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## EDITORIAL

In this issue our Annual General Meeting is reported. Our new Chairman was elected, Chris Roberts, well known to many of us as a colleague, he was Chief Test Pilot Dunsfold, and also through the talks he has given to the Association. The retiring Chairman, Ambrose Barber, served us admirably for 14 years, having taken on the job for three! He will be missed.

Yesterday I was at Duxford for the Flying Legends air show. The highlight for me was seeing five, yes five, Hurricanes flying together!

**Seventy eight members have not yet paid their subscriptions for 2017 - 2018. Please do!**

**Now only 12 Members have not paid their 2016-2017 subscriptions! Your names are in bold on the back page.** Members unpaid for 2015 - 2016 have been removed from the membership list.

The Editor still needs your stories. Please send them to: The Editor, Chris Farara, 24 Guildown Road, Guildford, Surrey, GU2 4EN, tel 01483 825955, e-mail [cjfarara@ntlworld.com](mailto:cjfarara@ntlworld.com).

## PROGRAMME FOR 2017

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July

"48 years in a rotary dryer" - **Nick Kidd**.

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August

Social and video.

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September

**Richmond Road centenary exhibition (Hawker Centre).**

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September

Social and video.

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September

Summer outing - **RNAS Yeovilton - air side.**

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October

"UAVs" - **Lambert Dopping-Hepenstal**.

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November

"Life with the Red Arrows" - **Mark Zanker**.

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas lunch

**Nick Kidd** flew the Royal Family for several years, **Lambert Dopping-Hepenstal** was a Kingston systems engineer and is now BAE Systems Engineering Director, Systems and Strategy, at Warton, and **Mark Zanker** had a long and varied RAF career flying Harriers and in the Reds. 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. Visitors are welcome.

## VISIT TO ROYAL NAVY HISTORIC FLIGHT RNAS YEOVILTON

The visit will take place on Wednesday September 27<sup>th</sup>. We will go to the new Navy Wings Heritage Centre Hangar 15 where Swordfish, Sea Fury, Sea Vixen, AT-6 Texan/Harvard, Chipmunk, Sea Harrier and F-4K Phantom aircraft may be inspected and photographed.

Members, who are to make their own way to Yeovilton must arrive in the Fleet Air Arm Museum car park by 11.30 and assemble in the Swordfish Restaurant for a visit arrangements briefing. At 12.00 the party will travel in accompanied convoy to the South Dispersal and Navy Wings Heritage Centre lecture room for a talk on the RN Historic Flight, the Fly Navy Heritage Trust and the programme for the day. At 13.15 the hangar visit will start, finishing about 15.30 with a debrief and return to the Museum. Some refreshments may be available in Hangar 15 and the Swordfish Restaurant is situated next door to the Museum.

For a place (limited to 20) on this visit and information updates please apply to Frank Rainsborough with names and car registrations, preferably by email to [frank@rainsborough.me.uk](mailto:frank@rainsborough.me.uk), or by phone 01784 247 888. Cheques for the £10 fee are to be payable to the Hawker Association.

Coach hire costs were prohibitive so car sharing is recommended. It's an easy journey to RNAS Yeovilton on the M3 and A303. From Junction 1 of the M3 it's about 110 miles/ 2 - 2 ½ hours.