



AVIATION WITHOUT BORDERS

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Summer Catch Up

To all our members, supporters and friends

Activities Changes Plans

A newsletter has not been published for a while so the summer seemed a good a time to catch up. On the surface the charity may have appeared to have been 'running silent', but internally there has been much activity with restructuring and reorganising.

Now that the situation has settled it is hoped we can keep everyone better informed by providing regular newsletters. In spite of the preoccupation with other matters, however, our projects have continued over the summer. **For further information please visit our website**

at www.aviationwithoutborders.org.

Perth

Ten young people from Edinburgh Sick Kids Hospital took to the skies at Perth Aerodrome on Saturday, 4th June 2011.



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The event was hosted by Aviation Without Borders and The Scottish Aero club. EADS generously funded the event. The day was a great chance for the young people and their families to relax and enjoy themselves together. Activities included a talk on aviation, a guided tour of the hangar, lunch and a short flight for the children and their families.

The weather had been warm and sunny the day before but changed for the worse on the Saturday with low cloud and fresh winds. Fortunately the cloud lifted after midday and everyone got the chance to fly. Photographers from the Daily Record and the Perth local newspaper, The Courier, attended, so the Press were well represented. Ten-year-old Emma (pictured above) was thrilled with her flight. 'It's wonderful to see her doing something away from the hospital and smiling', commented her mum. 'She's had a great time'.



RIAT REUNION

A reunion for 18 of AWB's friends from the charity Reach was held on 17th July at the Royal International Air Tattoo (RIAT) at RAF Fairford in Gloucestershire.

The European Aeronautic, Defence and Space Company (EADS) had a chalet at the event and they very kindly invited our Reach friends to join them as VIP guests. At the start of the day Fairford was anything but fair and heavy rain delayed

the flying programme.

Fortunately the rain eased off and, as the cloud lifted, the weather improved which allowed the full flying programme to be flown.

EADS Head of Corporate Sponsorship and Promotion, Bettina Nerb, kindly organised a tour of the Vulcan bomber, one of the star attractions, which was later seen in the air. The display also included impressive flying by the F16, Rafale



and Typhoon fighters as well as another spectacular show by the Red Arrows.

Our guests from Reach met old acquaintances, made new friends and all

Cumbernauld (Glasgow)

Eleven children and young people, mostly from The Aberlour Child Care Trust, got the chance to fly at Cumbernauld Aerodrome on Saturday, 6th August 2011. The day was hosted by Aviation Without Borders and The Leading Edge Flying Club (LEFC). EADS, and pilots from the LEFC,

thoroughly enjoyed the event.

Said one Reach parent, 'we had an absolutely fantastic day and really enjoyed meeting up with the other Reach families'.

The weather had been changeable before the event but, fortunately, on the day it was warm and pleasant. Rain was forecast for early afternoon but didn't arrive until much later, so everyone got the chance to fly. A representative from Bel Press Photographers also attended to record the activities.

'I can't believe I was flying', said young



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generously funded the event.

Groups had travelled from Glasgow, Edinburgh, Stirling and Falkirk to attend and activities included a talk on aviation, a guided tour of the hangar, lunch and a short flight for the children, families and carers.

Jordan after his flight, 'and I even sat beside the pilot and got a shot'.

It goes without saying that the children and young people, some with carers and others with their families, had a great time and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day.

PLANS

In November 2009 a group of young people from Action for Children were invited on an Airbus sponsored flight to view the Northern Lights. The event was a spectacular experience for those involved and inspired nineteen-year-old Andrew Holland (pictured) from the Kingfisher Centre in Elby, Stroud to produce a vivid drawing of the sight. His art work so impressed EADS that the drawing was used for the company's 2010 Christmas card.

Some of the proceeds from the sale of the card have now been donated to the Kingfisher Centre for the benefit of the residents and a special Smiling Wings Day has been organised for them. A visit to Kemble Airfield on 10th September 2011 has been arranged for Andrew and his colleagues where all seven young adults will take to the air for trial flying lessons with qualified instructors. It is hoped the flights will be a fitting award for Andrew's aviation inspired drawing.



NORTHERN LIGHTS TRIPS

After the success of the Northern Lights trip in 2009, the plan is to organise another two trips to the Northern Lights this November, one from Glasgow on 21st November with children from With Kids, and the other from Bristol on 28th

November with more young people from Action for Children. The events are still at the preliminary stage and talks are ongoing with the charities involved and also with EADS regarding funding.

MEMBERS' RIGHTS

From the beginnings of AWB, members have had the right to access other members' contact details. In our original Constitution, Clause 7(4) stated that 'The

trustees must keep a register of names and addresses of the members which must be made available to any member upon request'.

The Constitution was an off-the-shelf Charity Commission document and Clause 7(4) was in keeping with the Commission's belief that members should have the right to consult with each other. This, however, was superseded by the Data Protection Act which made illegal the release of such information without consent, and the 'offending' last part of Clause 7(4) was removed.

The present committee would like to reinstate this right by including in the members' application form a request for members to state whether or not they wish only their email addresses to be made available to other members. Those ticking the 'yes' box would have their email address made available to other members on request. Those ticking the 'no' box would be listed on a separate private register to which only the data controller would have access. Those members' details would be fully protected and all emails sent by AWB to

ANYONE WANT A DOG?

The following was sent in by a concerned member (Well, maybe not!).

My house was broken into last night by two robbers who locked me in the bathroom and proceeded to steal all they could carry. My watchdog, 'Killer', did not alert me and for this reason I'm giving him away.

As a guard dog he is no good to me and instead I'm installing an electric fence and detection devices with alarms. They're cheaper in the long run and more reliable.

If anyone is interested in adopting 'Killer'

those preferring privacy would be sent only by the data controller.

For the present members, the committee would like to ask all to state their preference. Those stating 'yes' would have their emails made available as above and those who stated 'no', or who did not reply, would be placed on the separate private register.

This process is approved by the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and has been adopted by many organisations who wish to encourage their members to interact.

Before commencing the procedure the committee would like to canvass opinion amongst members. It would be appreciated, therefore, if you would please make your thoughts known to the committee on AWB's contact email address: contact@aviationwithoutborders.org. Thank you.

please email me asap. A photo of 'Killer' is attached below. He does have a few problems.....
.....but with help he should be OK!!



MEMBERSHIP

If any of our readers are not members, or have previously been members but have let their membership lapse, you are now invited to join, or rejoin, on our website at www.aviationwithoutborders.org. Click SUPPORT on the top task bar then 'Membership'. Fill in the Membership/Donation form and submit your subscription and/or donation by Paypal or by credit/debit card.

Alternatively you can download and fill in the Membership/Donation form below, enclose a cheque and post it to us at, Aviation Without Borders, 208 Merton High Street, South Wimbledon, London, SW19 1AX. We shall update our records from your details and, if you tick the box and sign the form, we can benefit from Gift Aid.

Membership/Donation Form

Please increase your giving by one quarter by completing the form and ticking the Gift Aid box.

Title:	Date of birth:
Surname:	Telephone number:
First names:	Email:
Full address:	Occupation:

How did you hear of Aviation Without Borders? _____

- I wish to become a member of Aviation Without Borders and enclose the annual membership fee of £12.00.

I wish to support Aviation Without Borders and enclose a donation of £.....

Please make cheques payable to Aviation Without Borders and send to the address below.

"Please make your membership fee and/or donation worth 25% more with Gift Aid".

I am a UK taxpayer* and I want AWB to treat all fees and donations that I make from the date of this declaration until I notify you otherwise as Gift Aid donations.

If my status as a taxpayer changes I will inform AWB.

* To qualify for Gift Aid you must pay income tax or capital gains tax at least equal to the amount AWB reclaims on your donation in the tax year - currently 25p for every £1 you give.

I would/would not be interested in becoming a volunteer.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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