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Runway 07/25

After a fabulous summer of flying, the inevitable rain arrived and we are now operating from Rwy 07/25. There are several things to consider before you use these runways:

Firstly, all pilots require an annual check flight to operate from 07/25. This may simply be a refresher circuit with an instructor.

When making an approach to either end, but especially 25, the layout of the adjoining taxiway can give a strange perspective which encourages pilots to line up on the taxiway and not the runway. Look for the runway centerline!

- The runway is amply long, aim to land just after the numbers, again it will help you avoid the grass.
- The circuit pattern remains as for the grass runways, but be aware that helicopters may be closer to you when flying their circuits to the south, and hovering to the north of the tarmac.
- The use of 07/25 is very difficult for ATC, so be patient, expect longer delays and most of all expect the unexpected. You will very likely be given taxi instructions you do not expect. Also ensure you have ample fuel for your flight. Our Ops manual requires 45 minutes' reserve; you should aim to have sufficient to hold for up to 15 minutes.
- Ensure that you have a plan to divert, Biggin Hill is obviously the closest, should your diversion be caused by 07/25 being temporarily closed, they will probably waive the landing fee. The abbreviated check list in each aircraft has an aerodrome chart for Biggin (also Fairoaks) and also the latest one for Redhill.
- Finally, be aware you have not vacated the runway until you have passed either B2, C2 or D2. D2 is not visible from the Tower, so it would be good airmanship to report "passed D2". Also, when vacating it would be considerate not to stop immediately to carry out after-landing checks, but allow sufficient room to allow at least one other aircraft to stop after vacating.



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Online Booking System

We are excited to announce that we will soon be offering the opportunity for students and licenced members to be able to book lessons/flight slots via our new online booking system.

This intelligent booking system is created by Pooleys and has been tried and tested by many other flight schools. The system knows where booking times will conflict and only allows available slots to be chosen. Once all of the background information has been entered over the next few weeks, all members and students will soon receive an email containing their unique login details. Once you have received these, you will then be able to view aircraft and instructor availability and request a slot accordingly. All slot requests will be directed to our Operations desk for approval. Once the booking is confirmed, you will receive a confirmation email - so when you first log on, do please ensure that all contact details are correct and up to date!

To comply with Data Protection laws and to maintain privacy, only Instructors and Ops staff will be able to see all the names displayed on the booking grid. You will of course see your own name, but other bookings will simply state "booked" when a slot has already been allocated.

You can request that a booking is amended or postponed via the online system up to two days prior to the flight. Less than two days' notice of a change will require you to contact Operations directly please.

Under the "My Profile" tab, each user is able to enter details of any licences/ratings which they already hold and request a reminder notification to be emailed on a suitable date before the expiry of each. We would strongly recommend that you make use of this function as we know how hard it can be to keep track of all the different expiry dates concerning your medical, licence, various ratings etc.

For licensed pilots, there is a "Buddy Flight" function. When the "Buddy Up Flight" box is ticked, the booking is viewable to anyone who may wish to join such a flight. A user can search a date (or range) s/he wishes to join a flight and if any flights have been flagged for that date (or range), they will be displayed.

For anyone who would still prefer to make bookings in the traditional way, please continue to ring Ops, who will be happy to assist. Likewise, please contact Ops if you haven't received your log-in details by the end of January.

Congratulations!!

We are delighted to announce the following achievements over the course of the year:

- FE(PPL): Peter & Stuart
- IRI: Matt
- FI(R) Rating: Fin, Tom & Vlad
- MEP Initial/Renewal: Steve, Paul & Vlad
- CBIR: Dan
- Night Rating: Dan & Humberto
- IMC IR(R): Brahim
- PPL Pass: Georg, Nik, Jack, Réshé, Juan, Shaun, James
- Upgrading NPPL to LAPL Licence: Elmar
- QXC: Dominic
- First Solo: Tom, Martin, Ted, Chris, Vadul, Aidan, Jay, Inia

Apologies if we have missed out any names, do let us know and we'll celebrate your success in our next newsletter!



Welcome on board!

We have been pleased to welcome two new instructors to our team this year – Finian Salter and Vlad Platacs - both of whom have completed their FI(C) training in-house with Redhill Aviation.

Fin was fortunate enough to win the Swire Scholarship for his FIC training, thanks to The Honourable Company of Air Pilots. Fin completed a 3 year Aviation Degree at Kingston earlier this year before going straight into his training. Fin already has teaching experience as lecturer and 1:1 coach and is now enjoying combining instructing with aviation.



We are also pleased to introduce Vlad, who successfully passed his FIC test at the end of November. Vlad started instructing with us the very next week and is settling in well. He looks forward to meeting students and members who haven't visited Redhill in the run-up to Christmas.



Interested in Instructing?

Redhill Aviation has seen an increase in demand for all the forms of flying which we offer over the last year – from 30 minute Air Experience Flights to training for the Instrument Rating. If you have completed 200 hours of flight time (of which 150 hours must be PIC) and think you might be interested in becoming an instructor, then please contact us for further information.

Fleet Upgrades and New Aircraft

Redhill Aviation's maintenance department have been busy as usual this year, continuing to upgrade and improve our fleet of aircraft and have brought three further aircraft on-line. Many of you will have already flown G-BGFX, which is an IFR-equipped Cessna 152.

Our long-awaited Seneca III, G-RAML was also added to our fleet list earlier this year. This six seater piston twin is now being regularly used for both MEP training/revalidations/renewals, as well as Instrument Rating training/exams.

Our previous 180hp Piper Archer has now been replaced by G-BPTE. Refurbished both inside and out, 'TE also boasts Redhill Aviation's corporate paint scheme, along with blue leather interior, new carpets and an IFR panel including Garmin 430 GPS.



We hope that club favourite, G-BOSO (our faithful Cessna Aerobat) will return to service early in the New Year. BOSO's paint scheme will also reflect our corporate colours and we look forward to adding it back to our line-up.





New Year Resolutions

Have you considered a new flying challenge for 2019?

We offer a range of advanced courses beyond PPL training to help sharpen your skills in the air.

Choose from:

- “Complex” conversion training on our Piper Arrow
- Night Rating
- IMC / IR(R)
- Aerobatics Rating
- Commercial
- Multi Engine Piston
- Flight Instructor Ratings
- Instrument Rating (IR, CB-IR & EIR)



For those of you who regularly fly with family/friends who do not have any flying experience, we also offer a “Flying Companion” course. The course does not lead to a pilot’s licence but enables passengers to learn how to be more involved in flights. The basic safety pilot course consists of a minimum of ten hours' flight training with a qualified Flight Instructor and does not involve any practical or theoretical tests. However, should your flying companion wish to continue training for their own PPL, then any hours flown on the course may be counted towards that qualification.



Discount Days

We are pleased to confirm that all self-hire flights booked from Monday to Wednesday remain discounted by 12%. We look forward to seeing you at Redhill Aviation soon.

And Finally.....

We would like to thank all our students and members for flying with Redhill Aviation. Without your support, our flight school would not exist. We are looking forward to 2019, when we hope to finally move out of our trusty Portacabin into a permanent home once again!

In the meantime, we wish everybody a peaceful time over the festive period and plenty of blue skies in the year ahead....

