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IN MEMORIAM – CHRIS FARARA

“What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others.” ~Thucydides



It is with heavy hearts that we share with you the passing of our Editor, Chris Farara. He had been unwell for some time, needing frequent hospitalisation for a number of conditions. Eventually the progression of inter-related problems and the inability of the best medical services to overcome the inevitable, Chris passed away on Sunday 21st April in a hospice in Woking. His family was with him at the end.

Chris had been unable to publish a newsletter since number 67 - winter 2023. With much dedication from the first newsletter in autumn 2002 he provided a lot of glue that held the Members together despite them being located afar, even internationally. Whilst the newsletters were not ‘engraved in stone monuments’ they were collectively a substantial output of work, the equivalent of epic historical tomes or major publications. In the fullness of time we hope that a replacement Editor will re-establish the publishing schedule, but in the meantime the Committee hopes that this combined effort for newsletter 68 will fill the gap, keep Members up to date and be aware of developments and plans.

PROGRAMME FOR 2024 (TBA: to be arranged, TBC: to be confirmed)

Talks that have taken place are in *italics* and are now available in the **Association online video library** which also offers over 20 other talks from 2020. Some videos of much earlier talks are available.

Please do not share these links; we need to keep access to the video library private for Association Members only. Our agreement with the speakers is based on a promise not to make them available to the public.

Wednesday January 10th -- Rear Admiral David Snelson - ‘The History of the 5 Ark Royals’

Wednesday February 14th -- Nick Anderson – ‘Life In A Hornet’s Nest – Flying the F/A18 with the RAAF’

Wednesday March 13th – Anthony Inglis – ‘Nine Pilots – One Family’

Wednesday April 8th -- AGM followed by T45 Video Introduced by Chris Roberts

Wednesday May 8th -- Tony Buttler – ‘Hawker Flying Test Beds’

Wednesday June 12th – Summer Barbeque, YMCA Kingston

Wednesday July 10th -- Joe Marsden – ‘The Falklands Mission’

Wednesday August 21st -- Hawk First Flight Anniversary at Sarum Museum

Wednesday September 11th -- Chris Wilson – JetArt TBC (Note: Or 9th Oct/ 13th Nov)

Wednesday October 9th -- TBA

Wednesday November 13th – TBA

Wednesday December 11th -- Christmas Lunch

Summer BBQ. The Summer BBQ will be held on 12th June, as usual commencing at midday at the YMCA Hawker Centre in Richmond Road Kingston. This is always an enjoyable event, which is usually blessed with