

## Anglo-Irish Fly In

EITT TREVET



As the usual culprits pulled their RV's out of the hanger to top off their tanks for a trip to Trevet for the Anglo Irish fly in just North West of Dublin, we were all in good spirits and the forecast was good for the next 24 hours or so with light winds forecast.

Martin had flight planned to the west of Dublin whilst I had hoped to obtain a Special VFR routing From the South to the North of the Dublin CTR as I approached the CTR my request was denied with a *Remain clear of controlled* airspace so I had to re-route further to, the east around and under the CTR once past due east of Dublin we were given vectors to put us back on track again, we could hear two other aircraft departing to the North with Trevet, we could also see Martin down wind to land. I closed my flight plan with Dublin and called left base for 22 as we turned finals taxiing in to park up we were greeted by Harry and the organiser for the day.

By chance about ten minutes prior to jumping into the car to head for the airfield I had received a text from Ian my Northern Ireland Fly In mole !

We where invited to at Kilkeel on the North East coast of Northern Ireland just a few miles North of the boarder .A small strip at the foot of the Mourne Mountains, being a bit apprehensive of Ian's unknown strips I requested some more detail back came a email and a picky hmm that looks a bit to good to miss I thought. Off we set for Kilkeel. We had been notified that the Irish Coastguard Helicopter was also to join the party at approximately the same time as our arrival, sure enough several miles to our destination we could see the Coastguard still some ten or more miles to our east.

Martin had counted the strip to be 9 fields to the south west of Kilkeel at Derryogue and that proved to be spot on.

The strip is operated by two brothers Gary and Gregg Nicholson and is just a few hundred meters below the family farm.



Martin are you sure you filled in a GAR!  
After closing down our aircraft we made our way to the Hanger where a sizeable crowd had gathered around the BBQ that was by now in full swing.



The beautiful setting of the Mourne Mountains  
Made a wonderful backdrop to our gathering.

With no accommodation available Gregg very kindly offered to accommodate us over night at the farm. After a quick wash and brush up we were driven down town to Killeel for some light refreshments and a meal.

The following morning John Wilson was taken for a local flight amongst the mountains with Gregg.



We said our fair wells and headed back to Wales via the southern coast of Anglesey then due south to Haverfordwest.