

“The JOYSTICK CLUB”

Autumn/ Winter Zoom talks on
Monday's @ 1930hrs

Nov 23rd JSC NIGHT “From Auster to Apache” A History of 656 Squadron Army Air Corps...Bob Thorpe

Bob Thorpe, a new member of the Joystick Club and the West London Aero Club, will deliver a short talk giving you a flavour of Army flying through the history of 656 Squadron Army Air Corps from the early days in India and Burma through Malaya, Hong Kong, Farnborough, Rhodesia, the Falklands, and Bosnia to the modern era in Afghanistan and Libya.

The squadron has the distinction of arguably having more operational hours than any other squadron in the British Armed Forces and over the period it has existed has won 1 DSO, 49 DFC, 4 MC, 9 DFM and numerous Mentions in Dispatches. This is unique and the story is fascinating.

Bob served in 656 Squadron from 1978 through to late 1981 and commanded Scout Flight during Operation Agila in Rhodesia. Bob owns his own aircraft, a Eurostar.

Dec 21st. JSC NIGHT AGM + ZOOM “Rockets at Westcott!”

Bob Westcott WLAC Flyer who works at the previously well known rocket research airfield now designing rocket thrusters for satellites