

## **BRITISH AIRWAYS RETIRED STAFF ASSOCIATION 2025 SPRING NEWSLETTER**

To bring you up to date of what is happening with the Retired Staff Association we do not have access to the BA internet anymore, but we are working to get this reinstalled. We also do not have voicemail any longer so you cannot leave a message. Chris Walker, who looks after our website, does still have his access. If anyone wishes to make, contact three of the committee have agreed that our members can access their personal email addresses. They are Norma Rhys : [ndr66@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ndr66@hotmail.co.uk) , Julie Peters: [Julie866054@aol.com](mailto:Julie866054@aol.com) or Gulzar Jaffer: [g.jaffer@sky.com](mailto:g.jaffer@sky.com) .

Our social afternoons are the third Monday in the month at Bedfont Football Club starting at 1400 in the summer months. Last month we had a Speaker Paul Whittle who was excellent. We try to organise something each month either a speaker, bingo, or quiz. Most that come along are only too pleased to catch up with colleagues and have a cup of tea and cake. April and May are the exception it will be 14 April as the third Monday will be Easter and 12<sup>th</sup> May will be due to the Normandy holiday.

Those that have access to the internet can see all the information about the RSA on our website which contains future events plus other useful information.

Our members enjoyed a visit to the theatre to see Mamma Mia in January and we do have a full programme organised for the next few months.

Next, we have an afternoon on the Tereza Joanne. The coach will leave Bedfont Football Club at 0930 (free parking) for the Divas show at London's Royal Docks. The day includes a two-course lunch. We board the Tereza Joanna at 1130 and the main course will be served at 1200. The show starts at 1300 with a break at 1400 when the show restarts. The second half of the show finishes at 1530 when we will head back on the coach to Bedfont Football Club. Full details are on our website with a booking form or email Julie or Gulzar. The cost will be £69 for members and £70 for non-members to include coach, show and lunch.

**Our visit to the theatre to see The Lion King on 7 May is full.**

**On 25 June we are going to the Gloucester and Warwickshire steam railway with fish and chips lunch.** The train goes through spectacular scenery in the Cotswolds.

We will leave Bedford Football Club at 0900 (free parking). We end our journey at Winchcombe where you can get refreshments before boarding the coach to return to Bedford. Depending on traffic we should arrive back at around 1830. As above full details and booking form are on our website or email Julie or Gulzar Cost is £67 for members and £69 for non-members to include coach, train, and fish and chips. NOTE bookings need to be received by 12<sup>th</sup> May.

On 16<sup>th</sup> July we have booked Romney Marshes, stopping at Dungeness then on to Rye. We will leave at a time to be advised from Bedford Football Club (free parking). Rye is a lovely, cobbled stone town so wear appropriate walking shoes. We are accompanied on this trip by a Blue Badge Guide and the day does include fish and chips. The cost will be £67 for members and £69 non-members. Full details are on our website with a booking form or email Julie or Gulzar.

**On 12 August we have organised a “Midsomer Murders” afternoon tea cruise from Henley. There will be free time in the lovely town of Henley before the afternoon** cruise. We will leave Bedford Football Club at 1030 (free parking) to make our way straight to Henley. The cruise is a two hour round trip with commentary from a specialist guide. During the cruise we will be served afternoon tea of sandwiches, cakes, tea/coffee. On disembarking we board the coach to return to Bedford Football Club. We should arrive back at Bedford at around 1700 depending on traffic. Cost will be £65 for members and £67 for non-members. Again, full details are on our website with a booking form or email Julie or Gulzar.

**A 5-day holiday to Normandy is now full-on 16/20 May.** If you would like to be waitlisted contact Julie or Gulzar. Full details are on our website.

Future Events could include a mini break to the Norfolk Broads in September and a Turkey and Tinsel to Warners Littlecote House in November. Full details will be on our website.

Just a reminder that if you are interested in going on any of the trips we are given a date of two weeks before the event to let them know numbers so you do need to let us know asap.