



Welcome to the latest issue of *Wind in the Wires*, the e-newsletter featuring the most comprehensive round up of First World War aviation news from around the world. It is also the chance for the team at the **Great War Aviation Society** to let our wonderful subscribers know what we have been up to! You can always keep an eye on our plans for the future on our social media channels and the website. There will also be the AGM in April 2023!

Members will be receiving their latest issues of our journal shortly; Winter

2022 Vol 53/4. It's still not too late to join for 2022 as well as for 2023 of course and get the journals delivered to your door, sent digitally or a combination thereof, which is a much cheaper option for those in far flung places. See the website or contact our Membership Tsar Andy Kemp for details.

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Our acclaimed **2023 Calendar** is still available, but selling fast. As a recent review says, 'twelve stunning original paintings light up each month'.

Proceeds go towards the upkeep and maintenance of the **British Air Services Memorial** at St Omer.

Buy this great gift for all discerning aviation enthusiasts here for just £10 plus postage:

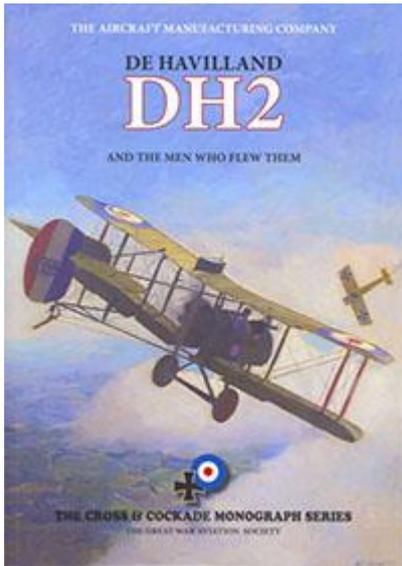
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Society News



Our dedicated team were delighted to get back to Telford and reconnect with our IPMS friends at their amazing **Scale ModelWorld** event. Check out the winner of the **Great War Aviation Society Trophy** for the **Best WW1 Aviation Model in Show!**

Congratulations to Haris Ali, with an incredible build of a Halberstadt CL.II. As well as a trophy for his mantelpiece, Haris received a year's subscription to the society. Keep an eye on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#), as more photographs of the build will be added soon.



AVAILABLE NOW: The De Havilland DH2 And The Men Who Flew Them. The latest volume in the **Cross and Cockade Monograph Series** focuses on the De Havilland DH2 Scout and describes in detail the efforts to perfect the design and the moving stories of the pilots and squadrons that flew the DH2 in battle.

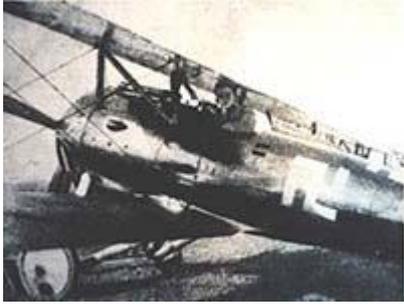
We've had some amazing reviews and the limited print run is selling fast - visit our online bookshop to buy your copy <http://bit.ly/3Vw8b7h>. We also held a well-attended online launch event on 19 November 2022.

Thank you to all of those *WitW* subscribers who took part in our recent **survey**. The results were fascinating and the committee is busy scrutinising the results and, hopefully, translating those wishes into reality. Click here to see some of the headline results: <https://fb.watch/h6Zt-HOLQI> If you have any spare time and would like to get involved with any of these projects, please do get in touch with any committee member, or message us on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#).

In passing, I also noted that the **2023 Shuttleworth Air Show** dates have been announced with the season opener, **King & Country**, taking place on 7 May 2023. Save some of your hard-earned cash with their generous early booking discounts.

You'll often find many GWAS members at their shows: <http://bit.ly/3OGaEKe>

The JC and the Swastika Pilot



On 10 November 2022, *The Jewish Chronicle* reported a fascinating story about Fritz Beckhardt, a German-Jewish pilot who chose to fly a swastika painted Siemens-Schuckert SSW D.III fighter. Beckhardt's story is incredible; he was a decorated infantry combatant and successful fighter pilot

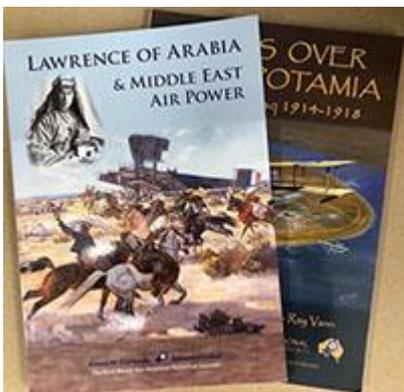
serving with Jagdstaffel 26. After the war, he ended up in Buchenwald but was released by none other than fellow veteran First World War flyer, Hermann Göring.

Judische Flieger im Weltkrieg, translating as Jewish Flyers in the World War, was published in 1924 by military physician Felix Theilhaber, who had been awarded the Iron Cross, First Class. On the cover of his book, the good doctor put a photograph of Beckhardt in the cockpit of a fighter plane he had adorned with a swastika, a symbol appropriated by anti-Semites - and Dr Theilhaber used this photograph to mock them. See this link to read more about it:

<http://bit.ly/3GROG4Z>

The latest English edition of the book, edited by Elimor Makevet and Dr Dieter Groschel, is an adaptation of Adam Wait's 1988 English translation of the original. Published by the society and named **Jewish Flyers in the World War**, this is a must-have book for anyone interested in First World War aviation and Jewish history, here at the **special November price** of just £20 plus p&p

<http://bit.ly/2GPigZ6>



More shop news - we are offering two books at a discounted price when bought together. **Lawrence of Arabia & Middle East Air Power** and **Wings Over Mesopotamia 1914-18** are currently on sale for just £25 + P&P. These fascinating books record the struggles of aviation units in the extreme climate of the Middle East.

I'll be Insignia you in all the old familiar places



Jon Guttman's excellent article **How The French Added Fashion To World War I Airplanes**,

posted on *HistoryNet* on 2 November 2022,

considered the development of the beautiful

insignia painted or stencilled on the fuselage of

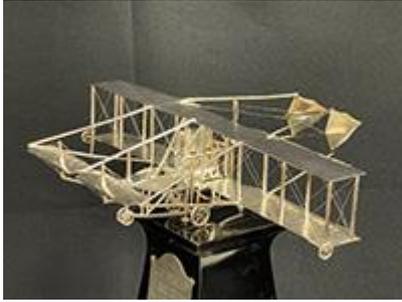
French and American aircraft. The piece conjures up iconic images such as the stork, a winged metaphor of France's ambition of regaining Alsace following its annexation in 1870, and other exotic insignia like beetles, parrots, leopards and even a court jester. Famous artists of the day also became involved in the design process.

In March 1918, Escadrille Spa 81 got an American pilot through the Lafayette Flying Corps, Sergeant James Alexander Bayne. Bayne had attended the Chicago Art Institute and, among other things, had designed the Kellogg's Corn Flakes package before the war and improved the squadron's much loved greyhound insignia before his untimely death.

The links with American pilots is clear once the Escadrille Lafayette was transferred en masse into the US Army Air Service as the 103rd Aero Squadron. Not only did the famous Sioux Indian head remain as its emblem, it was also adopted by other Squadrons. The 94th's famous 'Hat in the Ring' also gets discussed. In stark contrast to France and most of its allies, the Royal Flying Corps came to favour a subdued marking system that discouraged self-expression on its aircraft.

A smashing read at <http://bit.ly/3OORSAA>

Cody Old Dough



US-born **Samuel Franklin Cody** was the first person to pilot a powered aircraft in the UK. His maiden flight took place six weeks after the Wright brothers flew for the first time in the US. Born in Davenport, Iowa, in 1867, Cody trained as a cowboy, becoming a popular Wild West show performer before moving to England in 1890. He later developed aeroplanes with the backing of the War Office and became a naturalised British citizen in 1909. In August 1913 he and his passenger, Hampshire cricketer William Evans, died when they fell out of their aircraft and plunged 300ft to the ground after it broke up during a test.

An archive of memorabilia dedicated to Cody was sold by Henry Aldridge & Son auctioneers in Devizes, Wiltshire, on 19 November 2022. The leading item to go under the hammer was a solid silver Shell Motor Spirit Trophy by Mappin and Webb awarded to Cody. In a *WitW* exclusive, Andrew Aldridge confirms that the trophy sold to a UK collector for £35,000 against the pre-sale estimate of £30,000 to £50,000. Another notable price was Cody's Royal Aero Club licence which, against an estimate of £9,000 to £12,000, sold for £19,000.

See the pre-sale coverage here <http://bit.ly/3VxKNXb>

Lucky Number Seven



An interesting auction result from Cowan's in Cincinnati, Ohio, where a First World War Lafayette Escadrille pilot's archive and souvenir German aircraft fabric realised \$42,000 including buyer's premium. The 26 October 2022 auction included the extensive and fascinating archival lot from the family of **David McKelvy Peterson**, a six-victory ace who flew as a volunteer pilot with the famed

Lafayette Escadrille and later served with the AEF in the 103rd, 94th and 95th Aero Squadrons.

However, the stars of the show were two substantial pieces of aircraft fabric from downed enemy aircraft. The first is described as a white-bordered black cross pattée insignia, possibly from a victim of Peterson's colleague, Lieutenant Douglas Campbell, in May 1918. The second piece is a souvenir from one of the 95th's noted aces, Lieutenant Sumner Sewall, emblazoned with a large black numeral '7' with an inscription on the reverse reading **Rumpler biplane brought down by Lt Sewall near Dieulouard June 3rd 1918.**

Comprehensive auction notes and some quality images at: <http://bit.ly/3upa2Q5>

Mirror, Mirror on the Coast



The *Hartlepool Mail* has been reporting on the excavation project to uncover remains of a First World War sound mirror (see reports on 12 October and 1 November 2022). The **Clavering** sound mirror, built following the bombardment of **Hartlepool** in 1914, picked up the sound of approaching aircraft including Zeppelins. It alerted civilians and anti-aircraft guns to the potential danger. This was the only early warning system Britain had until radar was introduced in 1938 and it stood alongside five other mirrors along the North East coast.

Whilst archaeologists and volunteers did find pieces of concrete that may have formed part of the sound mirror, it is impossible to know for certain. However, the project enabled local history and heritage to be brought to life again for the local community.

<http://bit.ly/3u7QKhW>

If you want to 'geek out' on this subject (as I often do!) follow this link from *WitW26*, which will tell you everything you always wanted to know about sound mirrors: <http://bit.ly/3EMI4mT>

News in Brief – UK



There was sad news from **Rye** in a report from the *Argus* on 23 November 2022. A war memorial, which commemorates a landing ground used to counter Zeppelin raids, has been smashed into pieces in an act of vandalism. The commemorative stone was unveiled in 2019 in a special ceremony and was dedicated to all the units and personnel based at the airfield from December 1916 to 1919.

See <http://bit.ly/3u9t0Kh>

See the *Lancashire Post* for a 17 August 2022 article with some interesting images (less said about the typos!) as it explores early aerial activity in the vicinity. Early greats, such as Claude Grahame-White, Robert B Slack, the first pilot to land an aircraft in **Lancaster** at Scale Hall Farm, are featured. First World War aviation gets considered with the visit to Scale Farm of one of my favourite pilots, BC Hucks, and there are also images of local aircraft production and local RFC establishments. Take a look here: <http://bit.ly/3XGRA2s>

On 12 September 2022, the *Eastern Daily Press* reported on the new homes to be built near the former site of Britain's largest aerodrome, **Narborough**, near Swaffham. It opened during the First World War as a base for aircraft defending the country against Zeppelin raids. Among those to serve there was WE Johns, creator of the fictional flying ace, Biggles: <http://bit.ly/3ARxXeJ>

What a Carry On: TV Round Up



In my continuing mission to find relevant aviation links in almost anything, a recent *Channel 5* documentary, **The Amazing Hattie Jacques: Larger Than Life**, fitted the bill. I learnt that the

father of the 'Queen of the Carry Ons' had sadly been killed in an air crash in August 1923. Robin Rochester Jaques had joined the RAF after serving on the Western Front. Posted to RAF Spitalgate as a trainee pilot with 100 Squadron, his Avro 504 hit the ground after stalling during aerial manoeuvres. Youngest daughter Josephine, nicknamed Hattie, was just 18 months old.

<http://bit.ly/3EMvTFN>

Another televisual treat was the *ITV1* series *DNA* journey, where Masked Singer host **Joel Dommett** discovered his great, great grandfather was an unsung hero of the First World War. Jesse Crumpler was a farmer from Somerset who grew flax and figured out how to mass-produce linen, which was used to cover aircraft wings. He oversaw seven factories and helped the Royal Flying Corps' growth.

<http://bit.ly/3VfXzKf>

Finally, an *Antiques Roadshow* episode from Brodie Castle in northern Scotland, aired in October 2022, featured (at about 38 minutes in) the medals of Lt Col John Edward Tennant DSO MC. A founder member of 6 Squadron RFC, Tennant took part in the first night bombing raid accompanied by Hugh Dowding. A stunning medal group was valued by the expert at £8,000 to £10,000.

<http://bit.ly/3u6XU68>

Oxford Tails



Nice articles in the *Oxford Mail* on 27 September and 25 October 2022, recount a story featured in many previous issues of *WitW* about Lieutenant Claude Bettington and Second Lieutenant Edward Hotchkiss, members of the Royal Flying Corps, who were killed in an aircraft crash on 10

September 1912.

More than 2,200 people, including children, contributed to a memorial fund. With the money, a stone plaque in their memory was erected on the Godstow road bridge, about 100 metres south of the crash site. It was unveiled on 2 June 1913 before a crowd of nearly 10,000. The bridge, previously known as the Toll Bridge, became known as the Airmen's Bridge in honour of the two men. An embossed memorial plaque, made of metal from the crashed monoplane, was unveiled at St Peter's Church on 11 December 1913 - <http://bit.ly/3XHHChI> and <http://bit.ly/3F9IZiO>

I would also direct you to the Society's web shop, where you can pick up a copy of our excellent 2015 publication **The Royal Flying Corps in Oxfordshire, 1912-18** by Peter Wright for a bargain price of £4.95 plus postage:

<http://bit.ly/32PvXSP>

Random Snippets – Pistols, Paris and Posters



A nifty piece of aviation hardware turned up on the *National Rifle Association's* website in a 30 September 2022 post. An M1911 pistol fitted with the 'RFC Pistol Cartridge Case Deflector' is featured. This was developed early in the First

World War by the London-based firm of William Evans Ltd and the Royal Flying Corps apparently procured a number of these devices for its aviators. The pistol was also fitted with a Beesley 20 round magazine extension. See

<http://bit.ly/3u4uCVJ>

Did you know that a decoy Paris was planned in the First World War to trick German aircraft from bombing the capital? A post on the French news website *The Connexion* on 19 September 2022 explained all! A fake version of the city centre and the Saint-Denis district with a series of illuminations was planned to deceive the enemy - <http://bit.ly/3GS0Afa>

This story was also covered back in *WitW24* in February 2018. You can, of course, access back issues of *WitW* here: <http://bit.ly/3AR26KS>

I would recommend a visit to the *HistoryNet* website to view the article posted on 29 September 2022 which features a number of colourful aviation recruitment and war bond posters. The idea of fighting among the clouds excited the imagination, and that was something governments sought to exploit. Some striking examples at <http://bit.ly/3XylepL>

Flymates of the Caribbean



There was a hugely enjoyable story in the *Trinidad and Tobago Newsday* on 29 September 2022 featuring the exploits of **Hubert Fautleroy Julian**. This aviation pioneer nicknamed '**The Black Eagle**' was born in Port of Spain in 1897 and is reputed to have been the first black person to obtain an American pilot's licence.

After the First World War, Julian left for Canada to study medicine. There, in November 1920, he flew for the first time during a joyride with Canadian flying ace Billy Bishop. In 1921, Julian had adopted a new persona, rechristening himself 'Lieut Hubert Julian' of the Royal Canadian Air Force and had a tailor make him a fake military uniform.

On 2 September 1922, Julian made his first parachute jump at Curtiss Field on Long Island. He later teamed up with aviator Clarence Chamberlin, who flew him over Harlem, where the Trinidadian parachuted several times. His most famous jump was when, wearing a crimson jumpsuit, he played Runnin' Wild on a saxophone. In 1929, Julian, successfully made a transatlantic flight, two years after that of Charles Lindbergh. More at <http://bit.ly/3u7noA1>

If a Picture Paints a Thousand Words



The legend that is Trevor Henshaw is our liaison with the **Guild of Aviation Artists**, who will hopefully bring us a live exhibition in 2023. Trevor has been in touch with renowned artist Graham Turner, who kindly passed on news that he has painted a few new aviation subjects, including three for a soon to be published *Osprey* book about **Bloody April**.

Graham thought we would be interested in seeing how they had turned out, and spread the word that the originals are available, along with many other amazing pieces. Details are in this section of Graham's website: <http://bit.ly/3XEDSNz>

If you scroll down, the three from '**Bloody April**' are the Albert Ball SE5, Bristol F2As (my favourite, as it depicts Leefe Robinson's combat with Jasta 11 – but it's already sold) and a Letord of the French C.11 Observation Squadron.

Readers will recall that Graham is a multiple winner of the Society's Award for best First World War aviation painting, with 2019's BE2e inspired photo-shoot a standout image. Also his popular Facebook page is also worth a look if you are into your 'socials': <http://bit.ly/3AQuX23>

News from across the Pond – Camels, Cowboys and Cans



Here's another article to feed my growing obsession with Snoopy, courtesy of a post on the *Autoevolution* website. The 17 September 2022 piece features a Chevrolet Chevelle 300 Deluxe, a 1960s 'muscle car' embraced by drag racers, which has come to light following several decades in

storage. The original owner decided to name his prized racer '**Snoopy's Sopwith Camel**' and applied an appropriate livery. The article gets a little hung up on the history of the Sopwith Camel rather than linking the design to Charles Schulz's cartoon, which first appeared in October 1965 and the song recorded by the Royal Guardsmen the following year.

Well I liked the pictures! <http://bit.ly/3Xlhjla>

Henderson Brewing from Ontario announced the release of a tasty looking beer on 21 October 2022. It celebrates the city's connection with aviatrix **Amelia Earhart**, where she discovered her love for flying while watching young pilots from the Royal Flying Corps practice their skills. The can design of the Amelia Red Hefeweizen is stunning! <http://bit.ly/3GRZIXV>

Finally let's head over to the **British Columbia Cowboy Hall of Fame** and an article in the *Merritt Herald* on 29 September 2022 announcing that **Henry Castilou**, affectionately known as 'the cowboy judge', has been posthumously inducted into the Hall of Fame. In 1923, after serving as a Captain in the Royal Flying Corps, Castilou obtained a law degree and opened a practice in Vancouver. His work defending under-represented First Nation clients and his love of community and culture has been rightly recognised. Go to <http://bit.ly/3OESqJf> for a round up.

For Your Spies Only



On 30 October 2022, *The Critic Magazine* website took a deep dive into the revelation that as many as thirty ex-Royal Air Force fast jet pilots had travelled to China to train the Chinese People's Liberation Army Air Force. The heavyweight article considers the potential security implications and political fallout, but caught my eye due to the mention of previous espionage cases from the inter-war period, namely pioneer aviators **Lord William Forbes-Sempill** and **Squadron Leader Frederick**

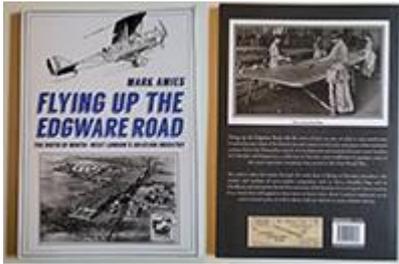
Rutland.

Sempill (pictured on the right), was a long-time associate of Winston Churchill and served in the Royal Flying Corps, Royal Naval Air Service and the nascent RAF. He was charged with spying for the Imperial Japanese Navy and the fervent anti-Communist encouraged the Japanese to develop naval air power and passed on classified material relating to Britain's own naval aviation programme.

Also spying for the Japanese was Frederick Rutland, or '**Rutland of Jutland**', a British military aviator who, like Sempill, had served in both the RNAS and RAF. Possessing expert knowledge of aircraft carriers and deck landing techniques and procedures, Rutland, who resided in both the UK and USA, was an excellent source of intelligence for Tokyo during the 1920s and 1930s.

Engage brain and head over to <http://bit.ly/3UbXjub>

Book News



Published on 15 October 2022, **Flying up the Edgware Road** tells the story of how an area of north-west London became a hub of the British aircraft industry in the early years of the twentieth century. From the Edwardian suburb of

Cricklewood out towards the semi-rural hamlets of Colindale and Kingsbury, a number of factories were established to produce some of the most important warplanes that served in the First World War.

The author, Mark Amies, is a friend of the society on Twitter and takes the reader through the early days of flying at Hendon, introducing the owners and workers of once-mighty companies such as Airco, Handley Page and de Havilland. He also chronicles the decline and reuse of the factories in the post-war economy. Available from the publisher here <http://bit.ly/3ECpvRa>

The *Daily Mail* finally got stuck into the **Hardit Singh Malik** story on 17 August 2022 with a piece promoting Stephen Barker's book, **The Flying Sikh**. There are plenty of photographs of the dashing flying officer in uniform and demonstrating his sporting prowess to enjoy. Not a bad place to start if you missed the coverage in *WitW42*: <http://bit.ly/3u42r9l>

Did you pay for the Air Show? Alaska



A first *WitW* visit to Alaska now, and to an article in *The Anchorage Daily News* published on 18 September 2022 on the origins of powered flight in The Last Frontier. Noted 'Birdman', Captain James V Martin, was brought to the city of Fairbanks by

two local businessmen to hold a series of exhibitions as part of the 1913 Fourth of July celebrations. Accompanied by his wife, a fellow pilot, his open cockpit Gage-Martin biplane arrived to a flood of publicity.

The first flight was scheduled for 3 July 1913, with the promoters charging a hefty \$2.50 for adults and \$1 for children. They were able to see a couple of unremarkable short flights only 400 feet above the ground. When Captain Martin first took to the air, a reported 250 people were inside the venue. Unfortunately for the organisers, an estimated 2,000 more people watched from outside the park, without the burden of paying for a ticket. Needless to say the three day event made a significant loss!

A charming story with some nice contemporary ads at <http://bit.ly/3OJNS4f>

Matheson's Memorial



Staying in North American, here's a post on the Canadian *Saltwire.com* website on 3 November 2022, which remembered the accomplishments of a First World War flying ace from New Glasgow, Nova Scotia. **Captain William Drummond Matheson MC** was 25 years old when he signed up with the Royal Flying Corps in March 1916 and completed pilot training at the Wright Flying School in Augusta, Georgia.

Between 22 Oct 1916 and 16 March 1917 he was credited with five aerial victories over the Western Front with 25 Squadron, flying FE2bs. His front line service came to an end when he suffered injuries in combat with three German aircraft. Matheson shot down two of the enemy but was shot nine times, with eight bullets hitting his foot and one his left forefinger. Matheson miraculously managed to land near a group of Highlanders who took him to a hospital, where his left foot was amputated.

Local historian Clyde Macdonald has had an inscription added to Matheson's headstone to state that he was a flying ace and Military Cross winner. Read more at <http://bit.ly/3VhrFNm>

Luke Back In Anger



War History Online 1 November 2022 post featured the story of ace First World War pilot **Frank Luke**. I've not mentioned Luke since *WitWs 18* and *28*, so I was pleased to read this piece, which compares the Phoenix born phenomenon to Pete 'Maverick' Mitchell of *Top Gun*.

Between 12 and 29 September 1918, Luke was credited with shooting down 14 German balloons and four aircraft, earning him the title of the 'Arizona Balloon Buster'. On 29 September 1918, Luke took off looking to shoot down more observation balloons. He had destroyed three balloons near Dun-sur-Meuse when he was struck by a bullet fired from a machine gun position on a nearby hill. It entered his shoulder, causing him to enter a spin. After his SPAD S.XIII crashed, Luke pulled out his Colt M1911 (see above) and shot at the enemy infantrymen that had surrounded him. Unfortunately, his wounds were too grievous, with the bullet having passed through him and out his left shoulder - <http://bit.ly/3OI1tZK>

Talking about balloon busters, on 24 October 2022 *Echo Live*, a Cork news website, ran a punchy piece on Major Edward Corringham 'Mick' **Mannock**. The writer, intrigued by references to balloon busters, decide to do a little digging and came up with an article which is a handy précis of the achievements and death in action of this important VC winning pilot - <http://bit.ly/3F5TuT4>

Bird of Paradise



Congratulations to Team Waterbird! The **Lakes Flying Company** has won Aviation Heritage UK's 2022 Robert Pleming Memorial Award for its recreation a flyable replica of the 1911 Avro Waterbird, the first seaplane to fly with a stepped

float (see *WitW 42*). The replica Waterbird made its inaugural public flight in September 2022, 111 years after the original flew for the first time. Work began in 2009, but in 2013 the project fell short of £160,000 and fundraising began. The 35ft long aircraft has a wingspan of 40ft and weighs just 1,000lb and was the culmination of an idea first mooted by Richard Raynsford, the great-great nephew of Captain Wakefield, who commissioned the original aircraft.

Not content with that accolade, the team has also scooped **The Desmond Penrose Silver Salver** for the vintage aeroplane of the year 2022 from the Vintage Aircraft Club. See <http://bit.ly/3EJnJOn> and <http://bit.ly/3Vr1F1W>

And the Award Goes to



I was delighted to note that at the aforementioned Aviation UK's awards ceremony on 15 October 2022 Lifetime Achievement Awards were handed out to two individuals with top notch First World War aviation credentials who are also society members.

The recipients were **Francis Hanford**, founder curator of the **Trenchard Museum** at RAF Halton in 1999 and **David Hassard**, for his work since 2012 on the ongoing **Kingston Aviation Centenary Project** to commemorate the creation of the Sopwith Aviation Company at Kingston upon Thames in 1912. David's remarkable '100 years ago this week' historical newsletter series started from May 1913 before running on for 376 weeks to November 1920. These are all viewable on the project's website under <http://bit.ly/3kJhGNX>

David has also been adding and updating content to the website and recently sent further newsletters covering the Sopwith story in 1922 and 1923 as well as a rather spiffy analysis of the company's achievements and business performance.

All Good in Hyderabad



Finally, I enjoyed an article from the *Siasat Daily* from Hyderabad in Southern India, posted on 31 October 2022. **Raymond George Rees-Oliviere** is a former officer of **110 Squadron RAF**, who served with distinction in the 1960s, and has continued to work in the aviation sector.

His squadron was one that was set up during the First World War in 1917, with the money donated by the **Nizam of Hyderabad**. The Hyderabad Squadron retained its name after the Royal Flying Corps was merged with the Royal Naval Air Service to form the RAF. Raymond has long expressed his deep regard for the Nizam and his financial contributions to the RAF in both World Wars. For many years he cherished a dream to visit Hyderabad and see for himself the land which was once ruled by the 7th Nizam. That dream finally materialised when he landed at the Rajiv Gandhi International airport on 28 October 2022.

Nicely done Raymond: <http://bit.ly/3u4Wskm>

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