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CLUB NEWS

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» TAKE FLIGHT » 2006 ROUND-UP

Packed summer

WELLESBOURNE'S Take Flight enjoyed a packed summer schedule of fly-outs and activities, including a gliding experience, aerobatics in Ultimate High's Extra 300s, and open day.

New owner Mike Roberts, a property developer, broadcaster and PPL, took over Take Flight Aviation in spring this year. Mike was already a member of the club, and said his decision to run the club was a bit like the TV ad slogan, "I liked the product so much I bought the company!"

Members have enjoyed fly-outs to Waterford, Le Touquet, Lands End, Welshpool, Kemble PFA Rally, Sywell, Duxford and more this year. Film and events evenings, held on the first Wednesday of each month have included Red Bull flight sim racing and a rocket launching evening.

"We played host to the Ferrari Owners Club in the summer who made use of the opportunity to photograph their pride and joy with the Vulcan, based at Wellesbourne.

The club's latest arrival to



■ Clockwise from top: Take Flight hosted the Ferrari Owners Club event; owner Mike Roberts; new Warrior.

the existing fleet is a Warrior 160. Take Flight's members can hire this during the week for £89.

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»TAKE FLIGHT AVIATION »BBQ

AFTER a recent BBQ, open day and fundraising visit from the Warwickshire & Northamptonshire Air Ambulance, Oliver Shuttleworth (right) won a year's membership and an hour's free flying at Take Flight Aviation at Wellesbourne Airfield. Oliver has now joined

the club, had an Extra 300 experience flight with Ultimate High at Kemble and decided to embark on a full PPL course with the aim of going solo on his 16th birthday in January.

Oliver is considering flying as a profession and the team at Take Flight wish him well.

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■ Air Ambulance crew from Warwickshire and Northants.



» TAKE FLIGHT AVIATION » LANDS END

WELLESBOURNE-based Take Flight Aviation organised a trip to Lands End this summer, which had to be postponed for a day due to poor weather.

Luckily the second attempt was a success and the group squeezed in an overnight stop in Sennen Cove, where they "enjoyed a hearty meal at the Cornish Meadery

and a walk to Lands End for the traditional group photograph," according to Bob Shuttleworth.

The club is now concentrating on offering Night ratings and IMC training at Wellesbourne with its resident instructor John Eburne.

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■ The traditional group photograph at Lands End.

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»TAKE FLIGHT »SOLO FOR OLIVER

Oliver flies the nest

SIXTEEN-year-old Oliver Shuttleworth has managed to complete his first solo after a period of prolonged bad weather and is now working towards his PPL with Wellesbourne-based Take Flight Aviation.

Instructor John Eburne told LOOP, "We were all getting frustrated by the weather this month but in the end it all fell into place and I just became a passenger

wondering why I needed to be there, so we let him fly the nest.

"Now we can get down to the real work of consolidating the solo and beginning nav exercises."

The club is planning an extensive schedule of fly-outs for the 2007 season including trips to Ireland, France, the Channel Islands and The Scillies.

There's also a range of

non-flying activities planned for the members. In particular the First Wednesday club nights include quiz and curry nights, laser clay shooting, model car racing and a go-karting event.

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Until recently obtaining your Private Pilots License or hiring planes would be the stuff of lottery dreams, however business professionals and enthusiasts can achieve that dream in a cost effective way thanks to Take Flight Aviation and the brains behind it, local property developer and broadcaster Mike Roberts. Based in an executive clubhouse at Wellesbourne airfield, near Stratford upon Avon, Take Flight offer an all round service to those 'with or without licence' and similarly those 'with or without a plane'.

Piper PA-28 Warrior
£89 per hour weekdays,
£99 per hour weekends inclusive
of fuel and home landing
fees at Wellesbourne.

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The membership club facility, which entitles pilots with a licence to use the aircraft as, and when they want with no minimum hours requirement, means individuals can hire aircraft for a day or a weekend, but only pay for the time the aircraft is in use. "It's like having your own plane to use as you wish but with a fraction of the cost of ownership," explains Mike. At only £40 per month, members of the private aviators club, get to use an executive lounge with leather seating, desktop internet access to book the planes and plan flights, refreshment area, shower and sun terrace facilities which can be used even when your not flying. Most important of all the membership allows individuals to hire clean and reliable aircraft that costs as little as £89 or £99 per hour based on the type of aircraft chosen. With landing fees at Wellesbourne and fuel included in that price, there really is no reason why those that have dreamed of being able to fly, can't!

For those who wish to gain their Private Pilots Licence a one hour flying lesson in one of Take Flights four seat aircraft costs £129, it generally takes around 45-50 flying hours combined with 7 ground exams to gain your PPL. Mike explains, "The whole idea is to make flying accessible in a friendly and smart environment. We have many professional people who find it very cost effective and use it as a business tool, to travel traffic jam free to meetings across the country and Europe, as well as for recreational use".

Take Flight Aviation also offer the use of facilities to people with their own aircraft at £20 per month and several local businesses have agreed corporate packages, which is proving increasingly popular.

For those serious about learning to fly, Take Flight Aviation have offered a fantastic competition prize of 5 one hour flying lessons and a years membership to the club which equates to £1,125. We also have two runner-up prizes of a flying experience gift voucher.

COMPETITION!

To win one of these fantastic prizes that can really set you on your way to your PPL all you have to do is answer the following question and then hope you are drawn out!

How much does membership to the Aviators Club cost per month?

- A: £40**
- B: £80**
- C: £100**

Email your answer and contact details to info@live24-seven.com or post them to Editor, Live 24-Seven, 894 Charter Avenue, Coventry, CV4 8AT

The competition is not open to staff of Live 24 Seven, closing date for the competition is 20th April, the editors decision is final.



Leather seating, sun terrace and shower complete the experience at Take Flight Aviation.

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»» **TAKE FLIGHT** »» **BEATING THE WINTER BLUES**

THE depressing winter weather hasn't got the better of the pilots at Wellesbourne-based Take Flight.

Many students have continued with IMC training and Night Ratings as well as taking part in the regular Wednesday evening social activities.

The first 2007 fly-outs have kicked off with a trip to Bembridge on the Isle of Wight. Aimed at new members and PPL students, the trip tested pilots' navigation skills. Club member Bob Shuttleworth told LOOP, "It was a fun day out although the muddy coastal walk back to the



airfield seemed to offer more of a challenge than the flight itself!"

The club has further fly-outs planned for Ireland, France, the Channel Islands and the Scillies.

Recent non-flying activities

included a model car racing evening – won by Bob and his 16-year-old son Oliver, featured in last month's club news for flying his first solo with the school. Keep up the good work!

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presents



'Come fly with me' Mike Roberts and his Piper Cherokee at Wellesbourne Airfield. 07NOV116

flight of fancy?

Christmas presents need not just be socks, scarves and sweets this year - there are lots of exciting ideas around as Choice discovered.

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ADVENTURE and experience days are ideal for thrill-seekers.

Why not treat someone special to flying lessons at Wellesbourne Airport. Prices start at £69 for half an hour with a fully qualified instructor.

Pilot Mike Roberts works for Take Flight Aviation flying school in Loxley Road. He believes the lessons are an ideal festive gift either as a one-off experience or as a start of a new hobby and said: "It's something different and a lot of people are interested in flying and even if they just do it for an hour it is an exciting experience.

"We have gift vouchers too so the people have something to open on their birthday or Christmas."

Diamonds are a girl's best friend

Friends and family members can sparkle with a new line of jewellery made from stainless steel set with diamonds.

The range, designed by Calvin Klein, is for sale at Lisa Chambers in Leamington. Lisa Travis manages the store in Satchwell Walk, which stocks lines by a variety of different designers. She said: "It's really different and an ideal gift

for anyone who is interested in jewellery.

"It is quite hard-wearing so it is suitable for every day wear. People can wear a set or just one piece for a special occasion. Pieces start at around £69 with bracelets costing up to £495 depending on the style.

Here's a festive toast

Majestic Wine in Bath Street, Leamington has a bottle of bubbly for every occasion with high quality brands which would make an ideal present.

A Veuve Clicquot Jeroboam is £150 a bottle and holds the equivalent of four bottles, while vintage Veuve Clicquot La Grande Dame 1998 is available for £120. The price is reduced to £71.99 when two are purchased.

Manager Sam Kirtland said: "Champagne is a perfect Christmas present really and there is one to suit everyone's needs.

"The Veuve Clicquot's famous yellow label is instantly recognisable and the depth and power of their Champagne is legendary.

"The Jeroboam is equivalent to four bottles of non vintage Champagne and is perfect for

GETTING PRIVATE PILOTS AIRBORNE AT A FRACTION OF THE COST

WHEN MOST private pilots learn to fly, there can be a few limitations to taking advantage of their new licence. The cost of aircraft ownership can be out of reach for some, whilst hiring from flying schools involves vying with instructors and students for a slot (writes Paul Bovey).

Take Flight provide the answer. By joining their private aviators club, current licensees can enjoy aircraft hire with no daily minimum hours requirement. This means you can hire aircraft for a day, a weekend or a week and only pay for the hours used.

Based at Wellesbourne Mountford Airfield in Warwickshire, Take Flight's club boasts facilities that are second-to-none. This includes two Piper aircrafts that can be booked at £99 an hour, offering an affordable alternative to owning your own aircraft.

If you've made an investment in

your own aircraft, you can benefit from full use of the VIP lounge facility, which boasts leather sofas, internet access, TV and DVD. You can choose sole use of the facility at a discounted rate or full membership that entitles you to access club aircraft. Either way, you can plan trips, fax flight plans, check the latest weather online and meet like-minded members in social events and fly-outs'.

Take Flight also offers instruction, which costs £30 per hour for Advanced, Night, IMC or PPL in addition to Aircraft Hire Rates. Trial lessons and gift vouchers are also available. All examiners and instructors are CAA (Civil Aviation Authority) registered.

So if you're looking for a flying school without restrictions and hidden charges, the sky's the only limit with Take Flight Aviation Limited.

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