



Editorial

I WAS DISAPPOINTED to be unable to attend the AGM on 21 April, but family matters had to take priority. By all accounts it was an enjoyable day and the guest speaker's talk, by Ian Flint from

Stow Maries, was well received.

The AGM itself ran smoothly and the minutes, as well as a copy of the 2017 accounts, are included as an insert with this issue. Readers will note the references to General Data Protection Requirements (GDPR). Although aimed at curbing excesses by major corporations, the soon to be enforced regulations cover even relatively small organisations, such as ours, and restrict the ability to retain data on members, present as well as past. The committee is looking at ways to minimise its impact. Obviously, further information can be published on our website, as it becomes available, but the committee is aware that not all members have internet access. Please, however, have a careful read of the statement in the box below.

As of the AGM, we have a new Chairman for our committee. Peter Dye has been covering this role, as well as acting as President but such a situation had to be a short-term one. Graham Chisnall volunteered for the task and his position was accepted at the AGM, with him now being added to our board of trustees. Brian Slater has now fulfilled the Treasurer's role for a year and his care with our accounts is evident in the financial statements included with this issue.

Joe Moran had a good idea that is going to be put into practice and may be a way to attract more visitors to our website and possibly attract new members. His, now established, column in this journal will concentrate on looking at new releases on the modelling front. Joe will then produce a section for the website, providing build reviews for model kits.

This Issue

As promised, Ian Burns' detailed study of the famous Tondern raid appears. It is such a detailed, and therefore, lengthy, feature that I've split it into two parts, with this issue covering the build-up to the raid. Details of the raid itself, and the aftermath, will appear in CCI 49/3. The cover

photographs, plus the three included in Fabric, were chosen to complement Ian's opus. Colour artwork by Juanita Franz will accompany Part 2.

Peter Cowlan's study of the Canton Unné engines concludes with its second part but this issue sees the start of a new part-work to follow on from Paul Leaman's excellent series. It is Barry Gray's contribution about German hangars and aeroplane sheds, a subject that has hitherto received minimal coverage. Hopefully, it too may appeal to modellers as well as to those interested in interpreting photographic information by examining the backgrounds to images of aeroplanes. Should it prove popular, I've something similar in mind regarding the various aeroplane sheds used by the RNAS, RFC and RAF.

My appeal, last year, for articles on subjects relating to the Central Powers prompted Juraj Červenka to forward his short article on the Austro-Hungarian airman Albert Bujanovics, who flew with Flik 101G. It is an interesting piece and I'd welcome any similar feature for use in this journal.

Paul Hare's knowledge and understanding of all things related to the Royal Aircraft Factory is apparent in his take on the little-known BE10, an article that establishes the design date for that 'gas pipe aeroplane' as being much earlier than hitherto thought. One of Paul's contributions for future use is a study of the long-range flights made by Charles Longcroft.

The seemingly endless supply of Stewart Taylor contributions continues with the biography of an 'ace' who flew both Camels and Snipes, G.R. Howsam who flew and fought with 70 and 43 Squadrons. I don't know about other readers, but the thing I like about Stewart's features is that he had met and interviewed hundreds of former RNAS/RFC/RAF men and been able to gain an understanding of their personalities, not just by contact with individuals but also contact with others who knew them. I feel that such intimate knowledge provides so much more than a basic catalogue of combat successes. Stewart's own photographs have been used but he was unable to provide much for 70 Squadron during the period of late spring and summer of 1918. Fortunately, Andy Kemp has helped out by providing images from his own collection.

Finally, I've revived a feature that was used by Paul Leaman. Drawing on Stuart Leslie's extensive collection, it is possible to portray a large number of individual machines that appeared in more than one guise, either structurally or in terms of the markings applied.

Mick Davis

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To avoid this, we will be asking all members to provide us with specific and express permission to retain your personal details until such time as you ask us to remove them from our database. We stress that you can ask us to remove your personal details from our database at any time. The Trustees are still considering exactly how you will be asked to do that and further details will be provided to you in issue 49/3 of the Journal. It is appreciated this is yet more bureaucracy but the GDPR has your interests at heart and we really do not want to have to forget you!

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