
ARA RETIREMENT CLUB ANNUAL NEWSLETTER

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Letter from the Chairman

Dear Member,

Another year has passed and I hope yours was both memorable and enjoyable. The ARC committee were fortunate to meet with quite a few of you who came along to the events we ran. The monthly walks were well supported with up to 20 walkers attending. Fortunately the walk in March was the only "wet walk" for the year. The annual lunch, followed by the AGM were also well attended. Chris Lock resigned from the Committee and was replaced by Ebb Smith. Many thanks to Chris for her sterling work as the ARC Secretary over the years.



In June there was a visit to the Ampthill Brewhouse, a micro-brewery, where thirteen of us enjoyed a wonderful talk plus generous (unlimited) samples of all the brews available. The final event organised was a visit to Chester Farm in July. Chester Farm is the most important archaeological site in the UK, with evidence that it has been used during the Palaeolithic, Neolithic, Iron Age, Roman and Saxon Periods.

This year the Committee has planned five exciting events for you: a visit to the Bedford Planetarium, the Annual Lunch/AGM, a visit to the Military Intelligence Museum in Chicksands, Marylyn and Ray's Garden Party and finally a tour of the Panacea Society Museum and grounds. Full details are given below. We do hope you come to some if not all of these events. It's great to have your support and we all so enjoy having the opportunity to catch up with old friends.



The Committee and I wish you all a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Bruce Price

Planned Events for 2017

Date	Event	Time	Venue	Information & ARC Organiser Contact Details
Thursday 23 rd February	Visit to Bedford Planetarium	7.30pm	Bedford School Observatory Meet at the School gate, Pemberley Ave Bedford MK40 2LD (SatNav)	A maximum of 19 people can be accommodated for this free visit. It is likely to prove very popular so please contact Bruce Price on 01234 407255 or email baw.price@ntlworld.com to book your place. It is recommended that visitors read the Guide prior to the visit. This can be downloaded from http://www.bedfordschool.org.uk/Observatory-Planetarium and clicking on 'Guide for Observatory Visits'.
Thursday 20 th April	Annual Lunch & AGM	12.30pm for 1pm start	The Woodlands Manor, Clapham	The price will include two courses. Menu and prices to be announced, with a choices form, in a later newsletter in the New Year. In the meantime, please contact Trevor Tumber on 01234 381466 or tandc.tumber@gmail.com for any further information.
Wed 17 th May	Visit to the Military Intelligence Museum, Chicksands	1.30pm - 3.30pm	The Military Intelligence Museum Building 200 Chicksands, SG17 5PR (SatNav SG17 5QB)	http://www.militaryintelligencemuseum.org/ Entry is free but the museum accepts donations. We have provisionally booked for 20 people. Photographic identification will be required on the day of the visit with Name, Nationality, Passport No/Photographic Driving Licence No. and Transport details (Car Reg, make, model and colour) provided in advance. Further information will be provided in the monthly newsletters but you can contact Ebb Smith from now onwards to reserve your place: phone 01234 262747 or email ebb.smith@ntlworld.com
Tuesday 4 th July	Marylyn and Ray's Garden Party	2.30pm - 5.30pm	5 Sandringham Close, Rushden, NN10 9ER	Cream teas will be available at £5 per person. There will also be a plant stall. This is a fundraising event for Marie Curie. Please contact Marylyn Wood on 01933 353517 or malray@talk21.com for further information.
Thursday 21 st Sept	Visit to the Panacea Society Museum, Bedford	6.30pm - 8.30pm	The Panacea Society Museum 9 Newnham Road, Bedford, MK40 3NX	http://panaceatrust.org/the-panacea-museum/ Group visits to the Panacea Museum are free of charge and a tour of the whole campus usually takes around 1.5 hours. There is a provisional booking for a group of 20 persons. Please contact Ebb Smith 01234 262747 or ebb.smith@ntlworld.com to book your place.

Reminders and updates for all these exciting events will be included in the monthly newsletters. Do look out for them all and get your places reserved early.

Informal Gatherings

Tony Dickason has planned a number of informal seniors evenings during 2017: Monday April 3rd, Monday July 3rd, Monday October 2nd, Monday December TBD. Time: 7.30pm, Venue: The Clapham Club, 59 High Street, Bedford, MK41 6AG. All are warmly invited to attend. These evenings are always well supported and there is much laughter and reminiscing. For further information please contact Tony Dickason 01234 824741.

Walk Dates and Leaders

These are held on the second Wednesday of the month, meeting at 10.15am for a 10.30am start.

Date	Walk Leader	Contact	Date	Walk Leader	Contact
Jan 11 th	Roger Taylor	01234 407346	July 12 th	Mike Lock	01234 353779
Feb 8 th	Russell Packwood	01234 771359	August	No walk	
March 8 th	Keith Rose	01234 781448	September 13 th	Ian Howard	01234 823928
April 12 th	Trevor Turvey	01234 824367	October 11 th	Ron Stone	01933 460887
May 10 th	Keith Rose	01234 781448	November 8 th	Bruce Price	01234 407255
June 14 th	Dave Thomas	01234 301491	December	No walk	

Bedford Branch Royal Aeronautical Society 2017

These lectures take place on the second Wednesday of the month. All have a 7pm start unless otherwise indicated.

* *Marked lectures will be preceded by a buffet.*

Date	Venue	Lecture	Speaker
11th January*	ARA Clubhouse	Automated Vehicles in Shared Spaces <i>Joint lecture with Bedford Civil Engineering Society</i>	Rebecca Advani <i>Transport Systems Catapult</i>
8th February*	ARA Clubhouse	Space Rider <i>Sponsored by Lockheed Martin</i>	Alex Godfrey <i>Lockheed Martin UK</i>
8th March*	ARA Clubhouse	E-fan – The New Way to Fly <i>The Sir John Charnley Lecture sponsored by ARA</i>	Nicolas Fouquet <i>Airbus Group Innovations</i>
12th April	ARA Clubhouse	AGM followed by Turbine Blade Technology Evolution in Gas Turbines	Stefan Wagner <i>Rolls Royce plc</i>
10th May N.B. 6pm	Cranfield University Rm LR29 Building 122, College Rd, Cranfield MK43 0AL	The Icarus Project <i>Joint with Cranfield University Branch</i>	Dr Angelo Niko Grubišić <i>University of Southampton</i>

There is a charge of £10 for Branch Annual Membership; visitors are welcome at a charge of £2 per meeting. RAeS members and students are free. Please Contact Marylyn Wood 01933 353517 or malray@talk21.com for any additional information. Further dates in 2017 will be published in the monthly newsletter or visit <http://aerosociety.com/events>

Obituaries

We are very sorry to inform you that the following ARA Pensioners have died during 2016: Pete Dancer, Bill Hirst, Alan Hughes, Peter Marsden, Kanti Paliwal and Rob Porter. Whilst not pensioners we are sure that many will remember Gary Johnson and Martin Lambourne who sadly also passed away this year.

ARA Website: The URL to the ARC newsletters is at <http://www.ara.co.uk/about-ara/people/retirement-club/> or go to www.ara.co.uk, click [About ARA](#), then click [People](#), then [Retirement Club](#).

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