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We've done it! The clock appeal has reached and passed the target of £2,000. The fund currently stands at £2058.61 from being at just under halfway a few weeks ago. Several substantial cheques received recently from Transair (UK) Ltd., S M Tidy Construction Ltd., and Adur District Council swelled the fund to its present level and the editor would like to thank these organisations for their generosity. The collecting box in Reception produced £25 when emptied on 2nd November 1999. Mike Middleton, chairman of the Joint Committee, erected the scaffolding during the first week of November and work on the clock commenced on 8th November so by the time you read this it should be either up and running or very nearly so.

The system being installed is a modern version of that which it replaces, a master slave system. The master clock is computer controlled and it is anticipated that it will be connected to Rugby by radio link, either separately or by connection

£2000



with the timekeeping in the Tower - so that it will always be correct. The work is being carried out by Steve Walker of Walkers Jewellery and Clocks based in Worthing and the equipment is supplied by H S Walsh of Beckenham. Thanks to everyone who contributed so generously to the

fund. We shall be organising an official "opening" before the end of the year and if anyone has any bright ideas about who should "open" the clock - please let me know.

Further information and progress will be put on the web site as shown in the editorial information box on the back page.

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TRANSAIR OPENS NEW HEADQUARTERS AT SHOREHAM

October saw the completion of Transairs' new European Headquarters building at Shoreham airport.

The building houses the largest of their retail Pilot Shops, 2,500 square feet of goodies for pilots and aviation enthusiasts, all up to the minute equipment. In addition to Shoreham Transair have Pilot Shops located at Cambridge Road, London and Fairoaks Airport in Surrey. Experienced pilots from PPL to APTL staff all their shops. Established in 1986 Transair has become the largest and most respected Pilot Shop in Europe.

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The new headquarters building has a Harrier GR3, registration mark

XZ995, as gate guardian at Shoreham. This was acquired by Transair in July and was in regular

service with the RAF in Germany from 1982 until 1990. Its last flight was made on 23 June 1993 having clocked a total flying time of 2467 hours.

NEW DOORS for TERMINAL BUILDING



Mike Middleton, chairman of the Airport Joint Committee, was the first person to enter the Airport through the new main entrance doors after officially unlocking them on Saturday 23rd October 1999.

The doors, crafted in teak by Huw Edward Jones, were designed in the Art Deco style to blend in with

the Architecture of the building and took eight months to make. Each part of the door frame was made from a solid piece of timber and Huw said he would expect the doors to last at least 100 years! Huw is a Livery man of the



Worshipful Guild of Furniture Makers and was recently commissioned to produce a wedding present for Sophie Rhys-Jones. His workshop is situated on

the Airport close by the main building.

At the official opening of the new building 63 years ago on Saturday 13th June 1936 the Mayor of Worthing, Alderman W G Tree, was presented with a solid gold key to the doors, by the Architect Stavers Tiltman. The original gold key as seen in the photograph was on display at the ceremony.



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