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## **REMEMBRANCE**

We open and close this month's November eDEN with reminders of this month of commemoration – above, the poppy formed by members of **GCHQ** inside their famous 'doughnut' building in Cheltenham; and in **Tailpiece**, a recognition of the 60 years which 89-year old volunteer **Antoon Verschoot** has been sounding the Last Post at the Menin Gate, Ypres.

Those who missed our **Autumn Symposium** missed a truly memorable event, of which **Dick Green** has provided us with a photo-report. I follow with an account of my meeting with **Simon Wheeler**, producers of the BBC TV film '**Castles in the Sky**'. We then turn to World War 1 business, and thanks to our good friend Fred Starr's suggestion, this is the original account of **Major Fuller's** own description of the workings of his **Fullerphone**, with thanks to the IEE – have a good read of the crackling discussion which followed, and Major Fuller's 'through gritted teeth' responses to some observations. DEHS members should note that our own **Dr Liz Bruton** will be lecturing on the **Fullerphone at the Science Museum, London, on November 3<sup>rd</sup>** – go along, support Liz and hear the full fascinating story! Next, and perhaps following last month's 'fashion page' of models posed in the Kent sound locators, **Mike Dean** provides a book review from an unexpected publisher, **Mills & Boon**, these days best known for romantic fiction, but not to be neglected years ago as a source of information on **hydrophones**! Coming up-to-date, we provide information on the **MOD's** latest order for the **F-35**, and **Thales'** launch of **SeeMapper**.

It's diary time, and I draw your attention to 2015 events – first, our **Burns Lecture by GCHQ's Professor Niel Kempson on April 9<sup>th</sup>**, and note particularly my **appeal for you to bring along relevant equipment** for our exhibition! Second, **Arthur Bauer's extremely important ICUE 2015 Workshop on Interpreting and Conserving Unique Electronics**; expressions of interest to Arthur, please. Third, **Dick Green** relates our own progress towards badging our **2015 Autumn Symposium on Air Power and Electronics** as one of the **RAF100 Centenary Events**.

In **Ops Board**, I also draw members' attention to a film – '**The Imitation Game**' where **Benedict Cumberbatch** takes up the role of **Alan Turing**; the film has received considerable critical praise at the Film Festivals where it has premiered, and is based on **Andrew Hodges'** excellent biography, so let us look forward in hope for an evening at the cinema!

As always, suggestions for improvements, offers of articles and all general comments to me at [philjudkins@btinternet.com](mailto:philjudkins@btinternet.com)  
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