



# **e-DEFENCE ELECTRONICS NEWSLETTER**

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*eDEN* this month opens with a letter from **John Kaesehagen** continuing the debate on CV valves – all contributions welcome! – and continues by celebrating two significant lives, first our recently-deceased Past President **Dr Bill Penley**, as remembered by his son **Jonathan Penley**, and then DEHS mainstay for many years, **Colin Latham**, among whose papers I found this record of Colin's life as told to **John Bryant**.

Several queries and member inputs this month serve as the basis for our articles – 80-volt high-cycle RAF aircraft supply questions stimulated the explanation for its origins, as explained by **'Taffy' Bowen**; member **David Fordham's** memories of **GEC's Coventry sites**, stimulated by our Christmas Quiz: **radio aids for air travel, 1947** as seen in a contemporary review; and Marconi's description of their **Marconator** (the *WHAT?* Read the article!). Two further very helpful member contributions related to the Falklands (see last month's *eDEN*), the first from **Michael Yeates**, with an account of the **Sea King AEW version and Project LAST**; and, in *Tailpiece*, identification by **Ken Brooks** of the mystery **Eddystone** receiver seen by your Editor in the **Port Stanley museum**. Our 2016 Accounts and our Publications List once again complete the mix.

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

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