

Information from the Regional Trustee

The following message was sent via the South East U3A Region U3A Web Site. It was addressed to: Hilvary Robinson.

Please reply to Ella Clayton <Fundraising@armyflying.com>.

I know that we have recently contacted you before about the Army Flying Museum's Lockdown Lecture programme and wanted to let you know about our next upcoming lecture. We've had a great response from some U3A groups and I'd be very grateful if you are able to circulate to your members.

Our upcoming lecture next Monday 22 June at 7pm will feature Brigadier (Ret'd) Colin Sibun. Colin Sibun will tell the incredible story of a squadron, at the top of its game, serving on Operation CORPORATE. The short, brutal and unexpected fight to recapture the Falkland Islands, which led to a Battle Honour, the first one to be awarded to the Corps since WW2.

Watch the Trailer <https://vimeo.com/428714150>

Join the lecture <https://www.armyflying.com/lockdown-lectures/the-falklands-conflict-with-656-squadron-army-air-corps/>

Now in its second Season, these lectures have been viewed by over 7,000 people across the globe. The lectures have been available to watch via our website each Monday and via the latest webstream technology, the audience is able to attend a live Q&A. We are proud to be one of the only military Museums offering this technology to a growing audience. Viewing is very easy with no apps to download viewing direct from our website.

I very much hope your members will join us to ease the lockdown burden and thank you for your help.

Kind regards

Ella Clayton
Fundraising Officer

Hilvary Robinson, Assistant SERTrustee received the following response from Jane Bailey Volunteer Manager at National Office to a query about Risk Assessments.

I've had a number of angry responses from people saying we've never 'had' to do a risk assessment before and that this will put people off taking part. I don't believe it says anywhere that these risk assessments have to be done or else no insurance cover, however if a claim was made members would have a better chance of it being upheld if they can demonstrate they had followed good practice and the guidance that was given out.

It is trustees who might be held liable if they allowed activities to resume without satisfying for themselves that leaders were taking the necessary steps to ensure their activities can be resumed, potentially with additional measures to ensure social

distancing. However, I haven't stipulated that Committees must gather in completed Risk Assessments nor have I suggested that members wishing to take part must share their personal health assessments with group leaders (in fact we wouldn't have the relevant permission to gather this potentially sensitive information under GDPR). Actually returning their personal risk assessment is tantamount to suggesting that the group leaders should be making the decision as to whether or not they can take part in the activity safely when in fact it is only the individual who can make that decision for themselves.

We are providing the guidance on what should to be done to ensure everyone's wellbeing. No one needs to be checking they have been carried out, as I am reminded, members are sensible adults fully capable of making their own decisions. It would be sufficient that committees ensure group leaders understand what is expected of them and that participants are able to make an informed decision about whether they can take part in the activity having reviewed any amended arrangements for the activity and their own personal situation first.