

The next club meeting will be

Thursday, 26th November, 2020

At 8.00 pm

and will be the

Club Annual General Meeting

The meeting will be via Internet video conference using Zoom.

The draft Agenda and further details are inside.

Instructions for joining the meeting along with a final Agenda and Annual Accounts will be sent to members a few days before the event.

We will also update you on the new field so please do try to attend.

Regrettably we cannot hold the traditional style of meeting and you will have to provide your own refreshments. Hopefully things will be a little more normal next year and we will be able to do it properly again.

Meanwhile the Zoom app works well and will allow us to do all the necessary things that we are required to do for a Members' AGM.

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In September, as a tryout for the AGM, we ran a meeting over Zoom with a talk about the DeHavilland Museum's Trident. Although not a large number of members joined the meeting it was nonetheless very successful and we learned a lot about the development of that aircraft.

The Museum has a Trident of its own, well a large part of the front end of a Trident II, that they are happy to show to visitors. If you go and look round it be sure to notice the "Animal on" switch. Now why would you want to switch on an animal*? No, it's not for waking up a hamster to generate engine start power, the Trident was one of the first jet aircraft with an Auxiliary Power Unit to do that. The APU was a small gas turbine unit that was started first to generate enough power to start one of the main engines and provide air conditioning in the main cabin.

The Trident was also the first aircraft to have "Autoland" using Smith's Flight Control System that made it very popular as it could land in conditions that prevented other aircraft doing so.

Agenda for HWDMAC Annual General Meeting 2020

The meeting will be by video conference using Zoom
Access codes will be distributed to members prior to the meeting.

- Item 1 Confirmation of Quorum (20% of members minimum).
- Item 2 Chairman's Report and summary of the year.
- Item 3 Treasurer's Report & presentation of Accounts
including setting of Membership Fees for coming year.
- Item 4 Membership Report.
- Item 4 Other Reports considered necessary.
- Item 5 Review of new flying field.

The Committee Members now resign their positions and a volunteer will temporarily take the chair.

- Item 6 Election of New Chairman who will assume the Chair
- Item 7 Election of New Committee
- Item 8 Any Other Business proper to an AGM

This ends the formal AGM.

Due to the exceptional circumstances we will not be able to hold the usual Raffle Draw, provide Refreshments or collect Subs.

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We are a democratic club so although some 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. A list of Committee positions is on the back page.

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.

Why Zoom?

Although there are now several video conference applications available Zoom is possibly the best general purpose one. It has come a long way in the last 6 months and works very well for meetings and presentations. Of course you are welcome to think otherwise and please feel free to write and tell me about your preferences. It is easy to use, has lots of controllability and is fairly cheap. Indeed, if you can keep a meeting to less than 40 minutes it's free so is ideal for a quick catch-up with the family. It can run on PCs, tablets and smart phones that can access the Internet and even has a facility to use dial-up if you have no Internet. If you want to know more then visit their web site at www.zoom.us.

And hasn't video conferencing come a long way. I remember in the early '90s working on a project to provide such facilities in several offices across the country. The equipment used large and expensive TV cameras and projectors, was not portable and required a good sized room. The business case was somewhat imaginative and used up about 5 year's of management travel expenses which they never actually had to give up. It worked fine, eventually, but never achieved pay-back. Today you fire up the phone almost anywhere and away you go. Much more efficient and cost effective, but not as much fun.

More YouTube ~~Time Wasters~~ Entertainment

You will by now have worked out that I waste far too much time wandering round YouTube and watching strange videos. I do manage to confuse the recommendation system as it now offers me a very eclectic mix of stuff from model railways (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fFkAbVbq_aM) through twins harping in a bomb site (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JhOhGhq0e54>) to HS2 protests. However, here are a few flying related links.

Years ago control line stunt aircraft could be made to do square loops and of course we said that no real aircraft would ever do such things. We were wrong - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JhOhGhq0e54>. Not a loop but a good start.

I've highlighted Jet Suit Flight before but it's now getting serious. <https://youtu.be/ZHk13Xa8dqI> And this has got to be in a Bond movie soon! <https://youtu.be/H4FUBfp9kS0>. A lot more development needed before it beats a fast rope from a helicopter but I bet the SBS are looking at it.

A Flight Attendant tries to add a bit of fun to essential information <https://youtu.be/8ELpzmNeS4M> For anyone thinking he wasn't serious enough on the matter. Guess what? This is probably the first time you listened to the speech from beginning to end!

Due to a shortage of items and enthusiasm I regret that there are only 3 pages this month. We had to issue the Notice of AGM otherwise I would have held things until November. Page 3 is intentionally missing.

Committee Members for 2020

Office	Name
Acting Chairman	Ian Thompson
Treasurer	Malcolm Connell
Secretary	Peter Burnham
Membership Secretary	Mike Winston
Newsletter Editor & Web Site	Malcolm Connell
BMFA Liaison	Mitch Mabbutt
Field Rep	Neil Rice
	Brian Seymour

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My thanks to those members who have contributed to this and other Newsletters recently.
Have you got something that you could contribute?

Meetings and Events in 2018

Date	Day	Event	Location
26 November	Thursday	AGM	On line

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