

The next club meeting will be

Monday, 28th November, 2016

At 8.00 pm

in the Royal British Legion, Common Road, Flackwell Heath

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and will be the

Club Annual General Meeting

The Agenda and further details are inside.

As an incentive to encourage attendance there will be a free raffle for a 1 year club membership. Collect your ticket as you come in.

Or perhaps you may prefer the free buffet after the formal meeting.

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Most of the existing Committee have indicated willingness to stand again with the exception of the Treasurer and Secretary. As Officers of the Club these posts must be filled. We are a democratic club so although most of the existing Committee members have indicated that they are prepared to serve for another year there is no reason why the Membership (you) cannot nominate an alternative, or you can even volunteer and seek nomination on the night. Any paid up member may nominate another for any position on the Committee. The person nominated must be seconded by another paid up member and must agree to stand according to the Club Rules.

Remember that this is your opportunity to have your say on how the Club is run and decide who is going to run it next year.

For a full list of Committee positions please see the back page.

Then coming up on December 4th is:-



THE HAMPER COMPETITION.



There are some changes to the format this year and full details were published in last month's Newsletter so make sure that you read them. See notes on p.2.

Agenda for Annual General Meeting 28th November, 2016

Item 1 Confirmation of Quorum (20% of members minimum)

Item 2 Chairman's Report - Steve Berry

Item 3 Committee Member Reports

Secretary's Report - Brian Seymour

Treasurer's Report & presentation of Accounts - John Compton

Internal Auditors' Statement

Setting level of membership subscriptions for 2017

Membership Secretary's Report - Mike Winston

Training Report - Jon Harper

Competitions Report - Guy Pickett-Jones

BMFA Report - Mitch Mabbutt

Field Reports - Flackwell - Ron Spencer

Chinnor - Brian Seymour

Newsletter - Malcolm Connell

Web Site - Ian Scottow

The Committee Members now resign their positions.

Item 4 Election of New Chairman (*A volunteer will temporarily take the chair*)

Item 5 Election of New Committee

Item 6 Any Other Business proper to an AGM

This ends the formal AGM.

We will now follow on with Presentation of Trophies, Raffle Draw, Refreshments, General Chat and Payment of Subs.

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Summaries of the accounts are enclosed with this Newsletter.

HWDMAC Hamper Competition 2016

A reminder if you need it that this year's Christmas Hamper Competition is scheduled to take place on Sunday 4th December – with a reserve date of 11th December if needed.

The main event this year is the Bomb Drop, full details were in last month's newsletter. If you have mislaid your copy then it is available on the Club web site www.hwdmac.co.uk.

Start time will be 11.30am onwards for set-up and testing of the bomb drop units. Remember the club will be supplying these. The start of the actual competition will be 12.30pm.

Any questions send me an e-mail at mrp_guy@yahoo.co.uk

Guy



Did You Miss Last Month's Meeting?

Last month we welcomed Alistair Hodgson from the De Havilland Aircraft Museum who presented a very entertaining illustrated talk about the history and on-going story of the museum and the De Havilland company. The museum is just off the M25 at junction 22 and is next to an old moated manor house called Salisbury Hall. The site and house have a lot of history and have been owned by several famous people including of course Geoffrey de Havilland. Unfortunately the Hall is not open to the public as it is now owned by a construction and development company. However, the Museum is very much open (or it will be when it re-opens after a winter break on 5th March, 2017).



G de Havilland and Team

The De Havilland company were at nearby Hatfield Airfield from 1930 and Sir Geoffrey took over Salisbury Hall in 1939 as a development site for the Mosquito. Three prototypes were assembled here and flown out from an adjacent field. Although not originally backed by the Air Ministry once they saw just what the aircraft was capable of, and particularly that it used mainly non-strategic materials, orders were rapidly forthcoming. Being built mainly from wood the major components could be manufactured rapidly and cheaply by a readily available workforce. Indeed, a lot of

manufacture was done in the furniture factories around High Wycombe. The major components were then assembled into a finished aircraft at Hatfield and other airfields (just like Airbus today). The Mosquito's wartime performance is now legendary.

After the war the prototype aircraft was found to still exist and in 1959 it was brought to Salisbury Hall and following an appeal for funds to build a hanger it was reassembled. Over the years the Museum has acquired several other de Havilland aircraft or major parts and its volunteers are actively restoring them. Alistair is working on the restoration of a Sea Venom. Although these restorations are as original and accurate as possible none of them are flyable.



Further information about the Museum is available on their excellent web site at <http://www.dehavillandmuseum.co.uk>. Maybe a Club outing next year if there is sufficient interest?

There are numerous films of Mosquitos on YouTube but you could start with <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vh4vazBq-X4> or https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YvEa_UtJl_c and don't forget the film "633 Squadron".

Let's Go Karting

Just a reminder that the Karting Group are looking for a few extra people to join them for an occasional trip to one of the local circuits. Full details have been circulated separately but if you are interested then get in touch with Jon at carose143@hotmail.com.

The regulars intend to hold an informal championship over the winter. However, if you don't like the idea of formality, or don't think you can make all of the events, don't worry, there is no requirement to come to each event and there is not even a prize for the winner, it's all just for fun and is not to be taken super seriously. There are usually enough people to get private use of a track so the format is generally a 10 minute warm up followed by a 45 minute race. After presentation of certificates those who want to wind down a bit can go for a beer or meal. All very sociable - well once the race is over.



Club Survey 2016

A big thanks to everyone who has completed the 2016 club survey to date. The survey will be closed on 25th November so don't miss your chance to have your say if you haven't completed it yet. Follow this link - [HWDMAC 2016 Member Survey](#)

A brief overview of the survey results will be presented at the AGM with full results to be published in future club newsletters.

Guy

For those interested the survey was powered by

Finally

[BMFA News](#)

The Society Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 19th November, has agreed the subscriptions for 2017 which will remain at the same level as for 2016.

BMFA Subscriptions for 2017 are as follows. (Apply from 1st December 2016)



Seniors £33

Juniors £17

Family Senior £33

Family Partner £22

Family Junior £13

Committee Members for 2016

Office	Name	E-mail	Telephone
Chairman	Stephen Berry	Data removed for Web publishing	
Deputy Chairman	John Quelch		
Treasurer	John Compton		
Secretary	Brian Seymour		
Membership Secretary	Mike Winston		
Competition Rep	Guy Pickett-Jones		
Training Rep	Jonathan Harper		
Flackwell Rep	Ron Spencer		
Chinnor Rep	Gavin Compton		
BFMA & Safety Rep	Mitch Mabbutt		
Newsletter Editor	Malcolm Connell		
Web Site and Communications	Ian Scottow		

Meetings and Events in 2016

Date	Event
24 October	Talk - Alistair Hodgson - The DeHavilland Aircraft Museum
28 November	AGM and Subs payment
4 December	Hamper Competition (Reserve date 11 Dec)
01 January 2017	New Year's Day Fly In