for the 14th). Lunch will be served in the conference room in the main building followed by a general knowledge quiz and the raffle prize draw. Raffle tickets can be purchased from The Flying Pig or from Turweston Flight Centre. Tickets cost £1 each or £4 for 5 and all proceeds will be donated to local Air Ambulance Trusts. A list of raffle prizes will be posted in the café and online.

Wings & Wheels 2010

Next year's Wings & Wheels event will take place on Sunday 19th September. We will be glad to hear your suggestions for next year's event and as time goes on will post updates on our website as we did this year.

Filing Flight Plans

The AFPEX system was updated in October and we are now happy to accept flight plans filed through any computer instead of having to send them via Turweston Flight Centre. We hope you will find this more convenient. If anyone would like training on the AFPEX system please feel free to see Chris and he will pass on what he has learned.

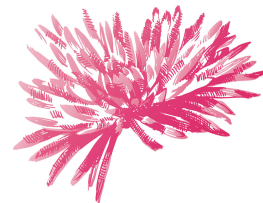
Student Solos

Two more students of Turweston Flying Club flew their first solo flights in October. Pictured below is John McClure, standing by



the side of G-AYJR while to the right is Ralph Morris on the wing of G-AVLT.

Well done to both, and to the flying club for continuing to provide this fantastic service to aspiring pilots. For those of you who have already reached the heady heights of the PPL and want to move onto new challenges, don't forget that the Club also offers formation flying training. More information can be found on the Club website: turwestonflyingclub.org.uk



November Diary Dates

Remembrance Day	Weds 11th Nov
International Mens' Day (yes, honestly—I looked it up!)	Thurs 19th Nov
Beachborough Bazaar, Beachborough School, West-	Sat 21st Nov
Thanksgiving	Thurs 26th Nov
St Andrew's Day	Mon 30th Nov
Advent begins	Tues 1st Dec
November Birthstone:	Yellow Topaz
November Birthflower:	Chrysanthemum

Spotlight On ... Justin Byrd, Fire Crew Member and Caseright Service Manager

Justin joined Caseright Aircraft Sales as Service Manager in May 2009. His job was created by the company's continued expansion of its Service Centre, which is supported by Akki Aeroengineering. Justin provides maintenance support when aircraft are imported and oversees the maintenance, service and warranty for existing customers. Before coming to Turweston he spent 21 years in the industrial and commercial door industry, most recently as an Area Sur-

veyor. Justin originally trained as Agricultural engineer at nearby Horton Cum Studley and a passion for anything with an engine has remained with him ever since. The ability to maintain and repair all sorts of engines also led to an unpaid job as groundsman for the local cricket club, since Justin was the only person able (and willing) to repair the ancient machinery! He recently managed to shake off the position when a dislocated knee put paid to his cricket career, however this does not stop him from carrying

out all his own vehicle maintenance. Definitely a handy chap to have around. Not long after coming to Turweston Justin joined the airfield fire crew. When asked what prompted him to volunteer he responded that he was volunteered! However this was not an unwelcome duty: as a teenager Justin had tried to join the Fire Brigade but was refused due to his need to wear glasses. Luckily the aerodrome RFFS does not require the use of breathing apparatus so glasses are not an issue on



our crew. Justin says he finds the fire crew hard work physically but enjoys it and says that it is nice to know that his training may one day be useful for saving someone's life. Justin lives at Bloxham with his wife Jenny and six year old son William. He also has a grown up son Mark, who is 23.