

*East of Scotland Strut of the Light Aircraft Association
August 2023 Newsletter*



Photo Dennis Penny

Chairman's bit

Hi All. After a very dry spell the weather has turned. At least it is not a Mediterranean boiling pot.

Our EOS Strut has mounted some impressive expeditions. Well done.

I have been co-opted onto the newly formed Local Airspace Infringement Team (LAIT). The initial idea of LAIT was to reduce the number of airspace infringements. They soon realised that the relationship with GA was at a low ebb and meaningful dialogue would require broadening the remit. They now understand that continual knuckle rapping is not the answer and are making a serious attempt to engage with GA.

The LAIT committee for Scotland will comprise Keith Boardman (SAC Perth), Ian Sweetland (LAA board and West of Scotland FC), and myself for EoS. The CAA will bring members of the CAA Infringement team, the CAA Airspace Classification Review team and the Airspace Modernisation team. There will also be local ATCOs of various seniority.

I was initially sceptical about this initiative but they are fielding serious people. They say they not only wish to disseminate good practice and up to date information on hotspots but have a dialogue with us and listen to what we have to say. If this actually happens then it sounds like a really good initiative and I am happy to put time and effort into it in the pursuit of safety and better relationship between ATC and GA.

Seeing is believing of course and I will keep the Strut informed. We should discuss the latest infringement reports at Cumbernauld at the upcoming meeting.

Fly safe. Justin.

Cover photo

One of Dennis Penny's fine photos. This one of Alex McClintock's Kitfox, taken at our recent Fly-in at East Fortune East.



The next meeting is on...

Monday 7th August
at the Harrow Hotel
Eskbank Road, Dalkeith
at 8.00pm

Nothing planned yet



About the Light Aircraft Association:
<https://www.lightaircraftassociation.co.uk>

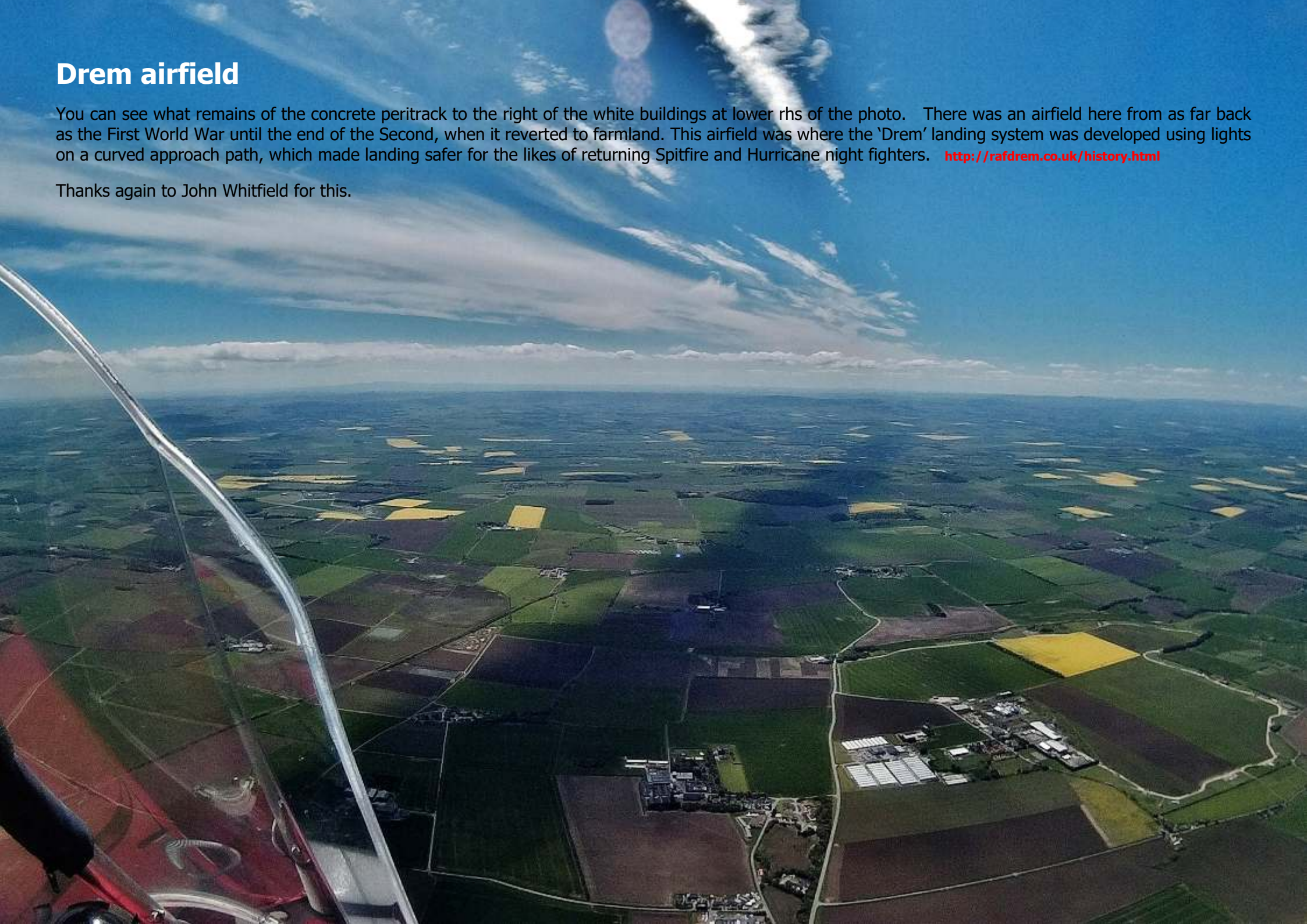
With a history extending over 70 years, the UK Light Aircraft Association promotes safe and economical operation of sports and recreational aircraft. Representing the aviation interests of around 8,000 recreational pilots, amateur-builders and enthusiast members, the LAA oversees the operation of more than 2,500 light aircraft and the build of another 1,700, whilst providing sector-leading consultation and advocacy in aviation-related regulatory matters both in UK and Europe.

This newsletter can also be viewed on
the Strut website:
eos-strut.org

Drem airfield

You can see what remains of the concrete peritrack to the right of the white buildings at lower rhs of the photo. There was an airfield here from as far back as the First World War until the end of the Second, when it reverted to farmland. This airfield was where the 'Drem' landing system was developed using lights on a curved approach path, which made landing safer for the likes of returning Spitfire and Hurricane night fighters. <http://rafdrem.co.uk/history.html>

Thanks again to John Whitfield for this.



Cutty Sark at Porty



The poor quality picture is an i-phone photo of a small picture taken with a box Brownie sometime in the 1920s-early thirties and shows a Saro Cutty Sark flying boat on a sales tour of Great Britain.

The picture was taken by my father at Portobello beach,--- yes, really! For those not familiar with Portobello, it is the beach resort for Edinburgh. He hired a rowing boat just to get closer to see it. No zoom lens then. The aircraft was on a sales tour of the UK and shows the prototype G-AAIP with Cirrus-Hermes engines. Built with a metal fuselage and plywood covered wings, only twelve were ever built so not a success but it did lead to the development of the Saro Cloud. Amazing what can turn up in old family photo albums. *Ed Lyon*

Festival flypasts

The Edinburgh Tattoo often includes a good, low level flypast by some fast and noisy RAF aircraft.

I always rush to the window and always miss them, so thanks to Ed Lyon for this list of when to expect them, (subject of course to weather and operational demands).

4 th	Aug	2130
9 th	Aug	2130
12 th	Aug	1815
15 th	Aug	2130
17 th	Aug	2130
25 th	Aug	2130

LAA website

It's been given a bit of a makeover and looks very smart. <https://www.lightaircraftassociation.co.uk>

Exhibition

From East of Scotland Microlights comes this information;

'Some of you may have been aware of being photographed by Joseph Robertson and his camera earlier in the year. He has been doing a photography degree in Wales and wanted to make our club the subject of his final piece of work.

He is putting on an exhibition in September of the photographs in West Barns.' (See *poster alongside*)

PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION



DOWNWIND 29

Downwind 29 is a photographic series based around East of Scotland Microlights. The project aims to capture the thrill and enjoyment this community of people get from flying, as well as to show the parts of the hobby that are often overlooked, such as the pre-flight checks, learner flyers, maintenance of the airfield and aircraft and the cup of tea at the end of a flight.

The Exhibition will be open from 11am - 5pm

WEST BARNES ART

26 - 30

SEPTEMBER

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GRASS ROOTS

Popham Airfield EGHP
18th - 20th August 2023

Fly-In

LAA Annual Fly In. Vintage, gyros, home built and sport aircraft. www.laa.uk.com

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