

ARCO (Association of Retired Council Officers) Newsletter

Spring 2019

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Dear Friends,

Our Christmas Lunch at the North Star in Hook Road, Chessington on 13th December was once again fully booked, with 50 members and friends in attendance. We are sorry if we were one of the unlucky folk who didn't get a booking. Our thanks go to Jenny Longhurst and Chris Nice for organising it so successfully. As there were problems in the kitchen, we were all offered a drink on the house to compensate for the delay.

28 members and friends braved the cold weather for our get-together at the Guildhall on Wednesday 30th January and a good time was had by all.

Martin Longhurst has arranged our next informal gathering in the upstairs bar at the King's Tun in Clarence Street, Kingston. This will take place between 12 noon and 1:30 p.m. on 21st February.

Our Annual General Meeting takes place at the Guildhall on Wednesday 20th March and we are hoping that the Mayor of Kingston, Councillor Thay Thayalan, will be presiding. Attendance booking and committee nomination forms are enclosed. All of the existing committee are willing to continue serving as committee members. June Collins has agreed or should I say, been volunteered, to take over as Vice Chair from Shona Hastings, whose support has been invaluable. I am very grateful to all the committee for their help and assistance over the past year.

I am pleased to say that Bob & Val Weedon are now organising our trips and the first trip for 2019 will be to the RAF Museum at Hendon on 30th April and a booking form is enclosed.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at these and future events throughout the year, and please remember to bring along to the AGM any unwanted gifts for the raffle!

Best Wishes,

Chris

Chris Coke

chairman@arco-kingston.org.uk

ARCO ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – WEDNESDAY 20 MARCH 2019

COUNCIL CHAMBER, GUILDHALL

The timetable will be:

12.00 Doors open

12.15 Sandwich lunch available

1.00 Formal business

Please return your nomination and/or booking slips by 8 March to

**Jenny Longhurst, Honorary Treasurer, Mayfield, Hoe Lane,
Abinger Hammer, Dorking, RH5 6RS**

Telephone number 01306 730321

Email: jenny.longhurst@btinternet.com

Retain top half as a reminder and send off bottom half

Nominations are invited for the Committee posts of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Social Secretary, Representative to RBK Pension Fund Panel (and Deputy) and ordinary members. In addition, nominations as Auditor are sought.

Any member may nominate any other member to serve, subject to his/her agreement.

I nominate for the post of

Proposer's Name Signature

I accept nomination (Nominee's Signature)

Please note: this year all existing Committee members are offering themselves for re-election.

Please notify your intention to attend so we can provide sufficient catering

I will be attending the AGM on 20 March 2019

Print Name in Capital Letters

You are welcome to bring a guest but he/she is not eligible to vote.

Print Guest's Name in Capital Letters

RAF MUSEUM HENDON

Tuesday 30th April 2019

The museum has undergone a multi-million pound redevelopment to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the formation of the Royal Air Force. New galleries, opened in June last year, tell the story of the first 100 years of the RAF. You can see a multitude of historic aircraft, from the First War, to the Second World War Spitfire, to the Vulcan & English Electric Lightning, and beyond.

There are 6 hangars in all. Hangar 1. Houses the shop, main entrance, & introduces the history of the RAF. Hangar 2. The First World War in the Air 1914 – 1918. Hangars 3. 4. & 5. War in the Air 1918 – 1980. Hangar 6. The RAF in an Age of Uncertainty. Outside the hangars there is a Marine Craft Collection. The museum is almost completely level with, in our opinion, good access for people with mobility issues/wheelchairs/walkers. There are Disabled toilets around the site. Please state if you are bringing a wheelchair.

There are three cafes: The Sunderland café, for coffee & light snacks, the licensed Claude's Café, for a full range of catering from light snacks to lunches, and the Wessex Café for coffee & light snacks. If you wish to bring a packed lunch there are picnic areas outside the hangars. There is also a Museum Shop. Photography is allowed inside the hangars.

This trip is open to friends & family of ARCO members. Please note that no driver's gratuity has been included in the cost, it is up to the individual to tip or not & the usual time to tip is on leaving the coach.

Time of departure from Kingston Library – 9.45 am Departure for home – 4.00 pm
Closing date: Monday 15th April Cost: £16

Please make cheques payable to ARCO and return to me with the tear off slip to:

Val Weedon Telephone: 01403 251390
51 Morrell Avenue, Horsham, E-mail: val.palaeo@sky.com
West Sussex RH12 4DD Shona 07934 139834 (for use on the day)

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I/We would like place/s for the trip to RAF Museum Hendon @ £16
(Please enclose an SAE if you require a receipt.)

Please Print:
NAME:
Address:
Tel No. Email