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EDITORIAL

Reported below is this year's Annual General Meeting at which Ambrose Barber stated that he would remain as **Chairman** of the Association for this year but would retire in 2017. Ambrose has made a fine Chairman and we will miss him but a new Chairman will have to be found. So, the Committee is looking for volunteers. Please consider whether you would like the honour of replacing Ambrose at next year's AGM or, if you have any suggestions for a new Chairman, please let the Committee know via the Editor.

Please read and respond to Richard Cannon's request below regarding **e-mail addresses**. This is an important functional issue for the association. Thank you.

Also, please send stories of your time at 'Hawkers' to:

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Some 90 Members have not paid their current subscriptions! Your names are in bold on the back page. Please check Newsletter 45 to see if you still owe for 2015 - 2016.

PROGRAMME FOR 2016

Wednesday 14th September

Social and video

Wednesday 21st September

Visit to **Weald Aviation**

Wednesday 12th October

Born into Aviation - **Gp Capt Peter Bedford.**

Wednesday 9th November

So What Have We Done Since 1866? - **Sir Donald Spiers.**

Wednesday 14th December

Christmas lunch

PROGRAMME FOR 2017

Wednesday 11th January

Quiz

Wednesday 8th February

F-105 Thunderchief - Gp Capt Jock Heron

Peter Bedford is Bill Bedford's son with a long and varied RAF career including air transport, **Sir Donald Spiers** was Controller of Aircraft in the MoD and President of the Royal Aeronautical Society and **Jock Heron** was an RAF exchange pilot with the USAF and was with the Harriers in Germany.

The visit this year is planned for **Weald Aviation** where we will see work being done on a Sea Fury T20 and a Tempest as well as other aircraft. A coach will depart from the Hawker Centre at 9.30. Please contact Frank Rainsborough by telephone on 01784 247888 or by e-mail at frank@rainsborough.me.uk for details and booking.

Unless stated otherwise, meetings are at the 'YMCA Hawker Centre', Kingston - the old Sports & Social Club - and start at 2.00 pm. Lunch and drinks are available beforehand, tea afterwards, and there is a large, free car park.

SEPTEMBER MEETING

The September meeting is going to be another of the popular events where members bring along photographs, papers and memorabilia to show each other. Please bring yours. As a rather special example, Brian Indge is going to bring his unique photograph albums of Ground Test Services test rigs.

The Kingston Aviation Centenary Project team will be there to scan photographs for their digital archive. In preparation for a special exhibition next year to commemorate 100 years since the Richmond Road factory was built and twenty five years since it closed, they are keen to get images of inside the factory showing offices, workplaces and manufacturing. If you have some photos and cannot get along to the meeting David Hassard would be delighted to receive scans. Please send them to hassards@talktalk.net.

E-MAIL ADDRESSES AND THE HAWKER ASSOCIATION

Our Webmaster, Richard Cannon writes...

The occasional email is excellent for sending news to members quickly, with no cost and minimum effort. E-mail addresses are never given to other people and members never see who else has received an e-mail, except for small groups like the committee.

If someone asks to contact a Member an e-mail reply is sent to the sender with a blind copy to the Member so