

# Members' Newsletter

The Newsletter of Coventry Aeroplane Club

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## Autumn is here!

Autumn is most definitely here. The leaves are turning golden and the days are getting shorter. But that means night flying training for those of you without a night rating and the fun of regaining night currency for those who have. The airport will again be open in the evening this autumn and winter, but note that there are new winter opening hours this year (see inside for further details).

The Club's annual dinner and awards ceremony will take place in November. See inside for further details and how to book tickets. There are loads of awards and we'd love to see a good turnout this year.

The mid-week (Mon-Thurs) reduced rate for club aircraft PPL hire continues to be available. £121 per hour is a saving of £20 over the usual rate. Why not take advantage of this offer and take some photos of the beautiful autumnal colours? Arrange to fly with a buddy (via the Members' Facebook or WhatsApp chat lists) and flying a club aircraft becomes even more affordable. It'd be great to see some of your photos on the members' facebook page or tag us on Instagram or Twitter (@CovAeroClub #CovAeroClub)



## See inside for.....

- \* The Annual Dinner and Awards ceremony on 30th November
- \* Club news including the hangar and flight office redecoration, the Summer 2019 flying challenge, updates on Club Rules update and how to become a flight instructor & more
- \* Airport news - new squawk from 8th Nov, new winter opening times, Night Flying and revised out of hours indemnity



You are cordially invited to the

# **Coventry Aeroplane Club Annual Dinner and Awards Ceremony**

on

## **Friday 30th November 2018**

at

### **Coventry Golf Club St. Martins Rd, Finham, Coventry, CV3 6RJ**

Doors open at 7:00pm with meal service from 7:30pm, the dress code is smart.

This year we have decided to let you all choose your own seats (there's a table plan at the club). . Spaces are limited, so book early to avoid disappointment; places will be granted on a first-come-first-served basis with priority being given to those who are receiving awards.

The menu is printed overleaf. Please let us know how many tickets you require and your menu choices by phoning the club ops desk on 02476 301 428 or by visiting the club and adding your details to the plan at the ops desk.

For those of you who have recently joined the club, please do come and join us as we celebrate the successes of the past year, including first solos, skills test successes and a number of club trophies that are awarded to members for various achievements, and not forgetting our (in)famous Paper Aeroplane Throwing Competition!

We look forward to seeing you all there!



Kind regards,  
Claire Leadbetter  
Chairperson

## Coventry Aeroplane Club Annual Dinner Menu 2018

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### Starters

Smoked Salmon Mousse  
or  
Broccoli & Stilton Soup with Croutons  
or  
Melon & Parma Ham



### Mains

Carvery: choice of two meats from Turkey, Beef, Ham and Pork with Trimmings  
or  
Goats Cheese Wellington Slice  
*suitable for vegetarians*



### Desserts

Christmas Pudding with Brandy Sauce  
or  
Salted Caramel Profiteroles  
or  
Cheese & Biscuits



Coffee & Mince Pies

Adult: £25.50  
Child Aged 5+: £13.95

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### Special Dietary Requirements

Please let us know if you have any special dietary requirements  
no later than 20th November 2018

## Coventry Aeroplane Club News

### “Hangar clear out & flight office redecoration”

On the weekend of 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> August the club experienced one of the biggest clear out operations possibly this decade! Over a dozen members and friends kindly gave up their time to sweep, paint, sand, fill, move furniture and aircraft to begin the process of rejuvenating our clubhouse. We hope you'll agree that it makes the club a more pleasant place to be. We would like to thank the following individuals for all their hard work:- Rowan Smith, Mandy Goldstein, Paul Baker, Lynda Baker, Lauren Tilsley, Anthony Ryan, Gerard Black, Simon Logan, Neil Hedges, Spencer Hedges, David Ramirez, Alex Holmes, Alex Soare, Mike Guppy, Stefan Winkvist & not forgetting Barney the dog!

Further changes planned include the installation of a bean to cup coffee machine so that members and guests can purchase good quality hot drinks for a reasonable price when the club is open. We are also working towards increasing members' access to the upstairs room and balcony throughout the week.

To help with those mid-coffee munchies, we're also providing free biscuits for club members. We hope these changes will help make the clubhouse more sociable & accessible so we can all get together and plan even more flying time together.



Please endeavour to keep the hangar and building safe, tidy and put equipment back where it belongs after use. Items found in the hangar that are not labelled as belonging to a member will be thrown away at the earliest available opportunity.

## Summer Flying Challenge

As well as improvements to the club and managing the usual operational challenges the committee have been hard at work planning a new series of social and flying events for the coming year. Instead of the usual land-away and burgers, this year we have decided to attempt a charity fundraising grand-challenge in aid of Aerobility.

In 2019 Coventry Aeroplane Club will be 87 years old, so naturally we have decided to set you all, our members, the challenge of landing-away at a minimum of 87 different aerodromes throughout the month of July 2019.

We plan to raise money by asking members to offer experience flights to the public in return for cost-share donations to Aerobility. As a club we will be working hard to do everything we can to encourage everyone to take part, including trying to obtain free landings, offering reduced flying rates on club aircraft, developing membership incentives as well as producing a range of promotional materials – more details to follow as and when we finalise them.

We hope this will be a challenge everyone can get involved in. If you have any suggestions or can provide any help to make it a success, we'd love to hear from you so please get in touch on [committee@covaero.com](mailto:committee@covaero.com).

Hopefully we'll all get to do some different and enjoyable flying, make some new friends, gain a few more members and raise a good chunk of money for an excellent cause.

## Airport passes for Airside Access

The security requirements for airside access to the airport have been revised to reflect its GA focus. The emphasis is now to keep the site secure to protect planes and equipment, not meet government security requirements and this means that airport businesses can issue their own airside passes so long as they have a tracking system in place that is acceptable to the airport.

The club can now issue airside passes to members and these passes will work the club keypad security system as before.

**The club will issue passes to members free of charge – a saving of £80 per pass for everyone!!**

Instructions for applications are on the club website, and the level of ID documentation is reduced to a photo for the new pass, a matching photo ID and a matching proof of address.

The only restriction is that a club issued pass is that it will not provide access through other airport gates, including the Western Access gate. Members who require this facility will need to contact the airport directly.

If you need to obtain or renew your security pass please contact [security@covaero.com](mailto:security@covaero.com)

## **Review of Club Rules & becoming a Club Flight Instructor**

In the summer newsletter, we asked for expressions of interest from those wanting to join a group to review the rules of the club and for those who might want to become a flying instructor. Thanks to all those who volunteered to help or requested information.

Unfortunately, the rules review has been delayed due to illness. We will be in touch in due course.

A date in November is being arranged for members to find out what is involved in becoming a Flight Instructor for the club.

If you wish you be involved in either of these projects, it's not too late. Email Rowan ([secretary@covaero.com](mailto:secretary@covaero.com)) for the Club Rules group or Claire ([chair@covaero.com](mailto:chair@covaero.com)) if you are interested in becoming a club Flight Instructor.

## Competitions

(No prizes - Just for fun!)

### Caption Competition



Suggest a caption for this photograph of the latest Beagle Pup aircraft and we'll announce a winner at the Christmas Dinner on 30th November.

Submit your captions by email to [committee@covaero.com](mailto:committee@covaero.com) by Sunday 25th November

### Photograph Competition

Have you taken a great aviation themed photograph? Post it on the Facebook Members' page, or tag/mention us on Twitter or Instagram (@CovAeroClub #CovAeroClub). Submit your entries by 25th November and we'll show the best at the Awards dinner.

### **New Duty Members**

The club would like to have additional duty members available to cover weekends and holidays. The role is ideal for club members who would like to be more involved in the running of the club, or for anyone interested in becoming a pilot or starting a career in aviation. Applicants must be over 14 (and have parental permission if under 18).

If you or anyone you know might be interested please email [committee@covaero.com](mailto:committee@covaero.com)

### **Club Social Events**

It's the time of year when we start thinking about Autumn & Winter social events. We've had some successful talks in the past about a variety of subjects, but what would you want to hear about this year?

Do you know someone with an interesting aviation related story to tell?

If so let us know at [committee@covaero.com](mailto:committee@covaero.com)

## Coventry Airport News

### Night Flying (2018-19)

The airport will again be open for night flying this winter every Thursday until 20:00 local. So that the airport can manage their shifts, sessions need to be booked by the beginning of the week and at least 3 aircraft will need to be booked. (This includes aircraft from other clubs)

This is a great opportunity to sample flying at night and get a night rating if you haven't already. The views are amazing.



### Out of hours flying

The airport has re-instated the out of hours indemnity agreement, but has made some changes so if you signed the previous agreement, sorry, but you'll need to read and sign the new one.

The "sterile period" 30 minutes after closing and before opening has been removed. However, to reduce the risk of bird strikes, pilots will be required to do a full length backtrack of the runway in use prior to takeoff and perform a low approach go-around to enable visual inspection of the runway before landing.

Check the club noticeboard to read and sign the new agreement.

### New Squawk code for Coventry airport

The familiar squawk "for Birmingham" will change on 8th November, 2018.

Pilots will be asked to

**"Squawk 0420"**

Be aware that as previously, the squawk should only be set when instructed by the FISO and that it is for conspicuity only and does not imply any sort of ATS service.

### Revised airport opening hours for Winter

Clubs and other operators at the airport have been informed that this year the airport's opening hours will be changing to winter hours for the duration of GMT.

The new hours will be

**09:00 - 17:00 (local & UTC) Fri-Weds**

and

**09:00 - 20:00 (local & UTC) on Thursdays**

(if enough aircraft are booked for night flying)

## Flying Achievements

Congratulations to Simon Logan who recently passed his PPL skills tests.



## Your Committee

Coventry Aeroplane Club is owned by its members and run by a General Committee elected at each AGM. The committee members are also directors of the two limited companies owned by the club.

### Officers

**Chair :** Claire Leadbetter  
**Vice Chair :** Mike Guppy  
**Secretary :** Rowan Smith  
**Treasurer :** Neil Hedges

### General Committee members

Paul Baker, Peter Gibson, Kevin Lee, Stuart Robottom-Scott, Lauren Tilsley, Stefan Winkvist.

Want to Join us? email [committee@covaero.com](mailto:committee@covaero.com)

**Head of Training/CFI :** Mark Rawlings

### Safety

....is at the heart of everything that we do. If you want to discuss or report a safety issue, email [safety@covaero.com](mailto:safety@covaero.com)

## .... And finally

We aim to produce these newsletters for Club Members quarterly.

What else would you like to see?

Do you have a flying story that you would like to contribute? If so we would love to hear from you!

Get in touch with any committee member or email [committee@covaero.com](mailto:committee@covaero.com)

Do you use Social Media? Follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram



There is also a [Facebook Group for Club Members](#) and a WhatsApp group (email the committee for information)– do join in the conversation!

