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## EDITORIAL

With this issue comes your **Membership renewal form for 2017-2018** (still only £5) so, why not fill it in now, write a cheque and post it to Barry - before you forget! You will also find the Annual General Meeting notice. We hope to see lots of Members there to welcome our new Chairman.

We also launch an **appeal** for donations to support the continuing **restoration of P.1127, XP984**, at the Brooklands Museum. The Association's gift of £500 has already helped this project but further funds are needed.

It is 100 years since the Richmond Road factory was opened and to mark the **anniversary** an exhibition is to be mounted at the Hawker centre in September. We hope that members will support this initiative, not only by visiting but also by **volunteering to help**.

Does anyone remember **Reg Carden**? Read his article below and please contact him if it rings any bells. He is now 93.

The Editor still needs your stories! Please send them to: The Editor, Chris Farara, 24 Guildown Road, Guildford, Surrey, GU2 4EN, tel 01483 825955, e-mail [cjfarara@ntlworld.com](mailto:cjfarara@ntlworld.com).

**Now only 20 Members have not paid their 2016-2017 subscriptions! Your names are in bold on the back page.** Members unpaid for 2015 - 2016 have been removed from the membership list.

## PROGRAMME FOR 2017

Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	"Aircraft I have flown" - <b>Simon Hargreaves</b>
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Annual General Meeting and videos.
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	"Sea Harrier, Super Etendard and F-35B" - <b>Lt Cdr Ian Sloan</b> .
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Summer barbecue.
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	"48 years in a rotary dryer" - Nick Kidd
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> August	Social and video.
Tbd September	Summer outing - <b>RNAS Yeovilton - air s ide</b> .
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Social and video.
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> & Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	Richmond Road centenary exhibition (Hawker Centre).
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	"UAVs" - <b>Lambert Dopping-Hepenstal</b> .
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	"Life with the Red Arrows" - <b>Mark Zanker</b> .
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas lunch

**Simon Hargreaves** was a RN Sea Harrier pilot, a Dunsfold and F-35B test pilot and deputy CTP at Warton, **Ian Sloan** flew with the RN Historic Flight and with the Aeronavale flew the Super Etendard, **Nick Kidd** had a varied flying career that included flying the Royal Family for several years, **Lambert Dopping-Hepenstal** was a Kingston systems engineer and is now Engineering Director, Systems and Strategy at Warton, and **Mark Zanker** had a long and varied RAF career flying Harriers and in the Reds. Unless stated otherwise, meetings are at the 'YMCA 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. Visitors are welcome.

## HAWKER ASSOCIATION WEBSITE

Our Webmaster, Richard Cannon, is recovering from major surgery and apologises for the fact that he was for some time unable to keep the website up-to-date. It's OK now. We all wish Richard a steady and complete recovery.

## P.1127 XP984 APPEAL

Many of you will know that the 6<sup>th</sup> P.1127 (the 'prototype' Kestrel) has been at the Brooklands Museum for some time. However, for several years it has been fitted with a triangular wing similar to XP980's because its own swept, Kestrel type, wing was severely damaged in an accident and the Kestrel wing on loan from the RAF Museum was reclaimed for their Kestrel. XP984 was fitted with a Harrier wing for aerodynamic development flight trials before the first Harrier flew so, in the absence of a Kestrel wing, and on the advice of the Editor, the Brooklands Museum has bought a Harrier wing and it has been fitted to the aircraft as part of a major refurbishment by volunteers led by Dave Cotton and his deputy, David Collingridge.

Your Committee discussed this project and decided that it would be appropriate to support it financially so the Association has donated £500 to the Brooklands Museum specifically for the refurbishment of XP984. The Museum Director expressed his gratitude for the gift. The refurbishment will continue to require more funding so it was also decided to launch an appeal to Hawker Association Members for donations to this good cause. If each member gave £5 then some £2000 would be raised, £10, £4000!

So, please help to restore XP984 by sending your cheques, payable to the Hawker Association, to Chris Farara at 24 Guildown Road, Guildford, Surrey, GU2 4EN. Thank you.