

RETIREMENT CLUB NEWSLETTER

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April Walk - Trevor and Christine Turvey



On an overcast morning nineteen walkers set off from The Bedford Arms, Souldrop for a 5.2 mile walk. An additional four people joined us later for the meal.

We exited right out of the car park, up the High Street towards the triangular village green, turned left into Back Lane and then walked to a point where there's a farm entry forking off left. Immediately ahead we entered the undulating Gulliver's Spinney, a mix of mature and relatively recent tree planting which is now managed by the Woodland Trust. We emerged onto Back Lane again, adjacent to a bridge over the railway which we crossed and within a few metres turned left through a hedge opening. Following the field boundary we had views of Souldrop church before we entered a belt of trees which runs parallel to the railway. Here we turned right onto the woodland path, noticing the primroses and bluebells, before we emerged onto a road with a dwelling opposite. Turning left this minor road brought us to a 4-way crossing with houses adjacent.

We went ahead and shortly followed the road as it curved left taking us to a junction near Barwick Spinney with a barn complex on our left; all the minor roads in this area are on the Unilever estate and are almost traffic-free. At this point we went right on another road which passes by Barwick Wood, where we had a group photo, and continued towards the corner of Brownage Wood. A sharp right turn and a winding route, with Santa Pod Raceway to our left, then brought us to a tee junction. Turning left at this point the final section of road walking ended at a corner, with some old barns nearby, where we turned right to follow a well-defined field boundary path all the way back to another bridge crossing of the railway. An unusual feature here is that the passenger lines occupy a cutting, whilst in close proximity the freight line passes through a tunnel, above which there's now a nature reserve. Over the bridge and bearing right we followed a waymarked route back towards Souldrop village green.

As we retraced the last few steps back to the pub and our meal we could observe Souldrop village, originally a Danish settlement called Souththorpe which even now has some 16th Century houses.

See: www.krose.plus.com/ARA_walks/ for details of this route and earlier walks - Ed.

May Walk – Keith Rose

This walk will be on Wednesday 10 May, starting from the Cross Keys, 159 High Street, Cranfield, MK43 0JB to visit Marston Thrift, walking beside water, across open fields, through new and ancient woodlands, and hopefully enjoying panoramic views and bluebells. The pub will be offering a selected menu of: Ham, egg and chips; Steak and mushroom pie with mash and vegetables; Ploughman's salad with cheese, ham, pickle and chips; Fish and chips with peas; Chilli and rice and Pasta bolognaise. Please meet at 10:15 ready for a 10:30 start.

Visit to the Military Intelligence Museum, Chicksands - 17 May, 1:30pm - 3:30pm

An afternoon visit for up to 20 of our members has been arranged to this museum which exhibits key elements of the history of British Military Intelligence from the Boer War forwards. Entry is free but donations are accepted.

The museum require visitors to provide photographic identification on the day of the visit. The following details must be supplied in advance:

- Name
- Nationality
- Passport No/Photographic Driving Licence No.
- Transport details (Car Reg, make, model and colour).

Please send these details to Ebb Smith, 07906 780 679, ebb.smith@ntlworld.com

RAES Meeting

Wednesday 10 May 2017 18:00, at Cranfield University

The Icarus Project. Dr Angelo Grubisic, Lecturer of Astronautics, University of Southampton will give this joint lecture between the Cranfield University and Bedford Branches.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS	
Wednesday 10 May 2017 10:15	Monthly walk - Cranfield
Wednesday 10 May 2017 18:00	RAeS Meeting - Cranfield
Wednesday 17 May 2017 13:30	Chicksands visit

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