



## FOG Fly BADER BRAVES at Bodmin Airfield on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2022

It was a pure joy to welcome back The Douglas Bader Foundation to Bodmin Airfield and to once again be given the opportunity to share our passion of flying with young souls that are less fortunate than most of us. To add to our team of volunteer pilots and ground crew we were joined by the local Austin Seven Club therefore offering another unique experience for our young visitors and their carers'.

Despite the exceptionally hot conditions, the day went extremely well and the youngsters and several of the adult carers/helpers all flew in our varied collection of flying machines sitting patiently on the Bodmin turf waiting to leap into action.

With an abundance of glee our guests absorbed that famous Bodmin atmosphere, a mixture of simplicity and camaraderie and they all left for home with a 'goody bag' and huge smiles.

Sadly, this will be the last Bader Braves event that we host as the DBF charity is changing its direction due mainly to the retirement of significant members of the management board. This includes Keith and Jess Delderfield who always

bring the event to Bodmin and over the years have become very good friends of the airfield and to myself. We wish them both well and thank them for giving us the opportunity to be able to help young disabled and disadvantaged members of our society.

However, we could not function and operate our events without that vital ingredient of volunteer help and our special Diner 31 cafe.

My sincere thanks to all of our pilots, ground crew and the Austin Seven team and all of us are again deeply grateful to Dotty and the Diner 31 crew who catered for us admirably in the very high temperatures we experienced on Saturday.

It is with pride that I list our merry band of volunteers, some helping us for the very first time.

*Our pilots: Mark Williams (Norman NAC 1 G-NACI), Dave Karniewicz (G-CLYN Zenair 705T), Colin Dukes (G-BEIU Piper L4 Cub), Nick Lomax ( G-AFDO Piper J3C65), Jamie Wharram (G-EGLA Cessna 172), Richard Saw (G-AIGD Auster J/1 Autocrat).*

*Our ground crew: John Colgate, Susan Edward Collins, Jon Parlour, Derek Boyce, Pat Malone, Nigel Ramsey, Martin Pengelly, Alexandra Hunter, Greg Speed, David Young – Photographer.*

*Diner 31 team: Dotty Elderkin, Liz Dal Bon and Irina Williams.*

*Austin Seven crew: Barry Davey and his wife, Malcolm Wright and friend Barry.*

Below is a link to the great photos taken by David Young which serve as a perfect memory of a perfect day.

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/190239926@N08/albums/72177720300584102>

Many thanks to you all.

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