

ROCHESTER AIRPORT

NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2012

During the last couple of months, the most talked about subject in the tower has been the weather and the state of the runways. I have lost track of the number of circles I have walked round to try and get people flying - with some success. However, this hasn't stopped

everything and we have had quite a bit going on.

We have had a couple of visits from local Kent Fire and Rescue units for their regular training and liaison exercises.

The Army and Navy have made a few visits as well, in various different types of helicopters which broke up the winter boredom quite nicely.

The Boulton Paul Defiant was finished and left Rochester for the RAF Museum at Hendon. MAPS will be starting their new project soon in the new year so keep an eye out for news to find out

what it is as secret at the moment.

It was once again time for the airfield and RFF audits, both of which went well.

There have been a few attempts at night flying - with limited success due to the weather and the much known consequences for the field following heavy rain.

Rochester airport hits the headlines.

Sky Watch were in for their regular meeting and Christmas dinner in December - and some were even able to fly in.



MUTTERINGS FROM THE EDITOR

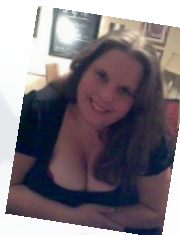
Christmas has arrived and I am looking forward to spending some time with family and friends - and hopefully no aircraft. I am looking forward to spoiling my nephew and forgetting I am a grown up for a few hours - which is just what I need at the moment.

It's Christmas so I don't want to be miserable and moan but there is something I want to say. I want to thank those of you

who have repeatedly listened, supported and helped us keep things safe and the airfield open. You are one of the few who make a big difference to our workload and I can not tell you how much it is appreciated. Not everyone is as understanding or considerate which has made some days very hard. You see, there seems to be a general feeling that the field is closed unnecessarily just

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because we feel like putting our feet up. I can promise you all this is not the case. My favourite shift of all time was one not long after I qualified and I worked over 400 aircraft movements and about sixty over flights. It was hard work but I loved every minute. Sitting doing nothing is a nightmare and I hate it, we all hate it. So once again, thank you.



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WEDNESDAY 30TH JANUARY

An Evening with Max Couch

(Details to follow from PAFRA)

FEBRUARY 2013

WEDNESDAY 13TH FEBRUARY

A Talk By Captain John Hutchinson

(Details to follow from PAFRA)

SATURDAY 23RD FEBRUARY

Wine and Wisdom

(Details to follow from PAFRA)

