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EDITORIAL

After overcoming many difficulties we have succeeded in producing this current issue on time.

It is noticeable that there is now a falling off in submission of contributions to the magazine. Anyone who can write an article on any relative topic is asked to forward it to P. Horne, 22 Moorway, Tranmere Park, Guiseley, Nr. Leeds.

This last month there has been much activity at Yeadon. The first weekend in June saw the Air Links Argonauts operating the charter flights to Lourdes. On the morning of Friday 4/6/65 'LHM' circling the airfield from 0540 hrs to 0850 hrs before it was able to descend through the ground mist. At the same time Martins DC-7 was also circling from 0755 until 0910. We can therefore understand why many local residents found it necessary to telephone regarding the noise.

SECRETARYS DESK

We are now entering the holiday season and for this reason and the fact that we have not yet secured a regular meeting place at the airport, it has been decided to cancel the monthly meeting provisionally fixed for the 27th June.

The Air Britain stand at the S.S.A.F.A. display at Church Fenton appears to have been a success despite the fact that the large posters requested did not arrive. However, we have already been approached regarding the provision of Aviation Stands at an "Aviation Week" in a large store in Leeds, and at a Gala to be held on August the 30th. It would appear therefore, that our reputation as serious Aviation enthusiasts is rapidly becoming known to the general public.

The next Committee meeting is to be held at Leeds & Bradford Airport on Sunday 11th July at 3 pm.

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FLYOVER REPORT

19/5	G-ASFZ	Pawnee 235.	Sledmere	Circ/West	1325
20/5	XN634	Jet Provost T3	Sledmere	North	AM.
23/5	G-LENI	Moth Minor.	West Ardsley	Circ/	1735-1740.
24/5	G-AHAL	Auster.	Sledmere	East	1400.
26/5	G-ACGM	J/5F Autocar.	York	Circ/	1230-1330.
	XK666	Jet Provost.	Sledmere	North	AM.
28/5	G-ALDS	Caribbean.	LBA	South	1645.
	G-ATCI	Victa Airtourer.	LBA	10 Miles E	0810.
30/5	G-ARLU	Cessna 172.	LBA	5 Miles E heading S.	1306.
31/5	G-ATAF	Cessna P172P.	LBA	West.	1706.
1/6	G-ASYK	Twin Comanche.	LBA	North.	1818 Fr Colerne To Newcastle.
2/6	G-AGWB	Frocter.	Sledmere	North-East	1230.
	XN978	Buccaneer S2 code 726	Sledmere	South	1055.
3/6	G-ATEC	Pawnee 235.	Sledmere		1845.
			Landed at Life Hill Farm and		was spraying 2145.
4/6	G-APKI	Heron.	LBA	8 Miles E	0850.
9/6	XK651	Jet Provost T4	Sledmere.	East	1034.
11/6	G-ASPC	Fiaggio P.166B.	LBA		1735.
	G-ASWJ	Beagle B-206.	LBA	South	1456.
13/6	G-AOHZ	J/5F Autocar.	West Ardsley	North	1414.
14/6	EI-AND	Cessna 175.	LBA	5 Miles E	1249.
	G-ANMJ	Dove 1.	LBA	West	0936.
16/6	G-ASKW	Apache 235.	LBA		1047.
17/6	G-ASFD	Morava.	LBA	10 Miles W	1801.
	G-ALXK	Fiaggio P.166.	LBA	North	1734.

S.S.A.F.A. DISPLAY R.A.F. CHURCH FENTON 6/6/65

STATIC A/C

- 5187M Spitfire MR5B (Clipped Wing) Code PR:0, gate aircraft.
WZ572 Vampire T.11. This aircraft has been here for a few years.
? Javelin FAW6. No markings, is believed to be XA820 which has been at this display in previous years, but another report from a normally source indicates that XA820 went to 27 MU as 7752M. Can anybody straighten this out.
? Pou du Ciel C/n W.M.1. Incorrectly painted as G-AEOF. This aircraft has in actual fact never been registered.

FLYING DISPLAY

XJ414 Whirlwind HAR 10, 202 Sqn.	XN786 Lightning F2, "D" 92 Sqn.
XR105 Argosy C1. 267 Sqn.	XP897 Scout. A.A.C. C/n F.9500.
XR138 Argosy C1. 267 Sqn.	XK716 Comet C2. 216 Sqn.
WF215 Chipmunk T.10. Leeds U.A.S.	XF977 Hunter GA11. "IM"/691 764 Sqn.
WG316 Chipmunk T.10. Leeds U.A.S.	XD215 Scimitar F1. "611" 736 Sqn.
WL742 Shackleton MR2C. "H" 203 Sqn.	XD225 Scimitar F1. "613" 736 Sqn.
XP665 Jet Provost T4. "38" 7FTS.	XP617 Jet Provost T4 "H" 7FTS.
XP670 Jet Provost T4. "B" 7FTS.	XR665 Jet Provost T4 "V" 7FTS.
XH619 Victor B.1A. Camouflaged, roundel on port wing only.	
MT-5/262 Magister. Belgian A.F.	G-AFNI Moth Minor.
G-APCU Tiger Moth.	G-ARLT Cessna 172B.
G-APWF Dart Herald. B.U.A.(C.I.).	G-ARRW Avro 748. B.K.S.
G-ARVE VC-10. B.O.A.C.	G-ASKO Dragon Rapide.
G-ASRV Baron.	G-ASSR Twin Comanche.
G-ASYV Cessna 310G. W.A.C.	

Also noted in one of the hangars was:-

WD309 Chipmunk T.10 Leeds U.A.S., and the following Jet Provosts all of 7FTS
XM355 "21", XM416 "35", XN557 "46", XP681 "G", XP684 "J", XR658 "S", XR662 "U",
XS175 "X", XM416 "35".

MORE ON 7FTS JET PROVOSTS (See Vol 1 No 1).

XP650 should read XR650 and recently went to the CAW as "24". XM416 was previously "46" of 2FTS. XM355 was R:A, then "74" of CFS before going to 7FTS. XM359 was previously R:D of CFS. This is not operated by 6FTS as stated in Vol 1 No 2 P.8. XN557 was S:F of CFS. XN577 was "45" of CFS. XN594 was "31" of 2FTS. XS178 was "53" of CFS. XR655 was "Q" of 7FTS. XN583 was "33" of 7FTS fate ?. XM476 was "37" of 7FTS but this was written off when XN466 landed on top of it on 29/1/63. As XP617 is "H" of 7FTS this still leaves "28", "32", "41", "47" and possibly "Z" There is a Jet Provost on the scrapheap at Dishforth coded "41" so this could account for one. Also at Dishforth is XN642 which could be one of the missing aircraft. Two other crashes in Yorkshire include XM368 which ended its career at Polkstone Moor on 29/4/63 and XR698 which made a wheels up landing at Leeming 3/1/64.

Can anyone let us have the final word on this subject?

LINDHOLME resident unit is Bomber Command Bombing School (B.C.B.S.)

Hastings T5:- TG503, 505, 511, 516, 518, 521, 529, 551 and 553. All coded on the fin by "Last Three".

Varsity T1:- WJ916 "T", WL675 "S", WL624 "U" and WL638 "V".

LEEDS UNIVERSITY AIR SQUADRON, DISHFORTH

The full complement of Chipmunks operated by this unit are:- WG316, WG478, WD309 and WF915.

DONCASTER 12/6/65

BGA766 T.41 C/n 1017 No 216.	BGA926 T21B C/n 1240.
BGA1024 T8 C/n JJ/I/SSK Ex G-ALTH.	BGA551 Olympia C/n EoN/0/22.
BGA612 T.25 C/n 547.	

The motive power was provided by G-ARGI Auster 6A. Also present in one of the hangars was BGA431 Cadet T7 C/n 514 with only one wing beside it.

R.A.F. TOPCLIFFE

The two resident units are the Air Electronics School and the Northern Communications Squadron. The former is equipped with Varsity T1s (See below), and the latter with Anson C19 Srs.2. The Varsities are:-
"A" WJ909, "B" WF328, "D" WF374, "F" WJ903, "G" WF410, "H" WJ896 "J" WJ948, "K" WF369, "N" WF333, "P" WJ891 and "Q" WJ907. The Code "M" was used by WF329 which crashed at Topcliffe on 25/8/64, and subsequently found its way to the scrapheap at Dishforth.

R.A.F. DISHFORTH

With reference to Vol 1 No 3 P.14, after the Hunter T7 XL594 the following scrapped aircraft are all Catterick. We apologise for this mistake.

As well as the Leeds U.A.S., No 9 Air Experience Flight is also based here and operates the following Chipmunks:- WG307 (Ex Aberdeen U.A.S.), WG321, WK590 and WF915. These are all coded "9" on the undercarriage fairing and have yellow spinners.

CATTERICK

As stated in the section on Dishforth in the article in last months issue dealing with the scrapheaps we inadvertently mixed up the aircraft at Catterick with the aircraft at Dishforth. We have since come up with some more info. on some of these machines:- Hunter F2 WN897/7513M was originally "S" 263 Sqn then to "S" 257 Sqn. and was dumped at Halton and Bicester before coming here. Hunter F1 WF595/7506M was "Q" 43 Sqn., "X"/DFLS, "H" 43 Sqn. before becoming 7506M at Halton in 11/57. Hunter F1 7526M was WT622 and was "G" 43 Sqn., RS:H/2290CU, before becoming 7526M at Weeton in 1958. Hunter F1 WT624 was "F"/222 Sqn. RS:M/229 OCU, "A"/229 OCU before becoming 7426M at Halton 5/57. Hunter F1 WT625 was RS:L/2290CU, LL/2330CU and became (7426M at Halton) delete in brackets. 7527M at Weeton. Hunter F1 WT566 was used for trials by Hawkers before it became 7494M 27MU and latter to Catterick. Javelin XA830 was W/46 Sqn., W/89 Sqn., W/85 Sqn, and was used by the AFDS before going to 27MU and later Catterick.

R.A.F. LINTON-ON-OUSE

The resident unit is No 1 FTS which operates Jet Provosts and Vampire T11s as listed below. Jet Provosts (Those after and inc. code "25" are T4s).

XM466	"14"	XM465	"16"	XM478	"17"	XM464	"18"	XN458	"19"
XN459	"20"	XM434	"21"	XM403	"22"	XN469	"25"	XN470	"26"
XN471	"27"	XN501	"28"	XN502	"29"	XN505	"30"	XN508	"32"
XN507	"33"	XR699	"34"	XP615	"35"	XP589	"41"	XP616	"37"
XR665	"38"	XP626	"39"	XP627	"40"	XP633	"41"	XP637	"42"
XR672	"43"	XR674	"44"	XR668	"45"	XR700	"46"	XR701	"47"

XP589 should read "36" not "41".

The Vampire T11s are:-

XD449	"48"	XD515	"51"	XD672	"52"	XE932	"53"	WZ577	"56"
XD525	"57"	XD616	"61"	XD614	"62"	WZ447	"63"	XD444	"64"
WZ562	"65"	XD452	"66"	XE956	"67"	WZ499	"68"	XJ772	"69"
WZ459	"71"	XD375	"72"	WZ474	"73"	WZ584	"74"	XD589	"75"
XD388	"76"	WZ502	"77"						

Another Jet Provost used by 1 FTS was XN504 code "34" which crashed and is at present on the scrapheap at Dishforth. With regard to Vampires, XD444 was used by 4 FTS, XD449 is also on Dishforths scrapheap as well as XJ775 which was used by 1 FTS.

HOLME ON SPALDING MOOR

The Buccaneer XK532 mentioned on P.13 is Ex 681/LM 700Z Sqn and 228/LM of 809 Sqn. This aircraft is at Holme for an overhaul and now has the S.2 colour scheme.

FINNINGLEY

The Javelin XH892 has since had a match applied to it and is mostly burnt out.

