

Feedback

Feedback from groups to whom we have provided presentations has included these comments:

“Just a word to say how much I really enjoyed that talk; excellently presented”.

“Thank you very much for an enjoyable and illuminating talk.”

“A very informative and interesting presentation”.

“Thank you so much for a spectacular talk last night. It was fascinating, full of interesting facts, and with some nice side alleys into personal anecdotes!”

“Thank you so much for your amazing talk.”

“There is no doubt that all our members enjoyed the experience thanks to your extensive knowledge and expertise.”

“Thank you for your excellent talk last evening and for going into 'extra time' to discuss the questions and comments raised.”

“Your talk nicely fleshed out Hobart's life history.”

“Thank you for the very informative presentation.”

“I would like to congratulate you on the level of detail you provided and keeping the presentation interesting throughout.”



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***Group Presentations:
A Guide for
Organisers***

Available talks:

The New Forest Airfields during World War II

This presentation is an overview of the twelve New Forest Airfields in WWII, including their purpose, genesis, locations, types of airfield, squadrons and aircraft stationed hereabouts and their uses, and some of the stories of the pilots, with particular emphasis on the D-Day period in June 1944.

Stoney Cross (Airfield No. 452) - The Story of a New Forest airfield during World War II

This presentation covers the building, operation and eventual closure of the largest of the New Forest airfields built in WWII, together with details of the various 16 aircraft types and 14 different units based there from 1943 to 1946.

Advanced Landing Grounds in Hampshire – the story of the portable airfields of World War II

This presentation describes the reasons for and purpose of these temporary airfields, their construction, operation and locations, together with the aircraft and personnel, which used them, leading up to D-Day in June 1944.

The Allied Assault Gliders in World War II

This presentation describes the various types of Allied Assault glider used in WWII, the differences between them and the ways in which they were used to spearhead 'Operation Overlord' in June 1944 and subsequent operations. In addition, details of their construction, repair and deployment are included.

Hobart's 'Funnies' – the inventions in 'Churchill's toyshop' that made D-Day successful

This presentation describes the innovative inventions that were produced to solve difficult and practical problems, which were expected to be encountered during the sea and land assault on Hitler's 'Festung Europa', particularly in the D-Day landings, masterminded by the 'Forgotten General', Percy Hobart.

The Battle of the Atlantic – the longest campaign in WWII

This presentation traces Britain's vulnerability to the deployment of Germany's Admiral Doenitz' U-Boats and the counter measures forced on the Allies to defend the shipping lanes, to keep the supplies coming to Britain from the USA and elsewhere, during WWII. The U-boats, the convoy system, the escort vessels, the aircraft, the 'secret intelligence war, the losses and the cost of the campaign that was the longest in WWII, lasting six years, are all described, won by a variety of different means, on land, sea and in the air.

'We Landed by Moonlight' - Special Operations Executive missions in WWII

This presentation describes the dangerous and clandestine night time flying operations to insert secret agents into France, to support the French Resistance during WWII. The aircraft, personnel and airfields are illustrated, together with the locations and the fate of Special Operations Executive agents, landed behind enemy lines.

Lepe Beach & The D-Day Mulberry Harbours of WWII

This presentation describes why the Mulberry Harbours were devised and how and why Allies took their harbours with them, during the D-Day invasion in June 1944. The various types of equipment involved are described, what happened to them in practice and the relics left today in Hampshire, where many of the massive caissons were constructed.

Each illustrated presentation lasts approximately 45-60 minutes, with time for questions, and are delivered as PowerPoint slide shows, accompanied by expert commentary. They can be shortened on request. We can also modify the content of a presentation, if listeners have a particular interest in one or two locations.

Arranging a presentation

As you will have seen from this leaflet, we have a wide range of subjects upon which we can provide presentations. In addition, we are happy to discuss any particular subjects you would like covered.

As a charity, FONFA's only source of income is through donations, talks and Heritage Centre entrance fees we ask for a minimum donation of £75 plus a contribution towards any travelling costs. @ 25p per mile.

If you would like to organise a presentation or would like further information, please email us at: fonfa2010@gmail.com We will be delighted to discuss your requirements and make the necessary arrangements with you. Please note that we ask for the donation to be paid before the booking is confirmed.

We hope to hear from you soon!