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## ***Work Sessions***

Take place at

HOOTON PARK  
On Wednesday and Thursday  
And Occasional Weekends

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By early January the southern half of the south bay of hangar one was without roof, Carols men had been working hard to remove the remains of the asbestos/cement panels. As you can just about see the roof garden remains intact for now but not for long.



In mid December I walked into bldg 28 to find this ! a double oven in a workshop ? First thought was HPT were kicking us out and turning 28 into the new kitchen for Hooton Park.

A few minutes later in walks Stewart wearing a grin like a Cheshire Cat, turns out he fancies taking on Karen Jolliffe to be the Mary Berry of Hooton park.

Just in case you have not heard Karen often turns up at HP with a large cake tin, the contents with which to tempt the volunteers into indulging and breaking their New Years resolutions.

Early January and I am back at hp and this time I find the oven on, well I could not help myself I just had to find out what Stewart was baking for us hard working volunteers.

What a let down he is, as you can see when I opened it up all that was baking was a Leonides cylinder.

Stewart had sprayed the cylinder with VHT paint and to fully cure the paint he decided to bake them for a few hours one at a time.

Not surprisingly Stewart is not happy about the finish he has achieved after the baking process and has now sprayed the Cylinders with a coat of semi gloss black.

Heaven only knows how he is going to apply the icing and what colour he will pick.







Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January finds Matt from Absolute Electrical Solutions carrying out TAC's annual portable appliance testing.

Matt and his father Graham have been very supportive of TAC having passed on to us three twin 6' and 5 single 6' fluorescent light units.

In the foreground are the three fully baked Leonides cylinders awaiting Mary to spare their blushes and apply a decent top coat.

They will have to wait as she has begged off to South Africa for three weeks leaving me on me own again.

At the beginning of December the HPT trustees informed TAC that they were going to redecorate hut 27 during the Christmas / New year period. TAC Member and HPT Trustee Paul Jolliffe (that's him in the photo) volunteered to take on the task and asked members for support.

He took 2 weeks off work to apply two coats of white paint to the roof & roof Trusses, the walls and paint the windows & doors green.

Here he is seen painting the floor grey and yes he did it with a little help from wife Karen, Stewart and Dave.





Late January and 27 starts to take shape again, Slingsby T.8 Tutor BGA 466 is seen here fastened to the new floor support whilst temporary slings add support from the roof trusses.

The stairs supporting her tail end stands where the old kitchen was before being demolished in December.

Yes your right, and where Stewart scrounged his b----y oven from .



From further back you see that the Viva HA behind which are the Tutor wings are also back. In the foreground we have TAC's Anzani 6 cylinder 2 row radial recently returned from RAF Cosford.

Behind the Anzani is Graham Sparkes Cheetah engine and against the far wall the Auster wings. In the middle of the picture is TAC's Sectioned RR Derwent 5 engine, this is one of a handful of items that did not leave but was well sheeted over.

Auster G-AJEB is back from her rest in Hangar 1 and thanks to Colin for washing her down, she is looking good.

She will have to wait a while for her wings to be refitted as HPT have requested Carrols to replace 17 sky lights. This will no doubt bring down a lot of muck if not shards of glass so will entail moving her about to avoid same. Something impossible with the wings fitted.

No doubt Bill Dutton will be having nightmares thinking about his baby being messed about.







Remember the Miles Wings Ltd 100a Gulp hang glider story from the November minutes? Well this is her flying from the roof trusses of hanger 2 something she did for many years before coming down and being handed over to TAC from Griffin trust. Thanks to Colin Schroeder for the photo.

**Remember if you have not renewed your membership this will be your last Newsletter you receive.**



TAC's No 1 supporter without doubt is David Becket of the Griffin Trust, and if further proof were needed then here it is.

During December David entered hut 28 and enquired if TAC would like a set of stairs. John Mathews and myself followed David back to the Griffin compound to see what sort of stairs he was referring to.

Wooden and in very good nick, just perfect for people to use to enter the Gannet as you can see from the photo.

John Mathews and I washed them down and on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January a lady visitor gave them their first test proclaiming them fit for purpose.



New to Warrington is Hangar 4 Berger bar/café complete with Citation II G-JETC above



One to put a smile  
back on Simons face  
as he is back  
working in Russia or  
Germany.

Taken in the Mach  
Loop on 17.07.13  
some sort of vulgar  
noisy sucking &  
blowing thingy.

**If you have not already please remember to renew your membership now**



# **SUNDAY MAY 24<sup>TH</sup> 2015**

## **BUS RUNNING & AVIATION DAY**

### **AT THE HOOTON PARK HANGARS, ELLESEMERE PORT**

- FREE ENTRY- 10AM TO 4PM
- VINTAGE BUS RUNS FROM BIRKENHEAD, EASTHAM FERRY, CHESTER & HOOTON RAILWAY STATION
- VINTAGE BUSES & VEHICLES ON DISPLAY
- VINTAGE AIRCRAFT COCKPIT SECTIONS & AVIATION DISPLAYS



**DIRECTIONS: JUNCTION 6 M53, RIGHT AT ROUND-ABOUT  
FOLLOW SIGNS FOR HOOTON PARK HANGARS**

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