

RETIREMENT CLUB NEWSLETTER

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SEPTEMBER WALK

The September walk will be led by Ian and Ann Howard and it will start from Pavenham Park Golf Club, High Street, Pavenham, MK43 7PE Please meet at the usual time of 10:15am for a prompt 10:30 start

SENIORS MEETING - Tony Dickason (01234 824741)

There will be a meeting at the HORSE and GROOM pub in Clapham on the 1st of September at 7-30 pm. All are welcome.

ANNUAL LUNCH - Wednesday 1st October 2014

The Annual Lunch will be held on Wednesday 1st October at the Sharnbrook Hotel, MK44 1LX. The menu and a booking form are on pages 4 and 5 of this newsletter. Please note that your application needs to be returned by Monday 22nd September at the latest.

JOHN TAYLOR BELLFOUNDRY MUSEUM AND WORKS VISIT

Chris Lock has organised this for the 23rd October with the tour due to start at 1.30pm, The cost of the tour is £10. We will need to pay on the day for the full numbers we have given.

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.

There will be an optional lunch at The Three Nuns, Loughborough which we will need to pre-book.

If anyone else would like to be included please contact Chris Lock (01234 353779 email chris.lock24@gmail.com).

ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF AVIATION September 1914 contributed by John Cherry

3rd The Royal Naval Air Service (RNAS) has today been made responsible for British air defence.

5th Mr Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty today tabled a four point plan for defence against attack by enemy planes and Zeppelins. Churchill proposes the interception of enemy aircraft near their home bases; an East Coast interception air-force; anti-aircraft guns at key points; and no street lights after dark in London and other towns (a "black-out").

Today Japanese seaplanes bombed the Austro-German barracks and the railway at Tisingtoo. One seaplane was hit but returned safely. The only opposing aeroplane was a German Rumpler Taube.

6th The French Government has sought sanctuary in Bordeaux. German aeroplanes fly over Paris every tea-time dropping leaflets from Taube machines that say "The German Army is at the gates, there is nothing for you to do but surrender".

The Royal Flying Corps has four squadrons comprising BE2 biplanes, Avros and Farmans. Rifle and machine gun fire has claimed its first casualties, one crew missing and Sergeant Major D S Jillings of No2 Squadron wounded in the leg.

8th A Russian Squadron Commander enraged by an Austrian bombing raid on his airfield today dramatically ended the attack by killing both the enemy pilot and himself. Staff Captain Pyotr Nesterov 27, who you may recall was in trouble with his chiefs last year for inducing a Nieuport to loop-the-loop, is now a posthumous hero.

When the Austrian pilot, Baron von Rosenthal hit the Sholkiv base and set fire to workshops, hangers and aircraft Nesterov went into a blind rage. Taking off in an unarmed Morane he drove straight at his opponent. Rosenthal was leading his flight in 'V' formation and as the Morane closed in Rosenthal realised that he faced a suicide attack and the other two aircraft turned and fled.

16th Seaplanes attached to the Second Japanese Naval Squadron bombed the Austro-German fleet in the harbour at Kiochow, China. The Maurice Farman aeroplanes were from the seaplane carrier *Wakamiya Maru*. The main target was the cruiser *Katserin Elisabeth* but only a smaller German warship was hit, it was either a minelayer or torpedo boat it was however, the first warship to be sunk from the air.

22nd Today four aeroplanes of the Eastchurch Squadron RNAS attacked German airship sheds at Düsseldorf and Cologne. Only the three 20lb Hales bombs dropped by Flt Lt Collet hit a shed at Düsseldorf but failed to explode

24th Aeroplanes of the RFC are now being used to observe the fall of shells from allied artillery and sending back correcting messages by wireless. In a battle at the Aisne today Lts Donald Lewis and Baron James of No4 Squadron spent the afternoon spotting for the British Third Division. Their messages began:-

4:02 pm "A very little short. Fire"

4:15 pm "Short, over and a little left"

4:20 pm "You were between two batteries, search 200 yards each side, range OK"

4:22 pm "You have them"

4:26 pm "Hit, Hit, Hit"

Different methods have been tried for air-to-ground signalling, Morse code is most usual, sometimes sent by Aldis lamp.

27th The first French bomber group has been formed today equipped with Voisin "Chicken Coop" biplanes.

28th Today the German Air Service has adopted the "Iron Cross" insignia for all of its aeroplanes.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS	
Monday 1st September 2014, 7:30 pm	Seniors Meeting, Clapham
Wednesday 10 th September 2014, 10:15am	September Walk - Pavenham Park Golf Club
Monday 22nd September 2014	Bookings close for Annual Lunch.
Wednesday 1st October 2014	Annual Lunch, Sharnbrook Hotel
Thursday 23 rd October 2014	John Taylor Bell Foundry Visit

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The 2014 ARC Luncheon

We have made arrangements for a Luncheon to be held at
The Sharnbrook Hotel, A6/Park Lane, Sharnbrook. MK44 1LX
 on **Wednesday 1st October.**
12.00 for 12.30 pm
£19.00 per head

The venue, the 'Amalfi Suite', will be set with round tables, to seat 8 – 10 diners each, rather than the large rectangular table we had last year.

The Luncheon has proved to be a most enjoyable event so please come along and support it. Simply complete the booking form below with your choice of starter, main course and dessert, and do this for each member of your party. Your choices will be repeated on 'reminder cards' so you'll not forget! If you have any special dietary requirements please give the details on the form. Booking forms are to be returned, with a cheque, payable to the '**ARA Retirement Club**', to :-

T G Tumber, 16 Silver End Road, Haynes, Bedford. MK 45 3PP
 If you have any queries tel: 01234 381466 or email tandc.tumber@gmail.com

Please return your booking as soon as possible but no later than Monday, 22nd September

Luncheon Booking Form/Menu Choices

Name: Contact Tel. N^o.

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

Please tick your choices

Special Dietary Requirements:

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

Seating Request.....



AIRCRAFT RESEARCH ASSOCIATION RETIREMENT LUNCH

12.30pm Wednesday 1st October 2014

The Amalfi Suite at The Sharnbrook Hotel
A6/Park Lane, Sharnbrook, Beds MK44 1LX
www.thesharnbrookhotel.com

Starter

- S 1 **Parma Ham & Melon** *served with olives & mozzarella*
- S 2 **Broccoli & Stilton Soup (v)**
- S 3 **Prawn Cocktail**

Main Course

- M 1 **Traditional Roast Beef**
with all the Trimmings!
- M 2 **Pollo alla Valdostana**
Butterflied breast of chicken topped with ham & mozzarella cheese
baked in a white wine and cream sauce served with parmentiere potatoes
and roasted root vegetables
- M 3 **Parmigiana di Melanzane**
Baked layers of aubergines, mozzarella & napoletana tomato sauce
Served with roasted and herbed new potatoes and seasonal vegetables

Dolci followed by Tea/Coffee & Biscotti

- D 1 **Caramel Apple Pie** *served hot with custard*
- D 2 **Trio Di Dolci** *homemade dessert taster of Vanilla Cheesecake, Tiramisù & a Profiterole*
- D 3 **Fresh Fruit Salad** *with vanilla ice cream*

The
Sharnbrook
Hotel ★★★