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Gatwick Plans Expansion, Whatever MPs Decide

Gatwick says it will build another runway, even if Heathrow is chosen as the preferred site when the Government finally makes it mind up about airport expansion.

The West Sussex airport believes expansion at Heathrow will be not be straightforward, even if it wins the right to expansion, because of concerns over the environment and other issues.

A spokesman for Gatwick said: "Gatwick would be standing ready to deliver the new (second) runway as, should Heathrow get the green light, it is likely to fail as it has several times before," according to the Press Association.

The spokesman added that, even if MPs vote in favour of Heathrow, the project would never get off the ground because of environmental obstacles, legal challenges and concerns over the cost of upgrading transport links.

"A decision on next steps will be taken after the Government announcement on new runway capacity. While Gatwick does not rule out launching legal action, other groups have already said they would if Heathrow expansion is green-lighted."

Gatwick said: "We are not going to stop making our case to government, whatever they decide."

Airbus to Beat Boeing Deliveries by 2020

Monday October 17, 2016

Fabrice Brégier, the head of Airbus’s commercial aircraft unit, said the European plane maker will overtake Boeing in aircraft deliveries in 2020.

Speaking to German newspaper Welt, Brégier said “In 2020, we will again be delivering more aircraft than Boeing”.

“We took 19 years to build the first 1000 aircraft. The last 1000 we have made within 19 months”, he said.

Airbus has been behind Boeing in deliveries for some time with 2016 on course for the same outcome. Supply chain problems on the A350 have hampered deliveries and the A320 has also had engine supply issues from manufacturer Pratt & Whitney.

Brégier said 26 A350s had been delivered so far this year and hopes to achieve the 50 deliveries scheduled for the full year.
Cockpit Smoke Causes Lufthansa Emergency Landing  
Monday October 17, 2016

A Lufthansa Boeing 747 made an emergency landing in Canada after smoke was reported in the cockpit.

The plane, on a flight from Frankfurt to Orlando with 345 passengers and 18 crew members onboard, landed at Gander Airport in Newfoundland.

Lufthansa said a replacement aircraft would take passengers on to Florida to complete their journey.

TAP Portugal Recovery Continues  
Monday October 17, 2016

Passenger numbers at TAP rose 4.7 percent in September as new US routes boosted the Portuguese flag carrier.

Total passengers carried during the month rose to 1,160,873, with Boston and New York JFK routes helping push the US total up 104.5 percent.

Overall numbers for the intercontinental sector were up 11.3 percent in September.

A consortium, led by David Neeleman, former chief executive of JetBlue, and Humberto Pedrosa, took over 61 percent of TAP in a part privatisation in 2015.

The deal was amended in early 2016 as a new Portuguese government regained control of the airline with a 50 percent stake.

The Neeleman/Pedrosa consortium agreed to reduce their stake to 45 percent.

The Atlantic Gateway Consortium has restructured the airline’s network and introduced capacity and aircraft changes.

MH370 Search Delayed By Bad Weather  
Wednesday October 19, 2016

The underwater search for Malaysia Airlines flight MH370 will extend into 2017 as bad weather has hampered the extensive search.

The Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB), which is leading the underwater search of 120,000 square km of the southern Indian Ocean, now expects to complete the task by February 2017.

The ATSB said over 110,000 square km of the seafloor has been searched so far.

A July meeting of the three countries involved in the search - Australia, China and Malaysia - agreed it would be suspended after the current 120,000 square km area is completed.

Flight MH370 disappeared in March 2014 with 239 passengers and crew onboard on a flight from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing.
Investigators believe the plane was deliberately flown thousands of miles off course before crashing into the southern Indian Ocean off Australia.

**UK Airport Expansion Decision Due Next Week**  
**Tuesday October 18, 2016**

The UK government will announce next week its decision on where it will approve airport expansion in the south-east of the country.

London’s Heathrow and Gatwick airports are the candidates for additional runway capacity in a process that is coming to a conclusion after over 20 years of debate.

The decision will be taken by a sub-committee of cabinet which will meet next week to select the winning bid. There will then be a period of public consultation before parliament votes on it. The vote is not expected for another year.

An airports commission backed Heathrow in its bid to add a third runway, but in its 2015 report didn’t preclude further expansion at Gatwick as well.

Heathrow has been campaigning for 25 years to build an additional runway as it is running very close to full capacity.

FedEx Express is expanding its distribution hub at Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport, in a EUR€200 million initial investment.

The 30-year lease will boost the company’s package sorting capacity by more than 40 percent, the company said.

Construction is set to begin in mid-2017 and the facility will start operating by 2019.

“This investment is part of the company’s network expansion strategy… coupled with the recent TNT acquisition, [it] supports the evolving needs of our customers and the global marketplace,” FedEx Express Europe president David Binks said.

**Bombardier Ramps up Restructuring, 7,500 Jobs to Go**  
**Friday October 21, 2016**

Bombardier has announced a further round of job cuts with 7,500 positions to go, about two-thirds from the German train division, the rest from aerospace.

The company expects to achieve recurring savings of approximately USD$300 million by the end of 2018, it said in a statement.

Bombardier will take USD$225 million to USD$275 million in charges for the restructuring from the fourth quarter of 2016.

“While restructuring is always difficult, the actions announced today are necessary to ensure Bombardier’s long-term competitiveness and position the company to continue to invest in its industry leading portfolio,” chief executive Alain Bellemare said.
The job losses will be partially offset by staffing up some aerospace programmes, including the CSeries airliner and Global 7000 executive jets.

In February Bombardier announced 7,000 job losses, a tenth of its workforce, over the next two years.

**London City Airport Reopens After Safety Incident**  
**Friday October 21, 2016**

London City Airport was evacuated on Friday afternoon after reports of a chemical incident, later identified by police as possibly CS gas.

The alarm came just after 16:10 (4.10 pm), with police, ambulance and firefighters called to the airport in London’s Docklands.

About 500 people were evacuated with some treated by ambulance crews for breathing difficulties. London Fire Brigade said in a statement “Two complete sweeps of the Airport building were carried out jointly by firefighters and police officers both wearing protective equipment.

No elevated readings were found and the building was ventilated, searched and declared safe.”

Passengers were allowed back into the terminal at about 19:00 (7 pm).

A police statement later said “a subsequent search of the airport led to the discovery of what is believed to be a CS gas or spray. Whilst the cause of the incident has not yet been confirmed, officers are investigating if it was the result of an accidental discharge of this canister.

“At this early stage officers are investigating whether it may have been discarded by a passenger prior to check-in.”

**British Airways Announces Services between New Orleans and London**  
**Thursday October 20, 2016**

NEW YORK (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Residents of “The Big Easy” will soon find it easier to visit “Big Ben”, thanks to the launch of British Airways flights between New Orleans and London.

The four times per week service is scheduled to begin on March 27, 2017, which will make it the only nonstop service to Europe. Tickets are available to purchase on ba.com starting today.

Customers will be able to experience the newest aircraft in British Airways’ fleet, the Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner. The new service will provide a direct connection to London but also allow travellers to connect quickly and easily onto more than 130 destinations within the British Airways network, throughout Europe and beyond.

BA225 will depart from London Heathrow at 3:40pm and arrive at Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport at 7:40pm. BA224 will leave New Orleans at 9:10pm, arriving into London at 12:00 noon the next day.

Simon Brooks, senior vice president sales for British Airways, said “We are delighted to be adding New Orleans to the British Airways global network. It’s such a vibrant city and like London, it boasts an iconic music and arts scene.
I’m sure it will be a big hit with British visitors. We are also pleased to be connecting our two cities as developing technology hubs and look forward to increased business opportunities as a result of the new service.”

New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu said, “For years, we have pursued bringing more direct international flights to Armstrong Airport and with the addition of British Airways it’s clear our hard work is paying off.

Now, travelling from London to New Orleans and likewise from New Orleans abroad will be more economical and save time, unleashing new economic ties and cultural exchanges for our region’s businesses.

Nonstop flights to London open a gateway to new international markets that will create jobs and new opportunity.
In advance of our city’s tricentennial in 2018 and the opening of new North Terminal project, New Orleans is poised for big things as we welcome more travellers from around the world to our world-class city.”

Flying the 787-8 Dreamliner

British Airways’ state-of-the-art Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner aircraft accommodates 214 customers across three cabins, with 154 seats in World Traveller (economy), 25 seats in World Traveller Plus (premium economy) and 35 seats in Club World (business). All customers can enjoy free meals, beverages and a free checked bag.

Designed to enhance customer wellbeing, the new fuel-efficient aircraft boasts smooth ride technology, which minimizes the effects of turbulence and creates a more comfortable trip. Lower pressurization results in cabin air that is less dry, reducing the effects of jet lag for customers.

The 787 also has the largest windows of any commercial airliner, offering customers views of the horizon from every seat. Instead of pull down blinds, each one has its own dimmer switch.

All customers traveling on the 787-8 Dreamliner can use their individual widescreen TV to choose from a wide array of audio and video on-demand options.
They can also speak to friends and family who are sitting throughout the aircraft using an in-seat chat system, as well as connect their own devices to the entertainment system.

Rewards and Packages

Recognizing and understanding the needs of small and medium size businesses, American Airlines’ Business Extra® program allows members traveling on British Airways, Iberia and American Airlines to collect and spend across all three airlines, with coordinated benefits that help businesses to stretch their travel budgets.

A joint business agreement between American, British Airways, Iberia and Finnair allows members of the AAdvantage, Executive Club and Plus programs to earn and redeem points or miles on codeshare flights across the airlines.

Customers also get access to great prices across all four airlines with the ability to mix and match flights to get the best deals and enjoy smoother connections for onward flights through coordinated schedules.
"A Mirage plane crashed near Musharraf colony," Senior Superintendent Police city confirmed.

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