

# DOIC Newsletter

**RAF Lyneham  
Flying Club**

## January 2008

### **1. Introduction**

Happy New Year!!

Welcome to the fourth of Lyneham Flying Club's Newsletters. The big things which have happened include the change of name, the plan to introduce a club logo and additional options for increasing use of the aircraft.

### **2. Costs**

Club costs have remained on target and the fund is now in a healthy position. The hire price which Freedom Aviation (Dave and Sarah) has turned out to be a little low when compared against the costs which the aircraft have incurred over the last 12 months. The target of 365 hours per aircraft were reached by Lyneham (G-VICC flew 393 hours in 2007 and G-WFFW flew 367 hours), however, to keep the costs where they are we needed to fly 410 hours per aircraft in the year, hence the sub-lease of G-WFFW to Kemble for the winter months.

### **3. Expeds**

Expeds for 2008 are yet to be discussed, however, with the limited availability of service personnel demonstrated in 2007, it may be appropriate to approach expeds from a new direction.

### **4. New Club Rooms**

We are now fully moved into the new club rooms, simplex locks secure the doors. In case you forget the codes please feel free to contact a committee member by phone or text.

### **5. Junior Ranks Subsidy**

The junior ranks subsidy has been introduced and is currently available. All ranks upto Cpl are eligible for £40 off their first ever hour of flying, then £20 per hour upto a total of £420 per person. This will continue until the £1440 is used.

### **6. Folding Bikes**

The new folding bikes have arrived, a pair of Dahon Curve D3 machines are stored in the store room for your use. Each bike has a carry case to protect it and the aircraft when being loaded and offloaded. The bikes weigh 25.5lbs(12kg) each and can be booked through Flight Schedule Pro.

### **7. AGM**

There will be another AGM in 2008 probably during May with a date yet to be announced.

### **8. Club Logo**

There was a limited response to the request for logo designs, those which were submitted were displayed on the home page of the website with requests for members preferred design. The current winning design is being used above.

### **9. Flying Incentives**

The incentives to increase the amount of flying during the winter months had no effect on the level of use and so were withdrawn after November's incentive was complete.

### **10. Instructors**

Roger Milburn and Robert McPhee are now unrestricted instructors, meaning that we now have 4 part time flight instructors who can teach PPL students. The club also has 2 Class Rating Instructors (Matt Lane and Phil Hall) who can teach pilots who have at some time been issued with a licence, for example to practice before taking a renewal

test, or any currency regaining requirements.

### **11. G-WFFW**

G-WFFW is not currently evident at Lyneham, this is because it is being sub-leased to The Flying Club Kemble during the winter months. We expect to see G-WFFW back at Lyneham by 1<sup>st</sup> April 08 at the latest. The reason we have adopted this action was to keep flying costs down for club members. It turns out that we needed to fly 820 hours in 2007 to keep the dry hire price where it was set. We only flew 758 which would have led to an £8 per hour increase to make the books balance. The usage during 2007 was reviewed and it was found that there were only 6 days between Jan and Apr when both aircraft were booked simultaneously. Hence the plan to sub-lease to Kemble to increase the usage on both aircraft.

### **12. Committee**

There will be some major changes in the committee during 2008. We will wave goodbye to Chief Tech Mike Jakubowski as the mainstay of the finances as he steps down from his post as Treasurer and hands it on to Tony Rimmer Jacko will be turning into a "Mister" during early 2008. We will also wave goodbye to Sqn Ldr Lee Matthews our OIC as he is posted away in April 08. Lastly, this will probably be my last newsletter as DepOIC as I shall be turning into a "Mister" during mid 2008.