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2014 TALKS

9th May 'Paragliding - the ups and downs' by Neil McCain, Wessex Hangliding and Paragliding Club
13th June 'Flying the Lightning' by John Ward, a former Air Defence pilot
11th July 'Hampshire & Isle of Wight Air Ambulance' by Ian Jeffrey
August – No meeting
12th September 'Early Testing of the F-35B – Lightning II' by Graham Tomlinson, former BAe Test Pilot
10th October 'The Ordnance Survey Flying Unit' by Paul Marshall
14th November 'Palmar – Bournemouth Airline' by Mike Phipp
December – No meeting

2015 TALKS

9th January 'Britains Last Airliner – the BAe 146' by Steve Robson
13th February 'London's Second Airport – Blackbushe' by Dave Ruffle

At the New Forest Aviation Group meeting on 11th April John Myers spoke about his experiences with the Red Arrows with whom he flew for 3 years – first as Red 9 and then as Red 3. A pilot's view of training and the display was given by a DVD following which John explained that the intensive training was completed in Cyprus as weather at Scampton prohibited satisfactory practice.

The full 'looping' display needs 4,000feet below the cloud base, a 'rolling' display can be flown with 2,500feet and a flat display needs 1,000 feet. The demands on a Red Arrows pilot include being able to fly within 6 feet of the next aircraft in a formation that is completing all manner of aerobatics whilst resisting a g-force of up to 6g. (If your head weighs 9 pounds, at 6g it feels like 54pounds pressing down). Trust between pilots, who stay on the team for 3 years, is paramount and selection to the team is very personal. John became known because he had been flying the Buccaneer as a display pilot and had met the team at various displays. Commitment is vital for the pilots and ground-crew during the display season with up to 5 shows over a weekend and a display tour will take the team away for weeks at a time. The team has now displayed in 55 different countries, including Russia and has used the Hawk aircraft since 1980 and achieved sales of the aircraft in the USA and Middle East following tours by the Red Arrows. What better ambassadors for the RAF and British industry can a nation have?

OLD SARUM AIRFIELD EVENT - SUPPORT OUR PARAS

Old Sarum Airfield, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP4 6BJ

Sunday 11th May 2014 - Doors open at 9.30am £10 adult, £30 for family (2 adults, 2 children) Tickets can be purchased on the gate, cash only. A spectacular day of entertainment on the ground and in the air, at historic Old Sarum Airfield near Salisbury, in the presence of HRH Prince Michael of Kent.

The event showcases the world-famous "Red Devils" doing tandem skydives and a freefall display. "The Red Devils" is the official parachute display team of both The Parachute Regiment and The British Army. The team's members are widely regarded as among the best display parachutists in the world. Every member of the 25 man team is a serving Paratrooper from the Army's elite Parachute Regiment – with each having seen active service in either The Falklands, Northern Ireland, Kosovo, Sierra Leone, Afghanistan and/or Iraq. Formed in 1964, the Red Devils carry out more than 100 spectacular parachute displays each year at public events worldwide promoting the Parachute Regiment and the British Army.

There will also be a drive-past of Aston Martin cars from 1937 to the present day; vintage military vehicles; a flying display from 14.30 to 16:00 including: Spitfire, RV8tors Formation Team, AN 2, Lynx, Hurricane, Bulldog, Anson/BE2, YAK 11, YAK 50, Apache, Mustang, Chinook.

The day benefits the Parachute Regiment Charity and its soldiers and families.