



Air Show 2009

We had another spectacular Air Show this year, with absolutely wonderful weather. Every single display was excellent, but highlights have to be the Vulcan bomber, Euro fighter Typhoon, and the Red Bull Matador display team

Of course we can't forget the Red Arrows, they had a busy weekend with a display on Saturday before flying off to an event in Reims, France on Sunday, but they made it back for a very special fly past with the virgin 747 to mark the airlines 25th Birthday in style, before treating the crowd again to another full display.



The Virgin 747 with the Red Arrows

France Trip

Fog and low cloud on Friday morning did not look good, but as it cleared, our planes made their way over the English Channel on the first leg of the annual France trip. The stopover for lunch in Le Touquet ended up being alot longer than planned as the cloud base came down to 300ft, but after checking in to a hotel and having a meal in town, the next day cleared up enough to continue as planned. Dinard was perfect conditions, as was Quiberon on the Sunday with temperatures reaching 30°C down on the beach. Quiberon was absolutely beautiful, and we are already looking at having another trip to there possibly in early September. A good 20kt tail wing helped all the guys back to Bembridge for lunch on Monday in record time.

Achievements

- Jack Leonard – First Solo (PA28 – Howard Daley)
- Jonathan Mogford – First Solo (PA28 – Howard Daley)
- Mobeen Arian – JAR-PPL Pass (PA28 – Various Instructors)
- Nathan Finn – JAR-PPL Pass (PA28 – Laurence Tuohy)
- Andrew Evans – 100% on the Air Law exam (Howard Pyke)



A beautiful sunny Quiberon

Events

Trips coming up this month include White Waltham, Goodwood, Birmingham and Compton Abbas. See ops or Daryl to book.

Staff

Howard Pyke is now unrestricted. And we have the sad news that Brian Austin will be leaving us after 30 years with Biggin Hill School of Flying, we wish him well in his retirement, but we're sure we wont be able to keep him from flying for too long!

And Finally



Wimbledon's new 'open air' court was greeted with serious concerns to player safety

