



NEWSLETTER

APRIL 1995

BIRTH OF THE OLD DUX

It may seem strange to have a birth of an old, but thanks largely to the efforts of Bob Hope and Jim Garlinge that's exactly what's happening. Thinking it would be a good idea to organise a reunion of people stationed at R.A.F. Duxford in the 50s to 60s they placed some advertisements in various publications, then waited to see what the response would be.

Slowly the replies started to trickle in and as a result two lists were started, one where full names and addresses were known, and the other which currently consists of names only that have been dredged up from peoples memories. As each edition of the list is circulated old friendships are being renewed as calls are made to see if the name on the list is indeed the person they knew at Duxford.

However more names need to be added, and addresses found, so get your detective hats on and start searching and hopefully there will soon be sufficient names to form an official association (or flock!) of old Dux.

Get to-gether at Duxford

A date for your diaries: keep Sunday the 14th of May 1995 free. There will be an informal meeting at Duxford that day. This will provide an opportunity to say hello to old friends and no doubt reminisce about their times to-gether at Duxford.

For all those who can come the initial meeting place will be outside the control tower about 12 noon, this timing should suit those who are actually travelling on the day. Bob Hope will be staying overnight (Sat) at the Red Lion in Whittlesford so if you arrive early drop in and say hello to him, and perhaps others who are going down on Saturday.

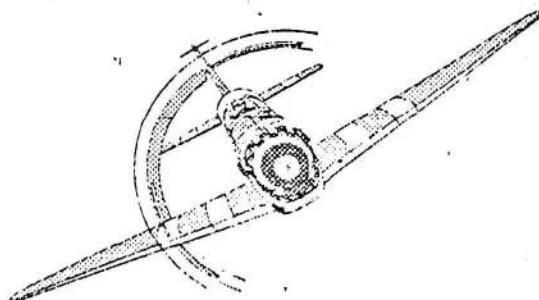
The authorities at Duxford have very kindly provided us with the use of a training room for the meeting, so don't worry if it rains, so please try and make it a good and happy attendance.

Accommodation

For those who are arriving on Sat overnight accommodation is available at the Red Lion in Whittlesford which is located approx 1 mile from the airfield. The Red Lion was originally a 13th century priory and the present owners provide a modern service whilst preserving the character of the building. The hotel can be contacted on 01223-832047 or 832115, rooms are (per person) £35 for a single and £22.50 for a double, VAT and breakfast inclusive, and have all the usual facilities to comfort and cosset weary Dux.

In addition to the meeting, an added attraction at Duxford is the collection of aircraft etc which alone is well worth the effort, and for those who have never been back it may come as a pleasant surprise to see what the place looks like now. There is ample parking and plenty to do and see, a good day out for all.

There may even be some flying going on.....



Old Dux Badges.

Following the introduction of the Old Dux logo, Bob Hope is finding out if it is feasible to have some small badges made, featuring the duck, to perhaps be available for the May meeting. More details to follow as Bob wheels and deals with the badge makers.