

FLIGHT INSPIRATIONS AVIATION GROUP

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 7th MAY 2024 from 10am to 12pm

Including presentation, Q&A, and discussion – ON ZOOM

110 YEARS OF AVIATION HISTORY IN HERTFORDSHIRE

1913 – 2023 – SPEAKER GUY THOMAS

Image: de Havilland DH.106 Comet



The Flight Inspirations u3a Aviation group is organised by Don Mobley of Stowmarket u3a and Barbara Cordina of Lea Valley u3a. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month at 10am.

Hertfordshire aviation has influenced culture and society in various ways, serving as a catalyst for technological innovation, fostering a sense of pride and identity within the local community and contributing to the broader narrative of human achievement in flight.

Iconic aviation heroes from Hertfordshire include Frederick Handley Page, who in 1929 bought land at Radlett and developed Handley Page Aircraft Ltd. Sir Geoffrey de Havilland set up de Havilland Aircraft at Stag Lane, Edgware in 1920, then moved it to Hatfield in 1930 where it continued to operate until 1994. His contribution to aviation lies in pioneering spirit, innovative designs and a lasting impact on both military and commercial aviation. He played a pivotal role in shaping the course of aviation history and his legacy continues to influence the industry to this day.

Today the aviation industry in Hertfordshire continues as research, design and development with three main companies operating in Stevenage. The Airbus Defence and Space site is Europe's leading supplier of Satellites, MBDA is a world leader in missile systems and The STEM Discovery Centre is an education facility, developed in partnership with North Hertfordshire College, Airbus and the Hertfordshire LEP.

This event is open to all u3a members and is free of charge.

To register please email the following, details of the zoom link will be sent to you nearer the date:

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These talks are part of the u3a educational programme so you can also book directly with Eventbrite via the national website – www.u3a.org.uk/events/educational-events.