

Lasham Gliding Society winter talks 2018/19

Updated 11th November 2018

We are arranging another really good season of Saturday evening events again this winter with something offered on most Saturday early evenings. Most events will be free of charge, unless stated otherwise and you do not need to be a member at Lasham to attend. Non-members are also most welcome. Some dates and talks might change and some are not yet fully arranged but listed below is the current situation. Updated lists will be issued as the season progresses.

Saturday talks will usually commence at 6pm and will be held in the Brown Elephant briefing room at Lasham. Although most of the events are free of charge it is customary that a silver collection is made at the end of each talk for the Lasham Trust or other deserving cause of the speaker's choosing. Dinner will be available in the restaurant afterwards. **Booking is advisable** at thegoldenglider@outlook.com. Or 01256 384910. The bar is also available to members and visitors at all times.

Lasham Gliding Society's address is Lasham Airfield, Avenue Road, Basingstoke, Hants, GU34 5SS. Telephone 01256 384900

All events are subject to short notice change so if you are travelling a long way please check first to verify that it is still taking place.

Saturday 17th Nov – A talk by Lasham member, Dr Tim Freearde and Jane Nash on glider conspicuity and lookout. Tim is a member of the CAA working party on aircraft conspicuity.

Saturday 24th Nov – A talk by Wing Cdr (Retd) Mike Pollitt, a former Vulcan pilot on the XM655 Vulcan preservation project at Wellesbourne.

Saturday 1st Dec – **16:00** Lasham Gliding Society SGM followed at approx **18:00** by a screening of "Airborne" the movie by young film maker Joanna Beard. The SGM will be for members only but members and visitors will be most welcome to attend the screening of Joey's film that focusses on the early days in the flying career of a young girl at Nympsfield.

Saturday 8th Dec – Sadly, John Mankerty passed away in early November but Ken Snell has kindly agreed to tell us about his experiences as a display pilot, flying the WW1 Vickers Vimy.

Saturday 15th Dec - Lasham's traditional Christmas dining in night. Members and guests are welcome. This will be a ticketed event and bookings will be taken by the Golden Glider nearer the time.

Saturday 22nd Dec – No Lasham event will be organised..

Saturday 29th Dec – No Lasham event will be organised

Tuesday 1st January 2019 – Traditional New Years Day Charity "Fun" Run/Walk/Stagger /swagger around the peri track. Arranged by Marjorie Hobby. Meet at the Clubhouse for an 11:00 AM start.

Saturday 5th Jan– We start off the new year evening talks with another talk by retired Detective Chief Superintendent Paul Stickler on historical murders in the 20th Century and before. Paul's talk was very well attended in previous years and this is the next episode. More info on Paul's excellent web site: www.historicalmurders.com

Saturday 12th Jan – A talk by Paul Haliday on the R38, R100 and R101 airships;

Saturday 19th Jan – A talk by Lara Cawthra who is a registered chiropractor, on personal fitness good posture and ways to minimise back strain when rigging gliders amongst other things.

Saturday 26th Jan – A talk by Sue Fendall on the excellent and valuable work that she does with the Samaritans.

Saturday 2nd Feb – A talk by Dave Latimer on the “Glide Britain” promotional activities for our sport that took place across the nation over the last couple of years.

Saturday 9th Feb – A talk Air Chief Marshall (Retd) Sir John Allison KCB CBE on the Cold War from his own perspective as an air defence pilot in that era.

Saturday 16th Feb – Unfortunately the visit to the Battle of Britain bunker in Uxbridge will not now be possible. Instead, Gary Pullen will give a talk on the relics of RAF Lasham’s WW2 heritage including old WW2 buildings that still exist at Lasham.

Saturday 23rd Feb – Traditional pub quiz evening with fish ‘n chips organised by the Golden Glider. Come and put your thinking hats on. There will be a small charge for this event.

Saturday 2nd March – **Please note change of date.** A talk by Colonel (Retd) Jonathan Welch CBE on a brief history of the Royal Engineers bomb disposal operations.

Saturday 9th March – **Please note change of date.** Lasham Gliding Society Annual General Meeting, time to be advised. This event will be for LGS members only.

Saturday 16th March – An event is being planned and will be notified in due course

Saturday 23rd March – Another London themed talk by former cabbie and now our head chef, Nik Christides

Saturday 31st March – Clocks spring forward on this night. Our General Manager, Gavin Spink will give an update on his former life as an Army helicopter pilot.

No events are currently planned for Saturday **6th April** and **13th April** but we are working on an event for Easter Saturday **20th April**. More info to follow hopefully.

We hope to see you at some of these events.

Jane Nash and Mike Philpott
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