

RETIREMENT CLUB NEWSLETTER

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SEPTEMBER WALK contributed by Jenny Thomas



We met for the September walk at the Queen's Head in Milton Ernest. There were 20 walkers and one dog.

We started the walk by crossing over the main road and taking the footpath opposite the pub and, after a short walk past a few houses, we reached a field where we met three very well behaved Shetland ponies - they didn't even mind the dog barking at them! We walked uphill through more fields with the RAE site ahead of us and splendid views westwards and northwards across the Great Ouse valley behind us. We eventually reached the RAE road which we crossed and then followed the boundary fence of the RAE site passing the Detention Centre on our right. After negotiating a muddy stretch of path between a wood and the fence, we finally left the boundary fence where the track turned left along the hedge-line.

The track switched to the other side of the hedge opposite a small brick shed and from here we walked to the corner of the field where the track joins a surfaced road, passing a pig farm on our left. The track we were on was part of the old perimeter track which ran round the RAF Twinwoods Farm airfield, used during the war.

We followed the road round to the left, passing the BioGen site set back off the road on our left and on down the surfaced road until we reached another road leading to the RAE site. We crossed this road and took the path directly opposite, which led down the hill to Milton House and to the farm silos. About half-way down this road we followed the footpath sign off to the right, which meant we had to cross a field which had been newly planted with a vegetable crop. The footpath had not been reinstated by the farmer so we crossed as carefully as we could through the plants. At the bottom of the field we joined a grassy footpath which took us over a rickety stile to a field behind Milton Ernest village where we stopped for a group photograph.

We passed the backs of the houses on the outskirts of the village and then the track turned right over a small footbridge and past a row of garages and between houses to emerge close to All Saints church. From here we made our way back past the church and then to the main road and the Queen's Head, where 18 of us enjoyed a well earned lunch.

OCTOBER WALK

The next walk will be on Wednesday, October 10th and will be led by Bruce Price (01234 407255). Please meet at The Five Bells, 1 Northhill Rd., Cople, MK44 3TU at the usual time of 10.15am for a 10.30am start. The walk is 4 miles in length.

RAeS Lecture

The next lecture is entitled 'Forshen, Bauen, Fliegen! Gliding and Education in Aeronautical Engineering' and will be given by Doug Greenwell of City University on Wednesday, 10th October at ARA. 1900 for 19.30.

Annual Lunch Booking Form/Menu Choices

Name	Starter			Main			Dessert		
	S1	S2	S3	M1	M2	M3	D1	D2	D3

Please tick your choices

Special Dietary Requirements

Seating preference

Cheque No. enclosed to the value £.....

(Make Cheques payable to 'ARA Retirement Club')

Please return your booking form to:

Bruce Price, 91 Whitworth Way, Wilstead, Bedford MK45 3EF
If you have any queries please Tel: 01234 407255

Please return your booking as soon as possible but no later than 31st October

(Please let non internet users know of this event)

ARC ANNUAL LUNCH MENU

12.30pm for 1pm on Wednesday 7th November 2012
The Amalfi Suite at The Sharnbrook Hotel
A6/Park Lane, Sharnbrook, Beds MK44 1LX
www.thesharnbrookhotel.com

STARTER

- S1 Parma Ham & Melon served with olives & mozzarella
- S2 Broccoli & Stilton Soup (v)
- S3 Prawn Cocktail

MAIN COURSE

- M1 Traditional Roast Beef
with all the Trimmings!
- M2 Pollo alla Valdostana
Butterflied breast of chicken topped with ham & mozzarella cheese baked in a white wine and cream sauce served with sautéed potatoes and seasonal vegetables.
- M3 Parmigiana di Melanzane
Baked layers of aubergines, mozzarella & napoletana tomato sauce served with roasted and herbed new potatoes and seasonal vegetables.

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- D1 Caramel Apple Pie served hot with custard
- D2 Vanilla Cheese Cake with Fruits of the Forest Coulis
- D3 Fresh Fruit Salad with vanilla ice cream

followed by Tea/Coffee & Biscotti

PRICE £17.50

TAX CODES

It has come to light that the Tax Office seem to have made an error in issuing ARA retirement folk with a new tax code BR. This is a fault of the tax office and not ARA. Individuals should ring the tax office, (the number is on the tax notice recently sent), and say they wish their code to be returned to the code previously used by ARA. Please do not ring ARA pensions.

One Hundred Years of Aviation October 1912 contributed by John Cherry

- 1st Today in Germany the Military Aviation Service has been founded.
- 7th It has been reported that Germany's air forces are developing at a very fast rate. Today the Navy's first Zeppelin rigid airship took to the air and is to be based at Johnnithal near Berlin. It is to be used for crew training. The airship will carry a machine gun and wireless telegraph. This 518 foot long craft could carry out long-range reconnaissance of shipping and bombardment. On recent army manoeuvres the 'Red' force used two squadrons of six aeroplanes each plus army Zeppelin III and the 'Blue' force had 12 aeroplanes plus a Parseval and a Gross airship. Of the 24 pilots taking part nine were decorated by Kaiser Wilhelm.
- 12th Samuel Cody won the Michelin Cup offered for a flight round a 186 mile course today in an all British aeroplane. To qualify Cody installed a 100 h.p. Green engine in one of his own biplanes. Cody flew his machine from Farnborough via Larkhill and Newhaven returning to Farnborough. On the journey Cody got lost and flew about 220 miles at an average speed of 45 m.p.h.
- 24th Today Harry Hawker won the British Empire Michelin Cup for endurance. He achieved this with a flight of 8hours and 23minutes in a Burgess-Wright biplane that has been rebuilt by Sopwith and fitted with a 40 h.p. A.B.C. engine.
- 26th Today in America Lt John H. Towers began trials to determine the aeroplanes capability for anti-submarine warfare.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS	
Wednesday October 10th	Walk starting at The Five Bells, Cople. Meet 10.15am for 10.30 start
Wednesday October 10th	RAeS Lecture. 'Forshen, Bauen, Fliegen!' by Doug Greenwell. ARA 19.00 for 19.30.
Wednesday, November 7th	Annual Lunch at the Sharnbrook Hotel. 12.30pm for 1.00

Please send any copy for publication to me by the 15th of the month, Chris Lock

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