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WETS NEWS by email – If you are not yet a recipient give your name and email address to the Editor. Increases in postal charges, mean it is important to circulate as much information as possible by this means. Look at our website www.wessexpf.org.uk for examples of the quality. Download time is very fast. **DON'T FORGET TO SAVE WHAT YOU GET.** It is suggested you create a file called WETS News to put them in.

SMITHIES BUS – The display given by Sue Burn at our Spring Meeting was quite superb. The extent of research and the material gathered to support the story was a lesson to us all in preparing and presenting a thematic display. The display covered a period from the end of WW1 to just prior to WW2 and the value of Mail Contracts which Charles Kingsford-Smith seemed unable to obtain. He completed a number of extreme flying feats in his many attempts to obtain mail contracts which meant he was the first flyer to circumnavigate the world albeit not in a single flight. Flying in those times was a very risky business as the aircraft were crude by today's standards and the means of navigation were even cruder. It was therefore unsurprising that Kingsford-Smith was to perish in a flying accident while attempting yet another risky flight.

Sue was an excellent speaker with both an excellent story and incredible material to support her incredible story. Members who failed to get to this meeting missed something really spectacular.

Dates for your Diary - The next **WETS Thematic Day** will be at **Buckfastleigh Town Hall** on **Saturday 19th October**. The morning talk will be given by Dr David Smith with the subject being **“Devon People, Devon Places”** This will be followed by a **Buffet Lunch**. In the afternoon we will have a quick AGM, attendees will be asked to bring displays on a theme of **“Junk Items”**. **BOOKING FORM ATTACHED BELOW**

WETS 2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at Buckfastleigh Town Hall Buckfastleigh on Saturday 3rd November 2018

Apologies – Mary Claydon, David Roseveare, Lesley Marley, Ed Elsey, David Phillips, Vicki Wigmore, Mark Humfrey.

Minutes of the previous AGM – Written minutes were distributed by mail (with Agenda and Meeting Order Form)

Matters arising – none raised.

Correspondence – Due to communication by Email there was no correspondence.

Chairman's Report – Due to the passing away of the Chairman there was no report.

Secretary's Report – The outgoing Secretary Sally Ellam did not give a report.

Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer reported another good year and distributed the audited accounts. He confirmed a profit of £41.60 and a closing balance of £1,094.58. The subs are to remain unchanged. Gary Green has been included as a signatory for cheques. He asked if the end of year could be moved from April 1st to June 1st because of getting the accounts audited for the AGM, this was approved. The accounts were accepted.

Newsletter Editors Report – The newsletter editor announced that all the newsletters to date will be available on a computer Memory Stick at a cost of £10 inc. postage. He reported that all newsletters with the exception of 1 to 8 are already collated into an interactive searchable listing and that Lesley Marley has 1 to 8 and will be sending them to him in the near future. As soon as these have been included and cross indexed the Memory Stick will be available for purchase and he will advise this to the membership. Also included will be 'The Story of WETS' as part of the next Newsletter.

Election of Offices –

Chairman – Gary Green; proposed Jim Wigmore, seconded Andrew Austen

Vice Chairman – Jim Wigmore; proposed Gary Green, seconded Carol Turner

Secretary – Gary Green; (Temporary)

Treasurer – Andrew Austen; proposed Carol Turner, seconded Sally Ellam

Newsletter Editor – Jim Wigmore; proposed Gary Green, seconded Andrew Austen

Auditor – Mervyn Kerswell; proposed Andrew Austen, seconded Gary Green

AOB – Carol Turner asked if anyone would take over the organization of the WETS Road Show. Jim Wigmore said he would take it over and requested colour copies of the items submitted at this meeting. The theme for April Meeting is 'Be prepared' and October 'Junk items'.

Next AGM meeting – Saturday 19th October 2019. Meeting closed 11am.

WETS Memory Stick MS01 – Our Memory Stick contains a fully indexed listing of every Newsletter issued by WETS and as such it is a superb source of ideas.

We have now added a significant number of displays to the Memory Stick for reference purposes, they cover a number of different formats from Raw Beginner through more advanced to really superb examples. These displays are indexed on the Memory Stick by category. Members who already have Memory Sticks can have them updated by bringing them to the next meeting or by sending them to Jim Wigmore for updating. All updates will be FREE.

Members can obtain a copy of MS01 by bringing a Memory Stick to our next meeting when we will load the file to your memory stick FREE.

Alternatively we can supply a fully loaded MS01 to you at a cost of £10.00.

ORDER YOUR MEMORY STICK by posting your request and payment to Jim Wigmore
cheques should be made payable to WETS

WETS Roadshow – Members are reminded that 2020 will be the next WETS Roadshow and colour copies of members displays from the Autumn and Spring displays by members are required for the roadshow. **Only one of the promised displays has been delivered to date** – All copies to Jim Wigmore a.s.a.p. please.

MAYFLOWER 2020 – Will be held in Plymouth next June promoted by Plymouth Club supported by Plymouth Council, Wessex Federation and various other bodies. On behalf of Wessex Federation and a request from Plymouth Club we have been tasked to produce a thematic story of the Mayflower Voyage as the lead display for the exhibition.

It is suggested that we look at the whole Pilgrim Father story of which the voyage of the Mayflower was just one part. The Pilgrim story starts in Babworth near East Retford, Nottinghamshire. (*There is a Monument to the Pilgrim Fathers at Immingham, shown right, probably their departure point for Holland.*) It moves on to the Hampton Court Conference of 1604, and then to Leiden Holland. The decision to leave Holland led to the voyage of the Speedwell and the Mayflower, this travelled through Dartmouth and Plymouth



due to the poor state of the Speedwell, resulting in just the Mayflower making the Atlantic Crossing. The harbour at Plymouth is portrayed in the diagram shown below. The Mayflower left Plymouth on September 16th 1620 with 120 passengers and the crew, it was a very rough crossing, with two deaths and one birth. Mayflower arrived at Cape Cod on 9th November 1620 and anchored in Provincetown Harbour. They made contact with local people called the Nausett in the area around Brewster, Chatham, Eastham, Harwich and Orleans. (*See the map shown left below of the Mayflower arrival point*).

Other places mentioned in the landing saga are Duxbury, Plymouth, Clarks Island. Other founding places are described as Bristol





County, Plymouth County and Barnstable County all in Massachusetts.

In order to produce our display we need to locate as much philatelic material as possible this needs to include postal markings if possible from all the places mentioned in the story.

Our story needs to embrace the principles of PIP (Presentation, Introduction and Plan) and be a superb example of the work of WETS and what we stand for.

Please contact Jim Wigmore with all items to be included or information which may help in this production.

PLEASE MAKE YOUR THEMATIC DAY BOOKING & send to –

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THEMATIC DAY BOOKINGS/PAYMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 12th October 2018

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