

# September 2025



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## ***Bodmin Flyer***



**A**s the summer season draws to a close we still have one last event here at Bodmin Airfield, the Cornwall Strut Fly-In on the 6th September. As always we need a good team of volunteers so please let Pete White know if you can lend a hand. His contact details and info on this are on page 6. Hopefully we will have better luck with the weather than we did with our Lundy Sunday 25th anniversary event. Unfortunately even our backup day of 17th August had to be cancelled due to strong gusty cross winds on the one runway. Fingers crossed for next year though.

Our AGM meeting is now scheduled for October 23rd at 6pm in the clubhouse so please come along. Leith has more about this on page 9..

Also in October will be our next Aeroclub talk. Corinne Dennis will be giving us an insight into all the work that went in to building and flying her Pitts Special, so put 15th October in you diary. Read more about this on page 4.

Despite Arfur being just out of knee replacement surgery he's sent me an update for the newsletter! We all wish him well with his recovery and I don't think it will be long before we see him at the airfield, even if in a limited capacity initially.



**Florence looking very relaxed after her first solo flight. Pictured here with Arfur.**

**Our next AIRFIELD MAINTENANCE DAY is planned for Sunday 28th September. If you can spare a few hours that would be great.** Corinne Dennis tells us what we did at the last one on page 7.

The fine weather has seen plenty of flying lessons undertaken in August. Congratulations to Florence who completed her first solo on 15th.

August saw lots of visitors including a well known face in the world of motorcycling. Who was this? Nigel will let you know further in the newsletter. We also had this lovely 1935 Tiger Moth visit from Henstridge, flown by Annabelle Burroughs. On 17th August we had a lovely Slovakia registered Aveko VL-3 that departed for Ostend, Belgium.

Just ahead of Hurricane Erin, Pete Best managed to bale the cut meadows around the runways on the 25th August.

Fly safe,

David Young, Editor.



**Photos: Jay Gates**



# Aug 2025 – GOM and DTO snippets.

**A**ugust has been an excellent flying month right up until the last week, when cloud, wind and instructor shortage (sorry, my knee operation was on the 26<sup>th</sup>!) have curtailed the flying programme. But the airfield is looking great after our baling was pretty much done in one evening last week which saw three tractors baling, lining up and depositing all the bales at the edge of the airfield.

1. I know the potholes on the taxiway around hangar 3 have caused some complaints, so I will look at filling those soon, although they do indicate safe passage from the building corner if used as guides. It will be addressed.
2. We have had to order two lots of Avgas this month, showing how much flying has been done. We should be taking delivery of the new static Mogas tank in October.
3. Corinne Dennis has completed creosoting the fence outside the Clubhouse and has done a great job organising the weekend working parties. Pete Williams has once again strimmed around the parking area and Phil Gray has painted the cladding over the side of Hangar 3. A massive thanks to all of you who have helped out this month. It really does show the Club ethos at its best.
4. Nick Bentham-Green has made a start on clearing the bracken, especially on the North-West boundary. This is necessary to make us more likely to receive any potential funding from the Stewardship Project. We have started an application and it could be very beneficial for the Airfield. Seed collecting has been finished and the National Trust have collected the seeds on two separate occasions.
5. On a flying note, please try to avoid doing 'deadside joins' on Rw13/31 as these tend to mean flying over Millpool, which is an avoid. Overhead joins, which incorporate a descent on the deadside are perfectly acceptable.



Fly safe!

Arfur Bryant  
GOM



# Aeroclub talk

By Pete White

**O**ur first AEROCLUB speaker for the Autumn/Winter 2025 season has been a Cornwall Flying Club member and a stalwart volunteer at Bodmin Airfield for many years. The tasks she has been involved in have been diverse and include finance work with the board, managing our accounts - to masterminding the airfield clean-up campaign.

**Of course I am referring to our Aerobatic Aviatrix – Corinne Dennis.**

Having had a successful 'career' in competition aerobatics Corinne decided to change tack to flying aerobatic displays at airshows and events. At that time she had a share in a beautiful Extra 230 G-XTRA, but the necessity to take the a/c away for displays at weekends meant that she needed an aircraft of her own.



and installed in a large garage at home in Yorkshire.

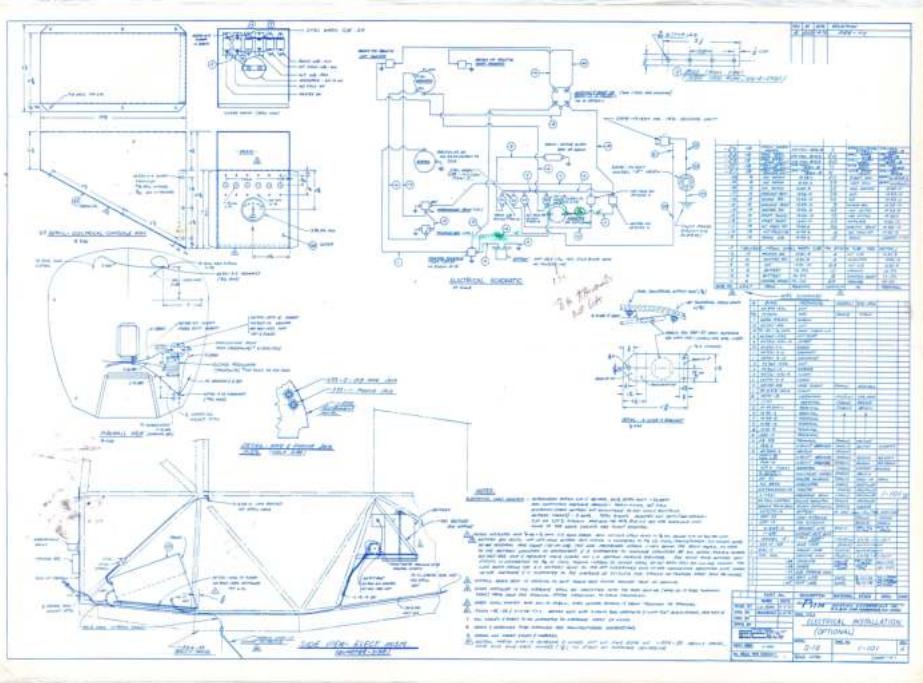


Without the funds to buy one outright she decided the only way to achieve that was to build her own. So she set about investigating which aircraft would be suitable for the job – and could be home built. The single seat biplane Pitts Special fitted the bill perfectly and Corinne already had several hundred hours on type with a previous shared aircraft.

Searching the country for a suitable project, with the assistance of the engineer who was to become her mentor revealed several opportunities and one was eventually purchased

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The restoration and assembly process became not just a technical challenge, but an adventure in itself—late nights spent amongst blueprints and rivets, coffee-fuelled weekends weathering Yorkshire winters, and the thrill of watching Tarquin take shape piece by painstaking piece. Each component, hand-fitted and checked, carried its own story: there were triumphs and setbacks, unexpected engineering puzzles, and the camaraderie of fellow homebuilders who dropped in with advice, encouragement, or a spare pair of hands.





As the project neared completion, anticipation built with every milestone—the first painted stripe on the fuselage, the mounting of the engine, the satisfied click of instruments snapping into the panel. And when Tarquin finally rolled out into the daylight, gleaming and ready for flight, it was the culmination not just of years of work, but of a dream realized through tenacity and passion.

But Corinne's journey didn't stop on the day Tarquin first left the ground. Instead, it marked the start of a new chapter: one filled with the roar of the engine overhead, the applause of crowds below, and the quiet pride that comes from

piloting a machine built by one's own hands through loops and rolls and breathtaking displays of aerial artistry.

Corinne will tell her story of the long journey building Tarquin and eventually campaigning him at airshows, boat shows, weddings and other events.





# We Need Your Help Please

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Come and join the Bodmin Airfield Team of volunteers to help us run our last fly-in of 2025 .

We will need Aircraft & Vehicle Marshals, Hosters, Hangar Tour Guides, Catering help and... very importantly --- welcoming our visitors to the finest airfield in the West Country.

Please contact me -

*Pete White*

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# Airfield Maintenance Day

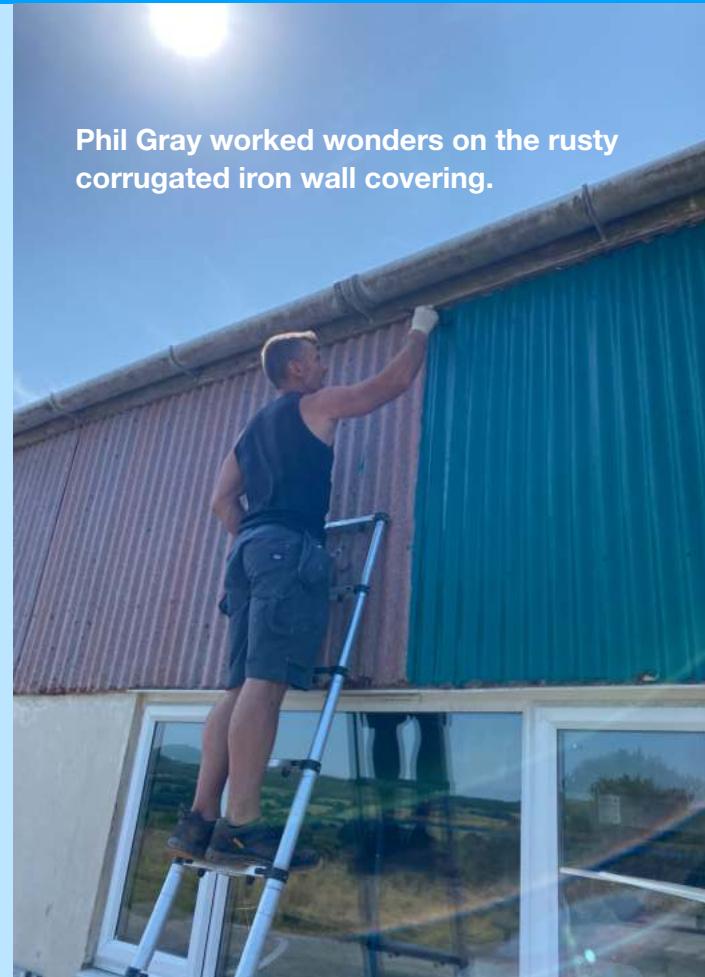
**19th August**  
**By Corinne Dennis**

A very successful airfield maintenance day was held on Sunday 19th August. Grateful thanks go to David, Fiona, Steve & Corinne for their backbreaking work on 31/13 numbers (which now gleam in the sunshine). Thanks also to Phil Gray for repainting the rusty tin cladding on Hangar 3 and to Pete Williams for the ingoing battle with ever growing grass, brambles and bracken. Tim Elkins and Jabiru John tackled the weeds around the club house which now looks a lot tidier. More recently Corinne has also finished creosoting the fence near the clubhouse and sprayed off the weeds on the signal square.

The next maintenance day is planned for Sunday 28th September at 1000

Planned tasks include:

Re-siting of airfield sign near 03 threshold to near A30 junction, creosoting backs of runway end markers, painting of end wall of hangar 3, tidying around the club house, disposal of fridges etc. plus other tasks as required. If you are able to come and help, if only for part of the day please let Corinne Dennis know at [corinne@corinnedennis.co.uk](mailto:corinne@corinnedennis.co.uk). Bring any tools and equipment you think may be useful.





# Mystery Aircraft

The non-existent prize and silent round of applause for guessing last month's mystery aircraft goes to H Vernon! Well done for correctly identifying the photo as a Renard R36



So once again get your reference books out for another one. Answers please to [lionel.ford@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lionel.ford@hotmail.co.uk). First with a positive identification gets a big fat pat on the back.



## Annual General Meeting 2025

Dear Members,

The Annual General Meeting of Cornwall Flying Club Limited will take place as a **Physical Meeting** in the **clubhouse** on **Thursday, 23rd October 2025 at 6pm**. Following the meeting, the Chairman and members of the board invite attendees to join them in a buffet meal\*.

In accordance with the Articles of Association, notice is hereby given that the business to be conducted shall be:

1. Approval of the Minutes of last AGM
2. Chairman's address and report
3. Financial report and approval of accounts
4. Officer reports:
  - Ground Operations Manager and HOT
  - Safety
  - Events
5. Election of Directors
6. Response to written questions
7. Close

Voting on all matters on the agenda will be by show of hands at the meeting save for the election of directors which shall be conducted on-line – watch out for details nearer the time.

In respect of Item 5 above, two of our current directors are coming to the end of their term of office and shall stand down at the meeting so there are vacancies for two or more directors. The process of becoming a director is very simple: Obtain a signed nomination from any current member and produce an election address which will be displayed on the notice board for a period of two weeks prior to the meeting. An election will be held and the results announced at the meeting. Whilst we have operated with six directors to date, the Articles of Association provide for a maxima of eight directors so Members are invited to consider this opportunity to shape our club and take it forward. Nomination of members to the position of Director must be received by the Company Secretary at [leith.whittington@btopenworld.com](mailto:leith.whittington@btopenworld.com) by Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025 – contact the Company Secretary for information.

Submissions for Item 6 above should be made to the Company Secretary at the address above by Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2025.

At present, there are no Company Resolutions to place before the meeting by the board but, if any arise, they will be notified to Members by Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

\* In order to plan the buffet, please advise the Company Secretary if you plan to attend.



Leith Whittington  
Company Secretary



# Yet another celebrity visits Bodmin!

By Nigel Ramsay

Well, 'yet another' is probably stretching it, but after Craig Charles arriving by helicopter a couple of years ago (I bought him a beer!), we had another celebrity visitor this month; though somewhat more niche. If you are or were keen on motorcycle racing, you'll know immediately who Ron Haslam is! Ron and his wife arrived PPR, in their EV97 from their own strip near Derby.

I was acting Duty Manager when he flew in. We arranged a taxi (well, actually it turned out to be none other than our Ops Manager, Arfur Bryant!) for them to

go to their overnight in Port Isaac (Port Wenn to them, as they are Doc Martin fans!).



A visit from Craig Charles



Ron Haslam fuelling his EV97 at Bodmin

It was only when I looked at the name, that the ancient grey matter joined the dots. To make sure, I googled Ron Haslam for images; even the greying hair couldn't hide the fact that this was indeed the man who was a major force in motorcycle racing during almost 30 years winning two World titles, four British championships and having ridden in almost 110 GPs. Haslam spends much of his time helping his son Leon Haslam in his racing career and previously trained riders and racers alike at his former Race School based at Donington Racetrack, Leicestershire.

Ron has been a pilot for over 35 years. He currently owns a Maule as well as his EV97. He took to flying as

a way of relaxing between competitions.

Hopefully he'll make good on his promise to visit us again!

Nigel Ramsay Aug 2025



# Lawson Kent RIP

By Pete White

Lawson Kent, the former Chairman of the Cornwall Military Vehicles Trust, and Area Secretary of the MVT has recently passed away after a long battle with cancer. His daughter Karen wishes for us to know and has contacted us at Bodmin Airfield.

We had a long and productive relationship with Lawson, who always brought his military vehicles and suitably attired colleagues to Bodmin Airfield whenever there was a military themed event taking place. I know that Jay always enjoyed conversations with him in the clubhouse as we all did and we all came to the same conclusion - He was a real gentleman.

Looking back on it we were very fortunate to have those beautifully restored military vehicles at our events which certainly enhanced the display and the extra bonus was their occupants wearing suitable clothing which fitted in admirably with the theme.



His funeral took place at the Trelawny Chapel, Penmount Crematorium, Truro, at noon on Friday 22nd August. Dress code of the day was no black attire or flowers, as per Lawson's wishes. A wake took place directly after the funeral service at the Truro Cricket Club.

We all salute Lawson and thank him for his years of involvement with our events at Bodmin Airfield and our sincere condolences and good wishes go to his family and friends.





## Ellie Carter and her Piper L4 Cub

### CFC Members News

Pete White

One of our younger Cornwall Flying Club members, who I certainly remember taking flying in the Aeronca Chief from Bodmin when she was just 13 years old – had shown great promise and a very good aptitude for flying.

Now roll forward several years and Ellie Carter still occasionally visits us in her WW2 marked Piper L4 Cub and she has rocketed forward in her aviation skills as well as now being a qualified engineer having gained a degree in aeronautical engineering.

What brought this to mind was an email from Philip Whiteman via Pat Malone, both renowned authors and aviation journalists, after Philip had flown his Piper Cub into the Aces High Vintage Summer Party at Steventon in August of this year. Apparently Ellie was parked next to Philip and they were able to catch up on her progress thus far and she stated that she had not yet started her CPL.

To quote Philip,

*“A poster girl for youth in aviation, if there ever was one! More prosaically, I’ll bet she’s never speared her bonce on that sharp door edge like every other Cub pilot I know. She makes the aeroplane look twice as big as it is,”*

Yes, despite Ellie’s petite appearance she has made giant steps in the world of aviation, a sure inspiration for all of the young souls that have the driving ambition to enter the world of aviation.

# AEROCLUB and *Cornwall Strut* at BODMIN AIRFIELD

On **Wednesday** 15<sup>th</sup> October at 19.00 - (Dining starts at 17.30)



Our speaker for the evening, Corinne Dennis, will tell her story of the long journey building her Pitts Special S1- *Tarquin* and eventually campaigning him at airshows, boat shows, weddings and other events.

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You are very welcome to join us for a meal in the Clubhouse before the talk but please remember to book first on **01208 821419** especially if dining at our *AeroDine Cafe*. Meals start from 17.30 and the talk commences at 19.00. See you all there!

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September 6th 2025

# CORNWALL STRUT

## FLY-IN

at Bodmin Airfield



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# Come and join our team...



# At Bodmin Airfield



This splendid aerial shot of Bodmin Airfield shows the expanse of the land, that as Club members, we all own between us and we are so lucky to have this asset. This has been achieved by much hard work and careful management over the years by members and their friends and family. We have an excellent reputation for our welcoming attitude at the many events we hold and again during our everyday business of flying training we excel in every way. Our team of instructors and management staff show an unlimited amount of enthusiasm to ensure our 'customer' is satisfied and happy. Our extra bonus is the AeroDine cafe which in itself is enjoying a development journey all of its own under the leadership of Matt and bringing a wide range of sustenance to our visitors and members.

**But going forward we really do need your help to...**

- General gardening tasks.
- Keeping the hangars clean and tidy.
- Tidy up the Fuel Bay area and fit new signs.
- Painting the outside where needed.
- Make new chocks and refurbish the remaining good examples.
- Generally cleaning up and keeping the patio area, signal square and path from the car park in a presentable condition. (This is the first sight our customers have of our airfield)

We have started to build up a team of helpers for both indoor work and groundwork outside on the airfield and if you can give of your time, however small that may be, please join the team by contacting me...we have plenty to do.

Thank you

Pete White

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