

# **RETIREMENT CLUB NEWSLETTER**

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## **Errata - Seniors Meeting**

Please note that that date for the first Seniors meeting publicised in the recent annual newsletter is wrong. This meeting will be at 7.30pm on Monday 7th March at the Horse and Groom public house, in Clapham.

## **January Walk - Roger Taylor**



We had good weather for the first walk of 2016. Nineteen walkers, including guest walker Bill Mackay, met at the Dan Albone Car Park, Biggleswade. Starting off north along the banks of the river Ivel, then crossing over the Common to take the kissing gate out to Shortmead Lane to head towards the town. Soon passing Shortmead House, now used for wedding venues. We continue on along Fairfield Road with the Sports Ground on our right, then turn left at Sun Street. Using the pedestrian crossing to enter Fairlands Pathway, to continue along the path through Chapel Fields. When we meet Church Street we have the new Asda Supermarket on our left, which used to be Biggleswade Wells & Winch Brewery. Over the crossing we walk through Abbot's Walk Arcade turning left at the High Street to loop round the Market Square to take the pathway passed The White Hart Inn, to eventually lead us to the Railway Station. Crossing the pedestrian railway bridge we continue on down Station Road to pass the old Regal Cinema (Now a Bingo Hall). We walk down Palace Street, once the home of Weatherley Oil Gear Company, with machine shops, drawing offices etc. Leading us to New Inn Public House for full English breakfasts. After which, we continue our walk to Hitchen Street and Mill Lane. Passing the old Flour Mill, we loop round Franklin's Recreation Ground to then continue on along the banks of the river Ivel, to take us back to the Dan Albone Car Park to complete the walk.

## **February Walk - 10 February 2016**

Russ Packwood and Tony Manning will be leading this walk. Please meet at the usual time of 10.15 for a 10.30am departure from The Fox and Hounds, in Riseley, MK44 1DT. The walk is approx 4.5 miles and some parts could be rather wet if we have further damp conditions.

## **RAeS LECTURE - 13 January 2016**

Bernard Chan, Lockheed Martin, will talk on "Lockheed Martin Ampthill: Past, Present, and Future" at the ARA Social club, 19:00.

## **OBITUARY**

We have received the sad news of the death of Mr John 'Alan' Hughes. Alan commenced working at ARA on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1979 as a Senior Programmer. He retired on 30<sup>th</sup> June 1991.

The funeral service will take place at Bedford Crematorium on the 18<sup>th</sup> February at 15.15hrs.

Family flowers only but donations to Alzheimers Society (Bedfordshire) or Halsway Manor, may be sent c/o Arnolds Funeral Directors, 48 Roff Avenue, MK41 7TE.

We offer our deepest sympathy to all Alan's family.

<b>FORTHCOMING EVENTS</b>	
Wednesday 10th February 2016, 10:15	February Walk, Riseley
Wednesday 10th February 2016, 19:00	RAeS Lecture, ARA Social Club
Monday 7th March 2016, 19:30	Seniors Meeting, Clapham

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