

## YORKSHIRE AIR NEWS

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### EDITORIAL

I would like to begin this month by wishing all readers a merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. I would also like to thank all correspondents for their support during 1965. New correspondents will always be welcome of course. Next year will see a permanent expansion in the size of Y.A.N. and it is hoped that circulation will also be increased. The latter is very much dependent on YOU.

The paragraph on disused Yorkshire airfields in last month's issue has provoked more letters than any other article this year, in fact, five were received. An article in the January issue will deal with a complete list of airfields in Yorkshire that are in use at the present. Other articles in preparation include a list of aircraft manufacturing factories that are or were in Yorkshire, histories of Yeadon based aircraft, Yorkshire crashes and histories of Yorkshire based military units. Any articles and information would be most gratefully received.

We would like to receive readers views on the possibility of covering airfields outside Yorkshire, with particular regard to Lincolnshire e.g. Kirton-in-Linsey, Binbrook, Manby, Syerston and others. If no views are received, we will take steps to obtain correspondents from these areas. M.W.S.

### SECRETARYS DESK

The first Branch meeting since May was our monthly held on 7th Dec in the Otley Room of the Great Northern Hotel. About forty members enjoyed a most entertaining talk/discussion with Allen Rowley, the Air Correspondent of the Yorkshire Evening Post.

Future meetings have been arranged as follows:-

2nd Jan 1966 — this is an extra meeting which has been asked for by members to cover the lost September meeting. A slide show will most probably be on the programme. Venue will be the Yorkshire Aeroplane Club.

30th Jan 1966 — the A.G.M. for further details see below.

27th Feb 1966 — programme as yet undecided.

27th March 1966 — a lecture and slide show by the Northern Aircraft Preservation

Society. Meeting will be held in the Yorkshire Aeroplane Club at 3p.m.

At the meeting on 31st. October the Branch accepted the proposal of the Committee that the Committee be reduced in size to seven. The Committee will therefore be made up as follows:- Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, Distribution Officer, Y.A.N. Editor and Publicity Officer. (J.A.S.).

### BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

It is now over a year since the Branch was formed and the time is approaching when we should have an A.G.M. This is the ideal opportunity for members to put forward their own suggestions for the running of the Branch during 1966, so it is hoped that we will obtain a 100% turnout for the meeting. The date, time and place are as follows so please make a note of this and come along.

30th January 1966 starting 3.00 p.m. in the Yorkshire Aeroplane Club.

My appeal for notice of any motions has met with no response, so at this time we cannot advise you on the agenda. Topics which will come up are election of Branch Officials and Branch Committee.

Please come along and heckle if nothing else. (J.A.S.).

### AIR-BRITAIN SUBSCRIPTIONS 1966.

The subscriptions for membership of Air-Britain for 1966 will be 50/-. Digest will be delivered to all members monthly and will include for the first time B.C.A.N. (This will mean an increase to those members who have only been receiving Digest this year but no increase for those members who are already subscribing to B.C.A.N.)

Please could we have our renewals for Air-Britain as soon as possible. Send them to Mr. D.A.Senior, 15 Southleigh Crescent, Leeds 11.

(J.A.S.)



## YORKSHIRE AIRCRAFT AT THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN DISPLAYS.

— all Jet Provosts.

XP626 39/1 F.T.S. at Waddington. XS220 47/3 F.T.S. at Ternhill.  
XS175 X/7 F.T.S. at Waddington. XP617 H/7 F.T.S. at Abingdon.  
XR668 45/1 F.T.S. at Biggin Hill. (Credits:- M.T.Powell, London Aviation News and Fly-past).

## CROSLAND MOOR, HUDDERSFIELD.

G-ARDH Dove 8 flew to McAlpine Aviation Ltd. at Luton on 11/10 to become the first British registered executive Riley-Dove (disregarding the demonstrator). G-ARDH was replaced by the now elderly Dove 6 G-AMDD until the Riley conversion returns at the end of November.

Brook Motor's Horizon G-ATDG will be returning to Sywell to have an extra radio fitted and the Meta-Sokol G-AROF will return for an unspecified length of time. It is believed but not certain that G-AROF will be sold and G-ATDG will return.

(D.W.I.Nicholas).

## BUGANNEER NEWS

A visit to Brough in October showed that the latest S.2 on the line was XT283. (J.A.S.).

## VALLIANTS AT FINNINGLEY (Adds to P.43).

XD868 was the third B.C.D.U. machine, ex 138/90 Sqn.

WP211, 212, 213 and 216 are all ex 138 Sqn. WZ362 and 365 both ex 199 Sqn.

WZ363 actually crashed in 1964 not 1965.

No. 18 Sqn. has since been re-activated at Odiham with "choppers". (P.A.Jackson).

## BROUGH MOVEMENTS

5/7 WP312 Sea Prince. Also 13/7. 12/8 G-ARMH Aztec.  
7/7 G-APZG Comanche. 13/8 G-AOGM J/5P Autocar.  
5/8 G-AOBV J/5P Autocar. Also 11/8. 18/8 G-ARVP Cherokee.  
6/8 G-ASMG Dove 8. 19/8 G-APMV Heron 2.

WP313 Sea Prince. 670/HF. (P.A.Jackson and M.J.Roberts via Tyneside Branch news sheet).

## R.A.F.LINTON-ON-OUSE

Chipmunk WG479 O/1 F.T.S. has been confirmed (P.38). Another discrepancy to our list of 1 F.T.S. Chipmunks, published on P.38 is WG469 K (noted 17/10) and an additional one is WZ884 P which was the last of the type built for the R.A.F. (C.K. and P.A.Jackson).

## CORRECTIONS TO ISSUE No.8.

P.45 Sea Devon at Linton should read XK895 and the Vampire XE857.

P.46 Yeadon movements 14/10 G-ASXU should read G-ASXV (C.K.).

## POCKLINGTON

A visit on 1/11 produced nothing, but information received was that Piaggio P.166 'RUJ is a regular visitor and there are two to three visitors per week to R.B.Masseys hangar. (P.A.Jackson).

## DISHFORTH.

A visit on 6/11 produced the following new scrap — XP682 Jet Provost H/7 F.T.S., XR542 Gnat T.1 15/4 F.T.S. Flying around was Sea Devon XK895 of the Flying Sea Cadets and under-going overhaul was XS679 Wessex and Canberras WJ611 H and WT566.

(S.Pillow via P.A.Jackson).

## R.A.F.FINNINGLEY.

The Shackleton WL754 F/42 Sqn. should be added to the flying display list and the Hunters of 229 O.C.U. missed from P.39 were XF383 14, XF521 19 and XG226 6.

(M.T.Powell and P.A.Jackson).

## R.A.F.BINBROOK

No 5 Sqn. until recently based at Geilenkirchen, Germany, equipped with Javelin F.A.W. 9's is to based here and will be re-equipped with Lightning F.3's (Air Pictorial). The Vampire that visited here on 4/5 was probably an NF3 VG698 (C.K.).

The Pembroke here on 14/6 has serial RM-Z and belongs to 20eme Escadrille. (P.A.J.).

The present residents units are No.85 Sqn. and the D.F.C.S. Until the airfield is reopened No.85 is operating from Marham and the D.F.C.S. from Honington.

D.F.C.S. Hunter F6. XG197 A XG204 B XG209 C XG161 P XF382 R XF512 S XF418 T XF453 V  
XG185 still as F/A.F.D.S.

Hunter T7. XL573 T XL593 N XL595 O.

No.85 Sqn. Canberra T.11. WJ610 B WH724 C WH904 D WJ975 E WH714 K.

Canberra T.4. WT485 G WE193 H WJ678.

Meteor F(TT)8. WH301 T WH305 V WK654 X WL106 Y WH364.

Meteor T.7. WF816 ? WL378 W WH223 ?.

(M.W.S. and Southend Aeronews).

