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AGM 1st May 2013 held at Druitt Hall

Including officers, 28 members attended the AGM although our Chairman, Prue Ingall, could not attend.

Our Secretary, Stephen Bishop, read the Chairman's report which covered the ongoing saga of Druitt Hall which was now to remain open for the immediate future with a company, Druitt Hall Association Limited, to take over the running and future improvements and planning subject to Council agreement. Due to increased commitments the Programme Secretary Steve Robson was standing down and Prue thanked him for his efforts. (Later in the meeting Robert Wilson volunteered to take on the role).

Owain Owen, the Treasurer, gave a breakdown of the year's accounts which showed a loss of £200 and explained that to prevent further losses the current subscriptions of £5 would need to increase. The loss was due mainly to increasing speaker costs and the liability insurance. Hall hire was expected to increase if Druitt Hall closed. A proposal of raising the subscription to £10 and visitor price of £3 was agreed by the majority.

Stephen Bishop reminded members that subscriptions were now due at this meeting for 2013/14 and asked that where possible members supply an email address to keep postal costs down.

Steve Robson, outgoing Programme Secretary, reviewed the years talks and forthcoming bookings into March 2014. Some visits had come up at short notice and there was only time to circulate on email although it was recognised that not everyone has email.

Meetings List

06Nov13 "Flight Data Recorders" by Steve Leaper from Curtiss Wright (Penny & Giles).

08Jan14 "Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance"

05Mar14 "Vanuatu" a South Pacific Airport by Tom Kelly

Visits - dates tba - names to Steve Robson

DS Aviation to see Sea Vixen 134 at home. Hosted by Paul Kingsbury.

Boscombe Down to see the Lightning T4. Hosted by Sqn Ldr Mark Sapsford

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Post AGM Talk

Peter Wells, a former instrument engineer for de Havillands, gave us a talk entitled "Instrument testing the 110 and changes in the cockpit". The latter concerning how instrumentation has changed with particular regard to the effect of GPS and the Garmin 1000 for which Peter is a specialist.



The picture above shows the huge radar area which during the test flying days was completely filled with instrumentation of the pre digital age.

Also attending was Don Gilder who helped Peter in answering the many questions.

Bournemouth Sea Vixen



The Sea Vixen was scheduled to fly on Saturday and Sunday of the Air Festival but was delayed until the evening on Saturday and technical problems prevented both the Sea Vixen and the Vulcan displaying together on Sunday. An invitation to see the Foxy Lady in her Lair has been extended to the Society by Paul Kingsbury of DS Aviation which also looks after a Folland Gnat.

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