



The Old Fliers Group

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This was the last luncheon for 2024. It has been 20 years since the OFG was formed. Now, 215 meetings later we ponder the future.

Alas, no one has come forward to take over from me. I announced 18 months ago that I was happy to pass on the baton.

Our presenter today was Miles Goldingham. Miles came to me a few months back and said that he had a box full of interesting photos and had stories behind each one. Would they make a PowerPoint presentation? Yes, indeed they would.

Miles is a "natural" speaker with many anecdotes. He spoke about Colditz Castle and Micky Burns, the ever resourceful English POW.

Miles introduced us to many famous people who came across his path by happenstance. People like Barry Humphreys, Roald Dahl and two Captains of the Royal Yacht Britannia. Then there was Dr Stanley Ho, he of four wives and four aircraft. Miles was able to source same day Hong Kong newspapers to Dr Ho in Perth. At the conclusion of Miles' talk, Peter Marshall asked to add his family's story.

A story of his mother who witnessed many bad things in post WW2 Germany.

There were 38 registrations for today's luncheon. About 50 turned up. We still haven't solved the question of catering for those who do not register to attend and yet catering cope.

Next year DFES Manager of Emergency Rescue Helicopter Service, Steven Sartain, has offered to give a talk on his aviation life.

Will Evans, Principal of our Aviation College, has asked if his WAAC students could attend. This would be a great meeting of Old Fliers and students. It is proposed that a Friday 4pm afternoon tea be arranged.

Regards

Steve Rogers.

