



## RCA Flying Update — Summer 2022 July

As always we hope this edition of our e-newsletter finds you and your families safe and well.

In this edition of our e-newsletter we feature and update on our Airport team, the Easter Family Event and Airport Tours.



*Photo-Philip Haines*

### Airport Team Update

We say a big thank you and goodbye to two valued members of the Solent team:

#### **Emily Woodhouse**

Emily recently left us after 4 years to pursue her aviation career with NATS (National Air Traffic Services).

Emily was a fantastic member of the FISO (Flight Information Services Officer) team, working in the Control Tower. She also played a leading role in ensuring our social media platforms are successfully managed and in planning and participating in our community events.

#### **Tom Mayer**

**Tom** recently left his role in our operations team to continue his aviation career as a trainee firefighter at Farnborough Airport. Tom was a key part of the team at Solent for over 4 years.

We will miss both Emily and Tom, but warmly congratulate them on their respective new roles and wish them every success.



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### Airport Team Update

We welcome new members to our Solent team:

#### Constance Lai

Constance relocated from Hong Kong to the UK in August 2020 and has previously worked in various roles in the aviation industry.

Constance was formerly a flying school assistant/ air-ground radio operator at Wycombe Air Park and also previously worked as a flight attendant for British Airways. Whilst in Hong Kong, she worked as an Air Traffic Services Officer in the Civil Aviation Department, responsible for the flight plan system and administration support in the Area Control Centre. Constance also acted as a tower assistant in the control tower of Hong Kong International Airport

We are delighted that Constance has recently qualified as a licensed FISO at Solent Airport



#### David White

David has also recently joined the FISO team.

He was born and raised in Hampshire and has had a lifelong interest in aviation.

He started gliding and assisting at airfields around the UK in 2015 and won a 12 hour PPL (private pilot's licence), flying scholarship in summer 2018.

David started work in air traffic in 2019 training as an area controller on a basic course with NATS in southern Spain.

David has also previously worked in retail, as a snowboard instructor as a bartender in Europe and North America and briefly as a police officer in London prior to deciding to return to his love of aviation and air traffic, based on the Hampshire coast with RCA.



#### James Wignell

Having just moved from Tresco on the Isles of Scilly, James is currently settling in nicely to his new position as the Senior Airport Fire Officer at Solent Airport Daedalus. James has a real interest in aviation having grown up in a military family, as well as working at Tresco Heliport for the last three years. He is now looking forward to making his new role at Solent a success as well as enjoying life in the Solent area.



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### Easter Family Event

Our family Easter event proved to be a huge success and definitely benefited from the glorious sunshine!!

This was our first Easter event and replaced our popular Christmas event which sadly had to be cancelled due to the pre -Christmas COVID situation.

We were joined by the Easter Bunny, who proved to be a huge hit with the children and now has many fans who will be eager to see him again next year!!



Charlie's Mum Karen and his sisters Freya and Isla



We are proud to say that the event raised £661.69 for our chosen charity:

Charlie's Beach Hut: [www.charliecodling.co.uk](http://www.charliecodling.co.uk)

*"Charlie's is a beach hut style caravan at Perran Sands in Perranporth which aims to provide families of children with life limiting illnesses and families of fire-fighters that have suffered bereavement, or life changing injury whilst in the line of duty, a relaxing environment so they can forge some forever memories."*





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### Airport Tours

Our exciting plans to involve the local community at Solent continue. Our popular airport tours resumed at the end of March, with tours operating on one Wednesday of each month. With all tours fully booked until August, we have added a couple of additional dates over the summer to enable those who have missed out to join us.

Wednesday 31st August -Tours at 11am and 1pm

Wednesday 28th September-Tours at 11am and 1pm

Please email [cathy.hicks@ntlworld.com](mailto:cathy.hicks@ntlworld.com) if you would like to reserve a place.



Chris and Tim Seward enjoying their airport tour





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### Solent Airport - notice of pre-planning application

From 25 July to 19 August, Fareham Borough Council will be consulting on a proposal to install lights on the runway at Solent Airport. This is a pre-application consultation which means that any comments made can be taken into account before the design is finalised. The consultation will be live on the Council's website from midday on 25 July [www.fareham.gov.uk/daedalus/aglscheme.aspx](http://www.fareham.gov.uk/daedalus/aglscheme.aspx) and information panels about the scheme will be on display in the Cafe@05 and Fareham Innovation Centre.

This application is being coordinated by Savills Planning on behalf of Fareham Borough Council. If you have any questions, you can contact Savills at [SouthamptonPlanning@Savills.com](mailto:SouthamptonPlanning@Savills.com). If you do not have access to email you can call Savills: 0238 071 3933



We really value the support and encouragement we receive from our neighbours in achieving ongoing success.

Keep an eye on the website [www.solentairport.co.uk](http://www.solentairport.co.uk) for details of upcoming community events.

We are keen to make this newsletter available to anyone with an interest in activities here, including local residents' associations, business groups, companies based at the airport and their teams. Please feel free to share with others who may find it of interest.

**With our Best Wishes**

**The Solent Airport at Daedalus Management Team**