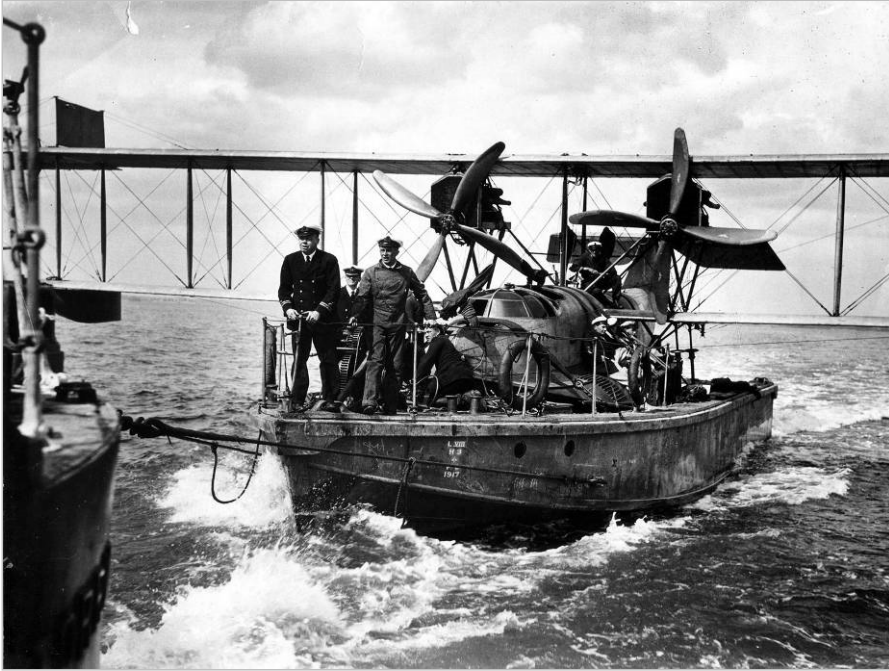


# Arun & Chichester Air Enthusiasts Society

Supporting local causes: SouthDowns Gliding for Juniors and Kent Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance



## AirACES

[www.airaces.org.uk](http://www.airaces.org.uk)

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November

19:00 for 19.30

## ‘The Seaplane Lighter H21’

arguably the World’s first ‘purpose built’ Aircraft Carrying Vessel

by

David Morris

David Morris, curator of the **Royal Navy Fleet Air Arm Museum** at Yeovilton, returns to Air ACES to give another of his superb presentations.

Born from the Royal Navy’s desire and determination to take and operate aircraft effectively at sea, the ‘**Thornycroft Seaplane Lighter**’ is part of the rapid cycle of events and engineering achievements which took place during **WW1**. It culminated in **the aircraft carrier** as we know it today.

In 2018 we saw the launch of the largest ship the British Royal Navy has ever commissioned, the **Aircraft Carrier - Queen Elizabeth**. Also 2018 was the **centenary** year of the first use of a **seaplane lighter** to operate a single **aircraft at sea for military purposes**.

Dave Morris’s presentation will take a look at the development of these craft, along with the **conservation programme** being undertaken on this **last remaining craft of its type** at the Fleet Air Arm Museum.

This presentation will be, very much, picture led, with many previously unpublished images.

*All welcome*

*£3 members / £5 visitors*

**Chichester Park Hotel, Chichester, PO19 7QL**

**Off Madgwick Lane roundabout, 1mile South of Goodwood Aerodrome**