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FEBRUARY WALK – Russ Packwood and Tony Manning



Despite a dire weather forecast for the day of our walk, 15 brave souls turned up at 'The Crown' in Northill ready to brave the elements. We set off and crossed the village road leading to Ickwell and took a short walk down a side road that led us out to a field path heading towards the village of Upper Caldecote. We continued across fields and a short stretch along the B658 before turning right and following the path into the north side of Upper Caldecote. After navigating through the village we rejoined the B658 before turning right onto a long straight field path which offered views of Shuttleworth House and Old Warden airfield. This led us to a more wooded path leading to the picturesque Ickwell Green, where the above photo was taken. Crossing Ickwell Green we continued on the road leading back to Northill, but after some 200-300m there was a option to take a right turn for a more scenic route back via Flitton Scar wood. However, the initial part of this path was across a field where horses were kept and with all the recent rain was **very** muddy. The more adventurous took this route, others preferring the roadway option. Either way we all met up again at 'The Crown' where we felt very pleased that, despite the forecast, we had escaped the rain. This was particularly so as it started to bucket down whilst we enjoyed our well deserved meal.

MARCH WALK

The March walk will be on Wednesday 12 March and be led by Keith Rose. It will start from The Fox at Carlton. Please meet at the usual time of 10:15 for a prompt 10:30 start. The walk crosses several fields so be prepared for mud.

AGM and Social Evening ('Canine Partners')

The AGM will be held on Wednesday, 16th April at the ARA clubhouse at 7.00 for 7.30pm. Following the business meeting that should last for about 20 minutes we have arranged for a talk and demonstration from 'Canine Partners', a charity that trains dogs to help disabled people to retain their independence. This is a very interesting, informative and fun talk so please join us.

Afterwards there will be the usual buffet with food provided by the attendees.

Minutes of the last AGM were published in the May 2013 newsletter.

For any further information please contact Chris Lock, 01234 353779 or email chris.lock24@gmail.com.

John Taylor Bellfoundry Museum and Works Visit

This has now been organised for the 23rd October with the tour due to start at 1.30pm, the cost of the tour is £10. The visit lasts about 1.5 hours and involves a lot of standing and walking over uneven ground so strong shoes must be worn and open toed sandals are prohibited.

Thanks to those of you who have already registered. As places are limited could those of you who may like to go register their interest with Chris Lock (01234 353779 email chris.lock24@gmail.com) as soon as possible so that we have more idea of numbers. There is also a pub nearby and you may like to lunch there before the visit. Bookings are recommended.

One Hundred Years of Aviation March 1914 contributed by John Cherry

10th Today at Farnborough, Mr E.T Busk flew the R.E.1 biplane in very squally weather without pilot control and with the elevators locked in order to test the stability of the machine; although the aeroplane was unbalanced by the gusts, it returned each time to stable flight and landed safely.

30th News just received from St Petersburg, Florida, USA states that those who have not yet booked passage on the St Petersburg to Tamper Airboat Line need no longer apply, as the three-month old airline has quietly stopped the run. You may recall that I reported on this venture back in January, when the airline, started by Tony Jannus, was incorporated. The service between the two cities quickly caught on with the wealthy tourists and the business thrived, however, now that the tourist season is finished and the wealthy tourists have returned to their mansions, Tony Jannus is grounded – that is until next year, anyway.

RAeS Lecture

The next lecture is entitled 'Powerful Materials - Hot and Highly Stressed' and will be given by Michael J Goulette. This will be held on Wednesday, 12th March at ARA. 18.30 for 19.00.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS	
Wednesday 12 th March 2014	March Walk
Wednesday 12 th March 2014	RAeS Lecture, ARA
Wednesday 16 th April 2014	AGM & Canine Partners lecture
Thursday 23 rd October 2014	John Taylor Bell Foundry Visit

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