



## Arun & Chichester Air Enthusiasts Society

### **AirACES**

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### **Air ACES Newssheet - February 2021.**

I, on behalf of all of the Air ACES 'team', hope that you and your families & friends are keeping very well.

*Hi there again, to all of you, the lads & lasses who kindly re-joined Air ACES in 2020,  
and to the lads & lassies who were members of Air ACES in 2018 & 2019.*

I / we also hope that most of you have had your Covid 19 '1<sup>st</sup> jab' by now, or will get it very soon,  
and definitely before May 2021.

#### **Please do read all of 'the below' - all points are very important.**

With the latest announcements by the Government, with regards to the current Covid & slightly onward situation,  
the re-starting of Air ACES talk evenings on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021 now looks impossible.

**As your chairman, & talk coordinator, I wish to the re-start the Air ACES talk evenings as soon as possible.**

#### **I hope now that a re-starting date of MONDAY 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021 is possible.**

*Personally, I am devastated, having to keep giving re-start dates & being negative.*

*As talk coordinator, I do feel embarrassed at having to cancel / postpone speakers, although they do understand.*

**May 24<sup>th</sup> - Alex Sewell - 'Archibald MacIndoe & the Guinea Pig Club'.**

**June 14<sup>th</sup> - Phil Holt - 'The making of the film - Battle of Britain. (This being an 'extra' evening, having been 'lost' in 2020).**

You will remember on the January newssheet, I asked - you all - to notify to me as to whether you would attend / support Air ACES, on a re-start date of April 26<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately, I had only 29 replies from members, instead of my expected 100+ (from the 150 emails kindly sent out by Andy). Only 2 persons said that that they couldn't attend. (Also, 12 replies from the Air ACES 'Team' & 'helpers').

**On the re-start evening - whether it be the 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021, or other,  
the Air ACES 'team', need to know (roughly),**

**as to how many 2018 - 2020 members / ex-members wish to / will support the re-starting  
of Air ACES talk evenings - to make sure that the talk evenings are financially viable.**

*As you will understand, if the meeting does have to be restricted (69 attendees + helpers),  
the evening must be logistically & financially correct. (The 'team & hotel' have the logistics ready, if needed).*

***Air ACES has to know that 'new' talk evenings will be financially viable.***

As above, on last month's (January) newssheet, I asked all of you that are receiving these newssheets,  
to notify to me, as to whether you wish / will support and attend the re-start evening -  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021 - or other - , or not.

**A lot of you have not answered.**

**If that 'is you', please send your answer to me - immediately, many thanks.**

#### **This is very important.**

*Also - if you are a 'couple', please tell me, because a 'couple's row' will be accommodated.  
There will also be the front row, for those who have 'hard of hearing' etc.. Please notify me, ta.*

**Please therefore email David - [david.airaces@hotmail.com](mailto:david.airaces@hotmail.com) -  
to inform me of your support - many thanks.**

It is my intension to continue with these monthly newssheets until the Air ACES talks can start again,  
hoping that they are keeping you in touch with Air ACES.

If any of you wish to write to me, at any time, with any points or questions, please do so -  
I look forward to receiving same.

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Kind regards,

*David Batcock* - chairman.