

# Arun & Chichester Air Enthusiasts Society

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## AirACES

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Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November  
19:00 for 19.30

## A Day in the Life of a 747 Captain

by

*Kim Sharman*

Kim Sharman has led the life of an aviator. From his youth he wondered where he was bound in life, and joined the **Fleet Air Arm in 1965**, and the rest, as they say, is history!

Kim flew **Sea Vixen** fighters in the **Royal Navy**, serving for two operational tours on **HMS Eagle**. After leaving the Royal Navy, he joined **BOAC** as a **First Officer on the VC10**. Thereafter he joined **Cathay Pacific**, flying firstly the **Boeing 707**, and then the **Boeing 747** (Jumbo), where he became a captain, until he retired in 1998.

Kim will answer a question that many of us wonder every time we fly in a 'Jumbo' - how do such huge beasts as the **747** actually **manage to fly**, then to navigate to the other side of the world, and then land in fog? Kim's presentation starts to tell that story, sprinkled with some airline stories.

It also includes video of a landing at the legendary 'old' Hong Kong airport - **Kai Tak** - where, by a happy coincidence, he flew the last commercial flight out of this airport, and which was shut down immediately after he was airborne.

*All welcome*

*£3 members / £5 visitors*

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