

Civil Engineers' Club in Northern Ireland

Visit to the Ulster Aviation Society's (UAS) Museum at the Maze Long Kesh, Co Antrim,

16 November 2018

This venue was mooted at our first rejuvenated visit last November (2017).

The society is a charitable organisation that is comprised of a diverse group of enthusiasts, working on a voluntary basis to maintain the diverse aircraft, aviation related artefacts and associated facilities. Their aim is to further public education in the history of aviation. Coincidentally, this is the 50th Anniversary of its first inception in 1968 and, furthermore, they have just been awarded the coveted Queens Award for Voluntary Service (equivalent in status to an MBE).

The heritage collection currently includes 40 aircraft, ranging from vintage WWII fighters through Cold War era fast jets, Shorts-designed & built aircraft, civilian aircraft, plus military helicopters, engines, artefacts and rare aviation reference materials, all with strong links to aviation within the island of Ireland.

A total of 34 had planned to attend but on the day 28 turned up for a well organised and most interesting tour of the twin WW11 hangars. Dividing into four groups, the UAS members who had a wealth of knowledge, gave a most enlightening two-hour tour of the extensive collection.

I was very pleased that our Northern Ireland ICE Chairman Sam Phillips and our immediate past Chairman Philip Brown (who is my link this year with the NI Committee) were both able to attend.

Each one attending contributed £5 each (nominal charge would have been just over £3 each) to the UAS funds.

This proved to be a very successful outing which was much acclaimed by the members, spouses and guests. Most of those attending then retired to the nearby Vic-Ryn restaurant

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