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Welcome to the first edition of SHOREHAM AIRPORT NEWS. We hope you will support this publication which will be your newspaper. We hope to bring you news from all over the airport and eventually the surrounding local district.

If you have items of news or interest please let the editor have it, the more items we get the better will be the paper!

As we grow it is hoped that the paper will grow and become more than just a single sheet newspaper but we can't do it without your help so send those items to us whether serious or not.

The paper will be published monthly and is free, we hope to be able to continue this by selling advertising space and sponsorship so if you are in business on the Airport please give us your support and feedback.

In forthcoming issues we intend to feature each of the Flying clubs situated on the Airport indicating the type of instruction offered and types of aircraft available, hiring costs etc. we feel this would be useful information and be of help to the clubs.

We will be bringing you news from the Airport Authorities as to future planning on the Airport as well as general news items.

We will also be including items of flight safety and updates on flying regulations as they occur.

Most of the pilots who use the Airport know well that this is the oldest licensed Airport operating in the UK and a newspaper devoted to the airport should be an essential part of Airport life.

To launch our first edition we interviewed the Airport Manager John Haffenden about the upgrading of the Airport and the future plans for commercial flights.

An aircraft engineer, Steve Westran, was very lucky to escape serious injury on Wednesday 7 January 1999 when the nose wheel of the De Havilland Dove aircraft (Sea Devon when in Naval livery) on which he was working collapsed. Steve was working on the oleo leg of the aircraft, parked on the main apron, when a mechanical malfunction occurred causing the leg to collapse.

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE DOVE?



Steve suffered a broken ankle as a result and was attended by the Airport Fire Brigade until he was taken by ambulance to hospital. Subsequently the nose of the aircraft was raised by the local authority Fire Brigade using specialist equipment to enable the nose wheel to be relocated. We wish Steve a speedy recovery.

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John Haffenden

The work which is presently being undertaken on the Airport is to enable aircraft to reach runway 21 by means of hard taxi ways. Up to now aircraft have frequently had to backtrack to runway 21 in the winter due to the unserviceability of the grassed areas. We interviewed John Haffenden, Airport General Manager, who told us that many tenants on the Airport had complained about delays awaiting takeoff instruction. This was mostly due to backtracking, a decision had therefore been made to implement the work which would be funded from increased landing and general fees.

The work has cost in the region of £250,000 and the tarmac surfacing is planned to commence on 21 January 1999. There will not be any lighting at present due to cost, but cabling has been laid in readiness for taxi way lighting in the future.

The CAA have approved an experimental retro-reflection system which will be installed initially.

Holding point bays will be incorporated for runways 31 and 25 to enable aircraft to turn into wind for power checks, additionally a turning bay at 21 will also be provided. Whilst this work is being undertaken

runway 31 is being resurfaced using the soil removed from the taxi way work.

We also asked about commercialisation on the airfield. John Haffenden said that General Aviation was the core business of Shoreham Airport and that this business would not be compromised in any way. However commercial business flights were being discussed for the future and we will report on this in due course.

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Editorial

As previously mentioned this is our first edition. It is proposed to include in future editions, letters to the editor and features from people who feel they would like to contribute.

So if you think you would like to put pen to paper let me have your letters or articles for publication in the next issue.

If there are any budding authors out there then you can send your contribution either by post to the editorial address, by Fax or e-mail.

This can be on any subject not just related to flying. Don't forget this paper is being produced for your benefit and we would like it to be as informative as possible.

Any hints or tips on flying would be of use as would "pilot stories", I'm sure there are many of these out there so send them in as before by post, fax or e-mail.

Finally we will also be including a wanted and for sale section in future issues. This will be for any items flying related or not.

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