

Secretary's report

This has been a truly difficult time for many charities across the country, we to have felt the pinch in a minor way.

I was hoping to tell you that the fuselage was finished but this is not the case due to funding constrictions.

We found ourselves in the position of having to pay 4K to Airframe Assemblies for work that they had carried out and over the past 8 months we have whittled it down to £1500 and we are just about to pay off a further £500. Once the final 1K has all been cleared, then we are in a position to approach Dave Brocklehurst MBE of the Battle of Britain Museum Trust for some funding.

We have been in discussion with Steve Vizard, who is prepared to let us have some of the recovered parts from P6966 to make up an exhibit of the Whirlwind at the Museum, once the fuselage is complete that will join the museum and work on the cockpit section will be able to begin.

This year saw us run a Summer Raffle and a gofundme campaign.

The raffle realised £410 with the only outlay being the raffle tickets at £38.

The main prize was donated to the raffle.

The gofundme campaign raised just over £1k.

We will be starting our Xmas raffle which will feature a guided tour of the Battle of Britain Museum Trust at Hawkinge and a chance to sit in the Heinkel 111 which is now on show there. There may also be Whirlwind prints as second and third prizes but that's up for discussion.

Chris.