



RCA Flying Update — Winter 2022 February

We hope this edition of our e-newsletter finds you and your families safe and well as we eagerly anticipate bright spring days and extending a warm welcome to regular and visiting pilots.

This edition of our e-newsletter features two of the important businesses based at the airport. We look forward to featuring others in future issues.

Airport Update

We have lots of exciting plans for the year ahead, including a family Easter event. This will replace our popular Christmas event which sadly had to be cancelled due to the pre-Christmas COVID situation. Whilst Father Christmas won't be here, the Easter Bunny will, along with our hugely popular charity raffle.

A Community Open Day is also planned for the Spring. This will provide the opportunity for local residents and our neighbours to take a look around the airport, meet the team and find out more about what we do.

Our popular airport tours will also resume in the Spring. We will be running tours at 11am and 1pm on the following Wednesdays:

30th March

27th April

25th May

29th June

13th July



Please email cathy.hicks@ntlworld.com if you would like to attend and we will reserve you a space.

We are also introducing a small retail offering in the airport's reception area. This will provide the opportunity to sell a small range of goods to visitors and pilots and we will be looking to extend the range on offer over the coming months.

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 for more details of upcoming community events.

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Spitfires

We were pleased to welcome Spitfires.com back to Solent Airport Daedalus during the autumn of last year.

We are delighted to share the experience of one very happy gentleman, Mr Peter Hackett, who enjoyed a spitfire flight in November 2021. The selection of fabulous photographs was taken by his grandson, Max Clarke.



“The great highlight of the year came in November via a birthday present from the whole family to give a me a flight in a Spitfire warplane. This took place at Lee-on-Solent airfield and was as rewarding as I could possibly imagine - more so, really. I was eleven when this particular kite was built and wanting nothing more than to be a Spitfire pilot. The fact that it took another 77 years to fulfil the dream is a fact but a very emotive one.

However, due to weather and a temporary mechanical malfunction of the plane it was delayed by 24 hours. This allowed Cathie and me to visit the “Mary-Rose” museum in Portsmouth Historic Dockyard. This was as enchanting as the flight and made for a memorable weekend indeed !

I could add that being able to take control for a few minutes demonstrated how delightful it was to manoeuvre - like flying a model aeroplane in fact. Now, does anyone know of an airworthy Mosquito anywhere??” - Peter Hackett



We are very pleased to announce that the spitfires will be back with us this spring.



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Euro Flight Training

Formed in 2019, Euro Flight Training is a flying school for everyone and has the ability to provide courses for every requirement. These range from licences for recreational pilots, through to a Commercial Pilots' Licence (CPL) and Instrument Rating (IR) for those wishing to earn a living flying commercially.

Euro Flight Training are now also able to offer training for either UK or EASA (European) licences. EASA licences became necessary for commercial flying in Europe when the UK left the European Union and UK licensed pilots were no longer able to fly European registered aircraft.

The Euro Flight Training facility provides two simulators, fully approved by both the UK and EASA.

In addition, Euro Flight Training has five aircraft, one of which is a twin engine aircraft for advanced training, and all of which are fitted with the latest avionics to provide students with the best possible experience.



In the initial search for a suitable site to establish a flying school, Solent Airport Daedalus was always a front runner for Euro Flight Training.

With established infrastructure and plans to develop and grow further, the location offered a wonderful opportunity to develop a business alongside a developing airfield. The Airport's proximity to motorway and other transport links were also key.

Euro Flight Training decided to locate their offices and simulators at the Innovation Centre which offers the flexibility of accommodation for a growing business.

Euro Flight Training now trains students from as far afield as Ireland, France, Hungary and even Australia, attracted by the individual service and the range of courses offered. Students also originate from throughout the UK and enjoy staying in a beautiful area with access to local hotels and restaurants.

As one of only a small number of flying schools in the country able to offer all the courses outlined, Euro Flight Training is looking forward to growing its business at Solent Airport and continuing to enjoy the fabulous view after take-off from runway 23!



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Transair Flight Equipment

As the UK's largest Flight Equipment Company, Transair has been supplying pilots worldwide for 35 years. The company stocks over 5,000 line items at its Solent Airport Distribution Centre, from which all areas of aviation are supplied. These range from the Maritime and Coast Guard Agency, Police, gliding centres and flight schools to airlines and private jet operations.



Over half of Transair's current staff are private or commercial pilots who help facilitate the running of the business between Solent Airport and Brighton City Airport bases.

Transair is very proud to be part of such a great industry and to have its Distribution Centre based at Solent Airport.

Customers are actively encouraged to make use of the click and collect facility offered, by flying into the airport and parking on Transair's dedicated apron. Alternatively, parking is available in front of Transair's building for customers arriving by car.

Transair is also active on Social Media. Please take a look at the Instagram page @transairflightequipment to see snaps of the team on their flying adventures! The team get involved in all areas of aviation including warbirds, helicopters and aerobatics.





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