



NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 1997

Dates for your 1997 diary.

Diary.

We have now received conformation that the provisional dates as agreed at the final meeting of 1996 have been approved by the IWM. Therefore the first meeting of 1997 will be held on **Sunday 25th May**, and the second meeting on **Sunday 14th Sept**, which will be preceded by the dinner on the evening of the **13th**, so please make the necessary marks in wherever you record your momentous events.

Other Duxford dates which may be of interest to you are:

June 8th, American air power display

July 12-13th, Flying legends air show

August 1st, Official opening American Air Museum by H.M.The Queen. (Probably restricted access)

October 12th, IWM Autumn air show.

Meeting details.

As a reminder, and for the benefit of all new members, we enter Duxford via the main gate **not** the public entrance, but in order to qualify for this privilege we will need to know the registration of the vehicle you will be arriving in, the name of the driver and those of the passengers. Contrary to what you may have heard we do not need the performance figures, the colour, nor the current MOT status of your vehicle! The details must be given to Bob or myself 2 weeks before the meeting so that gives us time to notify Duxford security. In addition we will collect (at the meeting) £2 per person, this being the charge levied on us by the IWM for the use of their facilities. Another reminder will be given nearer to the event.

The Dinner

By popular request we have been asked to arrange another dinner so we have made a provisional booking for the 13th Sept. Details of menus, times, deposits, costs etc will be given as soon as they are available, and it is hoped we can repeat the success of last years event.

Badges

Bob still has a stock of enamelled lapel badges for sale, these feature the duck in glorious colour and are available direct from Bob at the knock down price of £3 each. Ladies, they make a nice brooch, (hint hint)

New Members.

New members to add to your members list are;

Andy Andrews (64 & 65 Sqdn Calibration room 1958-60)
107 Miller Way
Brampton
Huntingdon
Cambs
PE18 8TZ 01489-455927

John Blake (ASF 1953-54)
5 Wodehouse Court
Watton
Thetford
Norfolk
IP25 6XP 01953-882781

Mike Jenkins (64Sqdn, QFI, 1958-59)
1 The Beeches
Woodside
Blairgowrie
Perthshire
Scotland
PH13 9NQ 01828-670534

Nigel Thorne (65Sqdn, O.C. A Flight, 1955.)
Green Gables
160 Deganwy Road
Llandudno
Colwyn County Borough
Wales
LL30 1NE 01492-583729

Len Thorne (Air Fighting development Unit, 1942)
Pixley
19 Wood Lane
Astwood Bank
Redditch
Worcs
B96 6NN 01527-892575

Dick Leggett (O/C Flying 1958-59)
Forge cottage
Clarks Farm
Morcott
Oakham
Rutland
LE15 9DN 01572-747825

Dave Wilkins (Catering Section 1953-1956)
12 Bryn Heulog Road
Cymmer
Port Talbot
W. Glam
SA13 3RR

Change of address;

Mike Knighton
Stonehaven
Common Lane
Barkston Ash
Nr. Tadcaster
N. Yorks
LS24 9PQ 01937-557471

Tour-'Over the Road.'

It is highly possible that Steve Woolford can arrange a conducted tour of the domestic site during the May meeting and hopefully see inside one of the ex-barrack blocks. These have all been converted to fully air conditioned stores for all IWM archive materials. All the other buildings are still intact including the station cinema. This site is normally out-of-bounds to the public so this could be an opportunity for a real nostalgia trip. Steve will also be interested in any stories, anecdotes etc relating to the every day life of an operational fighter station.

Publicity Stand

Construction of the stand has commenced, this is being made to fold up and fit into the boot of an average size car and will be suitably decorated with coloured photographs etc and of course featuring the duck logo, this may make people stop and ask "whats that?" (or some such comment). The stand will be manned and womened on special flying display days (See diary) by a small team of volunteers who will do their best to attract new members. If anyone feels like helping out please let me know, even standing for tea breaks will be a big help and of course there are also the displays to watch. Come and enjoy!.

Colouring exercise

I have at long last managed to draw, on my computer, the badges which most of you will be familiar with, so if you have coloured pencils or a painting set, you will find, on the next page, a little interlude to while away the time until the May meeting. Those of you who have Blue Peter badges will no doubt be able to turn them into car stickers or some other decorative artifact!.

Proposed Association Rules

As the membership increases it is thought that a few simple rules of association be introduced to explain to both existing and potential members the basis of the Old Dux Association. Right from day one the aim has always been to keep formality to a minimum but there comes a time when due to our increasing interaction with outside agencies we should be set up in a more organised manner. The proposed rules are published in the adjoining column, they are open for discussion, any suggestions can be passed to me so that we may discuss them at the next meeting. Remember keep them simple.

Proposed Rules

Eligibility

Membership of the association is open to all who spent part of their service career at RAF Duxford up to the time of the closure in 1962.

Objects

To establish an association of camaraderie and friendship amongst Old Dux members.

Membership

There are currently three grades of membership open to applicants- Annual
Family
Life

Committee

An elected committee will be responsible for the operation of the association. The committee shall consist of - Chairman
Vice-Chairman (North)
Vice- Chairman (South)
Secretary
Treasurer

Subscriptions

Subscription rates for each grade shall be determined by the committee and approved by the members.

Meetings

A meeting of the association shall be held twice yearly, May and September, at Duxford.

Membership list

The secretary shall maintain a list of all members showing their address and telephone number. A copy of the list is available to all members subject to the proviso that the list is not given in part or in whole to any third parties. In accordance with the requirements of the Data Protection Act members may request that their details are not included on the list circulated to members.