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## Le Touquet Flight

The first commercial flight from Shoreham for many years took place on Friday 2nd June, destination Le Touquet in Northern France. A lot of interest had been shown following a publicity campaign when members of the press and invited guests were flown to Le Touquet the week before. The first scheduled flight left Shoreham at about 9 am. returning at 4.45 pm. and amongst those on board the flight were Wally Pack and his wife and

Mr. & Mrs. Marsh. Mr. & Mrs. Marsh, from Shoreham

Marsh said that she had never realized how different the

port before and both were impressed by the art deco style of the terminal building.



Le Touquet - the stylish resort town and jewel of France's Opal Coast - lies at the other end of a scenic 20-minute flight from Lydd. From Le Touquet Airport. It's only a short walk or taxi ride to the town centre and the famous Boulevard de la Plage. Popular from the 1890s onwards. Le Touquet

Beach, said how much they had enjoyed the trip. Mrs.

weather could be just across the Channel, much warmer than here and they were lucky the sun was shining all day. They had been aware of the flights from advertising and also living so close to the airport so they thought they would like to make the inaugural flight. Wally Pack is the landlord of the Sussex Pad Hotel situated just on the other side of the A27 from the Airport, both enjoyed the flight but Mrs. Pack said it was a bit bumpy going out, she enjoyed the return trip direct from Le Touquet to Shoreham. All the people to whom we spoke said they would make the trip again. Waiting for the 5 o'clock flight out was John Radford, well known broadcaster and BBC presenter and Mrs. Radford who were going on a short overnight break. Neither had been to the air-

quickly became as fashionable as the French Riviera. By the early 20th century it had earned the name 'Paris Plage'

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because of its role as the favourite beach resort of well-off Parisians. Several luxury hotels sprang up in the 1930's to cater for wealthy visitors from Paris, other parts of France and Britain. At the same time, Noel Coward, PG Wodehouse and others entertained friends in elegant villas among the sweetscented pinewoods – trees that were part of an extensive pine forest planted in the mid-19th century.

Today's visitors enjoy Le Touquet just as much. They like the shops and boutiques, gourmet restaurants, seafront cafes, art galleries, oyster

bars, casinos, golf courses, gardens, racecourse and street markets. They like the feel of the place which manages to be sophisticated, charming, lively, refreshing and relaxing all at the same time. Sports and activities in Le Touquet include horse riding, sand yachting, tennis, archery, petanque sailing, cycling and fishing. Your children will love Aqualud water park and it's exiting water slides. Le Touquet is a great touring base for exploring Nord-Pas de Calais, Picardie, Normandie and Northern France in general. And if you want to go to Paris it only takes 2hrs and 20 minutes at a cost of £30 return. This

makes Shoreham less than 4 hours away from the French capital! There are plans for additional destinations within the UK and eventually with larger aircraft trips to the South of France may well be possible. In the meantime everyone with whom we spoke enjoyed the first commercial flight courtesy of SKY-TREK. For details of the Le Touquet flight times and additional information on fares contact Shoreham Airport 01273 296900 or refer to the leaflets provided in the airport. Further information can be obtained from the web site at [www.lydd-airport.co.uk](http://www.lydd-airport.co.uk)

## This Month's Aeroplane

The photograph shows a BAC Strikemaster when it visited Shoreham recently.

It is owned and operated by Transair Ltd and is normally

based at Duxford. This aircraft was constructed in 1970 for the Kenyan Airforce and was sold to the Botswana Defence Force in 1992. It was acquired by Transair in 1997. The aircraft is presented in the original colour scheme of the Botswana Defence Force and this ground attack aircraft is capable of carrying 4 x 5401b ballistic bombs and two 303 machine guns. Tom Maloney of Transair flies the aeroplane at air-shows all around the country and demonstrated his skill in

this aeroplane at last years Airshow.

The aircraft is available for bookings.



The aircraft was developed from the jet provost operated by the RAF as a basic jet trainer and takes two pilots side by side.

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# Request taxi for Halfpenny Green

by  
Richard Vincent

This is the first in a series of short articles aimed at those people stuck in the Lydd/Sandown or Blackbushe rut who feel that they ought to be going a bit further afield but aren't quite sure where. They are places that I have enjoyed visiting during the

last year or so.

Halfpenny Green (Wolverhampton Business Airport) lies about 20 miles NW of Birmingham (well under the CTA) and boasts three long tarmac runways. They like overhead joins (so

we should all feel at home) and there is a café/restaurant halfway up the tower with magnificent views across the airfield and tasty food as well. It is about 1 hour and 25 minutes flying time in a C152.

My normal route to the North

could head straight for Halfpenny Green skirting round the suburbs of Birmingham although on this occasion we made a slight dogleg and landed at Long Marston (PPR). Although this is a microlight site there is a long tarmac runway, one end of which is used some weekends for drag racing and has a rather imposing grandstand alongside. On other days there is 700m of runway available! We were the first visitors for nearly three weeks. A fifteen minute walk brought us to the local pub but unfortunately they were not serving food - so on to EGBO

Halfpenny Green airfield is large enough to spot easily and landing on 10 afforded a good view of one of their resident airships (see photo). Then we took on some fuel, needless to say cheaper than at Shoreham, which meant the landing fee was only £6.50. Embarrassingly we were mildly scolded for not telephoning for PPR - not mentioned in my flight guide - but were still allowed to park on the tarmac apron. After an excellent lunch we departed for Blackbushe more or less retracing our steps - just to get back into the rut. Next time something quite different - Westbury Sub Mendip - a strip on a curved railway embankment.

G-BRCD on short finals for 10 at Halfpenny Green



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is MID - WOD - WCO and I tend to talk to everyone en-route (Dunsfold, Farnborough and Benson) "just in case". This time after WCO I requested a flight information service from Brize and squeezed between the gliding site at Bicester and the parachuting at Weston on the Green. Brize drew our attention to a Hercules and we saw a mass parachute drop from 5000 feet (they are allowed up to FL 120). After that you

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# IT'S GOODBYE TO SOUTHERN AIR

One of the biggest employers on the airfield, Southern Air Ltd, went into receivership on Friday 2nd June 2000, the receiver appointed is Robert S Palmer of Gallagher & Co Chartered Accountants PO BOX698 2nd Floor, Tichfield House, 69 - 85 Tabernacle Street, London EC2A 4RR to whom all enquiries should be directed.



On Monday 22nd May the premises occupied by the company were repossessed by the landlord, Brighton Hove and Worthing Municipal Councils and prior to this most of the aircraft operated by the flying club had been taken back to the owners, it appears that only one remains and that has been impounded.

It is understood that before the events leading up to the liquidation outstanding debtors

were asked to settle accounts as soon as possible, mostly for engineering work, and that a significant amount of money is owed by the company. We also understand that there are some pilots who have paid up front for instruction, they may never see their money again.

It appears that the sequence of events leading up to the liquidation

was the death of the companies backer early in the new year, followed by the departure of several key managers and finally the building repossession.

It is not an easy business operating a flying training establishment these days and Southern Air was not alone in experi-

encing these problems. In recent years we have seen the departure, for one reason or another of such names as Mercury Flying Club, Aviation Services Southern, Baron Flying Club, Barry Aviation, Air South and the takeover by Redhill Aviation of the Sky Leisure Aviation organisation. Sky Leisure we are reliably informed are going from strength to strength.

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