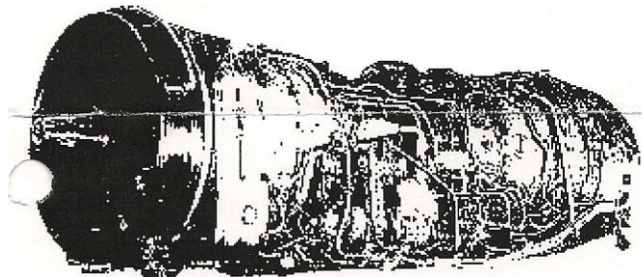


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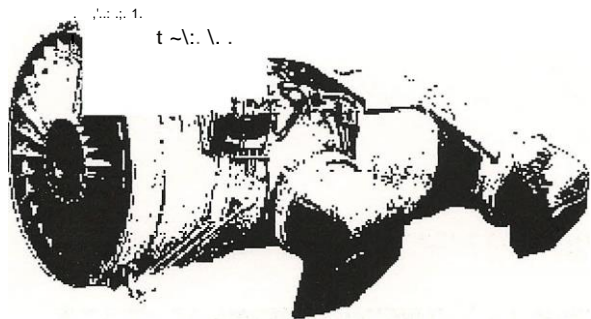
A goodly gathering of ex D.G.Eng. reprobates assembled in the HERCULES PILLARS watering hole in London on Friday 22 Jan 99 to celebrate the New Year and get an update on friends'/colleagues' news (some new and some repeats) We thank Ted Woodgate for a job well done again and hope that he will continue in the role of chief co-ordinator for this assembly. Despite Ted's 12 months notice to the Landlord for a private room, the attendance of 50 persons had to squeeze into the saloon bar of this establishment, prompting calls for a private room next time. This is in hand by Ted but he would appreciate having any further views from you on venue, times etc.



Ted thanks everyone* who contributed to his postage expenses and hopes to keep a tight reign on the budget. He urges you to use his FAX for communication or leave a message on his answerphone if he is not in. (Ted does love a chat so a FAX is probably less expensive!)

We would like to thank:

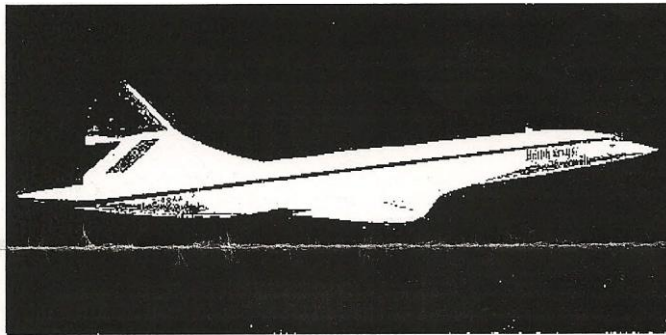
- Everyone who supported the gathering and urge you to enlist others who may have reservations in coming face-to-face with the past.
- In particular we appreciate that some people travel a fair distance to the venue e.g. Bristol, Sherborne/Dorset.
- It was good to see some of our 'younger' colleagues from Wyton and to know that they have not lost their sense of humour in working so long with the RAF. (The 'twitch' is noticeable though). Only 8 more months Ken!
- Sue Jaques for all her work co-ordinating the London end and dlstnbuing the letters.



We wish:

- Jim Blewitt everything he desires in his new abode - a convenient half way house to the seaside?

- Jim French good luck with his attempt at single figures for his golf handicap. Never in a million years, Mel will get there first!
- Max Holland well in his many business ventures, working toward the 3rd million'
- Colin Hockenhill continuing good health and completion of his attempt to walk the rest of the Pennine Way. Piece of cake!



Everyone is invited to John Stephens narrow boat regatta in London Limehouse later this year - Details to be advised in due course. We are advised that Chris Beere stated categorically that he now has less time to garden than when he was travelling to Wyton. Work that one out!

Did you hear the one about a recent retiree who invested part of his lump sum on a single company PEP through the highly recommended PERPETUAL Management Ltd? They bought him Rolls-Royce shares at a 1998 high! Still at a very low figure!

There were a number of apologies for absence. We do however anticipate their attendance next time. They know who they are!



* Eric Driver, Peter Kimbal, Jolm Stephens, Malcolm Hurry, Jo Doyle, Roy Judd, Dave May, Frank Firth, Brian Barge, John Lang, Roger Jones, Iviii<e Eo ic; fiInFrerrclr;- Max Holland, Graham Bathchelor, Colin Waters, Peter Pearson, Brian Baxendale, Andy Bystra, Mike Cole, Alex Wells, Len Claridge, Bill Bedford, Ken Emmings, Keith Walker, Bill Moschini,

Jackie Chap man, Bill Smith, Sue Jaques, Chris Beere. One Other. Also Mike Neal for a singularly generous contribution.

PS. Do not forget next year's date; try and bring along one of those missing 'old colleagues'. (The engines & aircraft are easily identified but can you recognise that building?) No? Ted has all the answers - talk to him! !

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