

Worshipful Society of Apothecaries

Livery Committee

***Visit to the Centre of Aviation Medicine (CAM), based at
RAF Henlow, Bedfordshire, SG16 6DN, and Luncheon,
Wednesday 5th October 2022***



History of RAF Henlow:

The RAF was only six weeks old when Lieutenant Colonel Robert Francis Stapleton-Cotton and a party of 40 airmen arrived from RAF Farnborough on 10 May 1918.

The Lieutenant Colonel was to become the first CO of RAF Henlow in August 1918. Although still under construction, the Depot had achieved a limited output of Bristol Fighters and De Havilland aircraft.

In the original list of RAF Stations for April 1918, Henlow counts among only five other stations which remain open as RAF stations today: Halton, Leuchars, Northolt, Waddington and Wittering.

During the war years, RAF Henlow became one of the largest RAF Maintenance Units in the country and made an invaluable contribution to the war effort. It is a proud part of our history that RAF Henlow contributed (albeit indirectly) to the Battle of Britain, repairing Hurricanes that were damaged during the Battle.

After World War Two, a new role developed for the station, that of radio equipment calibration and signals development.

Through the years RAF Henlow has been home to the Parachute Test Unit, the Royal Air Force Technical College, the RAF Officer Cadet Training Unit (OCTU) and the Officers' Command School & Intermediate Command & Staff Course.

The Centre of Aviation Medicine has been based at RAF Henlow since 1998. It has 3 Wings, Aviation Medicine Wing, Occupational and Environmental Wing, and Support Wing. The Aviation Wing includes Accident investigation, Aviation medicine training for aircrew and allied professions, and aircrew equipment assessment and investigation.

RAF Henlow is situated between Hitchin and Luton with train connections to London, and is accessible by road from both the A1 and the M1.

You will require to sign in and be escorted from the Main guard room and will need to bring photo ID such as a passport or driver's licence. Parking is available on site.

Programme:

10.30 am – we meet at the Main Guard room before being escorted onto the base for Tea and Coffee.

11.00 pm – We have a tour of CAM including visits to the Hypobaric Chambers, Night Vision Goggle (NVG) training suite, Disorientation trainers and the air crash investigation unit.

12:30 - 2 pm – Lunch in the Officers' Mess

Cost (inclusive of luncheon) - £35 per person

Dress Code for Members and their guests

Please conform to standards of dress and conduct which are normal in the Officers Mess. Jacket and tie is expected for gentlemen.

CLOSING DATE 15th September 2022

Booking:

To reserve one or more places please complete this form and make payment:

Please complete the form below and Email Wg Cdr Martin Waldron at mwaldron@avmedsolutions.com to confirm your attendance. I can also be contacted on 07768 960782.

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I wish to attend the visit and luncheon at the Centre of Aviation Medicine on Wednesday 5th October 2022

Name Guest's name

Telephone Email address.....

Either I shall pay by bank transfer: 'WSA Livery Committee' Sort Code. 40-46-08. Account no. 92018829. Please reference with your surname and 'CAM'.

Or I enclose my cheque for £ Please make payable to 'WSA Livery Committee'. Send to Dr Alan Collett, Hornbeam Cottage, New Road, Blakeney, NR25 7NZ.

All applications and receipts of money will be acknowledged.