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Cyril Mannion is a former airline captain who is currently a guest lecturer specialising in aviation subjects.

In his lectures about life as an airline captain, he aims to demystify what happens on the flight deck of a modern airliner. His talks are focused on the human aspects; he avoids technical jargon and speaks in a light hearted, informative and entertaining way.

He is in regular demand as a guest speaker at U3A Aviation groups, Women's Institutes, Rotary Clubs, Probus Clubs and Ladies Clubs. He is a member and former President of Thamesdown Speakers Club and an Associate member of the Professional Speakers Association.

There is a high demand for his current series of lecture topics:

1. **A Captain at work: The human aspects of airline command.** Everything you wanted to know about what goes on forward of the flight deck door.
2. **Why Charles Lindbergh was not the first: Crossing the Atlantic by Vickers Vimy.** The story of Alcock and Brown's first direct trans-Atlantic flight in June 1919.
3. **The evolution of the Tornado aircraft.** The history of why and how the airplane came into service.
4. **From Routine to Abnormal in the blink of an eye.** Stories of accidents and incidents in airplanes highlighting the exceptional skill and outstanding airmanship, which prevented them turning into major disasters.
5. **How do we fly from Heathrow to Mumbai?** A look at the technical aspects of flying a routine airline flightdemystified for non-technical audiences.
6. **How can we take to the skies?** A behind the scenes look at the training of airline pilots.
7. **Why Concorde was put down.** (Under preparation ready for Autumn 15)

Cyril's aviation career spanned 42 years during which he has flown in a wide variety of airplanes and roles. His career began as a navigator on Canberra and later on Hercules aircraft. Soon after his 31st birthday, he retrained to be a pilot and flew Tornado fighters and completed his RAF career as a flying instructor on the Tornado.

As a UK based commercial pilot, Cyril flew with British Airways on long haul routes in Boeing 747 and 777 airplanes. He was a trainer on the Command Development Course for newly promoted airline captains focusing on the non-technical command responsibilities.

He retired from flying in 2010 after working for three years as a captain of Boeing 777s with the Indian airline Jet Airways.

Latest Testimonial -15th April 2015:

"Congratulations for the really professional and entertaining talk you gave for us today at Blunsdon House Hotel. It is a great pleasure to listen to a talk given by someone who has such an 'in depth' knowledge and experience of the subject matter.

The tale of Bill Perrins' 'dice with death' was fascinating.

Many thanks,

Jim Wood (Secretary Thamesdown Probus Club)"

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