



Arun & Chichester Air Enthusiasts Society

AirACES

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Air ACES Newssheet - October 2020.

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

Hi there, 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 have been sending out monthly newssheets for the last 6 months, to those who re-joined in 2020.
The Air ACES 'team' have realised that a lot of you who were Air ACES members in 2018 & 2019
were unable to re-join Air ACES in 2020, (if you so wished), because of the cancelation of the Air ACES
monthly talk evenings, from March 2020, due to the Covid 19 restrictions.

These future monthly newssheets will be sent to all of the lads & lassies who have kindly been
Air ACES members in 2018, 2019 & 2020.

Thank you for the support that you have given to Air ACES, & it is hoped that you have enjoyed the talks.

It was originally hoped that the Air ACES talk evenings could resume in October 2020, but with the recent
government constraints, all talks until February 2021 have been cancelled.

It is now hoped, but only hoped, that the Air ACES talk evenings can resume on Monday 22nd March 2021,
when the speaker will be Mr. Stephen Slater, who will be presenting 'The Great War Display Team'.

A full monthly 'Air ACES calendar' of talks & speakers have been arranged for 2021 & 2022.

You will realise that Air ACES will have 'lost' a year of speakers & talks.

Wherever possible, the 'lost speakers' are being fitted into the 2021, 2022 or 2023 'calendars',
so that the talks that these 'lost speakers' would have given this year / early next year
will still be of great interest to all of the Air ACES members.

Sometimes this will mean the inclusion of 'extra talks' to the normal monthly calendar.

Over the past months, the Air ACES 'team' have been busy, including the meeting, (several times),
with the Chichester Park Hotel manager, (*who has been very helpful*), to discuss and arrange the Avenue Suite,
to be able hold the Air ACES talk evenings, keeping in mind the 'social distancing' and other governmental
recommendations, with reference to Covid 19, hoping that the talk evenings could have resumed in October 2020.

However, with the new / current legislation, this is proving not to be possible.

Hopefully, there will not be any further negative Covid 19 restrictions, so that Air ACES can resume in March 2021.

It is my intension to continue with these monthly newssheets, hoping that they will keep you in touch with Air ACES.

I look forward to receiving your comments about the decisions that the Air ACES 'team' have made
about the current situations, or indeed, any other positive or negative points, queries, suggestions or questions.

I really welcome hearing from you, (daytime please), so please contact me by email, or telephone.

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Kind regards,

David Batcock - chairman.

