

EDITORIAL

We haven't heard of any Members catching Coronavirus so that is very good news indeed and shows how sensible we all are.

More than EIGHTY of you in bold on the back page have not paid your subscriptions. Please, please do.

As there are no talks or visits to report I have been able to include several pieces which have been in the queue for publication. I hope you enjoy them.

If you would like to write up some of your memories of Hawker life Coronavirus is giving the opportunity.

Contributions, please, to the editor, Chris Farara at cifarara@ntlworld.com or 24 Guilddown Road, Guildford, Surrey, GU2 4EN. Phone 01483 825955.

PROGRAMME FOR 2020

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic all events have been postponed until further notice. The situation is, however, being kept under review by the committee and things will return to normal as soon as feasible.

JOHN GLASSCOCK 1928 – 2020

Ambrose Barber remembers the Association's first President.

John Glasscock joined Hawker Aircraft Ltd in 1953 after a short-service commission in the RAF and was General Manager of Kingston and Dunsfold from 1963 to 1977. Always a steadfast supporter of the HA, his inaugural talk to us in 2003 was entitled 'Kingston, a Great Place to Work' and many in the audience must have reflected how that was in some measure due to his own collegiate style of management. A fair-minded and caring boss, he also served as a local JP. His relaxations included theatre-going with his wife Anne, playing bridge, squash and golf and he clearly enjoyed being in touch with old colleagues. He possessed an enviable facility for choosing the right words, whether wise or witty, when invited to speak in public even at short notice! John retired from the BAe Board in 1987 and this summer celebrated his 92nd birthday. He died peacefully in his sleep.

DAVID LOCKSPEISER

Nick Stroud points out that the National Aerospace Library has posted an audio lecture with David Lockspeiser on its website — <https://www.aerosociety.com/news/audio-classic-lecture-the-boxer-utility-land-development-aircraft-by-david-lockspeiser-fraes/>.

HARRIER T4N XW268

Stewart Griffiths is involved in the restoration, for static display, of Harrier T4N XW268 which is located at the City of Norwich Aviation Museum. The aircraft is privately owned with only Stewart and the owner involved in the restoration. The 50th Anniversary of XW268's first flight is on 5th November and Stewart asks if there might be any photographs of XW268 prior to its delivery to the RAF, or better still, photographs of its first flight? If anyone can help, please contact the editor. The project is covered at www.xw268.net and www.facebook.com/xw268.

RESTORED HUNTER IN BASINGSTOKE

Norman Long has reported that a Hunter is on display outside the premises of Centerprise International, at Chineham. The aircraft is a Danish F 51 (E408) restored by CAV Aircraft Services at Lee on Solent, painted in the colours of an Iraqi FGA 59. Previously it was the 'gate guardian' at RAF Sealand posing as FMk4 WT720. The aircraft commemorates the owner's father, Sq Ldr Arif Abdul Razzak, who flew Hunters in Iraq.

SEAFURY CRASH

On August 4th the Norwegian Historic Flight Sea Fury TMk20, WG655/G-INVN, suffered a forced landing near Duxford following engine failure. Both occupants received only minor injuries but the aircraft was seriously damaged. This is the second forced landing for WG655. In July 1990, when with the Royal Navy Historic Flight as G-CHFP, its Bristol Centaurus failed. After a successful touchdown it crashed into the only two trees in the field and was written off but was eventually rebuilt with a Pratt & Whitney R2800 by Sanders Aviation in the USA. The pilot was unhurt but the passenger was injured. This was one of the Sea Furies refurbished at Dunsfold, finished in red, for Deutsche Luftfahrt Beratungsdienst who used it as D-CACU for target towing.