



NEWS SHEET

Keep Safe in these troubled times



Whilst we all sit in isolation I thought I would send this new News Sheet out early, particularly as we have had to cancel our meetings for March, April and May (which would have been our Buffet Lunch). I am sure you appreciate that this decision by your committee was the only sensible one that could be made.

Those of you on email will have already received our 2020 Membership List and as I mentioned we should use it and try to keep in contact with other members, perhaps the next 3 on the list or particular friends. Rest assured your committee are keeping in touch with the situation and we will keep in touch by this means as well, not on just a monthly basis but hopefully more regularly. I will try and produce these for the duration of the Coronavirus situation but it does not change the fact that we are still looking for a new Editor.

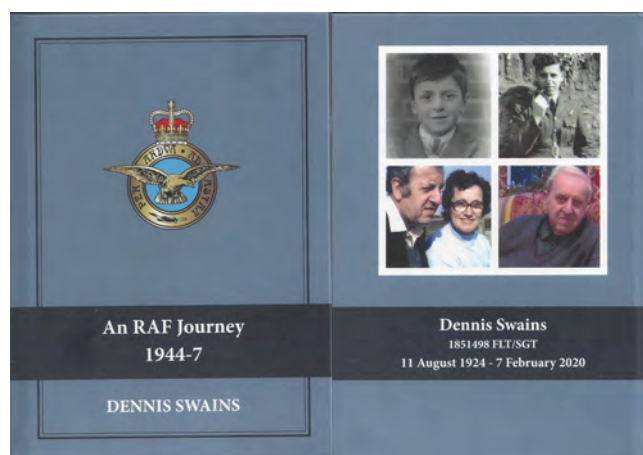
It has been suggested by Steve Wilson that if we see anything we think others might like then send it to me and I will send it to members by either email or via the News Sheet. These could be things sent to you by friends or your own stories - there are plenty out there I know and our Chairman has already sent me a couple. Perhaps Bill George for instance will tell us in a series of articles about his ^{364hrs 40mins} on Meteors! Seriously what about a particular trip you remember, it does not have to be long.

Dennis Swains Thanksgiving Service

The ACA was well represented at Dennis's Thanksgiving Service at Limes Avenue Baptist Church in Aylesbury on 10th March. Thank you to all who made the effort just as the Virus was ramping up. Dennis was a worshiper at that church as well as the church where he used to live at Hyde Heath, nr Amersham. He obviously kept his church activities quiet apart from his Baptist friends, but it was obvious that this had been a big part of his life and one that he had actively contributed to so warmly.

There were some heartfelt eulogies including one from his son Peter and his eldest daughter Wendy. It was Wendy who had painstakingly typed his memoirs based on the talks he gave us, into a book which she published in time for the service.

If you would like a copy please write to Wendy Evers, 18a Hawbush Rise, Welwyn AL6 9PN enclosing a remittance of 10 pounds, which will go to The Florence Nightingale Hospice where Dennis spent his final days.



Dennis was one of those who never quite saw active service, thanks in his case to the USA H bombing in Japan. He had however wanted to join up at 18 but was not called until he was 19+.

Rest in Peace good friend and our condolences to Wendy, Peter and the family.

Programme 2020

Events at 1030 for 1100 at Greenacres unless (*)

All meetings are currently cancelled. Our remaining programme will be formulated and will be issued as soon as possible in accordance with Government advice.

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Chairman

I am sorry we have had to stop meeting together for a while. But don't hesitate to call a Committee member if we can be of any help. We are all part of a team and I only hope we can remain so without casualties. We should all follow the national guidelines to keep Covid 19 at bay.

My thanks to Graham in continuing temporarily to keep us informed through a News Sheet in the absence of a volunteer replacement editor who would become a member of the Committee. Keeping in regular touch is important if not critical. As the Chairman of the previous ACA Council, it was sad to see Branches close because they could not maintain a comprehensive Committee. Don't let it happen to us.

Des

Welfare

I've phoned around and generally find our members, including some of our ladies, ok. Many of us are apprehensive of the virus but so far no one is affected. Long may it stay like that.

David

Membership

We welcome another new member **Bob Garrett** and here are his details:

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You will be glad to hear that our membership has risen to 42, so let us keep searching for new members, so that when we return to Greenacres we will be able to get a good audience for our speakers.

Treasurer

We are now in a comfortable position with our accounts and although we are not holding meetings at the moment we will be able to return to normal as soon as the present situation allows.

Rod

Programme

Sadly our planned programme has been cancelled but I am sure we will be able to resurrect most if not all of it once we can meet again. In the meantime have a think about what you could offer us. We could have three members each doing a 20 minute chat, so it would not be difficult. Go for it!

Bill