

COMMUNITY flyer

WELCOME

Our summer season is well underway, and passengers are enjoying new routes as well as some old favourites.

New to EMA this summer are Shannon (Ryanair) on the west coast of Ireland, Nantes (Ryanair), Greek Island Santorini (TUI) and, after a gap of nearly five years, flights to Enfidha Hammanet in Tunisia return, also with TUI. In response to the national increase in demand for travel to Eastern European resorts, **Jet2.com** have added Bourgas in Bulgaria to its list of routes from EMA.

We are honoured to have retained the coveted 'Business in the Community' CommunityMark – the UK's only national standard that publicly recognises leadership and excellence in community investment. The CommunityMark recognises businesses that have an integrated and strategic approach to community investment and are making a measurable difference to communities through their programmes. We are committed to being a responsible business and a good neighbour and following an intensive recertification process we received some very positive feedback from the audit team at BITC as well as some useful advice on how to further improve the work we do in this very important area.

We are also very proud to have supported local community groups with over £1 million in investment into local projects and initiatives over the years since our Community Fund was first launched. You can read more about some of the wonderful community projects we have supported in this issue.

We welcome your thoughts and opinions so please get in touch via email at community@eastmidlandsairport.com or by phone on **01332 818414**.



KAREN SMART
Managing Director

AIRPORT COMMUNITY FUND BREAKS THE MILLION POUND MARK

The East Midlands Airport Community Fund was established in April 2002 and since then over one million pounds has been awarded to over 1,320 projects, to bring lasting benefit to the communities around the airport. Each year the airport makes a £50,000 annual contribution to our Community Fund.

Recently we were delighted to visit one of our Community Fund beneficiaries, the Peter Le Marchant Trust in Loughborough. The Peter Le Marchant Trust and its cohort of 120 volunteers has been dedicated to providing scenic boat tours for people of all ages and with varying levels of disability and illness for over forty-years.



Each of its boats is fitted with hydraulic lifts, central heating, disabled facilities and defibrillators, and the cost of maintaining them can be prohibitive. Receiving support from local businesses can make a big difference, and we were pleased to be able to assist them through the Airport Community Fund to purchase a much-needed new fuel tank.

The trust's CEO, Tim Marren, said: "This funding came at just the right time for us as we start our programme of maintenance works prior to the new season. The trips we offer make a real difference to people's lives. We work with a broad range of charities like Vista, the MS Society and Turning Point; a charity which help people overcoming drug and alcohol addiction. Without the funds to help purchase the tank, we would struggle to operate to full capacity and provide as many trips as we do."

If you are a local community group with a project that will bring lasting benefit to your community and would like to apply for an EMA Community Fund grant then please email us at community@eastmidlandsairport.com or visit our web site for more information. The committee meets six times a year to review applications and make decisions about awarding grants.

For more information about the Airports Community Fund visit www.eastmidlandsairport.com/community/supporting-the-local-community/charitable-giving/

AIRPORT COMMUNITY OPEN DAY AT THE AEROPARK

This spring East Midlands Airport ran a very successful Airport Safety Week with a wide range of events occurring across 7 days.

Across the week we saw 340 colleagues participating in over 104 hours of safety related activities including mental health awareness and training sessions such as stress mapping and dementia awareness.

As part of Airport Safety Week we ran a Community Open day on Saturday 18th May in partnership with the Aeropark Volunteer Association, who run the Aeropark, a fantastic open-air aviation museum just north of the airport. The family day included a number of attractions including stalls run by the airport's community and safety teams, Air Ambulance, Alzheimer's awareness, Dementia friends and police. There were also food stalls, bouncy castles, trampolining and other side shows. The Airport Fire service delivered several demonstrations of the fire appliances fire-fighting capability.

Thanks to partners Trent Barton there was also the offer of a free return bus service on Skylink bus to and from many local villages served by the route. The event was a great success, attended by approximately 400 people.

The Aeropark is open every weekend throughout summer, and will be running an open day on Sunday 11th August where volunteers will open up the cockpits of the numerous aircraft on display. For more information email aeropark@eastmidlandsaeropark.org or visit www.eastmidlandsaeropark.org.



AIRPORT WELCOMES FAMILIES FOR SUMMER FUN

This year East Midlands Airport will once again be inviting local families to the Aerozone, our on-site education centre, to take part in some fun activities and learn something new about their local airport.

If you are interested in coming along, booking is essential. All sessions will take place from 10.00 to 12.00 and each session will follow the same theme. The cost is £3 per child.

To make a booking please email community@eastmidlandsairport.com or call **01332 818414**.

Activity sessions will take place on the following dates during the summer holidays:

Wednesday 24 July
Wednesday 7 August
Wednesday 21 August

Wednesday 31 July
Wednesday 14 August
Wednesday 28 August



LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS GET CREATIVE WITH SAFETY

As part of Airport Safety Week airport colleagues visited Diseworth Church of England Primary School and Kegworth Primary School to talk about safety at the airport.

This event provided an opportunity for local children to learn about airport safety including drones, lasers, travelling safely, FOD (foreign object debris) and holiday safety.

We invited the children to create a poster that reflected what they had learned and we received 116 fantastic entries. The posters were displayed in the check in hall for two weeks and employees from across the whole airport were encouraged to vote for the winning poster. The posters clearly demonstrated that the children had taken on board the 'your safety our safety' message.

The eight posters which received the most votes were selected as finalists, and these eight lucky students were invited to visit the airport for a fun-packed behind the scenes day.

The students spent time in the Air Traffic Control tower and at the Fire Station, as well as experiencing a drive on the runway. Olivia Rose Small from Kegworth Primary School created the winning poster and was presented with Love to Shop vouchers, a t-shirt and a mug with her winning design printed onto it. Olivia's design was displayed on posters throughout the airport, promoting Airport Safety Week to colleagues.

The children and staff had a fantastic day, thanks to the colleagues in Air Traffic Control and Fire.

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