

NEW SECRETARY

The Committee and I welcome Mike Collo who has taken the post held previously and ably by Fred Hambly. Mike attended our Committee meeting on 4th November and we look forward to his contribution.

KITCHEN HELPERS

An appeal to all members to consider taking turns to help out in the kitchen at each meeting and to help make the teas and coffees during the interval. It would give the usual helpers a break, and give you all valuable experience in mass catering! Please make yourself known to the regular helpers if you can help out, just one evening from each member would keep us going for years!

VULCAN UPDATE

The winter maintenance programme has commenced which reflects the fact that the £400,000 required has been raised (and slightly exceeded). Following a recent engine change, for engine management reasons, satisfactory engine runs were completed on 28th October. For the pre season maintenance for 2015, expected to be the last flying year for XH558, the target sum of £200,000 in pledges has been achieved

E-MAIL ADDRESSES

Another appeal for any members who are willing to receive the newsletter by e-mail, rather than a paper copy, which if you are absent from a meeting has to be sent out by post each month, which costs the group a great deal in postage. Please provide your e-mail address to the Groups new Secretary, Mike Collo, if you would prefer e-mailed newsletters.

MESSERSCHMITT Bf-109E HEADING TO THE UK

The Platinum Fighter Sales website this week mentions that the Bf-109E -7 "White 14", Wk Num. 3579, CF-EML has been sold and is heading to the UK from Niagara Falls. 3579 was shot down in August 1942 in Russia, by one of 4 lend lease Hurricanes or 2 P-40 Tomahawks flown by Russian pilots. The aircraft was recovered from Russia in 1991. The airframe only has 67 hours on it since a complete restoration in the UK in 1998 by Charleston Aviation Services. It will be great to hear the sound of a Daimler Benz DB-601 in the UK once again, having not heard one since Bf-109G "Black 6" was flying at UK airshows in the 1990's. 2015 will be the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Britain. I can't wait to see this "bouncing" the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight and see who wins!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, see you all in 2015.....



© Michael O'Leary / Air Classics

Any newsletter contributions, ideas or comments to:

Chris Gilbert-Norton, 12 Meadow Close, Burley, Ringwood, Hampshire, BH24 4EJ

Home number: 01425 403547

Mobile number: 07977 721503

E-mail: gilbey66@gmail.com