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2020 RSA AGM Postponed

Due to the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic, and in line with Government advice, the 2020 AGM weekend has been postponed until April 2021. This "All Members" issue of Contrail would normally carry a full report of the RSA20 AGM and its associated activities. As the event had to be postponed, the Central Committee decided that the June issue of Contrail would carry the annual reports that would normally have been available for the AGM so that all our members are kept up to date with developments during the last year.

RSA21 is scheduled to be held 23 - 24 April 2021, subject to any Government recommendations that may be in force at the time regarding social distancing requirements etc that may be associated with the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic.



Annual Reunion Postponed



The Annual Reunion, scheduled to be held later this year in the Freemasons Arms, has also been postponed. We know that older people are at a higher risk of contracting the Coronavirus, and may be locked-down for longer than younger people. We understand also that our members may be reluctant to travel to central London by public transport to attend an event where social distancing is not a realistic possibility. So we have decided to postpone our autumn RSA Annual Reunion until further notice. We apologise for this, but our members' health and safety must be our priority in these difficult times. We will want to re-schedule our AGM and Annual Reunion as soon as it is safe to do so, so please check our website and future editions of "Contrail" for further details.

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FROM YOUR CHAIRMAN

Anne Noonan

Well – welcome to the AGM that wasn't. Before deciding to go ahead and prepare a June AGM issue of *Contrail*, the Central Committee officers discussed the likelihood of being able to hold an AGM in the late Autumn and decided that it didn't look very likely. Likewise the Annual Reunion, scheduled for October, has also been put on hold and may well have to wait until next year.

In the middle of all this upheaval, along with my colleagues, I wish you all well and hope you are keeping safe and healthy. I think we can all use as much humour as possible in our lives and I enjoyed the following story, related by a colleague, so hope it might make you smile.

Cast your minds back to 1951 and the time of the Festival of Britain, marking an end to austerity (where have I heard that recently) and plenty of fun for everyone. A huge restaurant was opened in Battersea Park - complete with a parrot in a cage to amuse the children. It was hoped the parrot would be a huge success – not so, the parrot management team reported at the time. It was actually described as “foul mouthed and un-cooperative”

I imagine the parrot might have had some support in these difficult times!

Back to reality and the hope that by the next time I write to you life will be getting back to something approaching normal. In the meantime, take care of each other and remember the words of Dame Vera Lynn's wartime anthem:

*“We'll meet again
Don't know where, don't know when
But I'm sure we'll meet again some
sunny day.”*

Anne Noonan

Law of Random Numbers - If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal and someone always answers.

Law of Gravity - Any tool, nut, bolt, screw, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible corner.

Occupational Pensioners' Alliance 2020 Report Richard Wright

The CAA-RSA is a paid-up member of the Occupational Pensioners' Alliance, a nation-wide group representing approximately 500,000 defined benefit (and defined contribution) pensioners across some 30 occupational pension schemes in the UK.



As a result of its founder membership - and current subscription – the RSA nominates a representative to the OPA's governing Council. Currently, that's me, succeeding Dave Reeve who stood down in 2017.

The OPA lobbies parliament and responds to government enquiries on any matters concerning occupational pensions. OPA is considered an 'expert witness' by parliamentary committees handling pensions issues.

OPA also organises regional meetings with speakers on pension issues – including representatives of the office of The Pensions Regulator – and most recently, a briefing on the (positive for pensioners) outcome of the multi-year legal battle between the British Airways management and its pensioners.

Currently, meetings are being deferred, but OPA continues to respond to government initiatives on pension matters.

Presentations to OPA and its constituent organisations are available on the OPA website: www.opalliance.org.uk

Seniors Golf

The Seniors section meets three times a year in the South East of England and is open to all NATS/CAA pensioners. Please contact ted.pillinger@ntlworld.com if you would like to join us..

EDITORIAL



Since the last issue of *Contrail* (March) the world as we knew it has been turned upside down and inside out. Words such as Covid-19, lockdown, self-isolating, cocooning, and social distancing are now the norm. Meetings with family, loved ones, friends and colleagues have flown out the proverbial window. Visits to a café or restaurant, pubs, cinema, theatre, and shops (apart from obtaining essentials) have also gone for now. The holiday plans for many of you have been thrown into total chaos – currently it looks as if holidays abroad may not happen this year.

Sadly, the virus has killed thousands across the UK and left millions of people in fear of catching the virus. I am sure that many of you have lost friends or loved ones to the virus and, if so, please accept our most sincere condolences.

Spare a thought for our key workers who are keeping the country going at personal risk to themselves; medical staff, shop staff, transport workers, freight drivers, postal workers, and many others.

We will not see a return to normality for months, until a vaccine is not only developed but deployed across the UK. In the meantime, we all will have to get used to the new “normal” observing social distancing, especially for those of us who have other medical conditions that make us more vulnerable. Please stay safe and observe the guidelines to help protect our NHS and defeat the virus.

As usual, I can be contacted by email, contrailbob@caa-rsa.org.uk or post to:

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Chairman's AGM Report 2020 Anne Noonan



It seems very strange to be writing a review of last year when we have been unable to hold an AGM and several other events are in abeyance – even stranger not being able to talk to friends and colleagues face to face and to answer any questions you may have raised. Still, we will do our best.

Our six functioning Branches seem to be doing well and, up until the time of the Coronavirus outbreak, we still had the opportunity to try and recruit new numbers by giving presentations to NATS pre-retirement seminars. I have every confidence these will start up again when life returns to normal. The presentations are handled in England by Richard Wright and Tony Cowell with Duncan Bolton standing by in case he is required. George Matthews, Edinburgh Branch, has recently stood down after giving our presentations in Scotland for a number of years. Thankyou George. Edinburgh Branch will continue to provide the service.

During the year, Ken Malcolm decided to stand down from the Central Committee following a minor stroke – deciding the time had come to take things easier. Ken did a sterling job for the RSA as Chairman, representative and long term Central Committee Member, for which he was awarded Honorary membership. He was very much appreciated and will be much missed. He and Joan still plan to attend future events when possible.

We are very pleased to report that both Richard Woodroffe and Bob Connolly have agreed to remain on the Central Committee as co-opted members.

The RSA AGM was held in Cheltenham – another very successful get-together with the now usual mix of entertainment on Friday evening, a coach trip on Saturday and the formal dinner on Saturday evening. Our congratulations and thanks go, in particular, to Ted Tilly and Phil Holt – aided and abetted by David Hobday. A great deal of work was put in to organising the 2020 AGM, due to be held in Bournemouth over the VE Day celebrations, but unfortunately not to be. Our sincere thanks to Ted, Phil and David for their efforts.

At the request of some of our members we changed the date of the Annual Reunion from November to early October in an attempt to avoid the dark and cold of November. The result was a little disappointing, with fewer members attending than in previous years. The Freemasons Arms laid on an excellent buffet and those who attended appeared to enjoy themselves. We are unlikely to be able to hold the Reunion this year but hopefully will be able to go ahead in future – please with your support!

It is now time for me to say a sincere thank you to my fellow committee members for their efforts during the year and to single out three colleagues for a separate mention. Many thanks to Richard Woodroffe, our very capable web master, who has put a tremendous amount of work into redesigning the RSA website and making it easier to use. And to Bob Connolly for his excellent editorship of Contrail, keeping us all in line with meeting deadline dates and producing a magazine we can be proud of. Finally, to Tony Motture for a seamless transition to the post of Honorary Secretary, taking over from Robin Morris.

Secretary's Report Tony Motture

The Central Committee has met three times since the last AGM and the minutes are on the website. We were due to meet on 24 March 2020 but were prevented from doing so due to the Covid-19 lockdown.

Our AGM for this year was scheduled for Friday 8 May when members of the committee would have been due to be re-elected or replaced. Our Constitution requires the AGM to take place before the end of May each year but the present situation makes that impossible. The Central Committee has decided to use its power under the Constitution to interpret the rules to allow for it to remain in place until an AGM is possible. All existing members of the committee with the exception of Sheila West have indicated their willingness to remain in post for the present. Sheila has decided to retire, and the Committee wish to send her our grateful thanks for all she has done for the RSA while on the Central Committee. John Doig was going to offer himself for election at the AGM and, in order to ensure that all Branches remain represented on the Committee, he has been appointed to the Central Committee by its members under paragraph 3.4 of the Constitution.



As it seems likely that the current social distances rules will stay in place for some time, particularly for over 70-year olds, we are exploring the possibility of resuming our meetings in a virtual setting.

We look forward to the time when we can all meet again.

EDINBURGH BRANCH

At our last Branch outing on 26 February there was a definite awareness of Covid-19 amongst the assembled, however no one could predict on that day what was ahead of us.

The first casualty was a planned Branch outing to the Glasgow Airport Control Tower; this had been arranged for 25 March 2020. It had to be postponed on the last day of February. In association with NATS, this outing will eventually take place when the time is right. Those who were on the attendance list and had completed the security form required by the airport, will be contacted privately by email ahead of a further general invitation. This invitation will be re-advertised on the Edinburgh page of the RSA web site, on Face-Book under RSA and by email. (see note below*)

The Branch Annual General Meeting (AGM) and associated lunch had been arranged for 31 March. This has been postponed until we are permitted to hold one. (Sc. Govt. Restrictions refer!) In the meantime the 2019/20 Committee will continue to look after the Branch. The official 'Calling Notice' for the AGM will be published on the Edinburgh page of the RSA website and copied on Facebook and by email. (see note below).

The sad death of Committee member Phil Jackson in May 2019 created a vacancy which the Committee did not actively seek to fill, in many ways out of respect for Phil. If any Branch member, that includes members formally listed under H&I, would like to be more involved in assisting the RSA at Branch committee level, please contact the Branch Chairman, John Doig. Email: jasdoig@gmail.com (preferred) or Text/Tel: 0792 300 2647.

*Note: The Branch operates an e-mailing list. If you are NOT on the Branch e-mailing list, or perhaps wish to check on your details held, please contact the Edinburgh Branch Secretary. (Branch contact information is listed in a separate section of Contrail) or alternatively send an email to the Branch Chair (see paragraph above) who will forward it on to the Branch Secretary.

When we do become active again, this Branch welcomes RSA members and accompanying partner(s) from wherever, to join our outings. For the most part they are self-supporting. (i.e. not subsidised!) The only requirement is that advance booking/notification MUST be made via the Secretary. (Branch contact information is listed in a separate section of Contrail).

LONDON (& HOME COUNTIES) BRANCH

TUESDAY 25 FEBRUARY – LONDON AND HOME COUNTIES AGM, THE FREEMASONS' ARMS, COVENT GARDEN

The LHC Branch held its AGM on 25 February; sixteen members attended.

The meeting approved the Minutes from the 2019 AGM and received various reports from the Committee, namely, membership had dropped, the Branch finances were healthy, the Branch website was being rebuilt and an exciting Social Programme had been developed for 2020/21 (although please see Branch Events below.) The existing Committee were happy to stay in post.

A draft of the Minutes from the meeting, which include an update on RSA and Pensions matters, can be found on the LHC webpage of the RSA website.

NORTHWEST BRANCH

Under normal times, the North West Branch has a very active social calendar. We count ourselves very lucky to have held the MACC anniversary event on the 22 January. This successful event attended by fifty-five people was to be the start of another busy year for our members. A full report appeared in the last issue of Contrail and also the RSA website.

We also managed to complete three walks this year before the virus struck, Styal Bollin Valley, Dunham Massey and also Alderley Edge.

Again, the Branch was lucky to have been able to hold the AGM before lockdown, not all Branches were able to complete theirs in time. We can report that all committee members were willing to stand for another year and were duly elected at the Branch AGM. This was held at The Griffin Hotel, Heald Green on 4 March. Chairman: Tim MacKay, Secretary: Andy Maynard, Treasurer: Barry Pratt, Committee Members: Jean Pratt, Sylvia Walker and Alastair Nicolson.

We had a busy social schedule planned for the year with monthly walks, boat and train trips. For now all Branch socials are postponed until further notice. Nobody knows what the outcome of this situation will be, but when we can, we will try and put together a new programme in line with whatever guidelines are in place at the time.

In the meantime, here is a photo of some members on the Alderley Edge walk in March.

Stay safe everyone & we hope we can meet up again soon.



Wessex Branch News on page 5

Supermarket Law - As soon as you get in the smallest line, the cashier will have to call for help.

WESSEX BRANCH

Initially the proof reading of this issue indicated that the Diary Dates submitted by the Branch showed 2019. Thinking this had been perhaps a “senior moment”, something we all encounter from to time, the year was changed to 2020. However, while carryout the final preparation of this issue for production, subsequent to proof reading, the Editor became aware that the Branch contribution submitted for this issue of Contrail was in fact, the report submitted by the Branch for the June 2019 issue of Contrail. The report submitted included a Branch trip in May that rang alarm bells as the national Covid-19 lockdown was, of course, in force at that time. Unfortunately, due to production time scales it has not been possible to obtain the correct report from the Branch.

Editor.

Treasurer’s Report Matthew Baines



The following is true. After getting my essentials during the Covid lockdown I was driving home from the shop. My route home take me past our local harbour where I spotted a flock of approximately fourteen seagulls walking in formation on the pier. Harbour, pier, seagulls, quite normal you would think, but this sighting was unusual. Each gull was separated by about two metres form the others in the flock as they all moved together! My first thought on seeing this was to wonder who told them about social distancing? Bob C.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT 2019

Ian Johnson



Our total membership has fallen to 4767, a reduction of 119 during the year. 59.7% of members now pay subscriptions. There were 34 new members, but we unfortunately continue to lose more than we recruit.

Membership

Whilst some new members join, we still hope that we will be able to publicise the Association to existing staff to bring forward more, particularly where staff leave rather than retire. The Pre-retirement seminars in NATS have sparked interest from retirees, although this is not available in the CAA.

Branches

A number of new members continue to apply to join Solent Branch which is still suspended until either volunteers will form a management committee or it is finally closed. It is hoped that the Branch may reactivate in the future, and West of Scotland is in a similar suspension. The membership of the remaining six Branches at the end of 2019 was:

| | Contributing | Non Contributing | Total |
|-------------------------------|--------------|------------------|-------|
| London & Home Counties | 1156 | 892 | 2048 |
| Wessex (inc Solent) | 842 | 483 | 1325 |
| Downs | 298 | 217 | 515 |
| Edinburgh (inc W of Scotland) | 485 | 286 | 771 |
| Northern Ireland | 57 | 25 | 82 |
| North West | 239 | 178 | 417 |

Database

There were two updates of the branch membership lists disseminated to all branches during 2019.

My thanks go to all members of Pension Branch for their assistance in implementing the deductions from pensions in respect of subscriptions and also in correcting incorrect addresses and contact details. It's a never-ending task as many members assume that we are notified of new contact details if they tell Pensions Branch. We are not notified routinely due to data protection legislation. So my thanks also to all members who let us know the changes in their contact details throughout the year.

Privacy Policy

No requests for disclosure or data deletion have been received this year.

Our Privacy Policy for the information of all members is published on the website.

2020, AGM and Covid-19

The Association is continuing to best serve its members throughout the current crisis, which it is clear will go on for us for some time to come. As there is not currently an AGM meeting to review this report, I am happy to answer any members queries at the usual contact addresses published in Contrail. If you have access to email, that is probably the best method at this time.

We hope to continue to post Contrails to you, but that depends on the ability of the printers to have staff available to do so. We cannot see the future and their staff's safety is of course paramount.

I hope all are well and safe from the virus. We do lose members regularly through all causes and we do not normally know why, only that it has happened. If you, or any member of your family catch it, I wish a speedy recovery, but our thoughts and condolences are with you all should the worst happen. Keep safe and best wishes.



FOLLOW THE RSA ON FACEBOOK & TWITTER

You can now follow the RSA on these social media forums. Apply to join these groups via Facebook and/or Twitter and provide either your membership number or postcode so that we can verify that you are a member of the RSA. We operate both groups as CLOSED, which means: only members of the RSA Facebook group will be able to see our FB posts, and they cannot be shared, and only RSA members will see our Tweets and will not be able to retweet them. This is about as private and secure as we can make it. On Facebook search for CAA NATS RSA and on Twitter search @rsacaanats.



BRANCH DIARY DATES

IMPORTANT NOTE:

DUE TO THE CURRENT CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC RESTRICTIONS PLEASE CHECK WITH YOUR BRANCH BEFORE ATTENDING ANY PLANNED EVENT TO ENSURE THAT IT WILL TAKE PLACE.

LONDON (& HOME COUNTIES) BRANCH

Given the situation with the Coronavirus pandemic the Committee has decided that, given our age group, the time it might take before health risks are brought down to an acceptable level and people have the confidence to start socialising again, **this year's Social Programme has been cancelled.** Any monies already paid by members to attend events in the Programme will be refunded. Please see the website for updates or contact the Hon. Social Secretary (contact details are in this issue of Contrail).

NORTHWEST BRANCH

All Branch socials are postponed until further notice.

WESSEX BRANCH

Further information on our programme can be obtained from our secretary, Catherine Spriggs CAA-RSA-Wessex@hotmail.com

Solution to Roger Myers March Crossword

Across: 1. Dress 6. Aspects 13. Refute 14. Harlot 15. Alter 16. Russety 17. Bassinet 19. Tael 20. Cease 22. Pirated 25. Users 28. Evened 29. Preset 30. Tends 31. Glottis 32. Troop 34. Legs 37. Antecede 41. Abating 43. Alien 44. Nodule 45. Inured 46. Trebled 47. Seers

Down: 1. Drab 2. Relative 3. Efts 4. Sues 5. Strictest 7. Shuts 8. Pas 9. Erst 10. Cleanest 11. Tote 12. Stylists 16. Read 18. Need 21. Europeans 22. Petulant 23. Renegade 24. And 26. Set 27. Reindeer 29. Plot 31. Gong 33. Rane 35. Ebor 36. Stub 38. Clue 39. Eire 40. Ends 42. Ill



Image courtesy of Flightradar24

Covid-19 lockdown and aviation

The current Coronavirus pandemic and the associated UK lockdown has had a devastating impact on travel, affecting buses, trains, ferries and especially aviation. Most airlines have grounded the majority of their fleets and furloughed their staff. Scheduled departures from UK airports are down by approximately 90%. Airlines and airports are struggling to survive financially. Some airports, located outside the UK mainland, have been granted Government financial aid to maintain vital air links for essential travellers needing to go to and from the mainland. Some airports also have closed on a temporary basis. Transatlantic passenger flights to and from Europe are virtually non-existent at present.

Those of us who were operational at the airports and centres would have never seen the low traffic levels currently being experienced. The image on the left, taken from Flightradar24, shows the aircraft flying over the British Isles (domestic and overflights) at midday on Friday 24 April.

There has been no reduction in cargo flights, in fact the reverse may be true, resulting in the night skies being as busy as the current daytime skies, in some places even busier.

It will certainly take quite a while for passenger traffic levels to return to pre-pandemic levels.

OBITUARIES

We regret to report the following deaths, notified since the March issue of Contrail:

George Edward Shackle, ATE 1 at Manchester Airport, on 10 December 2019

Francis Alec Leslie Laws, EO at CAA House, on 20 December 2019

David Fyfe, ATE 1 at Cardiff Airport, on 22 January 2020

Eric Malcolm Peel, PTMG at CTC, on 27 January 2020

Lal Chand Vasishta, TA1 at Heathrow Airport, on 21 January 2020

Geoffrey Colston Howell, Chief Scientist SMG1, at CAA House

Denis Forman, Patrolman at Bletchley, on 11 February 2020

Brian Charles Burford, TA3 at MSD, Aston Down, on 16 February 2020

Mary Gilmour Skelly, Band 4 Finance at Atlantic House, on 23 January 2020

Nigel Kenneth Wheeler Osman, PTMG at Aviation House, Gatwick, on 15 February 2020

Sidney George Collett, SATE at Ventnor LRRS, on 15 February 2020

Reginald Richard Davies, ATE 1 at TEE Gatwick, on 29 January 2020

Brian Peter Norris, PTMG B at CAA House, on 19 January 2020

Alexander Hill, ATE 1 at Glasgow Airport, on 13 February 2020

Malcolm O'Dea, ATCE 4 at Tiree, on 7 January 2020

Robert George Schwarz, Senior Craftsman at Gatwick, on 5 March 2020

Eileen Lilian Blackman, Catering Assistant at Redhill, on 1 March 2020

Williamina Scott Barrie, ATSA 4 at ScOATCC, on 20 February 2020

Bruce James Gifford, ATCO 2 at Aberdeen Airport, on 4 March 2020

Edward John Jones, ATO 2 at Manchester Airport, on 29 February 2020

Kenneth Angus Macleod Hughes, ATCO 2 at ScOACC, on 14 March 2020

David William Gordon Sawyer, Board Member, CAA House, on 5 January 2020

Jessie Edith Wray, Catering Assistant at Redhill, on 15 March 2020

Alfred William Crisp, SATE at Burrington Radar Station, on 13 March 2020

Michael Thomas Golden, SATE at NERC, Swanwick, on 25 March 2020

Barbara Winifred Wightman, B4 at Derby Area Office, on 23 March 2020

Peter Williams, ATCO 2 at London Air Traffic Control Centre, on 21 March 2020

Hazel Leslie Parr, grade unknown at Aviation House, Gatwick, on 1 April 2020

Dorothy Coburn, Clerical Assistant at London Air Traffic Control Centre, on 19 March 2020

John William Bain, grade unknown at CTC, on 11 April 2020

Bernard Morris, ATCO 3 at Aberporth, on 13 April 2020

Ivan John Saunders, ATSA 4 at Heathrow Airport, on 4 April 2020

Wendy Hollingworth, ATSA 2 at ScOACC, on 11 April 2020

Keith William John Parsley, TA3 Driver at Stansted Airport, on 16 April 2020

David Lyn Jenkins, JMG 4 at Aviation House, Gatwick, on 8 March 2020

Patricia Ruth Middleton-Smith, ATSA 3 at Larkhill, on 6 April 2020

Robert Arthur Ord, ATE 1 at CAA House, London, on 11 April 2020

Laurence William Bowman, ATCE 4 at London Air Traffic Control Centre, on 6 April 2020

Gordon Douglas Plank, Band 1, OKS, London, on 11 April 2020

David Barnett Leslie, ATSA 4 at ScOATCC, on 17 April 2020

Deanna May Harris, last grade not known at Cheltenham, on 20 April 2020

Brian Hamilton, ATE 3 at AS Ash LRRS, Kent, on 20 April 2020

Nora Isobel Whitcroft, Personal Secretary at Space House, on 20 March 2020

James Birchall, ATCO 1 at Heathrow Airport, on 27 March 2020

Kenneth John Albert Mills, ATSA 2 at London Air Traffic Control Centre, on 21 April 2020

Frank Owen Hawkins, Senior Craftsman at Heathrow Airport, on 30 April 2020

Welfare Report - Duncan Boulton

There has been very little activity by members seeking advice or help in the past twelve months. It would seem that all are able to find help and support either through the Retired Staff Association website or through other widely available links in the press or elsewhere on the internet. However, I can report that we have been able to help the family of one of our deceased members earlier this year.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that the Association does maintain an assistance fund which is available to help members if they find themselves in difficulties. The fund is administered for us by The Charity for Civil Servants who these days are more easily found by the name they use on the internet – For You By You. Application should be made directly to them and by advising them in the application that you are a member of the CAA – NATS RSA. All contact is with their professional staff and is totally confidential.

You can contact them either through their website at www.foryoubyyou.org.uk, by telephone on 0800 056 2424 (outside the UK +44 208240 2400) or by writing to them at 5 Anne Boleyn's Walk Cheam, Surrey SM3 8DY

The fund account for year ending 31 December 2019 stood at £6337.26 which had not changed for three years.

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(Elected members shown in Bold, co opted members shown in normal print)



KEEPING IN TOUCH

The RSA needs to know where you are so that you receive CONTRAIL and details of local activity from your Branch. **Please let Ian Johnson, the RSA Membership Secretary, know if you have moved or other personal details have changed, for example your email address:**

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Remember to also advise Pensions Administration by post or email to pensions@caa.co.uk. You need to tell both the RSA and CAAPS as information cannot be exchanged because of Data Protection requirements.

Please DO NOT send address or personal changes to the editorial office.

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LONDON & HOME COUNTIES

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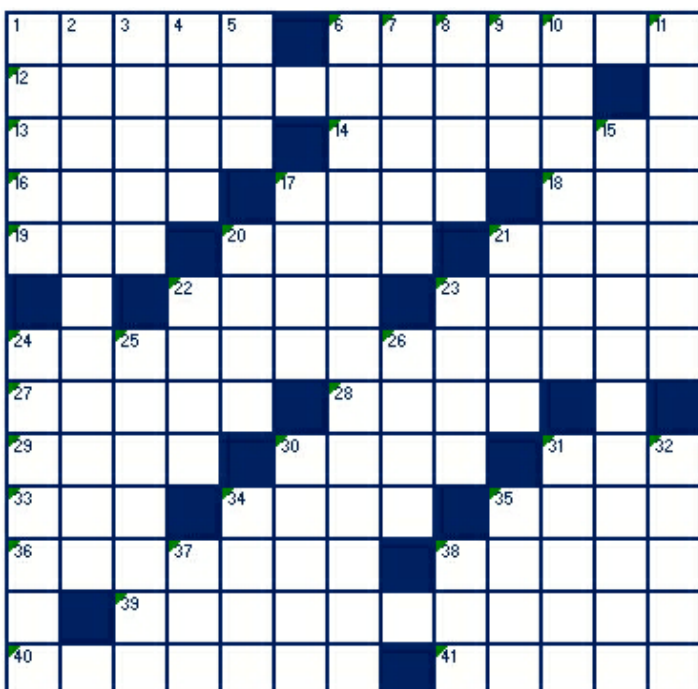
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Roger Myers June crossword



Across:

1. Fixative (5) 6. Algae (7) 12. Stressed (11) 13. Gang (5)
14. Honesty (7) 16. Frame (4) 17. Intense (4)
18. Half a score (3) 19. Suffer (3) 20. Drove (4)
21. Wood (4) 22. Damsel (4) 23. Posts (5)
24. Burdens (13) 27. Musical composition (5) 28. Trifles (4)
29. Trees (4) 30. Number (4) 31. Sesame (3) 33. Period (3)
34. Fissure (4) 35. Flatten (4) 36. Study (7) 38. Quick (5)
39. Wrongly claiming (11) 40. Pleasantly (7) 41. Fuse (5)

Down:

1. Turkish title (5) 2. Purchase (11) 3. Oar (5) 4. Duck (4)
5. Finish (3) 6. Outstandingly (13) 7. Having lugs (5)
8. At the peak (4) 9. Mesh (3) 10. Revising (7)
11. Aridity (7) 15. Softening (11) 17. Vehicle fuel (4)
20. Suppress (4) 21. Vegetables (4) 22. Wanders (4)
23. Hordeolum (4) 24. Conquers (7) 25. Family name (7)
26. Not any (4) 30. Of the nose (5) 31. Animal (5)
32. Shelf (5) 34. Ulcer (4) 35. Temper (4) 37. Slouch (3)
38. Radiation dosage unit (3)

Travel & Social Media Annual Report 2020

Andy Maynard



The travel club remains open to ALL members of the Association, membership is automatic.

During late 2019, one of our travel partners, namely Superbreak, went into administration. 2020 will prove to be another very difficult challenging year for the travel industry whilst we endure the Covid-19 pandemic.

- Our Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines concession was amended on 1 January 2020. New, first time cruisers will now only receive a 5% RSA discount. Repeat customers will receive the RSA 5% discount and a loyalty 5% discount. Very often, the best rates are obtained by telephone using the RSA code of zzz. You should get the discount over and above any current offer.
- Newmarket Holidays (escorted tours by land, sea and air UK and worldwide) 10% discount on their best offers using code zzz
- Interline deals are available using Touchdown and Staff Travel Voyage.
- Barrhead Travel, online, in shop and telephone - offer a 5% discount on all package tours by most leading operators, 10% can be obtained if it is a Barrhead branded package tour. Quote code:zzz



Details of the Travel Club are on the RSA website and in Contrail (along with URL web-links). A4 and A5 leaflets on the travel club are also available for distribution at pre-retirement seminars and to new members. Members that have used the offers have been very happy. A member reported a £600 saving with Fred Olsen. The booking member with Newmarket obtained a "buy one, get one free" for a cruise, a case of wine and the 10% discount.

→ Covid 19 Updates. *Correct at time of writing



Cruises are cancelled until at least 23 May 2020.

Are you missing the joys of cruising? FOCL have launched an exciting virtual cruising programme on their Facebook page and their website <http://fredolsencruises.com/the-bridge> including videos, brain teasers, recipes and more! For FOCL our discount code is RSATS10. Website: www.fredolsencruises.com/affinity/caanats Best offers are often to be obtained by telephone.



For enquiries about existing holidays email supportteam@barrheadtravel.co.uk Our discount code: "RSATS affinity discount"



Operating as "normal" for future bookings. Our discount code: Quote zzz



If you are due to travel with them on or after April 30, please email your query to info@newmarketholidays.co.uk. Our discount code with them: CAANATS (all caps, no space) Website: www.newmarketholidays.co.uk/caa



Operating as "normal". Our details: www.stafftravel.voyage/special/offers

Please note – all the companies are extremely busy working with reduced staffing levels, so do not expect instant responses, please be patient.

For the latest travel information, follow the FCO advice:

Website - www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice

On Facebook, like the FCO travel page or follow the FCO on Twitter: @FCOtravel



Social Media



The RSA operate both Facebook and Twitter accounts on a closed group basis. At the time of writing, our Facebook group has 179 members (compared to 89 this time last year). The Twitter group has 14 followers (compared to 10 this time last year). The Facebook group can be followed by searching for CAA NATS RSA and the Twitter group is located @RSACAANATS. All members are welcome to post, as are branch officials who may want to publish local events or updates, especially at this difficult time. I am the administrator for both accounts, in addition to being the North West Branch Secretary. I can be contacted northwestrsa@virginmedia.com.

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CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY

Following Government Advice, this year's event is postponed and moved to

23 and 24 April 2021

at

***Hallmark Carlton Hotel
Bournemouth***

Further details will be published in Contrail and on the RSA Website

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***For those who have booked in advance:
please be assured that all of your cheques will be
shredded, no money will be taken from your account.***

Please keep safe and well

Members website: www.caa-rsa.org.uk

Welfare Matters Duncan Boulton

COVID-19 aka Corona virus



All of us need to take note of the advice available regarding the spread of coronavirus and follow that advice carefully and to the letter to ensure that we and our families try to remain clear of infection. In my case I find myself with my disabled son, who will be thirty-eight by the time you read this, in hospital with the virus! Anyone can catch it and anyone can spread it. The advice and the rules being published are changing very quickly and rather than try to write something ourselves, I believe we should provide you all with the links to the advice from the UK Government and the NHS.

As the devolved administrations for Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales are responsible for their own emergency Covid-19 regulations, it is likely that different parts of the UK will be taking action to produce a road map out of lockdown at different rates and times depending on the scientific advice being given to those administrations. Before planning any trip into one of the devolved regions please be sure that you check and adhere to the current regulations in force within that administration or you may be subject to fine.

We recommend that you regularly check the current situation at the following websites:

England: www.gov.uk/coronavirus
Wales: <https://gov.wales/coronavirus>
Scotland: www.gov.scot/coronavirus-covid-19/
Northern Ireland: www.nidirect.gov.uk/campaigns/coronavirus-covid-19

Number of coronavirus (COVID-19) cases and risk in the UK:

England: www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public#number-of-cases-and-deaths
Scotland: www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-daily-data-for-scotland/
Wales: <https://coronaviruscymru.wales/>
Northern Ireland: www.health-ni.gov.uk/coronavirus

If you start to show any of the symptoms you should self-isolate in the first place but if you then start to feel unwell **CALL the NHS 111** number and follow their advice. **DO NOT** visit your GP or hospital A&E unless advised to do so.

UK Health Service websites:

www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/
<https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19>
Scotland www.nhsinform.scot/coronavirus

By the time your read this England will have released a smartphone app that will alert you if you have come into contact with somebody who has been infected by the Covid-19 virus. It is expected that the devolved regions will also have a similar app available soon for their own regions.

Members should be aware that the UK, Republic of Ireland and some other European countries are planning a fourteen day compulsory quarantine period for people arriving by air. Currently this will not apply to people travelling between the UK and Ireland or the UK. In a recent statement officials from both the UK and the Republic of Ireland have indicated that it is unlikely that anyone will be able to holiday abroad this year. It is recommended that you check the UK Foreign Office website at www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice for the latest advice if you are considering travel later this year.

