

ROCHESTER AIRPORT NEWS

JUNE 2012

June has been a busy month, what with the Jubilee and the Queen's Birthday and the build up to the Olympics we have not been that lucky at Rochester. It seems Mother Nature is trying to make up for the 'dry' winter by giving us all the rain in one go!

But moving onto better things quickly, it's not been all bad.

One of the highlights of the month was the Lancaster,

when the pilot flew through on runway 16. There is something about the sound of the Merlin engines that just makes me smile (although, personally, I would prefer to see a Halifax but that is never going to happen).

We have had a number of Beaver and Cub visits which are always a giggle in the tower. They do tend to take over but their excitement more than makes up for it. The boys fascination with crashes

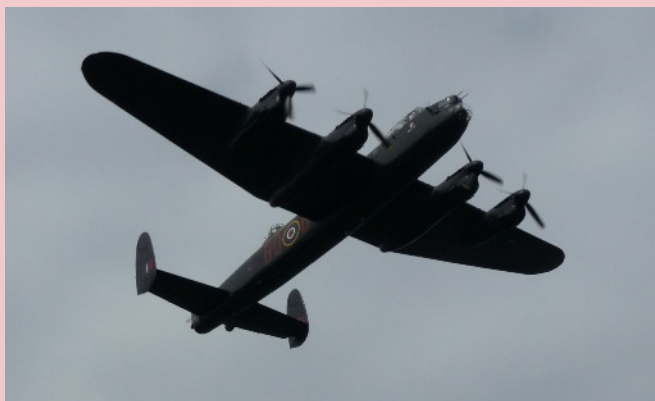
can get a bit out of hand at least I have answers prepared.

Preparations for the and games of the Olympic airspace restrictions are well under way, with another AFPEX training evening which saw me wishing for a hammer!

PAFRA held their Annual Navigational Competition, although the weather wasn't that great, so some competitors dropped out.

We have had the CAA visit for their annual Tower and Engineering Audit which went well but I will leave Kelvin to say more later.

June did end on a high note though, although I'm not sure how much more could have been planned considering how busy it was but there is more on that at the end.



MUTTERINGS FROM THE EDITOR

JULIA CAMP

So another month can be ticked off the calendar, at this rate it will soon be Christmas! I just don't know where the year is going, but hey ho.

June has been a funny month, it's been a real mixed bag and no one has really known what to do. One minute the sun is out and everyone wants to go flying and next it's raining and I'm getting wet feet inspecting the runways again. We really should have expected it really, considering the Jubilee Bank Holiday after all, bank holidays are normally wet! Not that the rain stopped anyone from enjoying the celebrations with a smile on their faces, but then that is what we do in this country.

I should explain that the Jubilee is the reason I have chosen the Patriotic scheme for this newsletter, I thought a little red, white and blue would be right. Having proudly received my Jubilee Medal through the Air Training Corps, I wanted to acknowledge the countries pride in our monarch, HRH Queen Elizabeth II.



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Saturday
28th July
Gyro Flights & BBQ

Wednesday
15th August
Dieppe Flyout

Saturday
18th August
Airport Open Evening

Wednesday
22nd August
Great Oakley BBQ