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NOTHING MUCH.....

Once again aviation is on the increase in this swinging county, with a bevy of visitors to L.B.A. and Leconfield bearing witness to this. The Phantom news is very heartening, particularly as the editor would appear to have been proved wrong on his theories of Phantoms at Church Fenton -- exit Phantom enter Chipmunk.

We would urge all readers to fill in and return the enclosed questionnaire as soon as possible. (M.W.S.).

SECRETARY'S DESK The booklet "Spotlight on Preservation" mentioned in last month's "Secretary's Desk" is, in fact, produced by the Historic Aircraft Preservation Society, and the price has now been reduced to 2/6d. per copy. Aircraft and car profiles are now available at the reduced rate of 1/9d. per copy, orders please, with the money, to the acting Sec.

The future programme of the Branch includes the following:-

- 31st. July "Aeronautical Quiz" - Quizmaster A.E.Madden.
- 25th. September "It happens in Summer" - members slide show.
- 30th. October Film show and lecture by members of 7FTS RAF Church Fenton.

It is proposed that a party of Branch members visit Church Fenton one evening in September or October - interested members please let the acting Secretary know as soon as possible in order that arrangements may be finalised. (M.T.P.).

THE DISTRIBUTION OFFICER: Mr. T.W. Sykes has changed his address to 219 Queensway, Yeadon.

PHANTOMS AT BROUGH

It is now known that the Hawker Siddeley Blackburn Division at Brough has obtained a government contract for the overhaul of RAF and RN Phantoms as they become available. It is considered likely that the USAF will award H.S. a further contract for IRAN (Inspection and Repair as necessary) work on their Phantoms. (MWS, PAJ).

LATEST REGISTRATIONS

G-ATUL	PA-28 Cherokee 180	28-3033	D. Arnold Aviation & Shipping
G-ATUO	PA-30 Twin Cemanche	30-1063	Airways Aviation Ltd.
G-ATUP	Victa Airteurer 115	152	Viota (UK) Ltd.
G-ATUR	Brantly 305	1029	B.E.A.S. Ltd.
G-ATUS	Brantly 305	1030	B.E.A.S. Ltd.
G-ATUT	Cessna 182I	57231	Westair Flying Services Ltd.
G-ATUU	D.H.125 Srs.1A	25102	H.S. Aviation Ltd.
G-ATUV	D.H.125 Srs.1A	25103	H.S. Aviation Ltd.
G-ATUW	D.H.125 Srs.1A	25104	H.S. Aviation Ltd.
G-ATUX	D.H.125 Srs.1A	25107	H.S. Aviation Ltd.
G-ATUY	D.H.125 Srs.1A	25108	H.S. Aviation Ltd.
G-ATUZ	D.H.125 Srs.1A	25109	H.S. Aviation Ltd.
G-AIWA	PA-30 Twin Cemanche 160	30-1001	D. Alvey
G-AIWB	Be.208C Junier	614	K.N. Huid (Engineers) Ltd.
G-AIWC	PA-32 Cherokee Six	32-99	Lotus Cars Ltd.
G-AIWD	Not to be allotted		
G-AIWE	V.812 Viscount	366	Channel Airways Ltd. Ex N254V
G-AIWF	D.H.C.1 Chipmunk 23		Farm Aviation Ltd.
G-AIVG	Hiller UH-12E	2191	United Helicopters Ex 5N-ABX
G-AIVH	BAC 111 - 207AJ	040	British Eagle Ex VP-YKB/9J-RCI
G-AIVI	SIPA 903	89	J. Martin Ex F-BGHN
G-AIVJ	PA-28 Cherokee 140	28-21999	C.S.E. Aviation Ltd.
G-AIVK	PA-28 Cherokee 140	28-22006	C.S.E. Aviation Ltd.
G-AIVL	PA-28 Cherokee 140	28-22013	C.S.E. Aviation Ltd.
G-AIVM	Hiller UH-12E	2123	United Helicopters Ex 5N-AGH
G-AIVN	Hiller UH-12E	2133	United Helicopters Ex 5N-AGG
G-AIVO	PA-28 Cherokee 140	28-22020	C.S.E. Aviation Ltd.
G-AIVP	Vickers FB5 Gunbus (Replica) FB5		M.J. Martin
G-AIVR	V.812 Viscount	365	Channel Airways Ex N253V
G-AIVS	PA-28 Cherokee 180	28-3041	C.S.E. Aviation Ltd.

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 Helicopters in the new name for Bristol. (Taken from "Anchor Two").

CLOSING DATE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE WILL BE SAT. JULY 30TH.

KESPRELS IN YORKSHIRE XN893 (still coded J) arrived at Brough on 2/6 by Pickfords (or some other chap with a wieselbaurov). Another one is expected shortly. The reason for arrival of these machines is that Hawker Siddeley Brough are to manufacture parts for the production batch and these are to be used for patterns. (P.A.J.).

RAF LINTON-ON-OUSE:-- A visit on 12/6 produced a new list of residents as follows:-

<u>Jet Provost</u>	XN592/11	XM357/12	XM406/14	XM491/15 ?	XM465/16	XM478/17	XN577/18	
	XN458/19	XN459/20	XM354/21	XM403/22	XM457/23	XM472/24	XN468/25	
	XN470/26	XN593/27	XN501/28	XN588/30	XM353/31	XN508/32	XN507/33	
	KR699/34	KP615/35	KP589/36	KP617/37	KR665/38	KP626/39	KP627/40	
	KP633/41	KP637/42	KR672/43	KR674/44	KR668/45	KR700/46	KR701/47	
	KR662/48	KP573/49	- still in OPS colours. Four of the above are Ex 7FTS at Church Fenton namely XM457/23 ex 34/7FTS, XM472/24 ex 29/7FTS, KR662/48 ex U/7FTS, KP617/37 ex H/7FTS the latter was reported erroneously in this journal as having gone to 2FTS. The editor also queries XM491/15 which serial does not fit into known J.P. batches. As 7FTS at Church Fenton is now known to be running down in the next 2/3 months it might be expected that 7FTS Jet Provosts will appear with 1FTS at Linton and 3FTS at Leeming.					
<u>Chipmunk</u>	WP807/A	WP799/B	WG308/C	WK627/D	WB762/E	WK638/F	WKE517/G	WG364/H
	WK550/J	WGL69/K	WGL07/L	WGL74/M	WP857/N	WGL74/O	WZ884/P	WZ869/R
	WZ862/S	WZ684/T	WP901/U	WZ856/V	Vampire T.11 XK624/79			

Visiting a/c on this date were:- XM45/BY Sea Vampire, WF125 Sea Prince LM/935. (P.A.J.).

BINGLEY On the premises of a scrap dealer, Auto Spares(Bingley) Ltd. are the remains of ten Vampire NF10's which were bought at Shrewsbury with ten others in 1963. Serials known are VM707, VM712, VM730/W, WP242, WP255/T and two others coded C and L (ER. - VM707 is very unusual in that it is reported as having been exported to the Indian AF as IM1611). This scrapheap was a very large one in the mid fifties and many aircraft ended up here - particularly Meteors. We would point out that this heap is not in the town of Bingley but on the moors nearby. (RAFRU, B.Hutton).

FLYOVER REPORT

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SERIAL</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>DIRECTION</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
30/5	N7735X	DC-3	Hewden	1800	W	
2/6	40623	C-141	Ottringham	1000	NW	To Prestwick
	G-ATMI	H.S. 748	Pole Hill	1914		Autair
	O.80614	VC-121A	Pole Hill	1940		MAG 1254ATW
4/6	G-ARYC	D.H.125	Ottringham	1450	NW	To Prestwick
5/6	40642	C-141	Ottringham	1430	NW	
	50223	C-141	Ottringham	1445	NW	
6/6	50970	C-130H	Pole Hill	1820		
7/6	N8782R	DC-8	Ottringham-St. Abbs	1900		Trans Caribbean
8/6	37771	C-130	Pole Hill	1321		
	HB-IBR	DC-6	Pole Hill	2235		Balair AG. To Manchester
	OO-GER	DC-6B	Pole Hill	2307		BLAS Sabena Ch. "
11/6	GP-FUN	Boeing 727	Pole Hill	0834		Wardair
12/6	I-TIVU	Herald	Pole Hill	0050		Itavia To Manchester
	O.25832	VT-29D	Pole Hill	1019		MAG 322AD, Chateaux
13/6	O.25788	MC-130A	Deans X	1211		
14/6	KN662	C-47	Pole Hill	0752		RCAF
20/6	N990CV	CV-990	Deans X Ottringham	1820	Abeam Leeds	Blue/orange colour
21/6	N3805C	Commodore 680	Pole Hill	1927		
	50014	C-130A	Pole Hill	2010		TAC
22/6	PH-SAP	Friendship	Pole Hill	1109		Schriner
23/6	G-ATVH	BAC 111	Pole Hill	2008		British Eagle
28/6	53294	UA Otter	Pole Hill	1835		US Army
	N8785R	DC-8	Ottringham	1845	NW	Trans Caribbean
	10949	C-130	Ottringham	1900	SE	
29/6	63718	UH1	Pole Hill	1518		US Army
	GC+247	Noratlas	Pole Hill	1542		Luftwaffe

(Credits to F.Vickerham, D.I.Shaw, D.Depledge & P.A.J.).

BROUGH MOVEMENTS

	1/6	G-ASMG	Dove 8	3/6	G-ATBX	Tri-Pacer 135
(PAJ, E.Griffiths)	4/6	WJ350	Sea Prince	4/6	G-AR1/F	Cessna 172B Also 6/6
	8/6	G-ARBE	Dove 8	8/6	G-ANRA	Dove 8 To Hatfield

RUFFORTH G-ATAR Aztec "C" visited 16/6 from Coventry (ECG).

DONCASTER N9605Y Baron (c/n TC-636) visited 30/6, To Birmingham. (ECG)

LINTON-ON-OUSE G-AMKW Aztec "C" visited 8/6 from Birmingham (ECG).

USAF VISITORS TO RAF DRIFFIELD DURING THOR OCCUPATION - BY J. FLETCHER - CONCLUSION

3/11/59	21050	C-124	1607ATW	16/10/61		C-124	To Leconfield
5/11/59		C-124		26/4/62	40137	C-133	1607ATW
6/11/59	16568	Beaver	US Army Southorpe		62006	C-133	
18/11/59		C-124					
19/11/59		C-54					
24/11/59		C-124					
4/2/60	62002	C-133	1607ATW	2/4/63	0.20994	C-124	
17/5/60	10109	C-124	19 LSS	4/4/63		C-124	
	10110	C-124	19 LSS	5/4/63		C-124	
12/7/60		C-124	To Leconfield	8/4/63		C-124	
30/9/60		C-131				C-124	
15/5/61	0.49061	VC-54E	7167ATS Rhein-Main	17/4/63	40142	C-133	1607ATW
19/6/61	30019	C-124	7 LSS	18/4/63		C-124	
	20970	C-124	19 LSS (Ex 28LSS)	6/5/63		C-124	

AIRLIFT OUT

Lists of units were supplied by courtesy of several ex Southend Branch members.

RAF VISITORS TO DRIFFIELD DURING THOR OCCUPATION - J. Fletcher

16/6/59	XL1 32	Beverley C.1	14/10/59	WH887	Canberra B2
23/6/59	VV556	Anson	24/3/60	TX1 86	Anson - Also 26/7 & 26/1/61
7/7/59	XL1 52	Beverley C.1 A/30 Sqn.	30/3/60	?	Anson, Pembroke & Devon
19/7/59	WH206	Meteor T.7	12/5/60	WD143	Anson
20/7/59	WD443	Anson	26/7/60	VP966	Devon
21/7/59	WB450	Anson	5/10/60	VW825	Valetta RAFFC
14/8/59	VS568	Anson	28/11/60	WV967	Anson - Also 18/5/61
18/8/59	TX1 86	Anson		XL929	Pembroke
	VP529	Anson	5/12/60	VP965	Devon
25/8/59	WJ741	Canberra B2	7/9/61	XL621	Hunter T8
3/9/59	VV967	Anson	13/9/61	XK716	Comet C2
10/9/59	G-AGZO	Rapide - visited several times		WZ878	Vampire T11 was based here

between 1959-60 later moving to Leconfield.

A sequel to the above article is the story of a USAF C-124 that supposedly landed at Cottam during the above period, after mistaking the field for Driffield. The pilot is supposed to have landed, cleared the weeds from his windscreen, taxied back and left very sharpish. A chap was on the end of the runway having his lunch at the time and he almost choked!! who wouldn't at the sight of a C-124 landing on a grass strip. The mind boggles!! We wonder whether this story is truth or fiction. It is a possibility that the C-124 in question simply made a low pass and then overshot. (J.Fletcher).

RAF CHURCH FENTON - HISTORY

Mr. R.D.Allison has contributed much additional information to that given in last months issue. He has at the same time added some details of a little known subject - Hornets in Yorkshire.

No.19 Squadron:- Based here 1947 with Hornet F1, including PX226 QV-A, PX278 QV-E, PX284 QV-H, PX233 QV-K. Re-equipped with Hornet F3 including PX389 QV-A, PX346 QV-C, PX342 QV-E, PX367 QV-J. Re-equipped with Meteor F8 1951 (some being WA758, WA870, WE963) and re-equipped again in 1957 with Hunter F6, including XE603/R, XE583/D, XG172/B, XF527/P. Moved to Leconfield 1959.

No.44 Squadron:- Based here 1947 with Hornet F1, including PX232, PX244, PX252, also re-equipped with Hornet F3 including PX363 EB-B, PX294 EB-E, PX300 EB-Y. Re-equipped with Meteor F4 in 1951 and moved to Biggin Hill.

No.64 Squadron:- Here in 1947 with Hornet F1 (including PX279 SH-A, PX285 SH-E, PX248 SH-R). Re-equipped with Hornet F3 and moved to Linton-on-Ouse.

No.72 Squadron:- Moved here from North Weald 1953 with Meteor F8, these being replaced with NF12 and NF14 in 1956 (including WS607/A, WS611/N, WS697/T, WS591/F, WS833/G, WS845/R). Re-equipped with Javelin F(AW)4 and moved to Leconfield in 1959.

No.85 Squadron:- Moved here from West Malling with Meteor NF12 and NF14 including WS608/D, WS593/X, WS777/O, WS743/M, WS781/L, WS775/N. Squadron disbanded 1958.

No.257 Squadron:- Re-formed here 1947 with Meteor F3 including EE272, EE292, EE352. Moved to Hersham St.Faith 1947.

No.263 Squadron:- Moved here from Acklington 1945 and moved to Hersham with No.257 Sqn. in 1947. Equipped with Meteor F3 including EE271, EE277, EE300.

Can YOU contribute to our history of Yorkshire airfields? The next subject will be RAF Linton-on-Ouse and all other airfields will be dealt with in due course. We look forward to hearing from YOU.

BUCCANEER BITS:- A new unit at Lossiemouth is No.763B Sqn. with the Mk.S2 model (eg XT275 IM/650, XT285 IM653). XT285 is in the new colour scheme for front-line Navy a/c - dark sea grey overall. The first Buccaneer S2 Sqn. to go to sea is No.801 which embarked on H.M.S. Victorious on 14/5 in the Moray Firth with a complement of nine a/c. XV155 was d/d to Lossiemouth 26/5 and XV159 was d/d to Helme on 22/6. The FM will not allow a replacement Buccaneer to be built for the SAAF in place of the one that crashed on delivery. Another Bucc-

