

RETIREMENT CLUB NEWSLETTER

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October Walk - Keith Rose



Unfortunately, Ron Stone who had been scheduled to lead us had been advised to avoid strenuous exercise so Keith volunteered to take his place. We wish Ron well and hope to see him again soon.

Seventeen walkers and one non-walker met at the Fox and Hounds pub in Clapham on a dry but rather dull day for the October walk to the old Twinwoods airfield. We started off in the opposite direction along Oakley Road and quickly dived into the relatively new housing estate behind the pub so as to avoid walking along the A6. Leaving the houses as soon as we could, we walked along a green corridor between the houses and farmland and beneath the pylons which supplied electricity to the old RAE wind tunnels. Passing quickly through the housing estate again, we then crossed the A6 and walked behind the houses of Tinsley Close to reach a footpath taking us beside fields towards Twinwoods airfield. Crossing Duke Drive we headed towards Twin Wood and paused for a photograph with panoramic views over Clapham and towards ARA. We then found a large solar farm on our left, guarded over by a large peaceful flock of sheep. We turned left up The Baulk towards the airfield. Luckily for us, Bedfordia Farms had not yet ploughed the remaining stubble from the wheat crop, so the cross-field path was easy walking. We followed the edge of the airfield South-East before crossing the stubble again to get to Bedford and County golf course. We passed their small pavilion selling refreshments which happens to be a popular stopping point for Nordic walkers and followed Green Lane downhill, passing the clubhouse. At the junction with The Baulk we met our first kissing gate on the footpath taking us across the back of Church Farm, the playing fields, the allotments and then back to the Fox and Hounds

November Walk - Bruce Price

The next walk will be on Wednesday 8th November and will start from the Star and Garter public house, High Street, Silsoe, MK45 4DR. Please meet at the usual time of 10:15am for a 10:30 start.

Bonfire Night Thursday 2nd November 2017

ARA Sports and Social Club invite retirees to join them for Food and Fireworks on Thursday 2nd November. Gates open at 6pm, display at 7pm. Glowsticks available to purchase. Tickets (including one food item and a hot drink): adults £8, under 12s £4, under 4s free, from ARA S&SC, clubhousebookings@ara.co.uk No sparklers permitted. No refunds given. Please park in Manton Lane.

RAeS Bedford Branch Meetings.

Wednesday 8th November 2017

Lights, Camera, Data - optical measurement techniques for the modern wind-tunnel -
Neil Stokes - Aircraft Research Association

FORTHCOMING EVENTS	
Thursday 2 nd November 18:00	Food and Fireworks, ARA
Wednesday 8 November 2017, 10:15	Silsoe walk
Wednesday 8 November 2017, 19:00	RAES Meeting - Lights, Camera, Data - Neil Stokes - ARA

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