



Arun & Chichester Air Enthusiasts Society

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Highly important!

News Sheet Extra - 11 September 2020

It is with great regret that Air ACES have to announce that the **October 26th** talk evening is

CANCELLED

along with the talks due for November 23rd, December 14th,
January 25th, February 22nd 2021.

*It is hoped, but not definite at present, to resume the Air ACES talks from
Monday March 22nd 2021*

Over the past month, the Air ACES 'team' have met several times, and with the Chichester Park Hotel manager & senior staff, (who have been brilliant).

As you will know, this was to be able to arrange the Avenue Suite to hold the Air ACES talk evenings, from the 26th October, keeping in mind the 'social distancing' and other governmental recommendations, with reference to Covid 19.

I also asked the 2020 'paid up' members (108), to return the 'straw poll' that was on the newssheet that was sent out 10 days ago. I had 54 replies, and only 24 members said that they would attend a talk on the 26th October, with another 11 possibilities.

Yesterday, the Air ACES 'team' had a bi-monthly planned meeting, and discussed all of these points, together with the latest governmental information released last Tuesday.

When the 'team' discussed all of the logistics, (*being actually able now to hold talk evenings, the new legalities and the finances*), it really became obvious that it would be wrong to hold the talk evenings for the next few months.

The 'team' also took into consideration, the ages of the Air ACES members, (mostly 60+), and the possible 'lesser' weather conditions that are had in January & February.

Air ACES are aiming to resume the talks on Monday March 22nd 2021, when the speaker will be Stephen Slater - presenting 'The Great War Display Team'. He is a brilliant speaker. Air ACES will endeavour to include 'the Oct to Feb lost speakers', into 2021, 2022, or 2023.

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

I intend to continue with these monthly newsheets, and I hope that they are keeping 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.

Please contact me by email, or telephone, about this and / or with any other points or questions that you may have. I really welcome calls / contact from you all. (A few members already so do).

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Kind regards,
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