



Turweston Aerodrome Newsletter

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Turweston Treat

Jez Cooke, who flies the pretty red Midget Mustang, treated some of Turweston's aircraft enthusiasts to a flight in the Falcon 50 he flies for his job. Jez and co-pilot Matt Robertson took Keith Field (owner of G-CBEZ), Chris Castleton (Sundays, high days and holidays volunteer) and Roger (The Lens) Syrratt (captive photographer) on a short flight from Oxford where the aircraft is based to Wales and on their way back to Oxford managed a spectacular fly-past over Turweston Aerodrome. The jet was amazingly quiet and beautiful to behold. VLJs are now a permitted type at Turweston. These modern jets, actually high by-pass ratio turbofans, are incredibly quiet and fast and we hope to see some land here in the near future.

Pictured below with the Falcon are (left to right) Jez, Matt, Keith and Chris. Roger is in his usual spot behind the lens.



The Falcon lined up alongside Jez's Midget Mustang at Coventry airport.



Turweston Protects

Over the past few years

there have been several applications to erect wind turbines in the local area. When required TFC has always furnished information about its ATZ and circuit and in all cases the applications have been withdrawn or refused. It seems that as a general rule GA can help prevent development of this sort in its vicinity. A lot of discussion surrounds this subject and over the coming months we will be researching how the Aerodrome can help prevent unwelcome development in the area. Updates will appear in the newsletter and in the Articles and News section of the website, turwestonflight.com/articles_and_news.htm. If you would like to contribute your views please email us.

VAC Valentine Rally at Old Sarum. Contact the VAC for details	Sun 14th Feb
CAA Safety Evening. Contact Turweston Flying School for info 01280 701167	Mon 15th March
VAC Spring Rally at Turweston	Sun 28th Mar
MotoGP at Silverstone	Fri 18th to Sun 20th Jun
British Grand Prix at Silverstone	Fri 9th to Sun 11th Jul
Wings & Wheels 2010	Sun 19th Sep
February Birthstone: Amethyst February Flowers: Viola and primrose	

Spotlight On ... USA Meteorologist Punxutawney Phil

Punxutawney Phil

made his traditional 2nd February, or Groundhog Day, appearance and informed us, by virtue of his shadow being visible, that we are in for a further six weeks of winter. Phil makes his annual prediction from—you guessed it—Punxutawney which is located in Pennsylvania USA. Groundhog Phil has been



making his annual prediction since 1886 and legend has it that there has been only one Phil ... making him 124 years young this year. Wonder if he has to pass a yearly medical to keep his prediction licence?

According to Phil's website www.groundhog.org: The celebration of Groundhog Day began with Pennsylvania's earliest settlers. They brought with them the legend of Candlemas Day, which states, "For as the sun shines on Candlemas Day, so far will the snow swirl in May..." This sounds pretty plausible, but then we have to ask whether you are prepared to trust the historical accuracy of a site devoted to a 124-year old buck-toothed talking hermit rodent who only gets out once a year ...

Important Notice

We now have an additional Aerodrome Duty Manager's phone number which can be used for airfield ops and PPR when the tower is unattended. The number is 07749 593926 and will be attended during operational hours. Please use this number ONLY if you are unable to get a reply from the usual numbers which are 01280 705400 and 01280 846798. We hope the new number will enable the Duty Manager to answer calls even when away from the tower.

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