

# Skywritings

The Kent Strut Newsletter

July 2022



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# Editors Corner

I hope you all had an amazing month of flying throughout June, Turbulent UY now has a permit and I've been enjoying some wonderful evening flying around the local area running the engine in. I look forward to joining some of you on flyouts this year, although I may have to leave a little earlier and meet you there.

This month I caught up with Martin at Clipgate who has a new prop on his Rans S6 and was impressed by the performance. I caught a few pictures and Martin has kindly put together a few words about his aircraft and the new prop setup.

This month's Defunct Kent Airfields is an update on Ramsgate – a follow on from Decembers article from Ron.

A reminder of Nic Orchards Dawn to Dusk challenge and her fundraising efforts, if you would like to help drop her a line or visit her just giving page <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/nic-orchard3>

Our multi strut fly-in is just around the corner and it would be great to see some pictures and words from you all.

Have a wonderful July and see you all at an airfield for a coffee and cake soon.



**Photo: Adam Parnell, Instructing – it's always beautiful above the clouds**

# Chairmans Corner

Our next meeting will be a BBQ at ripple for those who want to fly in but you're also welcome to drive and I'm hoping to see as many of you as possible on the 30<sup>th</sup> June.

Hot on the back of that we have the multi strut meetup on the 16<sup>th</sup> July at Solent Airfield.

Online PPR is required at least 24 hours in advance

Using the code SA-LAA-0722 when quoted will provide: -

- A 50% landing fee discount
- Café 05 will offer each fly-in members who quote the promotional code a 10% discount off all food and beverages made on the day



Photo: spitfires.com



# Skywise Corner

I'll just highlight a few things each month that I think are important, again if anyone needs help setting up Skywise just shout.

**SKYWISE**  
Tailored news, notifications & alerts  
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## Update to Medical Requirements

The Bailiwick of Guernsey and Bailiwick of Jersey Civil Aviation Administration have no operational objection to flights of UK registered aircraft being conducted to, from and within the Channel Islands by holders of UK issued flight crew and pilot licences and who have made UK CAA Pilot Medical Declarations, subject to such flights being conducted in accordance with the privileges and any other conditions imposed by the UK CAA.

[Medical requirements for private pilots - LAPL](#) | [Civil Aviation Authority \(caa.co.uk\)](#) provides further information on medical standards, certificates and self-declaration of medical fitness.

## UK AIP and chart format changes – AIRAC 07/2022

To comply with regulatory requirements changes will be made to the format of the UK AIP and Aeronautical Charts effective AIRAC 07/2022:

- ENR 3 ATS Routes: Tables restructured.
- ENR 5.5 Aerial Sporting/Recreational Activities: For easy reference all sites published in a single alphabetical list regardless of type.
- AD 2 Aerodromes: New section “AD 2.25 Visual segment surface penetration”.
- SID/STAR/IAC: Changes to accommodate conventional nav aids on PBN procedures.
- SID/STAR/& Coding tables: FLs be shown as FL+three digits to include a leading zero where applicable e.g. FL050.
- For consistency “SFC” will be used throughout the AIP as an upper limit reference.

For further details see the [NATS AIS website](#)

## The Aviation Safety (Amendment) Regulations 2022

The Aviation Safety (Amendment) Regulations 2022 (SI 2022 No. 637) was laid in parliament on 10 June 2022 which amends:

UK Regulation (EU) 2018/1976 (Sailplanes) UK Regulation (EU) 2018/395 (Balloons) UK Regulation (EU) No. 1178/2011 (Aircrew), and UK Regulation (EU) 2019/947 (Unmanned Aircraft) on 1 July 2022 and UK Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 (Basic Regulation) on 1 July 2022 and 1 January 2023

See [The Aviation Safety \(Amendment\) Regulation 2022 \(SI 2022 No. 637\)](#) and its [Explanatory Memorandum](#).

Consolidated versions of the amended Regulations will be published on the [CAA website](#) as soon as they are available.

# Clear Prop!

Article by Martin Booth

Another successful flight with the recently installed Woodcomp 3 blade propellor.

The decision was made to install the new prop at the same time as completing the Rotax 912 600 hour gearbox service. After submitting new weight and balance calculations and subsequent paperwork including test flight results the prop was finally approved.

The engine is much smoother, short field take off improved and impressive climb rate, which is very handy for short fields like Clipgate. There may be some further tweaking in the future to improve performance all subject to Engineering approval of course.



**Photos: Adam Parnell**

Editor: Watching your take off was something else! A quick check on google maps and you were away in under 100 metres!

# Partial Power Loss

Article by Adam Parnell

Today the AAIB published two very sad reports that highlight the issue of partial power loss. We've all trained for loss of power, usually total loss of power by closing the throttle to simulate, but having spoken to my flying colleagues none have practiced a partial engine power loss.

I recall back a few years, this was a topic GASCO were talking about as the Australian Transportation Board had published an article on the matter which you can read by clicking [here](#).

The two reports from the AAIB were [G-CJZU](#) and [G-BBSA](#) for those who might want to read them.

This topic really got me thinking as I'd experienced partial power loss myself I found it really easy to think the engine would just continue and make the destination but I also found myself distracted diagnosing the issue rather than the primary task of flying the aircraft. There are some interesting recommendations in the AAIB reports – I do wonder why we don't practice this scenario with an instructor onboard.

Maybe something to consider with an instructor on your next biennial?



16 June 2022 — News story

[\*\*AAIB Report: Rogers Sky Prince \(G-CJZU\), Fatal accident\*\*](#)

Fatal accident near Goodwood Aerodrome, Sussex, 30 June 2021.



16 June 2022 — News story

[\*\*AAIB Report: Grumman AA-5 \(G-BBSA\), Engine partial power loss after takeoff followed by attempted turnback\*\*](#)

Engine partial power loss after takeoff followed by attempted turnback, Teesside International Airport, 25 September 2021.



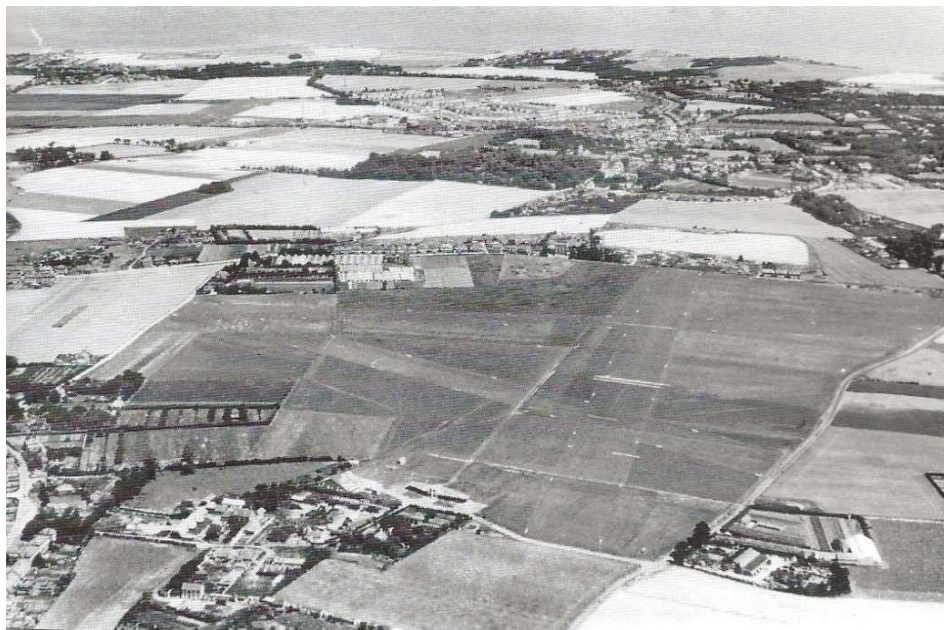
# Defunct Kent Airfields

## Ramsgate (continued from the December edition)

Article by Ron Armitage

Firstly, many thanks to the three of you who have been in contact to say that my little articles are being enjoyed. On a recent visit to one of Kent's aircraft museums, I was able to acquire a spectacular book on Ramsgate Airfield (Ramsgate Municipal Airport – A Pictorial History by Anthony John Moor, published by Fonthill Media).

A photograph from that book is of the site taken in the nineteen fifties. It shows clearly the clubhouse/terminal building and just to the right of centre the water tower, a local landmark which still exists (Photograph: D G Collyer).



In comparison, this is how the site looks today (Photograph: Sandra Davis).





# Flying Gallery

Don't forget to send your pictures for next month's gallery – you don't just want my pictures surely!



Photo: Adam Parnell – Stow Maries Wings n Wheels Event



Photo: Adam Parnell – The sun shines at Clipgate



# Dates for your Diary

Please check with event organisers in advance for any changes. Please let me know of any events you think others might be interested in.

Items in green are Kent Strut events

30 <sup>th</sup> June	BBQ at Ripple
2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Enstone Fly In 2022
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Summer Fly-in, Seething
7 <sup>th</sup> July	RAF Halton Military Civil Air Safety Day GASCO
9 <sup>th</sup> July	Suffolk Coastal Strut 'Spirit of Boxted' Fly-in
9 <sup>th</sup> July	Oxford LAA Strut Fly-in, Enstone
15 <sup>th</sup> July	Sturgate fly-in
16 <sup>th</sup> July	Multi Strut meetup – Lee on Solent
4 <sup>th</sup> August	Barnards Farm Fly-out
20 <sup>th</sup> August	Stoke Medway Airfield Fly-In
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Popham LAA Grass Roots Fly-In
17 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> September	Rougham – North Weald Marshalling team Vintage fly-in



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**STOKE MEDWAY AIRFIELD FLY-IN**

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**Vintage Aircraft Fly-in**  
**At Rougham Airfield**  
 Hosted by Rougham Estates.

All Other Types & Owner Groups are Very Welcome.  
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 The Airfield is unlicensed and operates on 123.165 MHz at all times. 900m well-mown grass runway orientated 09/27 with adjacent full-length taxiway. Good airfield signage and runway marker cones. Runway 09 TORA 780m, LDA 910m, Runway 27 TORA 930m, LDA 760m. Runway is 18m wide, elevation 200' AMSL, altimeters to regional QNH. 09/27 are both RH circuits with 1500ft O/H join to avoid local MATZ & 1000ft circuit height.  
 PPR Slot Number Contact :-  
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