

KLM Retirees Association UK & Ireland

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RAUK Newsletter - July 2003



Welcome to our New Newsletter

As you will read in the Chairman's news, we are trying to use modern technologies to help our association.

This new format newsletter is one project in that.

The purpose of a newsletter is to provide information.

Newsletters can also be a great way to build an organization's identity

Please let us have your comments **and also articles for inclusion in the next issue.**

CONGRATULATIONS

Mr & Mrs J Teague celebrated their Diamond wedding anniversary on the 28th June 2003.

ALSO TO

Michael Russell on his retirement in April 2003 after 32 years in KA

John Gidlow on his retirement in June 2003, 32 years with KA.

WELCOME TO

Michael Russell

John Gidow

Ron Pulham

Ian (Dick) Richards.

BEST WISHES TO

John Robson, for a speedy recovery.

May 2003 Day Trip to Hampshire

About 32 members and friends travelled by coach to Hampshire



We then boarded the Watercress Line for a nostalgic steam train ride to Alton.

It was noisy, smoky, the carriages smelt of old wood and there was not a lot of padding in the seats - exactly as we all remembered - and it should be because the train and carriages were all authentic. Even the station buffet was original. It once stood on another station but was rebuilt at Arlesford like a lot of the equipment. On arriving at Alton, we boarded the coach for a scenic trip through the Meon

valley to Portsmouth. We had a few hours to wander, get lunch and browse the harbour and shopping area. I think most of us visited the Cadbury outlet store before returning to Fleet and then Old Windsor.



John Long



Chairman & Webmaster

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"looking to the younger members in the future"

"Our first project is ISA travel"

"We have several more ideas but welcome your suggestions."

Nice to meet you.....

As you are probably aware, I was voted in as Chairman at the March AGM after the sad passing of Frank Engels.

Although I have been a member for 2 years and served on the committee, let me introduce myself to those of you who may not know me.

I came to KLM in 1973 from British European Airways. I started in the KA (Ramp)

section and worked my way through Supervisory to Duty Officer level. I moved towards Training and development eventually finishing my career as Training and Safety Standards Officer. I was fortunate to work with most departments. I was a frequent visitor at Plesman House, several UK outstations and represented KLM UK on many projects

in Amsterdam.

Over the years I made good friends with KLM'ers from many countries. I am pleased that this carries on in retirement.

Since retirement I have started a small business venture with my wife. This helped the committee decide to appoint, a Vice-Chairman, with whom I will be working closely.



A few changes.....

It is an undisputable fact that we are all getting older...

Like any other organisation we have to look at the resources we have within, to continue.

Frank Engels and Terry Brennan encouraged younger members to participate and assist the committee.

We have had a large influx of younger members in the past year

There are not a lot of changes needed. One that has already been made was to appoint a Vice-Chairman.

The committee decided that by doing so they would always have one or other of us at every meeting.

The Vice-Chairman, John Connolly and I will be working together, looking to younger members to assist with the running and

administration of the association.

We have had a Website for a year now. It has justified itself by giving information and bringing together lots of members, many of whom live abroad.

The internet has become a daily part of everyone's lives so we will need to improve our site and provide more services within it.



What next.....

As you know, the Airline industry is in trouble. KLM still supports us but obviously we come second to active employees and day-to-day operations.

Your committee is looking at

ways in which we can 'assist' KLM to give retirees more information without tying up their resources.

Our first project was ISA travel making the new rules clear to members.

Other ideas include using modern technology to assist the association.

This new format newsletter is one idea. We have several more ideas but welcome your suggestions.

Summer Meeting 02 July 2003

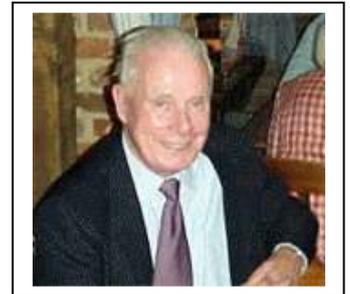
Our new Chair John Long welcomed all to the meeting and introduced all the committee members who were present. In total 42 members attended this meeting including some new faces who all plan to become members very shortly and as usual all present had a great time. He also asked members to come up with new ideas as to how members felt the association should

develop in the future. eg possible a social evening etc.

Terry our secretary said our membership now stood at 145 members and also confirmed that the new ISA travel structure and regulations for retirees had now been sorted out by Les Drake and would be sent out with this newsletter. Members who need help when dealing with this document should

contact Les Drake (you all have his number).

At this time all widowers/widows of a deceased KLM employee can only travel on KLM flights, RAUKwe will be contacting the KLM General Manager on this point to see if travel can be extended onto all the carriers listed as some member felt other airlines do allow these people to travel on all airlines within the scheme.



All meetings are held at:-

Birds Hill Golf Complex
Drift Road, Hawthorn Hill
Nr Maidenhead, Berks
SL6 3ST

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Another question was raised concerning the issue of Free 1 tickets to aircrew personnel this being taken up with the Pilots Union.

John our Chair and our webmaster gave details of our new enhanced newsletter – the result is now available for all to see. Let's have your comments please.

Frank Pringle together with Jessica Gardner gave news of John

Robson who was seriously ill in hospital – all wished him a speedy recovery.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 1 October 2003 at the usual venue. Brian our Treasurer confirmed that our current bank balance was £ 3790.41. In response to a member's question it was confirmed that if Simon (our travel man) needed money, in order to book future travel

bookings, it was OK to receive an advance from the RAUK funds.

Simon gave a run down on his travel plans for the future – these are detailed in his own letter enclosed with this mailing.

Terry Brennan.



Jack and Kate Teague were present at this meeting and congratulations were passed to them on their recent diamond wedding.

Dear Colleagues,

We have just finalised our next day trip planned for the 10th Sept. We have chosen two very interesting places, which I am sure will interest many members.

Questionnaire with day trip booking form on next page please send to Simon as soon as possible.

I have also had some requests for new destinations for next year. How about Dubrovnic, Majorca or Croatia? New ideas would be welcome. There are so many wonderful places to choose from.



*Simon Aartsen
Editor : Travel Desk*



Gloucester Docks

Day Trip – 10 September 2003

The coach leaves Fleet at 0800 for the first pick-up en-route at 0900 at the Old Windsor Day Centre opposite The Wheatsheaf P.H. then on to Birds Hill Golf Club, near Maidenhead, for our last pick-up at 09.20. We then travel to The RAILWAY MUSEUM in Swindon for a visit & coffee stop of approximately 90 minutes.

We then drive through some beautiful scenery on to GLoucester DOCKS.

The docks have been completely modernised with numerous attractions such as museums, shopping, boat trips, etc. Well worth the visit, I am told. We will leave Gloucester at approx. 16.30/17.00 arriving Maidenhead about 18.00 and

Old Windsor 18.30. The Cost per person is £16 including entry tickets to Swindon Rail Museum

To keep the cost of the trip down we need a full coach load of 53 people.

Please let me know soonest if you are interested and make a cheque out to me, as we have to pay for the coach up front.



Autumn holiday trip to Tunisia – contact Simon if you wish to be included.

TUNISIA – 01- 08 October 2003

Our trip to TUNISIA is selling reasonably well with 18 takers so far. I can still request additional rooms if you would like to join us. Friends & family are also welcome to make up the numbers.

The total cost is £361 per person based on 2 adults

sharing, single rooms are £38,50 extra. We have been able to get the flight Supplement of £30 included & free insurance which is also worth approx. £45+ and free transfer worth £10 p.p.

Please contact me for more details.

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See us at:

www.klm-rauk.co.uk

The KLM Retirees Association UK & Ireland has two types of members
(Full details in the constitution)

FULL MEMBERS:

Every person in receipt of a KLM pension and his or her spouse.

Also every person who has retired from full time employment with KLM and receives retirement privileges but not in receipt of a pension, plus his or her spouse.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:

Former KLM employees (with 5 Years or more service) and spouses may join as 'Associate members'. They may attend all social functions and have their names added on the membership list.

Objectives

The renewal of old friendships and the maintaining of contacts between members.

The encouragement of personal visits between members especially to those whose circumstances do allow freedom of mobility.

The formation of social links with other KLM organizations both locally and internationally.

Any other activities that might be of benefit to KLM retirees in the U.K. and Ireland.

We have 4 meetings per year

March inc AGM, July, October and December inc Christmas Lunch

In addition there are two Day trips and a Spring and Autumn holiday package plus additional events as requested.

New Members - Address Changes/corrections

Ron Pulham

Ian (Dick) Richards

Michael Russell

John Gidlow – John has kindly agreed to act as liaison between KLM & CSC Human Resources in order to make sure staff leaving or retiring are made aware of this organisation.

Reminder to members

Please send new e-mail addresses, change of house address or telephone number etc. to:-

Terry Brennan 01753 579106 or e-mail to terry@klm-rauk.co.uk

