

RETIREMENT CLUB NEWSLETTER

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MARCH WALK - Keith Rose



21 walkers assembled at the Cowpers Oak public house in Weston Underwood for our March walk on a pleasant day. Heading up Wood Lane, we turned off onto a footpath heading West which is part of the Milton Keynes Boundary Walk. We crossed a couple of paddocks then the path continued diagonally across two arable fields. Thankfully, because of the dry winter, there was no mud and the going was easy. We then dropped down into Ravenstone where we took the long route round the village. The first obstacle was a gate that had been fitted with two steps to also serve as a stile, but a third step would have been appreciated. Following a path out across the play area we crossed an ordinary stile, a pasture and another stile and returned to the village down Bay Lane. Passing All Saints church, we headed up the appropriately named North End until the tarmac finished, then around Hangers Spinney to join a permissive path along the disused railway track of the old Bedford to Northampton line, closed in 1964.. We avoided the steep official access to the railway track choosing instead to follow the field boundary for another 200m. After passing a snowdrop wood, we joined a lane to return to Weston Underwood where we paused by the 17th century gateway known as "The Knobs" for a photograph.

APRIL WALK - Wednesday 8th April 2015

Mike Lock will lead this walk which starts from The Polhill Arms, Wilden Road, Renhold, Bedford MK41 0JP.

Please meet at the usual time of 10.15 am for a 10.30 start.

One Hundred Years of Aviation March 1915

3rd In Washington DC the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA) has been set up today to study problems relating to flight.

4th Today the American Congress has passed a funding of \$300,000 for army aviation in 1916.

5th The Zeppelin LZ33 (L8) crashed today near Ostend after being hit by gunfire over Nieuport during a mission to attack England.

7th German Zeppelins today raided Paris and its suburbs.

10th "A solid line of cotton wool" is how the British bombardment looked to army flyers when the attack on the key village of Neuve Chapell began today. Major Blacker said "the infantry advance was like ants across a billiard table".

12th RFC pilots have been taking photographs of enemy trenches. The observer grips the plate camera by straps as he leans over the side of the aeroplane. Six plates are taken, each one changed by hand, on landing, the plates are taken to Moore-Brabazon's office where they are developed.

Today RFC pilots have bombed German supply lines, Captain E L Conran and Major J M Salmon of No 3 Squadron dived to 100 feet above a command post at Fournes dropping bombs by hand. Captain G I Carmichael of No 5 Squadron blew up a railway junction, and Captain L A Strange of No 6 Squadron dropped three bombs on a stationary train at Courtrai, Belgium. As he turned to watch the result of his bombing, he almost collided with telegraph poles.

13th Two crews from No 1 Squadron newly arrived from England with BE8s and Avros, have today bombed railways near Douai. One pilot Lt O M Moullin, crashed and is thought to have been taken prisoner.

14th Today at San Francisco USA the renowned stunt pilot Lincoln Beachey, attempted a power dive from 3500 feet before a crowd of some 50,000 spectators at the Panama-Pacific Exhibition, unfortunately he died when the wings of his monoplane broke off and he fell 2500 feet into the sea.

31st Today, probably the first helicopter test from water has taken place on Lake Cercey, France. This is the work of Frenchmen Papin and Rouilly, the pressure-jet machine has a single hollow rotor blade that is driven by air produced by an 80 hp (59.7kw) Le Rhone engine- driven fan. Unfortunately in the trials it oscillates and sinks.

ANNUAL LUNCH - Wednesday 22 April 2015

The menu and booking form are at the end of this newsletter. Please return the form to Trevor Tumber by Friday 10th April.

SENIORS MEETING

There will be a meeting at the Horse and Groom Public House in Clapham on Monday 13th April at 19:30. Contact: Tony Dickason, 01234 824741, g0ekd@uwclub.net

RAeS LECTURE - 8th April 2015

"Horseless carriage to Helicopters" by J Graham, Westland Augusta. ARA. 6.30 for 7:00pm

FORTHCOMING EVENTS	
Wednesday 8th April, 10:15	April Walk. The Polhill Arms, Wilden Road, Renhold, Bedford MK41 0JP.
Wednesday 8th April, 18:30	"Horseless carriage to Helicopters" by J Graham at ARA
Monday 13th April, 19:30	Seniors Meeting, Horse and Groom PH, Clapham
Wednesday 22nd April	Annual Lunch, Queens Head, Milton Ernest

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ARA Retirement Club

Annual Luncheon

The Queens Head Hotel

Milton Ernest

Wednesday 22nd April 2015

Meet at 12.30pm for 1.00pm Lunch

Menu

Mains

- M1 Beef & Ale Pie** - British beef & Old Speckled Hen ale pie, with mashed potato, braised red cabbage, honey-&-thyme-roasted parsnips and curly kale, served with a rich gravy. **£9.59**
- M2 Beef Lasagne** – with a dressed salad Garnish, seasoned chips. **£8.29**
- M3 Smokey Bean Chilli (V)** – with rice, tortilla chips and sour cream. **£6.99**
- M4 Hunter's Chicken** – topped with Barber's 1833 Vintage Reserve Cheddar, smoked bacon and BBQ sauce, with chips and peas. **£9.29**
- M5 Bangers & Mash** – Gloucestershire Old Spot pork sausages with mashed potato and caramelised red onion gravy. **£7.99**

Desserts

- D1 Sticky Toffee Pudding (V)** – with Clotted cream and toffee sauce. **£4.79**
- D2 Bramley Apple Pie (V)** – with creamy Drambuie custard. **£4.29**
- D3 Black Forest gateaux (V)** – with a cherry compote. **£4.79**
- D4 Luxury Dairy Ice Cream (V)** – your choice of three scoops of the following flavours:-
Clotted cream, Chocolate, Maple & Walnut. **£4.49**

Tea /Coffee £1.95

The 2015 ARC Luncheon

This year we have made arrangements for a Luncheon to be held at
The Queens Head Hotel, Milton Ernest
on Wednesday 22nd April, 12.30pm for 1.00pm
Prices as per menu.

The Luncheon will be followed by a short A.G.M., so please come along and support it.
 Complete the booking form below with your choice of main course and dessert, do not forget to delete the Tea/ Coffee option if not required, and do this for each member of your party. Your choices will be repeated on 'place/reminder cards'. Enter the prices (see Menu) and write a cheque for the total.
 If you have any special dietary requirements please give the details on the form.
 The Booking form is to be returned, with a cheque payable to the 'ARA Retirement Club', to :-

T G Tumber, 16 Silver End Road, Haynes, Bedford. MK 45 3PP
 If you have any queries tel: 01234 381466 or email tandc.tumber@gmail.com

Please return your booking as soon as possible but no later than Friday 10th April

Luncheon Booking Form/Menu Choices

Name: Contact Tel. N^o.

Name	Main					Dessert				T/C	Total
	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	D1	D2	D3	D4		
Price										£1.95	
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Please tick your choices and enter the prices and total

Special Dietary Requirements:

Cheque No. enclosed to the value £.....

Seating Request.....

Note: Cheques are to be made payable to 'ARA Retirement Club'