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### Battle of Britain Lunch – September 15

























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### ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION (RCAFA) MISSION STATEMENT

### The RCAFA is a national aerospace and community service organization to:

- Commemorate the noble achievements of the men and women who served as members of Canada's Air Forces since its inception;
  - Advocate for a proficient and well equipped Air Force; and,
    - Support the Royal Canadian Air Cadet program.

### THE LONDON LINK - PURPOSE AND CONTENT

Six editions each year beginning with the Jul/Aug edition.

Articles of interest to all readers including items about all components of the military both of a historic and more recent nature; articles written by Air Cadets of all Squadrons; regular Board articles; items from all readers as space allows.

To promote the Wing to the wider and diverse population with the aim of attracting new members and/or

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## Join us for our

# Christmas Luncheon

# Friday December 15, 2023

Served at 11:30

Home-cooked turkey with all the festive trimmings. Desserts offered through the generosity of Wing members

Tickets: \$25.00 reservations in advance. Tickets at the door are \$30.00.

### RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Tickets are available at the Wing or call (519) 455-4030 to reserve.

Ticket cut-off date: December 01

SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION IF LESS THAN 80 TICKETS SOLD

Kindly reserve ASAP to ensure this event is a go!

BRING A FRIEND FOR A WONDERFUL MEAL AND FELLOWSHIP

### Adventures with Air Cadets by Logan Lawrence

Hello!! My name is Logan Lawrence. I am 14 years old and currently a Sergeant in 862 Squadron Royal Canadian Air Cadets here in Lambeth. I have been interested in aviation since I was 8 and I joined cadets in January of 2021 when I turned 12. Yes that means I joined during Covid. I applied for my first Summer training camp this year and was happy to be accepted to the Advanced Aviation course in Greenwood, Nova Scotia. I was really excited to travel to another province and to meet some other cadets from across Canada!

My adventure started at 5 am on Sunday, July 16th when I woke up and got ready to leave. I left home at 6 am in my dress uniform and my dad took me to London airport. I was to fly from London to Pearson International Airport in Toronto and then Toronto to Halifax. From Halifax, I was put on a bus and taken to CFB Greenwood. This was my first time flying on a commercial plane and I was flying without my parents or chaperones! In Toronto, there was an Air Canada employee and a Cadet staff member who greeted me. They were there to help me find the next gate I needed to be at for the flight to Halifax. During my 4-hour layover I met quite a few other cadets who would be flying to Halifax with me. Our flight into Halifax was amazing! We flew over the Bay Of Fundy and I was amazed at how big it is. We finally arrived at the base at around 10:00 pm Atlantic time and then had to go through kit check and pick up our linens. By the time I got to bed it was 11:30 pm Atlantic time. I was exhausted but excited!



There were 28 cadets on this course and we were the only cadets on the base during the three weeks we were there. Our wake-up time was at 6:30 AM every day (except for Sundays which were our days off) and the evenings were usually our time to study or work on our uniforms. Boot polishing is important! Our days started by heading over to the Officer's Mess for breakfast. We had classes every day where we learned things such as general knowledge of Aviation, Aerospace engines, Meteorology, Instruction Techniques and some practical opportunities. We were offered a flight in a C130 Hercules transport plane by a Hercules crew but this did not happen because the crew was called out to do a search and rescue over Halifax due to the flooding. As part of our training, we were given a cockpit tour of an L19 Bird Dog while we were waiting for our flight in a Cessna 172H. After my flight, I was able to stay behind and watch them put the airplanes away and this was thanks to the Civilian Instructors who were very kind. We were fortunate enough to have a CF-118 pilot by the call sign of "Aft" come and speak with us about why fighter pilots exist in today's military, and how



to become a fighter pilot and he told us about his experience of becoming a fighter pilot for the RCAF. We also visited the Greenwood Aviation Museum where I saw their Lancaster and the jet that WW2 Spitfire Pilot Charlie Fox flew to Normandy in on the 75th anniversary of D-Day. I was able to leave the base on the first Sunday with my friend Cadet Pejsa who is the son of my mom's friend Robert Pejsa. We went to a local restaurant and I had the biggest bacon cheeseburger I have ever seen with a very large mug of fries. This was better than the food that we were being served at the Officer's Mess!





While on the base we had the opportunity to see two movies, go swimming at the fitness centre and play some games in the gym. We also got a tour of the operational side of the base.

We were shown the Aurora hangar where they do maintenance and toured one of the Auroras that was there. We also got to see the control tower and stand on the outer walkway where we then watched an Aurora take off. We saw all the weather equipment they use and then back to the Aurora maintenance hanger to see the engine bay. We also toured the Search and Rescue Technicians Hercules and Cormorant hangar. One of the Flight Engineers powered on the avionics and we were able to see the glass cockpit in action. During the entire course time we saw many Hercs take off and land, SAR techs jump from the Hercs and watched a crate of supplies being dropped as a practice for the crews.

Our Summer camp ended with a graduation parade and a few awards. During our parade, we took a course participant photo and we were lucky enough to catch a Herc taking off in the background.

My trip home began at 6:30 am on Friday August 4th. We got on a bus and were taken to Halifax airport. I had a three-hour layover before my flight to Pearson in Toronto. During my flight from Halifax to Toronto, I flew over the lake that my Grandpa's cottage is on and I took a picture of the cottage from my window seat! I had a very tight connection in Toronto (10 minutes from one plane to the other!) but made my flight to London. My luggage however did not.....I was glad that this happened on my way HOME and not on my way TO the camp.

I enjoyed the Advanced Aviation course and hope to apply for the Marksmanship Instructor or Drill & Ceremonial camp next Summer. Eventually, I hope to achieve my glider and power licenses through Cadet Summer camps. Until then I will continue to volunteer working with the WW2 Harvards based in Tillsonburg Ontario. I will take what I learned at Summer camp and put it into practice both in Tillsonburg and at the squadron so other cadets can learn from my experience.

Learn more about the 862 Lambeth Air Cadet squadron at: 862lambethlightning.ca

Reprinted from the Lambeth Villager October 2023

# ITPS completes first flight with 5STA (Hawker Hunter aircraft)

Congratulations to the International Test Pilot School (ITPS) on its first fight with their 5th Generation Surrogate Training Aircraft. The 5STA is a Hawker Hunter aircraft has upgraded technology that emulates the performance and avionics of the latest generation fighters — at a fraction of the operating costs.

The International Test Pilots School (ITPS) Canada, located just down the street from the 427 Wing, is setting a new standard in pilot training, and addressing the high operating costs of fifth-generation fighters, with the introduction of its 5th Generation Surrogate Training Aircraft (5STA).

ITPS specializes in experimental flight testing and advanced military flight training, and offers a variety of test pilot and flight test engineer courses for both fixed- and rotary-wing platforms. Developed by the school over the past three years, the Hunter 5STA will provide current and prospective fifth-generation fighter operators with a solution to reduce flight training hours on high-cost assets.

### Doors Open London Sept 16-17, 2023 by Chuck Hardy

Wing volunteers were delighted to greet and tour 300+ visitors. Fred Pettit worked both days and reports \$120 in Kit Shop shirt sales and \$117 in donations. Lots of family groups, singles, couples and friends attended the free event sponsored by Heritage London. A Heritage London rep visited our site and suggests we rent a booth at 2024 London Skydrive Airshow next year to promote the Wing.

A popular feature was member Armin's mini remote helicopter. Youngsters and oldsters enjoyed learning to operate it. Guests enjoyed reading the displays and many took a copy of the quiz and handouts.

It's a bonus for visitors to see both Secrets of Radar Museum and 427 Wing in one stop. Thanks to all on site volunteers and organizer Linda Brimson.

### Vertical Lift Completed and Working

Training and inspection were completed on the new vertical lift.

427 Wing would like to acknowledge the grant from New Horizons Seniors Program that paid for the lift purchase from Savaria.

The Wing supplied additional funds for installation, construction and electrical work.

Rene McKinnon has been liaison on the project.



*FALL BACK!* Adjust clocks back one hour at bedtime Saturday night November 4, as daylight saving time ends Sunday Nov 5

### Remembrance Dav



BY TIM COOK - SPECIAL TO THE GLOBE AND MAIL PUBLISHED NOVEMBER 6, 2021

Tim Cook is author of 12 books of Canadian military history.

The crimson emblem we wear on Remembrance Day is a symbol of recognition and commemoration, of sorrow and of pride. The

poppy connects us to history as we bear witness to those who have fallen in service of this country, to those who returned from wars and missions wounded in body, mind and spirit, to those who demobilized or left the forces to contribute to their communities, and to those who continue to serve.

The poppy emerged as a symbol from the killing fields of the Western Front during the First World War. That Armageddon of destruction, where industrialized fighting from 1914 to 1918 caused over nine million soldiers' deaths in battle, more than 21 million more wounded, and destroyed empires, continues to cast a long shadow.

For Canada, a country of not yet eight million, more than 620,000 men served in uniform, alongside 3,000 nurses. It was a total war that thrust Canada on to the world stage, and where its primary fighting force, the Canadian Corps, delivered victories at Vimy, Hill 70, Passchendaele, Amiens, Arras, Cambrai, and Mons. Led by Canadian-born Sir Arthur Currie from mid-1917, the Corps was the instrument of Canada's contribution to victory and a symbol that a new country was emerging from the horror of war.

The cost of victory was terrible, with some 66,000 Canadians killed and another 172,000 suffering physical wounds. The carnage was most evident at the medical aid stations and field hospitals where doctors and nurses worked on the mangled bodies of soldiers who had been shredded by steel, scalded by poison gas, or whose bodies were being consumed by infection in the age before antibiotics.

About half of all Canadian doctors served overseas during the war, and their skill and ability to learn in the cauldron of battle led to a survival rate of more than 90 per cent of all patients who made it to a medical unit. And yet the trauma imprinted itself on these men and women in uniform who sought to save their wounded comrades, and all bore a heavy emotional load.

The link between the poppy and remembrance began with a martial poem. One of the many Canadian doctors serving in uniform was a gifted physician and poet from Montreal, John McCrae. At the Battle of Second Ypres in April, 1915, the trialby-fire engagement where the Canadians faced the first German unleashing of chlorine gas that burned out lungs, McCrae worked as a battlefield surgeon. In nearly two weeks of non-stop surgery, he wrote last letters to loved ones, fully expecting to be killed.

He also penned his famous poem, In Flanders Fields, amid the death and horror of that battle. After the poem's publication later in the year, it rapidly became a worldwide phenomena. Its evocative words came from the dead who urged the living to keep up the fight against the Germans -- "To you from failing hands we throw / The torch; be yours to hold it high..." It was a call to battle and further sacrifice in the pursuit of victory.

And yet its opening lines, "In Flanders Fields, the poppies blow / Between the crosses, row on row," offered an evocation of loss, with the poppies representing the fallen.

The success of McCrae's poem saw it conscripted into use to recruit more soldiers through live readings and propaganda posters that invoked blood-red poppies. After the war, it took on new significance, its meaning shifting with the times. It became, and remains, a poem about remembrance and commemoration, with the dead no longer demanding that the living keep up the fight, but that the living remember and honour the fallen.

The war continued to reverberate long after the guns fell silent. It had profound effects around the world, not the least being the remaking of at least nine new countries, the emergence of Communism, and the rise of the United States as a great power. But there was also a thick shroud of grief that lay over the postwar memorial landscape and the need to come to grips with the terrible death toll.

McCrae had died of overwork and disease during the war, but his poem lived on, having brought the poppy to the attention of the world.

A French activist, Madame Anna Guérin (née Anna Alix Boulle), took up the cause to use the flower as an emblem of remembrance. In Canada, there were other groups and individuals who also promoted the poppy as an object of commemoration, especially the women who formed the patriotic Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire.

Seeking a wearable symbol of commemoration, the Great War Veterans Association (GWVA) adopted the poppy in 1921 at their convention at Port Arthur, Ont. (now Thunder Bay). Some wore hand-crafted poppies that year on Armistice Day, which had first been established in 1919 to mark the British Empire's terrible losses.

Despite periodic opposition to the poppy as a "weed" and grumblings by some that it was a "pagan flower" linked to opium, it quickly became an established symbol of remembrance. The GWVA set up a number of factories in 1923 in which disabled veterans worked to mass-produce silk poppies that would be sold to Canadians. These Vetcraft centres were fully supported and later expanded when many of the veterans' organizations – including the GWVA – came together in 1925 to form the Canadian Legion.

The Legion had several high-profile scuffles with manufacturers across the country throughout the 1920s over the right to manufacture the poppies. Veterans argued that these private companies took away jobs from disabled veterans and funds away from the war's survivors. The Legion's Vetcraft factories eventually became the sole producers of the poppy. The revenue aided veterans in need, including purchasing food, fuel, and providing shelters for indigent men in the 1920s as the war was left behind by many Canadians, but remained raw for veterans.

In 1931, after years of debate, Armistice Day was officially renamed Remembrance Day, to be marked each year on Nov. 11 (where in the past it had been a floating day on the second Monday of each November). The changing of the name was a sign that the day of commemoration was observing a war that had moved from victory to remembrance. The poppy was fully intertwined with Remembrance Day, and, in November, 1933, some two million poppies were sold to Canadians, about one for every five Canadians.

Remembrance Day and the poppy were further enmeshed with other debates in society, and both the day and the flower drew attention to the many veterans who suffered during the Depression from 1929 through much of the 1930s. Those locust-infested years led to widespread misery, with about a third of Canadians out of work during the worst of the Depression. Veterans suffering from what we would now call post-traumatic stress disorder were among the first fired and the last rehired.

From 1939 to 1945, the poppy was both a sign of remembrance connected to those who never returned from the Great War, and also for the 1.1 million Canadians who would eventually serve in uniform against the Nazis and other fascists, with some 45,000 Canadians killed in service and another 55,000 were wounded during the war.

By the 1950s, it was common for businesses to allow for the distribution of poppies in their stores and from mid-decade more than five million poppies were worn by Canadians on Remembrance Day. The Canadian poppies in 1955 were redesigned to be more durable, with a richer red and a finished paper, as opposed to those previous flowers that tended to be cotton or silk and often curled at the corners. Many were worn by a new generation of veterans who had served in the Korean War from 1950 to 1953, during which time more than 500 Canadians were killed.

The poppy continued to be worn by Canadians in the 1960s, but a new generation was increasingly pushing back against their parents and the ideals for which they stood. The emergence of a vibrant youth culture, changing social and cultural mores, and the stronger anti-war sentiment driven by the war in Vietnam, led to more questioning of all things related to war, even commemoration. Remembrance Day faded in relevance.

Veterans of the two world wars and Korea, while never a monolithic group with uniform ideas, were distressed by the diminished place of Remembrance Day throughout the 1960s. The poppy continued to be worn, however, with almost seven million distributed in 1963, but there was a noticeable drop in attendance at Remembrance Day ceremonies during that turbulent decade.

The 1990s witnessed a renewed interest by Canadians in their military history and greater numbers gathered together on Nov. 11 across the country, many spurred on by the important 50th anniversary commemorations of the Second World War in 1994 and 1995. For others, the near loss of the country in the 1995 Quebec Referendum had shaken many to reflect on what held the country together, with some believing that a better understanding of the country's shared history contributed to unity.

With the 9/11 attacks and the war in Afghanistan, the poppy remained a symbol of remembrance and commemoration. Two decades into the 21st century, the poppy continues in its quiet mission of raising funds for those who served and for community programs, and in a visible display of remembrance.

The poppy has been worn for over 100 years, through times of war and unsteady peace, from the aftermath of the influenza epidemic from 1918 to 1920 that killed approximately 55,000 Canadians to the current COVID pandemic, which has killed more than half that number.

The poppy has always been tethered to those Canadians who served and sacrificed, to acts of violence and heroism, and as a symbol of commemoration and observation. It is a flower infused with tears for loved ones long gone and sadness for humanity's flaws that lead to war.

While the poppy is worn in many parts of the world, its story, spooled out over 100 years, is very much connected to Canada's history, of generations past and present. We'd do well to remember that.



### REMINDER

### April 1st, 2024 marks the 100th anniversary of the Royal Canadian Air Force

There are special fundraising initiatives and celebrations from national level being planned.

Follow 427 (London) Wing on Facebook for updates. There is remarkable history to celebrate and many great veterans to remember, along with wonderful aircraft. A century of service and achievement.



**THURSDAYS AT 1:00 p.m. Starting September 14** 427 (London) Wing RCAF Association 2155 Crumlin Road (north of Airport)

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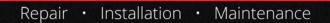
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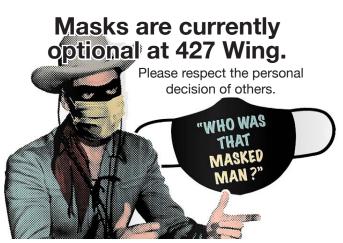
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### **#3 Striker Air Cadets take to the skies!** by Captain S. Redfearn

This past summer, two local Strathroy area Air Cadets had the opportunity to take to the skies. Seventeen-year-old Cadet Warrant Officer Second Class (WOII) Ethan Redfearn and eighteen-year-old WOII Fredrick Wielinga were selected to attend the Power Pilot Training Program in Steinbach, Manitoba and St. Jean, Quebec, respectively.

After seven weeks of intense training in both the classroom and the cockpit, Ethan and Fredrick earned their wings and are now licensed through Transport Canada to fly singleengine powered aircraft.

The cadets were selected following successful completion of ground school, consideration of their cadet achievements and activities, school academic record, and an interview with representatives from the Regional Cadet Support Unit of the Canadian Armed Forces and Air Cadet League of Ontario.

In other cadet news, WOII Lily Beaudoin participated in a threeweek Air Rifle Marksmanship Instructor (ARMI) course at Connaught Cadet Training Centre. During her graduation ceremony, Lily received the Ontario Division Best Air Cadet ARMI Award. Sergeant Ashton Webb and Sergeant Carter Wielinga participated in the Advanced Aviation course at Blackdown Cadet Training Centre, located at CFB Borden.

All five cades are from #3 Striker Air Cadet Squadron. We are so proud of the achievements of these young people and how they represented both Air Cadets and the Strathroy community.

Air Cadets provide youth from 12 to 18 years old with a free program that involves training and opportunities to experience various subjects such as aviation, leadership, citizenship, physical fitness, music, survival, and marksmanship.

You are invited to attend our meetings at West Middlesex Memorial Centre on Tuesday evenings between 6:30 to 9:00 pm. For more information about Air Cadets in Strathroy, visit their website: sites.google.com/site/striker3cadets.





WOII Ethan Redfearn recieves his power wings Photo credit: Sarah Redfearn

WOII Fredrick Wielinga is presented with his power wings Photo credit: Jeanette Wielinga



WOII Ethan Redfearn after his first solo July 11 Photo credit: Dylan Penner



WOII Fredrick Wielinga after his first solo July 12 Photo credit: Jadon Tsai

### **Benefits Payment Calendar 2023**

Below are dates for recurring Government of Canada benefit payments administered by Canada Revenue Agency. If you signed for direct deposit, payments will be made to your bank account.

CANADA PENSION AND OLD AGE SUPPLEMENT and GUARANTEED INCOME SUPPLEMENT January 27, February 24, March 29, April 26, May 29, June 28,

July 27, August 29, September 27, October 27, November 28, December 20

GST / HST CREDIT: January 5, April 5, July 5, October 5

ONTARIO TRILLIUM: January 10, February 10, March 10, April 6, May 10, June 9, July 10, August 10, September 8, October 10, November 10, December 8,

VETERAN DISABILITY CREDIT: January 30, February 27, March 30, April 27, May 30, June 29, July 28, August 30,September 28, October 30, November 29, December 21

CLIMATE ACTION INCENTIVE: January 13, April 14, July 14, October 13

# BIRTHDAY BRATS

### NOVEMBER HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES

Al Horton, Brad Keeler, Lindsay Mathyssen, Mike Meade, Jack Pettit, Carolyn Ridley, Al Szawara, Marilyn Turner, and Charlie Weir

### **DECEMBER HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES**

Joanne Banyard, Linda Brimson, Len Fallowfield, John Funston, Howard Johnston, Rob Leroy, Keith Mathyssen, Wenjun Song, Ann Smith, and Mike Watts

"The older the fiddler, the sweeter the tune." -English Proverb



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### LONDON LINK SUBMISSION DEADLINES:

January/February: December 18th • March/April: February 15th. May/June: April 17th • July/August: June17th. September/October: August 18th • November/December: October 18th.

Please forward any articles that you consider of value to the Wing members and we will do our best to get it to print. Sometimes submissions are of such a size that we then make them a two, or three part series.

Looking forward to hearing from you and sharing your photos, stories etc with our members. (For good reproduction at reasonable size, photos should be fairly high resolution)

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### **Membership Report for November and December 2023**

### by Chuck Hardy

We welcome new members Ruth Dahl and Joe DiPietro.

After the snowball draw on October 6th a spirited impromptu discussion took place with many members and guests participating. Topics such as promoting the Wing, new and varied activities, recruiting new members, and fundraising made for an interesting session. Judy talked about the updated pamphlet she recently completed as a good way to introduce people to the Wing. A number of members were unaware of the pamphlet. They will be placed on the tables.

It was suggested that more of these sessions take place.

Attendance at General meetings is low. Please encourage your fellow members to attend. Meetings will be promoted well before the scheduled date.

Guest speakers from time to time? Your thoughts are most welcome. Please speak to any member of the Board.

If you move, change your email address, please advise so that we can keep the records current.

See you in the next edition of your great newsletter – THE LONDON LINK.

THE VERY BEST OF THE FESTIVE SEASON TO YOU ALL

### NOTES FROM THE BOARD

by Chuck Hardy for the Wing Board of Directors

New Board members are Lee Cassar and Jim Donnelly.

Linda Brimson our Chairperson has resigned from the Board. She will continue as a member. We thank Linda for all the dedicated time she spent on projects for the betterment of the Wing. Linda was the contact Board member for London Doors Open. She prepared grant applications. Most recently her submission for a vertical lift was granted by the federal government. She arranged Zoom meetings and as Chairperson, listened to all in attendance at meetings. She valued and thanked those who participated in discussions and Board decisions were made based on the valued input of members in attendance.

The Wing is in a period of transition with the aim of offering more activities and to be open to members and guests seven days a week.

We encourage members to attend General Meetings. Without your attendance and support, major projects, governance and financial matters cannot be passed and put into motion.

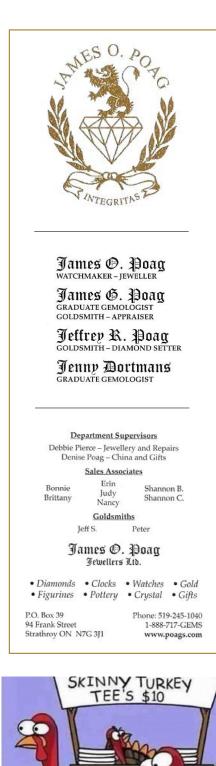
We need members to suggest ways that will help the Wing prosper. Please speak with a Board member with your ideas.

New members who can help the Wing move forward over the coming years is an area of paramount importance.

People will volunteer and join community organizations if they see that their ideas are welcome.

The Wing needs to recognize the contributions made by members. That has not been done in recent years.

With this edition of the Link being the last for 2023, we wish all readers of the Link, the very best of the Festive Season.



# NOVEMBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 LARC	3 LUNCH	4 LARC
5 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS	6	7	8 BCC	9 WOODTURN- ERS	10 LUNCH	11 REMEM- BRANCE DAY LARC
12	13	14 LMAC	15	16	17 LUNCH	18 LARC
19	20	21	22	23	24 LUNCH	25 LARC
26	27	28	29	30		

# **DECEMBER 2023**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 LUNCH	2 LARC
3	4	5	6	7 LARC XMAS PARTY	8 LUNCH	9 LARC EXAM
10	11	12 LMAC	13 BCC XMAS PARTY	14 WOODTURN- ERS	<sup>15</sup> WING XMAS LUNCH	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26 BOXING DAY	27	28	29	30
31	Future	Events: Heritage	Fair February 1	oth. 2024	.1	erry_

AGM: Annual General Meeting BCC: British Car Club GM: General Meeting LVRC: London Vintage Radio Club RAA: Recreational Aircraft Association WD: The Women's Division LARC: London Amateur Radio Club DFC: Diamond Flight Centre WT: Woodturners



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