



AVIATION WITHOUT BORDERS

Wings for the World



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Merry Christmas

and a Happy New Year to all our readers.



To all our members, supporters and friends,

A Christmas message

All of us on the committee of AWB, Bola Bakare, Kathleen McVay, Simon Burke, Alasdair Morrison and Stan Stewart would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

2011 and has been a difficult year for the charity but we have worked hard to resolve matters and we are now well placed for 2012. With your help we shall do our very best to make 2012 a successful year for AWB.

AGM

On Sunday 11th December AWB's 2011 AGM was held at Carlisle. Only a day or so before a major storm had blown through but on the day, thankfully, the weather was fine.

was elected and four other trustees were re-elected. Fortunately it wasn't all boring AWB business for afterwards the group attending gathered for lunch and there was good conversation and much laughter.

At the meeting a new trustee, Bola Bakare,

Northern Lights Flights

Glasgow, Monday 21st November 2011.

The weather was clear in Scotland with fog down south so there was no problem there – or so we thought. All went well with everyone from the charity With Kids excitedly waiting in the departure lounge when at 8.30pm, half an hour before the flight, news filtered through that the aircraft had not arrived in Glasgow.

As it turned out the operating aircraft had been scheduled to land at London City to disembark passengers and then to pick up more for the next leg to Glasgow. Unfortunately owing to fog at City Airport the aircraft had to divert to Stansted where it landed safely but was unable to depart. It was a very disappointing experience for all concerned. The flight has now been rescheduled for March 2012, so at least there was some good news.



Bristol, Monday 28th November 2011

By contrast the flight at Bristol was a great success and the evening was thoroughly enjoyable. Thirty three people were invited to attend and the group included two representatives from AWB, two guests and a cameraman from EADS and, from the charity Action for Children, eleven adults, some of whom were parents and others carers, plus seventeen children and young people.



The Bristol Airport manager personally attended to the group and the children received baseball caps and other items from EADS and an Amy 'pilot' bear and pilot wings from AWB. Most of the children had never flown before and there was a carnival atmosphere on board with the children clapping, cheering and laughing from take off

to landing. And, most importantly of all, the Northern Lights made an appearance and danced and changed colour to the enjoyment of the passengers.

'The trip was the best day of my life', exclaimed Daniel, 'I had no idea there was a world like that out there'.

A most memorable evening for all.

Flying doctor service

AWB has linked up with a an Italian medical charity, Apende Onlus, to provide pilots for a 'mini' flying doctor service in Kenya, in the district of Tharaki which lies to the north east of Nairobi.

The project is very much of an experimental nature lasting up to two years and if successful could establish a long term medical service. Much needs to be done to set up the project but it is hoped that AWB pilots will be flying on missions in Kenya in 2012.



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Private email addresses

For those few members who requested that their email addresses remain private, and for those who did not reply to the questionnaire, a private list has been established. Those who did not respond will have a chance to review their preference when they renew their membership.

Those on the private list should be aware that the secretary cannot act as an exchange and will not respond to any request of whatever nature for any email address on the private list.

Volunteer drivers

It has recently been brought to the attention of the AWB committee that some time ago the government reached an agreement with motor insurers that they would not charge extra on motor insurance policies for drivers who used their vehicles for voluntary driving purposes.

If you own a vehicle and do voluntary work but do not use the vehicle for that purpose, then you need do nothing.



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If, however, you do own a vehicle and use it for voluntary work, in order to avoid any problems with a possible claim in the future you are advised to inform the vehicle insurer. It should not result in any cost increase on your premium.

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.

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