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CLOCK & CAROLS

You must by now be getting fed up with me wittering on about the clock -- well, as you know, I thought it was important to have a working clock on the face of the

building for the millennium. We achieved it thanks to you all and the millennium has come and the clock has continued to work. No millennium bugs here! We anticipate connecting the clocks in Reception and over the front canopy to the new clock and we shall eventually connect the system by radio link to the National Timekeeping facility at Rugby so that it will always be correct! .

Anyway to get to the point of this article--- the clock was "opened" on 15th December 1999 by Geoff Howitt, Chair, Adur District Council, and Ian Lowrie, Chief Executive Adur District Council.



Geoff Howitt & Ian Lowrie

Geoff Howitt said in his address that he was very pleased to be asked to unveil the clock. He had always been and always would be committed to the airport. He went on to say how the airport was regarded as one of the more important

business assets within the Adur District. Although the weather was kind to us from the point of view it didn't rain there was a biting north easterly wind so the speeches were heard in Reception. Once the speeches were finished the guests went outside to witness Geoff Howitt "unveil" the clock, a switch was thrown and the clock was bathed in floodlights. After approximately

15 years the tower had a working clock again. Following this ceremony Rev. Gerald Kirsch officiated at a Carol Service to which the clock guests were invited and a good time was had by all.

Once again at the risk of boring you all I would like to thank all those who contributed to the success of the evening of 15th December, the appeal fund or both, without which none of this would have been possible for the



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THE OLD & THE NEW

Looking back over our first year we have seen the Fire Service get a new fire appliance, the Police a new helicopter and the largest donation ever from the Airshow to RAFA.

Improvements to the airfield have included a new taxiway 'K', to enable all weather access to runway 03/21. Extension and improvements to runway 03/21, a widened taxiway 'A' and a new clock for the tower face.

Three days in June saw the Terminal Building taken over by Carnival Films, on location for a Poirot film, "Lord Edgware Dies". This will be shown on television on ITV in the near future, Carnival Films could not give us transmission dates. Last year also saw the publication of the independent report on the viability of commercial flights from Shoreham. Shoreham Airport News breaking the story before the local press!

What about the New Year? The first year in a new millennium and new century will see the following changes to the airport:

Shoreham is the only airport that remains totally in Local Authority control. This creates financial problems, as capital is becoming very limited, so this year may well see Shoreham Airport being privatised. By going private the airport would be able to raise capital through the normal financial organizations, which at present is impossible.


You may be aware that Brighton/Hove have applied for city status and if this becomes a reality then there would obviously be a knock on effect for the airport and any future development. Perhaps renamed Brighton City Airport? Nothing has yet been decided but we will keep you informed.

A large building programme is scheduled for this year - to include the relocation of KB Aviation to the area east of Southern Air Hangar. Transair are to extend their new headquarter premises and build an adjacent hangar. We mentioned the Piffard building in the October edition which will be built at the SE corner of the airfield. The row of buildings between the

railway and the road is to be redeveloped as starter units. The Thomas Collection site is to be developed but as yet the plans have not been finalized. These are just a few of the plans for development on the airport. We will cover other developments in later editions.

The airport plans to commence scheduled commercial flights this year, although dates are not known. Since the publication of the feasibility study last year there has been a lot of interest by companies wishing to operate from Shoreham. Last year saw an increase in aircraft movements once again and the general mood of the airport management committee is one of great optimism for the future. This year will see lots of changes but the management committee as well as the administration staff will always have the interests of current tenants, users and clients in mind whatever changes are planned.

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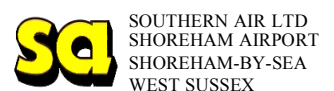


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