

Regional News

19 May 2012 - [East Midlands Airport: Monarch to take over bmibaby routes](#)

Monarch Airlines has confirmed it will be taking over some routes to Portugal and Spain from East Midlands Airport, from bmibaby. The budget airline will be grounded from September, after British Airways bought BMI from Lufthansa. The sale of bmibaby has put 470 jobs at risk at its Castle Donington base. All bmibaby flights will cease to operate from Monday 10 September.

23 May 2012 - [Plymouth City Airport equipment auction to go ahead](#)

Airport leaseholder Sutton Harbour Holdings plc (SHH) is to go ahead with an auction of Portsmouth City Airport's equipment, including fire engines, portable buildings and X-ray machines, despite a call from Plymouth City Council leader Tudor Evans to call a halt. Viable group wants to re-open the airport, and Cllr Evans has called for the sale to be stopped.

SHH has agreed to keep the terminal buildings, air traffic control and fire-and-rescue facilities in good repair and not demolish buildings or make structural alterations.

23 May 2012 - [Business as usual despite strike, says Stansted Airport bosses](#)

Passengers were advised to check in as normal at Stansted Airport despite the first of a wave of strikes by ground staff in a row over rosters. Members of the GMB will walk out for 24 hours from 5.30am on the 23 May, followed by strikes from 5.30am on Saturday until 5.30am on Monday and from 5.30am on Saturday June 2 until 5.30am on Wednesday June 6.

24 May 2012 - [BAA Chief claims European airport bosses are benefiting from UK Government's restrictions on Heathrow](#)

BAA Ltd chief Colin Matthews claims he is mocked by fellow airport bosses when he attends international aviation conferences. "People think, if you squeeze Heathrow, other British airports like Gatwick will benefit, but squeeze Heathrow and Paris, Amsterdam and Frankfurt benefit. Schiphol already describe themselves as 'the hub for the UK'" says Mr Matthews.

Industry News

14 May 2012 - [International Airline Group and easyJet in no rush to pass on EU ETS charges as they reveal costs in latest accounts](#)

Two of Europe's biggest airline operators, easyJet and International Airlines Group (IAG, the parent company of British Airways and Iberia), have both quoted EU ETS costs in their latest accounts that cover the first quarter of 2012. Both airlines remain reluctant to spell out when, and by how much, they intend to pass on the costs to customers.

21 May 2012 - [Ryanair warns of austerity and fuel crisis](#)

Ryanair today warned of an impending storm that will hammer the aviation industry as surging fuel costs meet suppressed passenger demand. The budget carrier has posted profit growth of at least 25% every year since 2009, but today admitted its profit will fall by up to a fifth in the coming year. The International Air Transport Association has forecast that European airlines will collectively lose €600 million this year.

23 May 2012 - [Ryanair to appeal Aer Lingus ruling on shareholder stake](#)

Ryanair said its lawyers will go to the Supreme Court to appeal yesterday's ruling that the Office of Fair Trading (OFT) can launch an investigation into the budget airline's 29 per cent stake in Aer Lingus. Ryanair claims the watchdog should have referred the case to the Competition Commission within four months of a 2007 European Commission ruling that blocked its takeover bid for Aer Lingus. The Court of Appeal said the OFT is not "out of time" to investigate Ryanair's six-year-old holding. Christoph Mueller, chief executive of Aer Lingus, said: "It is unacceptable that our principal competitor has been allowed to remain as a significant shareholder on our share register."

SASIG 2012/13 Meeting Dates

Thursday 14 June 2012 The Aviation Minister, Theresa Villiers, shall be attending.

Friday 9 November 2012 and Friday 1 March 2013.

Meetings are held between 11am and 1pm, at Local Government House, Smith Square, SW1P 3HZ, with lunch provided afterwards; [location map](#).