



# BNAPS News May 2011

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BNAPS is actively seeking more people to join the Supporters Club. Anyone with an interest in the B-N and local aviation heritage and B-N is welcome. Anyone who can help with workshop refurbishment and VCN restoration work, please contact Bob Wilson or any of the other trustees.

## **BNAPS Inaugural Meeting Wednesday 16 March 2011**

More than 30 people came along to the inaugural meeting for BNAPS members and prospective members of the Supporters Club that was held on Wednesday 16 March 2011 at the Propeller Inn, Bembridge Airport. The BNAPS Supporters Group got off to a good start with over 20 signed up members now on board. BNAPS trustees were on hand to inform the attendees of the aims and objectives of the trust and the plan of action to get VCN ready for static display by June 2015, the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first flight of the BN-2 Islander prototype G-ATCT on 13 June 1965. Thanks are due to Helen Blake and her team at the Propeller Inn for their support and allowing BNAPS to use the restaurant area for the meeting.

## **BNAPS Trust**

BNAPS is a Registered Charity, No. 1100735, set up to "preserve the history and aircraft of Britten-Norman with the support of members' subscriptions, sponsorship and donations"  
BNAPS registered address is:  
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Nether Wallop,  
Stockbridge,  
Hampshire,  
SO20 8EN  
Trustees are Peter Graham, Bob Wilson, Guy Palmer and Bob Wealthy.  
Peter Graham is the present chairman of the board of trustees.

## **BNAPS to Celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the First Flight of the BN-1F**



The first Britten-Norman aircraft, BN-1F G-ALZE, made its first official flight from Bembridge on 26 May 1951 piloted by Geoffrey Alington. Recognising the historic significance of the BN-1F BNAPS has arranged for a commemorative event to take place on Thursday 26 May 2011 at the Solent Sky Aviation Museum Southampton where the BN-1F is on public display.

B-N's first employee Peter Gatrell, whose first job was to construct the wooden airframe and most of the metal fittings for the BN-1F, will be present. A book about the BN-1F by Peter Gatrell and Bob Wealthy will be released for sale at the event.

Anyone who is interested in supporting the event and having a look around the museum is welcome to attend. Note that normal museum entry charges will apply. The plan is to meet up at Solent Sky around 11:30, there will be a few words and photographs alongside the BN-1F at 12:00, local press, TV and radio will be invited to cover the event.

For further details contact Bob Wealthy on 01329 315561 or by e mail on [solentaeromarine@hotmail.com](mailto:solentaeromarine@hotmail.com)

## Refurbishment of East Wight Workshop Nears Completion

New wing stands and a more substantial fuselage cradle have been made and were installed in early December. Building work to fit an enlarged access door to the workshop building has been completed. A water drainage gully has been repaired to prevent ingress of rain water that was causing a major problem. Quotations have been obtained for the new electrics and lighting installation and work is now underway.

The next task will be that of painting the floor, walls and roof and fitting out work benches, shelving, cupboards and a secure access storage area for controlled parts.

### BNAPS Merchandise Price List April 2011

**Trislander 40<sup>th</sup> book (2<sup>nd</sup> edition) @ £3.50\***

**Islander VCN restoration book – "The Story So Far" (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition) @ £3.50\***

**Nymph and Freelance book (1<sup>st</sup> Edition) @ £5.00\***

**Britten Sheriff book (1<sup>st</sup> Edition) @ £3.50\***

**BN-1F Finibee book (1st edition due for release 26 May 2011) @ £3.50\***

**Trislander lapel pins @ £2.50**

**Islander 40th pens @ 50p**

**BNAPS enamelled lapel badges @ £2.00**

**BNAPS sew on patches @ £1.50**

**Islander 40th key rings @ £1.00**

**Islander 40th mugs @ £2.50**

**Islander VCN A3 colour print @ £2.00**

**Aviation at Bembridge book (3<sup>rd</sup> Edition planned for end of 2011) @ £6.50**

**BNAPS "Charlie November Restoration" mug @ £6.00**

Items marked \* are available to BNAPS Supporters Club members at a reduction of 50p from marked price

*Above items are normally on sale at BNAPS events or place an order by e mail or by writing to the address below. UK post and package will be in addition to prices shown above.*

### ***Forthcoming BNAPS Events in 2011***

Although it is early days for the new organisation and the BNAPS Supporters Club, an initial schedule of events has been put together:

**18 May** Meet up with other members of the BNAPS Supporters Club at the Propeller Inn Curry Night

**26 May** Special BN-1F first flight 60th commemorative event at Solent Sky Aviation Museum, Southampton at 12 noon. All are welcome to attend, normal museum charges will apply.

**30 May** Bembridge Village Fayre – BNAPS will be running a stall at St Denis in the High Street courtesy of John Kenyon.

Events later in the year are at the planning stage and will be announced in due course.

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