

# HAYES MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

**Extra Newsletter November 2020**, edited by Graham Marsden and Allan Evison, HMF Secretarial team.

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## CORONAVIRUS EXTRA 9

**KEEPING IN TOUCH:** As we enter a second, hopefully shorter, lockdown we continue with this mid-month Extra Newsletter to keep in touch with members of the Fellowship. BUT we are not as restricted as we were the first time around. AND, in October we did had two activities, with our Annual Service and a local Walk – both with social distancing etc. This gives us hope of even greater normality to come.

There was even more hope with the announcement a few days ago about the successful trials of the Pfizer and BioNTech covid vaccine and the prospect that the vaccinations could begin on a small scale before the end of the year. The Government already has plans for the prioritising the vaccinations, with newspapers suggesting that all over 65s will get the jab by Easter. We encourage you to take the opportunity of the vaccine when it is presented to you.

On a cautionary note, Prime Minister Boris Johnson has warned us not to "rely on this news as a solution" as it is still "very, very early days". We still have to take current covid precautions seriously but a chink of light is opening up at the end of the tunnel.

We still want to assure members that, although there is still less opportunity to meet as regularly as we used to, Committee members are happy to chat over the phone with any of you who may be feeling isolated at this difficult time. Our numbers are on the Temporary Membership Card included within September's Welcome Back Letter (and two are at the top of this Extra Newsletter!).

**What is in this Extra Newsletter:** Sadly the evenings are drawing in, there are still no missed activities to write about here. So we have another photographic look back to the pre-covid era as well as a potential future outing. This month we have:-

- Latest news: the usual round-up of topical items. (see below);
- Quizzes and puzzles: another selection of challenges to occupy you and keep the grey cells moving. (page 5);
- Trip down memory lane (part 2): More of the range of photographs from outings and Walks in earlier years. Again, we owe a big thank you to Ray Lydall for identifying the locations. (page 10);
- Fleet Air Arm Museum – A guided tour of the excellent Fleet Air Arm Museum at Royal Naval Air Station Yeovilton in Somerset. (page 13); and

- Internet links – a different set of links this month, but still featuring YouTube – including training in lock picking in case any of the members fancy a career change! (Page 17).

## LATEST NEWS

**Programme Update:** The new programme devised by your Committee is set out in the Temporary Membership Card in September's Welcome Back Letter and is available on the HMF website (see link at top of Newsletter). At the moment we have no indication when the OCS will be available to us for our normal Meetings. Obviously, we cannot confirm speakers or share a programme with you until we know when we will have access again. The Annual Lunch planned for January cannot go ahead under the current restrictions so we will monitor changes in the Government rules and reschedule the event for as soon as the New Inn can host us all.

**HMF Subscriptions:** 45 members have paid their subscription for 2020-21 – Thank You to each of you. BUT for those who have not already paid, our Treasurer is keen to relieve you of the very modest £10.00 for the year. Whilst his preference is for online payments, he is also happy to accept cheques and cash. If it more convenient for you, subs could also be dropped off with Colin Vivian (42 Heath Rise, Hayes), Graham Marsden (8 Edgewood Green, Shirley) or Allan Evison (129 Pickhurst Lane, Hayes).

**October walk:** As mentioned above, our Walk on 28 October was another element of normality returning – especially after a break of over six months. The walk much more local than normal (from Hayes to Shirley and back) to avoid the need for car sharing or public transport. In addition, we followed Ramblers' Association covid guidance and social distancing. Starting from the Rosary Church car park we made our way to The Knoll, passing its three lakes and on to Ridgeway. From there it was a short way up to and across Hayes Common. Then through a wood to West Wickham Common where we passed by the ancient Roman diggings. After following the London Loop around the back of Coney Hall we stopped briefly to look at a stone marking the Greenwich Meridian Line on Coney Hall Recreation Ground. A little further on at St John's Church, Stuart Talbot kindly gave



us an interesting short talk on its history. We then walked across fields and through woods to The Apple Tree pub where we were served very good, reasonably priced lunches. After lunch, some walkers needing to return to Hayes went past The Doomsday Oak in West Wickham. The distance walked was 3.8 miles to the Appletree Pub for an excellent lunch and 2 miles back for those who made the return leg. We had a very good turnout with 11 walkers; Tony Archer, David Abberly, Denis Chandler, Ray Lyddall, Graham Marsden, Sid Perrett, Barry Sansom, Stephen Smythe, Stuart Talbot, Doug Tredget and Colin Wyman. They were joined at the pub for lunch by Andy Graham, John Hobbs, David Hunt, Derek McWalter, and Ron Payne. Once again a big thank you to Tony Archer who researches and practices all of the walks for us.



**Cannot wait for our new programme of Outings?:** For anyone keen on an Outing before our new programme commences in the new year, Premiere Travel have extended the range of day trips offered to the public. As a taster, trips are available to Canterbury on 10 December and Salisbury on 14 January. For full details, see the brochure on their website at <https://premieretravel.co.uk/> or call Premiere Travel direct on 01959 576519. We suggest you explain that you are members of the Fellowship but be aware that earlier trips were popular and well-booked. Note that these Outings are organised by Premiere Travel and the Fellowship has no involvement with them. Also that Premiere Travel is subject to changing Covid rules, just as the Fellowship is, so may have to vary its offering.

**Please support your local Foodbank:** The second lockdown will again have an impact on the survival of local businesses and the incomes of some local residents. So again please continue to provide what support you can to our local Foodbanks:-

- Bromley Borough Foodbank,
- Hayes Community Foodbank,
- Shrublands Foodbank, and
- For all the Foodbanks, please make sure that food items are non-perishable and well within date.

**The current Government advice for people of our age is to stay at home as much as possible, going out for specific purposes only, keeping your distance, limiting contact with other people and remembering “Hands, Face, Space”.**

**Tory MP Sir Bernard Jenkin has found a novel way of enforcing the third part of that instruction. As part of an immune boosting regime, he finishes breakfast by garnishing his Marmite on toast with sliced garlic. Once it’s on his breath he says it “*encourages social distancing for the rest of the morning*”. (Courtesy of Times Diary, 31 October 2020)**

**The recent announcements about the successful development of a covid vaccine mean that there is light at the end of the tunnel. This links nicely with a quote from Andrew Walker, Secretary of the Central Reader’s Council:-**

*One saying I would like us all to remember is “the only thing that travels faster than covid is HOPE”.*

**We all need to stay healthy in body, mind and spirit. We believe this Extra Newsletter helps with some of that!**

**A reminder of happier times**



*Outing – August 2019, Chichester*

## Quizzes and Puzzles

Lots more quizzes and puzzles for you again this month.

Remember - contributions for this Section will be gratefully received! This month we have to thank Alan Coxon again for his input.

### Brainteaser

We start as usual with the usual brainteaser to get the brain ticking over!

**A hen and a half lays an egg and a half in a day and a half. How many eggs does one hen lay in one day?**

**Good luck!!**

**See Page 18 for the solution**

### Quizzes

This month we have 4 quizzes to challenge you. We start with a general knowledge quiz. Then we have a couple of specialist quizzes on currencies and transport. Then, following on from previous months, in “What kids learn” we end with a Test to see how good you are at knowing aspects of Maths taught to 6 to 11 year olds.



### Good luck

First, we have a General Knowledge Quiz courtesy of Alan Coxon.

	<b>General Knowledge Quiz</b>	<b>Answer?</b>
1.	What is the Roman numeral for 50?	
2.	The statue on top of the Old Bailey is holding what in her right hand?	
3.	What sign of the Zodiac is represented by the crab	
4.	What does the “F” stand for in John F Kennedy?	
5.	Which type of camel has two humps?	
6.	Who wrote “Of mice and men”?	
7.	Marie McDonald McLaughlin Lawrie was the real name of which 1960s singer?	

8.	What was the name of Henry VIII's first wife?	
9.	What is the world's longest river?	
10.	In slang, how much is a nicker worth?	
11.	In which sport is an épée used?	
12.	What is the medical term for the breast bone?	
13.	Where was the Magna Carta signed?	
14.	In which year did the Falklands War start?	
15.	Which animal lives in a holt?	
16.	What Dorset town was made famous by its so called martyrs?	
17.	The southernmost point of mainland South America is in which country? (ie excluding the Falklands and South Georgia)	
18.	What is the common name for nitrous oxide?	
19.	In 1964, what was the first pirate radio station to start broadcasting in the UK?	
20.	Who wrote Porgy and Bess?	

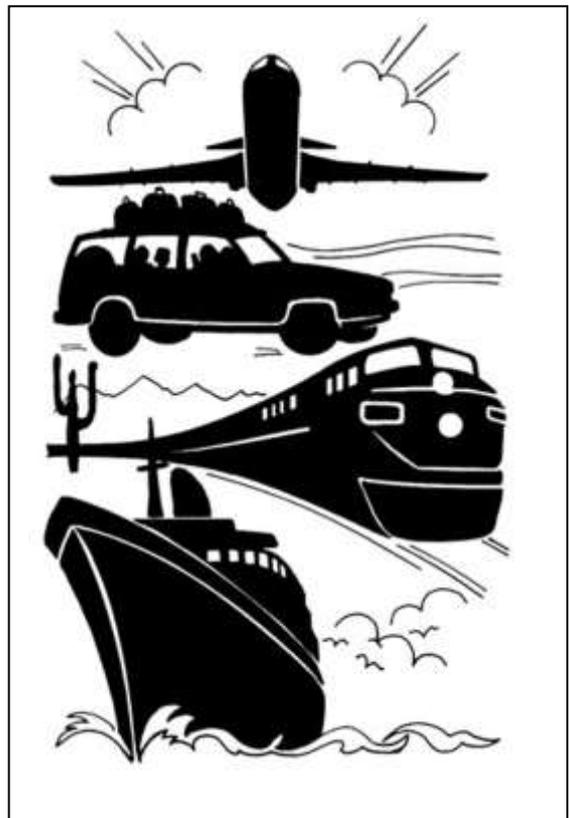
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	<b>Currency Quiz</b>	<b>Answer</b>
1.	Which country would you be in if you paid your rickshaw driver in Taka?	
2.	Which major unit of currency in the UK was first used during the reign of Henry VII and remained in use until decimalisation in 1971?	
3.	What is the currency used in Gibraltar?	
4.	The New Shekel is the currency of which country?	

5.	What is the largest denomination of Euro banknote?	
6.	What is the currency used in Poland?	
7.	The image of which US President has appeared on the USA's 25 cent coins since 1932?	
8.	Which is the fifth most traded currency in the world behind the US Dollar, the Japanese Yen, the Euro and the British Pound?	
9.	What is the currency used in Mexico?	
10.	Which country would you be in if you paid for your birrë in Lek?	

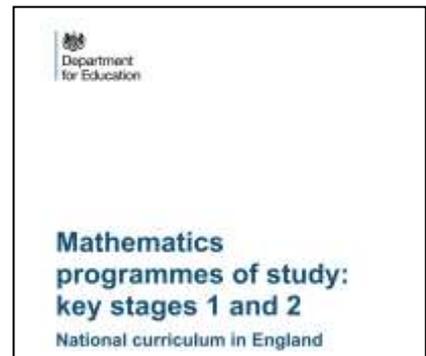
**See Page 18 for the answers**



	<b>Transport Quiz</b>	<b>Answer</b>
1.	Who made the first non-stop transatlantic flight in June 1919?	
2.	What is the name of the form of transport that stems from the Latin "for all"?	
3.	Which British train holds the world record for the fastest recorded speed of a steam locomotive?	
4.	What did Chuck Yeager break on the 14th October 1947?	

5.	Which model of car, in production from 1908 to 1927, was nicknamed the Tin Lizzie?	
6.	In Australia, the Indian Pacific Railway travels between which two cities?	
7.	Who was the first female to fly solo from Great Britain to Australia in 1930?	
8.	Which former British car manufacturer was named after its founder who later became Lord Nuffield?	
9.	What is the name of the famous British luxury liner that made its final voyage to Long Beach, California, where she is now a tourist attraction?	
10.	What does DB stand for in the names of many Aston Martin cars?	

**See Page 18 for the answers**



**What kids learn – How good are your Maths reasoning skills? No calculators allowed – so you may need a piece of paper for working these out!**

	<b>Maths Quiz</b>	<b>Answer</b>
1.	Wishy Washes car wash company cleans 92 cars a day. They make £15 per car. How much money will they have made in 4 days?	
2.	An aeroplane is flying from Birmingham to New York – a distance of 5,400km. On the journey the pilot announces “We are 40% of the way through the flight” How far has the aeroplane travelled?	
3.	A box contains 2.6kg of washing powder. Jack uses 65 grams per wash and uses all the powder. How many washes did Jack complete?	

4.	4 melons have an average mass of 500 grams. The largest melon is removed. The average mass of the remaining 3 melons is 300 grams. What was the mass of the largest melon?	
5.	Mia says the order of mathematical operations means that you always carry out division before multiplication. Is she correct?	

**See Page 18 for the answers.**

**We look forward to repeating this again soon!!!**



*Walk – October 2020 Hayes to Shirley*

## Trip Down Memory Lane (part two)

Over the years the HMF walkers have clocked up hundreds of miles walking through the lovely green belt areas of Kent that are so local to us, as well as around the streets of London. Needless to say, each walk has involved a convivial lunch at a well chosen pub! And our thanks go out to our current Walks Co-ordinator, Tony Archer and Ray Lydall his predecessor for all their efforts in scoping out the walks and sampling the pubs (a difficult job – but somebody has to do it!).

We have built up a selection of photos from past walks going back to 2004 – but we had lost track of just which walks they were! So we asked Ray Lydall (as all were in his era) to cast his mind back to identify them if he could. These are the more recent ones. He has done a brilliant job – thanks Ray.

Here we want to share some of those photos with you in Part two of the trip down Memory Lane – both the walks and friends (sadly some no longer with us). These are another reminder of the simple pleasures we used to enjoy **AND** hopefully will enjoy again soon. **ENJOY!**

Crossing a wheat field adjacent to the M20 at Farningham. Towards Horton Kirby.  
April 2007



Pub Lunch on one of our London walk during the winter  
Late 2000s



Crossing farmland in Kent  
Circa 2008

Thames walk – north side of  
Victoria Bridge. Pity we did not  
get an invitation into the MI6  
Building behind us!  
January 2009



Church Town near Godstone,  
Surrey.  
May 2009

Barden Park, Leigh.  
June 2013



Whitley Forest,  
Whitley Row, near  
Goathurst Common,  
Ide Hill.  
July 2013

The Chaser Inn, Shipbourne  
near Tonbridge, Kent.  
September 2014.



**We look forward to making some more “memories” like these soon.**

## **Royal Navy Fleet Air Arm Museum RNAS Yeovilton** by Graham Marsden

My wife and I have been fortunate enough to get away recently for a week's holiday in Cornwall, based in Penzance. On the way down we stopped off at Stonehenge, my wife's suggestion. The BBC weather forecast said rain was due but much later than our visit – oh how wrong they were! It is now quite a long walk from the new (and very smart) visitor centre to the Henge and the rain started hours ahead of schedule. And there was no escape – not helped by an enormous one way loop around the stones, where the rain was driven on by the wind across those Wiltshire plains. Wet? We were absolutely soaked. We were at least able to get a shuttle bus back to the visitor centre. When we got back into our car, we needed to have the air conditioning on full pelt to stop the car steaming up!

So, for the 300 mile return journey back home from Penzance to Shirley, I was looking for an interesting point to stop off for a few hours break that was under cover this time. Just in case the weather failed to obey the forecast again. So we tried the Royal Navy Fleet Air Arm Museum at RNAS Yeovilton. The Museum is on part of the Royal Naval Air Station site in rather non-descript modern metal clad buildings that could have been a B&Q or something similar. But the inside was an absolute delight – even my wife enjoyed it.

The Museum is pretty spacious when you get inside, and organised in four Halls and a Gallery. The progression was largely chronological but with some broader themes as well. I will just summarise here what was included in each location.



### **Hall 1**

This Hall began with the origins of Military aviation through to the end of WW1, together with the overall theme of Search and Rescue.

Interestingly, the origins section would have been familiar to any of the members who visited the Army Aviation Museum at Middle Wallop. The initial aim of flight was to aid the artillery by having a higher level and longer range view of the battlefield. It also mentioned the American Samuel Franklin Cody who designed a powered aircraft to be built at the Army Balloon Factory's facilities. This went on to be The Army Aeroplane No. 1. In that sense, the RAF, Fleet Air Arm and Army Aviation have common heritage. Similarly, the evolution went from spotting, to aerial combat and bombing – that started with bombs thrown by hand from the plane.

Growth and technical development during WW1 was exponential. When the War began in August 1914, the newly formed Royal Naval Air Service (RNAS) had 93 aircraft, six airships and just over 700 personnel. When it merged with the Royal Flying Corps to form the Royal Air Force in April 1918, the RNAS had about 3,000 aircraft, over 100 airships and more than 55,000 personnel. The RNAS even developed its own armoured vehicles to protect its bases in France. These were cobbled together from whatever materials and vehicle chassis they could find – lucky the men who ended up with the ones based on Rolls Royces.

German Zeppelin airships bombing mainland Britain brought the conflict to the doorsteps of the civilian population. Aircraft and weapons were developed to counter the threat including the Sopwith Baby on display in the Hall, a small and agile floatplane fighter which had its origins in a Schneider Trophy winning design. This performed well in the air but often had difficulty in taking off from the rough North Sea to intercept Zeppelins. This problem was a factor in the Royal Navy developing the ability to launch aircraft from the decks of ships – or sometimes even platforms built on top of gun turrets.



*Sopwith Baby*

## Hall 2

This Hall covers WWII (with an overview of the progress of the war plus particular features on the Battle for the Atlantic and the Pacific Theatre) through to the Korean War.

The Battle of the Atlantic was the longest campaign of World War II and was the one that Britain could not afford to lose. We had long been a trading nation and were dependent on imported food and raw materials – as indeed we are today. This Battle began on the first day of the war and continued until the German surrender in 1945. Winston Churchill said the campaign to keep the convoy routes open was “the dominating factor all through the war. Never for one moment could we forget that everything happening elsewhere, on land, at sea or in the air, depended on its outcome...”. The battle to control the shipping lanes across the Atlantic involved thousands of ships and cost the lives of more than 30,000 Merchant Navy seamen. Its loss would, in all probability, have meant defeat in the war. For Britain and Germany, it was the battle that neither side could afford to lose.

1943 is seen as the point at which the balance of success in this battle shifted in favour of the Allied forces – an advantage they maintained for the remainder of the war. The exhibition covers the aircraft, the people who flew them and the technology they used. Inevitably it also covers the ships they flew from as well as the German U-boats they were trying to destroy in order to protect the vital convoys. Tipping the balance was helped by the arrival of smaller cheaper Escort Carriers from the US (known as “Woolworths Carriers” by the Royal Navy!) so aerial power could be projected further over the Atlantic. Escort carriers like the 1941 Attacker Class had the capacity for up to 24 anti-submarine or fighter aircraft, which could be a mixture of the British or American aircraft including the Supermarine Seafire (the carrier version of the Spitfire), the venerable Fairey Swordfish, the Vought F4U Corsair and the Grumman Avenger with the mix dependent on the mission.



*Fairey Swordfish on escort carrier HMS Battler  
(Courtesy of IWM Collection)*

The “Fleet Air Arm in the Far East” is an exhibition telling story of the Fleet Air Arm’s role in the Pacific campaign during 1945. In essence, the Fleet Air Arm squadrons flying from British Pacific Fleet carriers were in support of the American led Pacific campaign as it spread through the Island nations until they were eventually able to strike at Japan itself.

This campaign led to the largest operation ever carried out by the Fleet Air Arm with successful attacks on the Japanese held oil refineries at Palembang, Sumatra, Indonesia. At this stage Japan, with few natural resources of its own, was heavily reliant on the fuel produced in this part of Indonesia so these attacks were key to limiting Japanese operational capability. The first attack, Operation Meridian One, was delayed by poor weather until 6am on 24 January. Then 43 Grumman Avenger torpedo bombers, 12 Fairey Firefly fighter-bombers with rockets and 50 Grumman Hellcat, Vought Corsair and Supermarine Seafire fighters were launched, approaching with the sun behind them and diving from 9,000 feet to 3,000 feet to release their bombs. Despite the presence of barrage balloons the refinery was successfully attacked but losses were heavier than on previous raids with 32 aircraft lost to enemy action and crash landings. On 29 January, the second raid, Operation Meridian Two, was undertaken. In addition to air strikes on the oil refinery, Allied pilots claimed 30 Japanese planes shot down in dog-fights and another 38 destroyed on the ground, for the loss of 16 British aircraft. A small Japanese counterattack on the Fleet was attempted, but was defeated by fighter cover and anti-aircraft fire.



*Grumman Avenger being armed on board HMS Illustrious which took part in the attack on Palembang (Courtesy of IWM Collection)*

The Korean War found something of a mismatch for the Fleet Air Arm. Propeller driven Supermarine Seafires, Hawker Sea Furies and Fairey Fireflies from Royal Navy aircraft carriers provided the only British air contribution to the Korean War. When China entered the fray, British aircraft found themselves up against much newer technology in the form of Russian designed MiG-15 jets. But they acquitted themselves well with, for example, a formation of Hawker Sea Fury aircraft from the carrier HMS Ocean (twice deployed to the area) engaging MiG-15s in air combat, shooting one down in August 1952. But generally it was an unequal struggle due to a significant difference in performance.

The Westland Dragonfly, one of the first Search and Rescue helicopters, was first used in this war. The Dragonfly was introduced in 1950 and a licence built version of the American Sikorsky S-51 (or H-5) helicopter with seating for the pilot and three passengers as well as provision for a rescue hoist.

### **Hall 3**

This hall is devoted to a mock up of the Flight Deck and the “Island” (the superstructure to the side of the Flight Deck) of HMS Ark Royal. It includes static displays of a range of different generations of aircraft including the Supermarine Attacker which was the first jet aircraft to see service with the Fleet Air Arm and the rather more modern Blackburn/Hawker Siddeley Buccaneer low level bomber. These displays are augmented by audio visual presentations



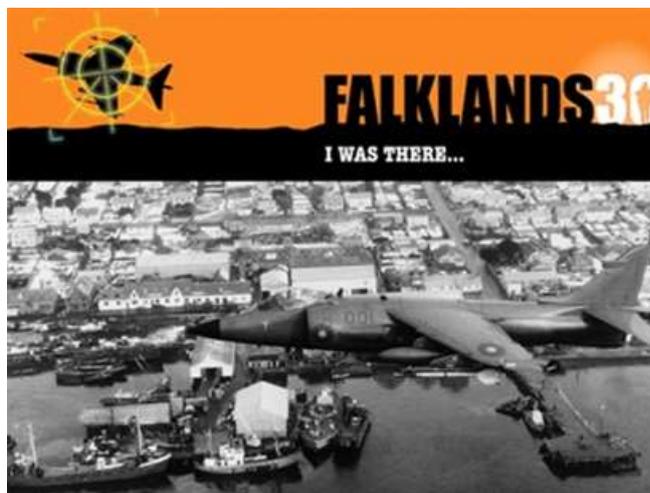
*Phantom and Supermarine Scimitar on the mock up HMS Ark Royal*

on huge screens showing a Buccaneer recovery (landing to landlubbers!) and a McDonnell Phantom launch (a very noisy affair!) as you explore the flight deck.

## Hall 4

This Hall includes the most recent chronology for Navy aviation looking from the Cold War period, to the Falklands War and later involvement in Afghanistan. Then there is a section called “Leading Edge” which provides more background on the theory of flight and technological developments.

The Falklands War was only possible because of Britain’s ability to project power through naval strength and naval aviation – but it was a struggle and relied on some requisitioned civilian ships. The role of the Fleet Air Arm (and RAF) Harrier jets in the conflict was very significant. Designed primarily as an attack aircraft, they were also pressed into air defence service against much faster Argentine Dassault Mirage Fighters. The Harriers were the planes referred to in Brian Hanrahan’s legendary BBC News Report *“I’m not allowed to say how many planes joined the raid, but I counted them all out and I counted them all back.”*



*Harrier over Port Stanley*

The Leading Edge Exhibit has some interesting aircraft – though with little naval connection! They have the first British built Concorde, assembled in Filton not too far away from Yeovilton. Due to Covid, we were not allowed on the aircraft as would normally be the case. Remarkably the diminutive Handley Page HP115 was also a predecessor of the Concorde. It was built at Radlett, Herts in 1960 as part of the Concorde development programme to provide research into delta wing shapes at slow speed. Finally in this section, there was the Fairey Delta 2 (later the British Aircraft Corporation 221) which set a new World Airspeed Record of 1,132 mph on 10 March 1956.



*Fairey Delta 2, with Harrier and Concorde in the background*



*Handley Page HP115*

## Things to entertain and enthuse you

We find ourselves in lockdown again so that means we still need things to keep the brain ticking over while we spend time at home staying safe.

We have been including a list of Internet based opportunities and things to do around the house for some while. This is still relevant but has now been moved to the “About us” page of the HMF Website (<http://www.hayesmensfellowship.org/page1.html>) under the heading “Things to do from home”.

This month we again explore some different internet opportunities all available through YouTube. There is so much material here that the problem is often finding the best things that are there.

Here we come up with another tiny selection of the more interesting YouTube channels you might not otherwise have come across:

- **LockPickingLawyer** (<https://www.youtube.com/c/lockpickinglawyer/featured>) - This channel with over 2 million subscribers aims to educate consumers about weaknesses and defects in security devices so they can make better security decisions. It stresses that you should not use any of the information presented in the videos for illegal purposes. However, it may be that you have a Damascus moment in terms of your career choice. That would not be surprising as the Channel is based in Damascus – the one in Maryland, USA.
- **The Gardening Channel** (<https://www.youtube.com/user/0TheGardeningChannel>) - The Gardening Channel brings you practical, easy to follow advice from qualified horticultural experts. The aim is to show you what you need to know so that you make the most out of your garden. They also upload old broadcast gardening programmes. It may be the right time to watch the video on “How to plant spring flowering bulbs”.
- **Wickes** (<https://www.youtube.com/user/wickesvideo/featured>) - Lots of practical DIY advice here – and not just for Wickes’ own products. You may even like the video here on “How to build your own garden bar” – but you have to supply your own drinks.
- **Watch Repairs** (<https://www.youtube.com/user/jewldood>) – The aim of the Watch Repair Channel is for you to sit back and relax with the world of watch repairs and restorations. This is led by Mark Lovick who claims to have many “exciting projects” on this channel. Do you have any old watches sitting around that no longer work? Why not start a project to get them back in working order with snappily titled videos like “OMEGA WATCH RESTORATION - A Classic 1960s Mechanical Watch Service & Repair Tutorial”.
- **Bridge Channel** (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOaZnFbFH1OlbhVm25z4rLQ>) - Run by Peter Hollands, an Australian Bridge professional. This channel offers tips on playing and memory techniques as well as games with videos uploaded every Tuesday, Thursday, Friday. Try “calculating the opponents move” and many more.
- **Photography** (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkJld-AoXurbT2jDnfM8qiA>) – Nigel Danson is a British landscape photographer who invites you to follow his adventures taking beautiful landscape pictures in the UK and US. His stated aim is to inspire viewers with landscape photography tips and techniques. You can follow his journey photographing landscapes from all over the UK (The Lake District, Peak District, Snowdonia and Yorkshire) and US (California, San Francisco, Tahoe and Yosemite). Why not try his tips in “7 Steps that had the biggest impact on my photography”.

**Enjoy your YouTube browsing. You can waste a lot of time watching clips of cute cats and dogs but there is also a lot more stimulating and educational material available too!**

## **Answer to the Brain Teasers**

If 1.5 hens lay 1.5 eggs in 1.5 days, it must be that one hen would lay one egg in the same time period: 1.5 days. Now, if one hen lays one egg in 1.5 days, it means that one hen would lay only  $\frac{2}{3}$  of an egg in one day. So the answer is  $\frac{2}{3}$  of an egg.

You might argue that hens can't lay just a portion of an egg. Fair enough. But then, of course, the whole premise of the problem, which involves 1.5 hens and 1.5 eggs, doesn't make sense from the start. And that invites pondering whether you can answer a problem that isn't well-posed in the first place!!

## **Answers to the General Knowledge Quiz**

1. L, 2. A sword, the scales of justice are in her left hand, 3. Cancer, 4. Fitzgerald, 5. Bactrian, 6. John Steinbeck, 7. Lulu, 8. Catherine of Aragon, 9. The Nile (at 4,132 miles), 10. £1, 11. Fencing, 12. Sternum, 13. Runnymede, 14. 1982, 15. Otter, 16. Tolpuddle, 17. Chile with Águila Islet, Diego Ramírez Islands, 18. Laughing gas, 19. Radio Caroline, 20. George Gershwin.

## **Answers to the Currency Quiz**

1. Bangladesh, 2. The Shilling, 3. Gibraltar Pound (GIP) The Gibraltar Pound is pegged pound-for-pound with the British Pound (GBP) and is backed by the Bank of England, 4. Israel, 5. 500 euros – and apparently very popular with drug dealers and other criminals! 6. Zloty (PLN), 7. George Washington, 8. Australian Dollar (AUD), 9. Peso (MXN), 10. Albania.

## **Answers to the Transport Quiz**

1. John Alcock and Arthur Brown, 2. The Bus (Omnibus), 3. The Mallard, 4. The Sound Barrier, 5. Ford Model T, 6. Sydney and Perth, 7. Amy Johnson, 8. William Morris, later Lord Nuffield, was the founder of Morris Motors Ltd, 9. RMS Queen Mary, 10. David Brown - In 1947, the Huddersfield gear and machine tools manufacturer David Brown Limited which also built agricultural tractors bought Aston Martin putting the car maker into its Tractor Division. David Brown sold the car maker in 1972.

## **Answers to What kids learn – Maths reasoning**

1. £5,520, 2. 2,160km, 3. 40, 4. 1.1kg, 5. No; multiplication and division have the same priority, so in a problem like  $40 \times 6 \div 2$ , you would carry out the multiplication first as it occurs first. Remember the BODMAS acronym.

**And finally another reminder to stay healthy in body, mind and spirit until we can all meet again in the normal way.**