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JUNE WALK contributed by Brian Ashman

The ARA walk on Wednesday 12th June was led by Brian Ashman.

We met at the usual time at the Cock Public House, Broom, near Biggleswade. Sixteen of us went on the walk, eighteen sat down for the meal. It had a good choice, over 55 on the main menu.

We walked through part of the village, then across the fields by the lakes created by gravel extraction. Part of it was still being worked, with a long conveyor belt going way across the fields where I suppose the gravel would be processed.

After passing more lakes we crossed the Sandy to Shefford road, walked past Kings Farm towards Shuttleworth College. It was then across the fields, passed which we thought was yellow and white rape, walking our way back along bridle paths, passing fields of rose bushes which were ready for budding, back to the other side of Broom to the Pub, so all in all we must have walked through most of Broom Village, one way or another.

The weather was kind, and I think the walk and food were enjoyed by all who came.

JULY WALK

The next walk will be on Wednesday, July 10th and will be led by Mike Lock. Please meet at The Fox & Hounds, High Street, Riseley MK44 1DT at the usual time of 10.15am for a 10.30am start.

Boat Trip

This will be on the River Ouse at Bedford, starting from Priory Marina, where parking is available on Tuesday 17th September at a cost of £6/head and will last approximately 2½ hours. Please arrive at 2.00pm for a 2.30pm departure.

We will need 40 trippers to cover the cost therefore friends and family will be very welcome. Please contact Gerry Pauley 01234 355308, g_pauley@o2.co.uk for further details.

To book your places, please send £6.00 per head (cheques payable to ARA Retirement Club), together with your contact details to Anne Pallister, 1 Nightingale Avenue, Bedford MK41 7JB

Garden Party with Buffet

Marylyn and Ray Wood are very kindly hosting a Garden Party on Tuesday, 2nd July from 2.00-5.00pm when Ray will give a talk entitled 'Antiques for Everyone'. Anyone who has some interesting antiques to value or just talk about is invited to bring them along. The cost will be £5 per head with proceeds going to Marie Curie. Please contact Ray and Marylyn, 5 Sandringham Close, Rushden, Northants., NN10 9ER tel. 01933 353517 or e-mail malray@talk21.com.

One Hundred Years of Aviation July 1913 contributed by John Cherry

4th Peking, China. The arrival of China's first fleet of aeroplanes has been marked with a series of demonstration flights at both Peking and Tsientin by Rene Caudron, the French maker who supplied the republican government with these twelve new aeroplanes.

Caudron went to Peking to oversee the delivery of his machines, and last week flew several times over the city, passing over the president's residence on one flight and dropping a letter to him.

Yesterday, with a passenger, Caudron left Peking at 5:30 am and flew to Tsientin, 70 miles away the flight taking just one hour and 12 minutes. Caudron returned to Peking today after some demonstration flights.

The Caudron aeroplanes will be based at the flying school in Peking, and the first Chinese pilots will probably fight Mongolian incursions.

8th Today Harry Hawker, in the Sopwith Bat Boat N^o 1 has completed the required flight tests and has won the Mortimer Singer £500 prize for an all-British amphibious aeroplane, after replacing the Bat Boat's 90hp Austro-Daimler engine for a British 100 hp Green engine. The Bat Boat is an unexciting pusher biplane flying boat it has a plywood hull sewn together with copper wire.

13th Today the Handley Page test pilot, Ronald Whitehouse, who has been forbidden to fly within the city boundary on Sunday by the mayor of Hull, has mocked the ban by flying just outside the boundary to the cheers of an estimated 7000 spectators.

17th The Short Brothers' Folder seaplane, fitted with a 160 hp Gnome engine has today been accepted by the Royal Navy and assigned to HMS Hermes at Sheerness, Kent.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS	
Tuesday July 2nd	Garden Party with Buffet and talk 'Antiques for Everyone'
Wednesday July 10th	Walk starting at The Fox & Hounds, High Street, Riseley MK44 1DT. Meet 10.15am for 10.30 start
Tuesday, 17th September	Boat Trip on the River Great Ouse.

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