



AVIATION WITHOUT BORDERS

*Wings for the World*



# Newsletter

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## ***AWB plans ahead!***

**To all our members, supporters and friends**

### 2012 DIARY

The object of AWB is to provide humanitarian assistance through aviation services irrespective of politics, religion, race or nationality and the 'master plan' is to continue our activities of aircraft operations, cargo shipments, Smiling Wings Days in the UK and escorting of sick children to the UK for treatment.

A busy year ahead is planned, with a full summer programme, and a diary of events is given at the end of the newsletter. If anyone would like to assist, help, volunteer their services or just turn up on the day at any event, please let us know by email to [contact@aviationwithoutborders.org](mailto:contact@aviationwithoutborders.org).



### OBITUARY



#### Robert Crofts-Bolster

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Robert Crofts-Bolster in a tragic helicopter accident near Witchford, Cambridgeshire, on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2012.

Robert was a dentist by profession but his passion was flying. He was an independent aviation and aerospace professional, a chief flying instructor and a qualified CAA examiner. Aviation has lost a good friend.

Robert is survived by his wife Helen and daughters Charlotte and Rose. He will be sadly missed by his family, friends and colleagues and our thoughts and sympathies are with them at this difficult time.



## NORTHERN LIGHTS FLIGHT

The Aurora Borealis was forecast to be at its brightest this winter and that proved to be the case with the lights being seen on clear nights as far south as Yorkshire.

Last November the Glasgow flight to view the lights had to be cancelled owing to the aircraft being trapped in London with fog and is now rescheduled for March 21<sup>st</sup>. Let's hope the wait proves worthwhile and that the children from With Kids get a chance to see a spectacular display of dancing lights.

## Kenyan 'flying doctor' project - aircraft mechanics required.

The Savannah aircraft for this project has arrived in the port of Mombasa and is in the process of being cleared by customs. It will then be taken by road to the Tharaka district.

On site the aircraft will be rebuilt and flight tested and will require permits to fly from the Kenyan CAA. Mechanics are required with European licenses who are qualified to maintain the Savannah and Rotax engine and can offer their skills for up to three months. If anyone can assist, please email AWB at [contact@aviationwithoutborders.org](mailto:contact@aviationwithoutborders.org).



## Ching Hai International Association Award

In December last year AWB was the proud recipient of a very generous award by the Supreme Master Ching Hai for our humanitarian work. In particular, after the earthquake in Haiti, there was recognition of the excellent efforts by Adrian Waite, AWB's then cargo logistics expert, and his assistant Annie Brand, in swiftly

dispatching large consignments of disaster aid by air cargo to Haiti.

The recognition by the Supreme Master Ching Hai of the humanitarian efforts of others is admirable, as is the good and harmony that she and her association bring to the world.

**A TEST FOR ALL PILOTS** If you would like to check your reactions please click on the link, or copy and paste the following into your address bar -

<http://www.selfcontrolfreak.com/slaan.html>

You will then see a man, pictured opposite, sitting calmly at a table. Click on his nose with the cursor. Have fun....and good luck.



## **FUNDRAISING**

**COLLECTION BOXES** AWB has a database of UK flying clubs and flight training schools and the charity's long term aim is to have a national distribution of collections boxes. In the meantime, if you would like to negotiate with your local flying club, pub or social club, etc, to have a box placed there then please provide us with the details and we will send you a collection box.



## **THE BRITISH 10K LONDON RUN**

In the year of the London Olympics the 10K London Run is the most prestigious and sought after 10K road race of the summer. The event will take place on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July, twelve days before the start of the Olympics. The run will pass through the heart of central London with much of the race following the Olympic marathon route. AWB has six places reserved for this event so, if you would like to take part and fundraise for AWB at the same time, please contact our secretary Kathleen at [secretary@aviationwithoutborders.org](mailto:secretary@aviationwithoutborders.org).

## **AWB 2012 DIARY**

Salient events of 2012, with dates shown where known.

**Jan:** Account year begins. Review year plan and 2012 budget.

**Feb:** 2011 accounts and report preparation begins.

**Mar:** Glasgow Northern Lights flight, 21<sup>st</sup>. Harbour Inn raffle (Date TBN)

**Apr:** Smiling Wings 1 (Date TBN), ASF European meeting Frankfurt 21<sup>st</sup>.

**May:** Smiling Wings 2 (Date TBN), Cranfield ATM MSc students charity event 18<sup>th</sup>, On-track Aviation BBQ 24<sup>th</sup>, Aero Expo Air show, 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>.

**Jun:** Smiling Wings 3 (Date TBN), BA Open Day (Date TBN)

**Jul:** Smiling Wings 4, (Date TBN), RIAT at RAF Fairford 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, Farnborough 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, London 10K Run and Edinburgh Big Fun Run 15<sup>th</sup>, (Olympic Games begin 27<sup>th</sup>), East Fortune Air Show, 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Aug:** Smiling Wings 4 (Date TBN), (Olympic Games end 12<sup>th</sup>).

**Sep:** Duxford Air Show, Smiling Wings 5 (Date TBN).

**Oct:** Smiling Wings 7 (Date TBN), AGM (TBN), 2013 budget.

**Nov.** Northern Lights flight (Date (TBN)

**Dec:** Santa Clause flight (Date (TBN)

## 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](http://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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