

Oxford LAA Group AGM

Wednesday 8th January 2025

Meeting started 20:10

Attendees: Committee members & 10 members & 1 guest

Apologies – 2 members provided proxy votes

Agenda

1. Confirmation of Minutes from the previous AGM

Agreed unanimously

2. Review and approval of Accounts for 2024

Ian Melville (Treasurer) presented the accounts, we have not heard anything on increasing room costs but have allowed for contingency in the 2025 budget.

Accounts agreed unanimously & vote of thanks for the Treasurer.

3. Appointment of club officials

- a. Chairman
- b. Deputy Chairman
- c. Treasurer
- d. Deputy Treasurer
- e. Secretary, Membership Secretary, LAA & External Events Liaison
- f. Talks Organiser

All officials agreed to restand.

Deputy Treasurer discussed – Jim De Salis & Tim Rhodes have volunteered to cover this role (tin handling)

Agreed unanimously & vote of thanks for the Committee, special thanks to Geraldine for excellent speakers and Jan for the work behind the scenes, to Ian for managing the money and supporting the speaker.

4. Fees for 2025

- a. Membership
- b. Visitors

Ian explained that 25 members in 2024 +4 in half year. Would like to grow the membership, but all costs based on 25 full members. Good number of guests this year due to the excellent speakers. Budgeting in 2025 at same subs for members (£30 and £15 half year) and guests (£5). This is the rate that enables us to break even.

The £30 was seen as very good value for money by the members in the room, however proposal John Rayment seconded by Duncan was to increase the membership by £10 to

provide a better budget for Geraldine to organise talks and cover expenses from this to help attract good speakers.

Members = £40

½ year members = £20

Guests = £5

This was agreed unanimously.

5. Talks for 2025

Talks Coordinator, Geraldine gave an overview of the events planned for 2025;

12th February – Arthur Williams on the Mosquito

Colin Hughes to ask Nigel Hitchman if he would be prepared to do a presentation as interesting aviation member

12th March – Debbie Land – Time Flies at Old Warden

9th April – Patrick Fitzgerald – Bathtub Met

14th May - TBC

11th June - Rod Dean on the development of the mosquito

9th July – BBQ

13th Aug – TBC

10th Sep – TBC

8th Oct – TBC

12th Nov – TBC

10th Dec – Xmas Meal

Suggestion for Thames Valley Air Ambulance

Gasco talk

Visit or Talk from Benson

6. Fly-outs. We have the Ox LAA Flyouts/Spare Seat WhatsApp group for arranging a destination

Whatsapp group now active, members encouraged to use. Tell us where you're going!

7. Visits 2024

- a. FAST Museum and wind tunnels
- b. Mini plant tour
- c. Ardley ERF
- d. Bletchley Park

Rob Harrison, Chairman gave an overview of successful visits.

8. Possible visits 2025

- a. Upper Heyford [Planned for 16th February, all payments needed by 20th January please.](#)
- b. 11 Group Fighter Command bunker/control room at Uxbridge
- c. RAF Museum at Hendon + Fighter Command Museum at Bentley Prior
- d. Other suggestions [Oxford airport, Bletchley, Hewenden Manor, DeHavilland Museum at Hatfield, Wroughton hangars science museum visit \(Swindon\)](#)

9. AOB

[Xmas meal for 2025 to be reviewed by committee later in the year as we were charged unexpected room hire](#)

[Meeting finished at 21:10](#)

Fighter Command Bunker at Uxbridge

Website: www.battleofbritainbunker.co.uk

Opening Times:

Seven days a week 10am to 4:30pm (last admission at 3:30pm)

Need to book a Bunker Tour to visit the Bunker

Bentley Priory Fighter Command Museum

Website: www.bentleypriorymuseum.org.uk

Opening Times:

October to February

Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 10am to 4pm (last admission at 3pm)

March to September

Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 10am to 5pm (last admission at 4pm)

RAF Museum Hendon

Website: <https://www.rafmuseum.org.uk/london/>

Opening Times:

10am to 5pm

Free entry, donations accepted

Parking 0-3 hours: £7.50 on-site £6.50 pre-booked, 3-6 hours £10 on-site £9 pre-booked