

THE 'FOXY LADY' IN HER LAIR

A few of our members have membership of Christchurch Aviation Society (formerly the Sea Vixen Society) which had an invitation to see the last flying Sea Vixen in her hangar at Hurn. Typically, on the day after the clocks went back, and after the mega storm had passed, arrival at 6pm meant a dark and windy walk from the security fence to the small access door to the hangar of DS Worldwide (Military) Aviation Ltd. Once inside G-CVIX was not alone as a red Folland Gnat also shares the hangar. The Foxy Lady looked pristine in her latest paint scheme representing ownership by Naval Air Squadron 899 which operated service in 1964 as a FAW.2 (Fighter All Weather) and after active service, was fitted out to drone D3 status by Flight Refuelling to operate at Llanbedr from 1986 as a high speed target. That role finished in 1991 where she languished until being bought by Gwyn Jones in 1996. After a raft of bureaucracy had been completed the bright yellow and red G-CVIX had to be flown out of Llanbedr and the only pilot who was certified to fly the aircraft was Sepp Pauli, a



retired Luftwaffe pilot, but even he had to sit for his PPL to be cleared to fly as a civilian pilot. deHavilland Aviation Ltd took on the task of refurbishing G-CVIX but when the aircraft was sponsored by Red Bull their own paint scheme was applied. In 2005 the aircraft passed into its current ownership retaining Paul Kingsbury, the engineering manager, who gave NFAG a talk many years ago. He hosted and introduced the recent visit answering many questions such as how much fuel is used - a car tank every second, and did they pay landing fees - yes over £700 - so not a cheap hobby. Other key stats - 0 to 40,000ft under 9mins, span 50', length 55', two Rolls-Royce Avon Mk208 developing 10,000 lbs thrust each and all up weight 37,000lbs. The sheer presence of the aircraft was enjoyed by all and were grateful for the rare opportunity to see the 'Foxy Lady' up close.

LOCAL AEROSPACE AND DEFENCE LECTURES/EVENTS NOVEMBER 2013

Tuesday 12th November - Royal Aeronautical Society (RAES) Boscombe Down Evening Lecture
The G-HUEY Story by Rob Tierney. Event venue is Lecture Theatre, MOD Boscombe Down Wiltshire SP4 0JF. Enquiries should be directed to Marc Sheridan treasurer@boscombedownraes.org or 01980 662483.

Wednesday 13th November - Royal Aeronautical Society (RAES) Solent Evening Lecture
Noise reduction and fuel savings - Do we still need a pilot? By Captain Hugh Dibley. Doors Open: 1900, Lecture: 1930. Venue Murray Lecture Theatre, University of Southampton. Members and Non-Members Welcome. Contact: Andy Rankine (mobile: 07752 012849). E-mail: secretary@solent-raes.org.uk or Website: www.solent-raes.org.uk

Wednesday 13 November 2013 - Museum of Army Aviation AFA Evening Lecture
This lecture looks at the Victoria Cross, The highest decoration awarded for valour in the face of the enemy. Tickets are £5 available from the shop or on the door on the night. Museum of Army Flying, Middle Wallop, SO20 8DY.

Monday 18th November - Bishops Waltham Aviation Group Evening Lecture
'Aviation at Lee 1917 to 1939' by Geoff Pell. Venue the Stables Parish Centre, Bishop's Waltham. Doors open at 7-45pm. Entry is £2.50. Contact BWAG on (01962) 881874 or www.bwavg.co.uk/meetings.htm

Tuesday 19th November - Royal Aeronautical Society (RAES) Boscombe Down Lunchtime Lecture
Release to service trials for Tornado air-to-air refuelling. Flt Lt Andy Watts. Starts 12:15. Lecture Theatre, MOD Boscombe Down Wiltshire. Contact Marc Sheridan treasurer@boscombedownraes.org or 01980 662483.

Sunday 24th November - Aircraft Enthusiasts Fair and Model Show
Venue: Museum of Army Flying, Middle Wallop, Stockbridge, Hampshire, SO20 8DY. Open 10:00am to 4.00pm. Admission £5 includes entry into the Museum. Organiser: Mark Roberts, email: mark@roberts15863.fsnet.co.uk

Thursday 28th November - Royal Aeronautical Society (RAES) Christchurch Evening Lecture
Flying with the Red Arrows John Myers (ex-Chief Test Pilot Cobham Aviation). 19:00 for 19:30. Cobham Lecture Theatre, Bournemouth University. Contact Jenny Gurden: email raes.christchurch.events@gmail.com.

Thursday 28th November - Royal Aeronautical Society (RAES) Yeovil Branch Evening Lecture
Empire Test Pilot's School by Cdr Mark Macleod RN, Commanding Officer. 18:00 - 19:45 Dallas Presentation Suite, AgustaWestland Yeovil. Contacts david.mccallum@agustawestland.com or Michael.Winder@agustawestland.com

Thursday 28th November - Society of Friends of the Fleet Air Arm Museum (SoFFAAM) Lecture
'Displaying the Hawker Sea Fury' by Lt Commander Chris Gotke RN - RN Historic Flight's Commanding Officer. Fleet Air Arm Museum's Auditorium 7pm for 7.30pm. £5 per person on the door, on the night. Non-members welcome. Contact smalcolm355@aol.com.

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