



# WAYPOINT

## The Priory Farm Aviators' Newsletter – March 2022

**Monthly meetings are held on the first Wednesday at 7:30 PM.  
Summer venue (May to Sept): Priory Farm; Winter venue (Oct to April): Various**

Website: [WWW.FlyPFA.co.uk](http://WWW.FlyPFA.co.uk)

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**C**ome along to the PFA get-together at the Old Ram Inn, Tivetshall St Mary, this **Wednesday 2 March**.

A table is booked at 7:30 for dinner but members often arrive from about 7:00. However, the Chairman has to give an estimate of numbers requiring food, so if you plan to join us, please advise John (e-mail address above) by Monday 28 February—ie, today!

The Old Ram is on the A140 about a mile south of the Pulham roundabout. Car park entrances about 10 yards down a side-road; turn left if you are lucky enough to spot a space near the front door; otherwise turn right for the overflow car park.

[www.theoldramnorfolk.co.uk](http://www.theoldramnorfolk.co.uk)

### AWAY EVENING

Getting back to normal, we are grateful to Richard Flagg for arranging our traditional, Spring 'away' meeting. This will be at the **RAF Marham Aviation Heritage Centre**, to start at 1800 on the evening of **Wednesday 6 April**.

Full details of the Heritage Centre can be found here:

<http://marhamahc.org.uk>

The address is:

Marham Aviation Heritage Centre  
RAF Marham  
Kings Lynn  
Norfolk PE33 9NP

The Heritage Centre is not on the base, so no ID is needed to visit. *However*, there may be an opportunity (being negotiated) to visit the gate guard and memorial garden inside the base, in which case ID will be required.

Numbers are expected to be limited to between 15 and 20, but this should be confirmed shortly.

Richard needs a list of names of those who want to go, along with their mobile phone number for the evening. Send this to [reflagg@gmail.com](mailto:reflagg@gmail.com)

It is '*strongly recommended*' that each visitor donates **£10 a head** to the Heritage Centre, over and above anything spent in the shop or for the purchase of tea or coffee.

A map will appear in the next *Waypoint*.

### MEMBERSHIP FEES (£40)

**are now due**, and can be paid by BACS:

**Priory Farm Aviators**

**Sort Code: 20-62-53**

**Account No: 33333094**

**BACS is the preferred method, but if that is not possible, you can still pay in cash or (as a last resort) by cheque made out to "Priory Farm Aviators" and handed to Bob Sage or posted to Priory Farm, Pristow Green Lane, Tibenham, Norfolk, NR16 1NY**

## PFA Committee Meeting

Held at the Marsh Harrier restaurant in Norwich,  
2 February 2022

*Present: Alan McNeal, Bob Sage, David Brown, John Fielding, Mik Horn*

*Apologies: Paul Jackson, Richard Flagg*

1. Steve and Sue Foreman had e-mailed John and volunteered to join the Committee. After a brief discussion, their kind offer was approved and they are now co-opted as Committee members, subject to approval by the PFA membership at the next AGM.
2. Membership. Bob explained that so far we had 28 members who had paid their 2022 fees.
3. Finances. Mik stated that he and his wife, Helen had made an accounts summary for 2021. There was currently nearly £23,000 in the bank, less the recent cost of the defibrillator. The laborious process of adding Mik to the bank account mandate was nearing its conclusion.
4. Recent works done.
  - ❖ David explained that he had gone through the first aid boxes in the clubhouse, throwing away anything out of date and replenishing with new. He has ordered tourniquets.
  - ❖ Bob has mounted the new defibrillator on the wall opposite the main door of the club hut. Alan suggested that a sign be made to be affixed outside the club hut, making it clear that the hut contained both a first aid box and a defibrillator.
  - ❖ Mik has mounted a new PIR floodlight above the entrance to the club hut, replacing the faulty one.
5. Picnic tables. John agreed to move them into Hangar 4 the next time he's up at the airfield.
6. Cleaner's charges. These are currently £33.58 for 2 hours and it was agreed that it should be increased by approximately 6%. John said he'd inform Marion.
7. Any maintenance issues. One of the men's toilets flushing mechanisms has broken. Paul is aware of the issue and kindly offered to fix it when he has time.
8. April outing. Richard has contacted the RAF Marham Heritage Centre in the hope that we can visit it on our April club trip.
9. Next meeting place. It was agreed that it would be the Old Ram at Tivetshall St. Mary. Alan volunteered to be responsible for contacting and arranging this and future winter meeting venues.



### Its a Small World

Last month's mention of Paul Archer being presented with his Solo Certificate by former fighter pilot 'Ginger' Lacey prompted a response from Adrian Hall-Carpenter.

Between July 1972 and August 1975, Adrian's Auster G-AHHH was owned by the Grindale Flying Group and flew from Grindale, near Bridlington. Although he is not mentioned as one of the joint owners, Ginger was an instructor there during that time and must have flown the aircraft on numerous occasions.



Among Adrian's papers concerning G-AHHH is this photo of Ginger and wife, plus one of their three daughters — Diana, Wendy or Susan. The aircraft is probably G-AHHH in its original 'silver' colours with red engine cowling top. It was later (1980s/90s) red overall, and is now dark green

Paul recalls, "During the presentation night, Ginger gave a talk and answered questions. One of the questions was: 'Do you think there will be another war?' His answer was something to the effect that he thought not in the way they have been. He also went on to say that he thought the most likely possibility of another war would be over the Falkland Islands.

Now bear in mind that his comments were made in late 1979! Incidentally, I recall several of us looking at each other and mouthing 'where are they? Off Scotland?' Consequently, I was not surprised when, approximately two and a half years later [40 years ago this month!—Editor] I heard on the news about trouble brewing down there."

Ginger's biography was published as *Ginger Lacey – Fighter Pilot*, written by Richard Townshend-Bickers.

