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EDITORIAL

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Our meetings continue to be very well supported, the Editor gets appreciative comments about the Newsletter, contributions are gratefully received; so, all appears to be well.

However, there are still a few Members who have not sent in their subscriptions. They are reminded by their names being in bold type in the membership list on the last page. Please **renew**; it's only a fiver! Please send your cheque, payable to The Hawker Association, to Barry Pegram (12 Becket Wood, Parkgate, Newdigate, Surrey, RH5 5AQ). Please include your full name, postal and e-mail addresses, and telephone number as a check on our records. If you **don't** intend to renew would you **please** drop Barry a short note anyway, and let him know why. This is so the Committee can look at the reasons and, if possible, correct things which members don't like. Sadly, for those who do not renew in the next few weeks, this will be their last Newsletter. Can you bear it?

Please continue to send in your memories of working for 'Hawkers' so that the Newsletter becomes a resource for future historians. Already the Imperial War Museum is showing interest.

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PROGRAMME FOR 2005-2006

Wednesday 12th October	The Influence of German R&D in WW2 - Ralph Denning .
Wednesday 9th November	Beyond the Harrier; Kingston's Projected Harrier Successors - Michael Pryce
Wednesday 14th December 2006 (Provisional)	Christmas Lunch. Hawker Centre, 12.30.
Wednesday 11th January	Social/Quiz
Wednesday 8th February	Competition Sailplanes - Afandi Darlington.
Wednesday 8th March	"My Three Jobs in the Front Office" - Chris Roberts.
Wednesday 12th April	AGM

Unless stated otherwise, meetings are at the Hawker Centre, Kingston - the old Sports & Social Club - and start at 2.00 pm. Lunch and drinks are available beforehand, tea afterwards, and there is a large, free car park.

Ralph Denning, on graduating from the University of Wales, worked for the Government on Aircraft Project Assessment before joining Bristol's Engine Division, later part of Rolls-Royce, in 1949. He was closely involved with Harrier, Concorde and other programmes and for twenty years was Chief Engineer (New Projects - Bristol). He was a member of Sir Roy Fedden's mission of aeronautical experts who went to Germany in 1945 to review that country's aeronautical developments. Ralph Denning draws on his experiences as a member of the British scientific staff in this historical review.

Michael Pryce studied the P.1154 project for his MSc at Imperial College and is now a PhD student at the University of Sussex working on the role of conceptual design in military procurement, focusing on supersonic VSTOL projects at Kingston, and Warton, from 1960-88. This work forms the background to his talk.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Following the successes of the last two years Percy Collino has arranged another lunch for this year at the Hawker Centre and negotiated the low £15 price. Book and pay for your tickets at the next meeting or 'phone Percy on 020 8337 8143 then send him a cheque payable to The Hawker Association. Seating is limited so again it will have to be a 'no partners' event.

COMMEMORATIVE PHILATELIC COVER - ANOTHER UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY

Trevor Jordan writes that just over 25 years ago, on 31st March 1980, the Royal Navy's first operational Sea Harrier squadron was formed. On the same day the first squadron flight took place carrying some 75 covers. Tim Gedge, who spoke to the Association in May, has checked his log book and confirmed