



NEWSLETTER March 2013

FROM THE EDITOR

Happy 2013

To date, this year, a lot of the flying has been a washout! I can't believe we are already moving into the third month of the year but fingers crossed we will soon see an improvement. We have several new students already so welcome to you all.

We start this season with our

BBQ on Sunday, 7th April

Other planned club trips are listed within so if you are interested – **numbers are limited** – let us know asap.

Warmest congratulations go out to **Sylvia and Kevin** upon the birth of their gorgeous son **Liam**. What a little cracker!!!!

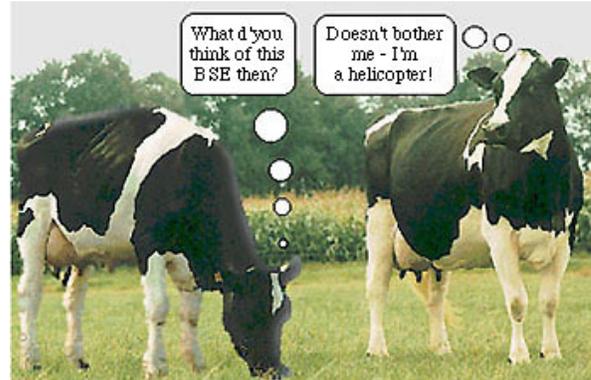


Welcome to our club mascot, Molly, who is blatantly open to bribery (Schmucko's being the favourite!)



If you have any interesting articles or news items please email them to

["info@ebghelicopters.co.uk"](mailto:info@ebghelicopters.co.uk)



You win some, you lose some...

Whilst the lure of the North Sea called Mike back in November now the advancement to P2 with the Air Ambulance has called Matt Beeke.

Matt Beeke, who has been working at EBG for the last three years is moving on at the end of the month. We are proud to let you know that he has been accepted as an Air Ambulance Pilot and will be operating out of Hangar 2, so he's not moving far away and no doubt will still be seen hanging around the Hangars!



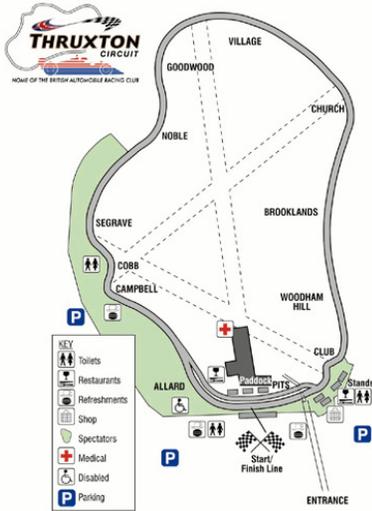
We wish him all the best and safe flying with the night vision goggles.

Matt's replacement, **Nick Cox**, joins us on 25th March and will take over the post of Business Development Manager. Nick is a commercial pilot and instructor with 1000 hours flying experience and qualified on R22, R44, H300, Enstrom 280, B206 and AS355B2. Nick's main job will be to promote business at EBG as well as commercial and training flying. He will be based at Hangar 6, so please drop in and say hello!!

CLUB TRIPS

DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP

10th May 2013 - Thruxton



This is one of the very best outdoor kart circuits in the country. It is fast and challenging (you always feel you could have gone a little quicker). At 1,100 metres long, the circuit has a selection of fast, slow and technical corners. The 13bhp Thunderkarts can reach speeds up to 60 mph – this is real racing and is guaranteed to bring out your competitive nature.



7th June 2013 – Le Touquet



Join us on this trip over the channel to Le Touquet, with a stop off at Lydd for fuel. Once in the art-deco influenced town we will stop for a seafood lunch and then off to discover the pristine beach and quaint town; failing to be impressed by that you can always pick up the usual duty free at the airport afterwards

5th July 2013 – Yeovilton Navy Fleet Air Arm Museum

Flying into RNAS Yeovilton (also known as HMS Heron) it is one of the Navy's two principal air bases, and one of the busiest military airfields in the UK. It is home to more than 100 aircraft operating both front-line squadrons and training units including all Fleet Air Arm Lynx and the Commando Helicopter Force. While at RNAS Yeovilton, we will visit the Fleet Air Arm Museum – representing the flying arm of the Royal Navy. With four exhibition halls, over ninety aircraft and over 2 million records and 30 thousand artefacts the Museum is the world's second largest naval aviation Museum.



16th August 2013 – Shooting



Enjoy a great day out.
Come Clay Pigeon Shooting....

Watch this space for further information.....

Don't Forget !!!!!



**We start the
season with the
EBG BBQ
7th April
1.00 p.m.
onwards**

EBG Helicopters has a new Car Park.....UPDATE

Unfortunately the Car Park has been a bit of a disaster, as those of you who have tried to park there have found out!

Hopefully, once it manages to dry out the Airfield will get it sorted so that it is useable over the summer period – it will be a valuable asset once it's done!!!!



Sorry – couldn't resist, loved the picture and if you have trampled through the car park you'll understand!!

Why Helicopters are better than Women.....

1. Helicopters can be turned on by a flick of a switch.
2. A helicopter does not get mad if you 'touch and go'
3. A helicopter does not object to a pre-flight inspection.



EBG Firework Display

Once again a great evening was had by all at the EBG Firework Display. For those souls



who braved the cold there was Chilli Con Carne to warm us through

with the addition of the Fire Pit for toasting marshmallows and toes! The evening was clear providing a dark backdrop for a dazzling display!! Well done to our resident pyromaniacs and not forgetting a very big thank you to our caterers for the copious amounts of food and drink.



A good night had by all!!!

See you at the next one!!!!!!

PILOT NOTICEBOARD *REMINDER*

EASA has arrived with a vengeance!!

The Licence Proficiency check (LPC) rules have changed. If your LPC is out of time be aware that the following supplementary rules now apply.

- (i) expiry shorter than 3 months: no supplementary requirements;
- (ii) expiry longer than 3 months but shorter than 1 year: a minimum of two training sessions;

(iii) expiry longer than 1 year but shorter than 3 years: a minimum of three training sessions in which the most important malfunctions in the available systems are covered;

(iv) expiry longer than 3 years: the applicant should again undergo the training required for the initial issue of the rating or, in case of helicopter, the training required for the 'additional type issue', according to other valid ratings held.

Moral of this is keep current and up to date!

The next EASA wizard wheeze is a complete re-write of the Air Operations Manual and implementation of a Management System.

Daily Checks on the R22 and R44

You will no doubt be aware that the blade tips on both aircraft need to be checked prior to flight.

We will incorporate this into the check lists but every Commander must sign in the Tech logs that they have checked the blades.

Safety Management Systems - update

Our Safety Management System (SMS) is now documented and currently awaiting submission to the CAA before implementation.