

ALL YOU NEED TO FLY



WINTER 2024

As always we hope this edition of our e-newsletter finds you and your families safe and well.



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Daedalus Commemorates D-Day 80th

The 80th D-Day Anniversary Celebrations happened over the 8th—9th June 2024 on the historic former WWII airfield HMS Daedalus.

HMS Daedalus played a vital part D-Day invasion as the RN and RAF were joined by Canadian Typhoons and Mustangs, long with the US Navy Squadron VCS-7.

At 0441 hours on the 6 June 1944, the first aircraft to take part in Operation Overlord from HMS Daedalus departed en-route to the Normandy beach head. HMS Daedalus is a significant place in the part of the overall 80th anniversary, it was the single busiest airfield on D-Day with 435 sorties. This number was the largest achieved by any UK airfield on D-Day



The weekend was a huge success with around 16,000 visitors enjoying the weekends activities.

Daedalus D-Day 80 was administered on behalf of Fareham Borough Council by Montserrat Events CIC who managed the event and ticket sales. Regional & City Airports (RCA) organised and assembled all of the airside activities and aircraft for both static and flying displays

Airport Project updates

Aeronautical Ground Lighting (AGL)

The AGL works commenced in early 2024 with a proposed completion date of December 2024.

You may have seen a number of yellow poles being installed in the vicinity of the Monks Hill Car park and QEII Platinum Jubilee Park. These are part of the approach lights and are directed towards the approaching in flight aircraft and will not impede any neighbouring properties.

AGL will allow operations in inclement weather and extended opening hours in the winter months until 6pm.



Performance Based Navigation (PBN)

PBN is a system that allows aircraft to fly on flexible flight paths using onboard equipment and capabilities.

PBN is basically a GPS aid for aircraft, it will allow the airport to offer a method of navigation through an instrument approach and allow pilots to navigate either for training, charter aircraft or in inclement weather and poor visibility, where it will allow pilots to continue to their destination whereas normally they would have to divert to another airfield.

PBN has many benefits, including: Safety, Efficiency, cost and no ground based equipment that needs maintaining.

Both AGL and PBN are a great benefit to maintaining a successful airport and providing a much improved service proposition to our customers.

More information coming soon, please keep up to date via our website

Airport Events

Easter fun day 3rd April 2024

Our Easter Open Day event was a great success, even if the wind did its best to try and put an end to it!

The airport team gave a warm welcome to all the visitors and a brief look at their daily jobs including aircraft marshalling, Fire Fighting and being an AFISO.

We were lucky to be joined by the Easter Bunny after he had completed the rounds the weekend prior, and was again a bit hit with the children (and many grown ups!)

Easter Bunny has promised to visit again next year.



A modest amount was raised in support for Charlie's Beach Hut charity Charlie's Beach Hut: www.charliecodling.co.uk

"Charlie's is a beach hut style caravan at Perran Sands in Perranporth which aims to provide families of children with life limiting illnesses and families of fire-fighters that have suffered bereavement, or life changing injury whilst in the line of duty, a relaxing environment so they can forge some forever memories."

Airport Events

Solent Airport 5k 'Run the Runway 2024'

A very popular event that took place on Sunday 23rd June 2024.

The Solent Airport 5k saw approx. 300 runners take part early on beautiful sunny Sunday morning, it was great to see so many runners!

4 staff members from the airport took part and the event has raised over £7000 for the hospices which will help Naomi House and Jacks Place create precious memories



Christmas 2024

On Monday 23rd December 2024

10:00am—3:30pm

The day will include; Santa's Grotto, raffle and children's activities.

All proceeds to Charlies Beach Hut.



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We really value the support and encouragement we receive from our neighbours in achieving ongoing success.

Keep an eye on the website www.solentairport.co.uk or our social media for details of upcoming community events.



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From all at Solent Airport we wish you all a
Very Merry Christmas
and
Best Wishes for 2025