



Newsletter

April/May 1998

Don't forget the meeting on the 24th May!.

Meeting Details.

For all those who are coming to the meeting and also for the benefit of new members who have not previously attended a meeting a reminder of the procedure involved.

1. Ring or write to Bob Hope and give him your name and if coming by car the registration number and the names of all passengers **at least 10 days prior to the meeting**. This list is given to Duxford security and ensures that you will get in at the guardroom gate and not the public (paying) entrance. Security will also give you a car sticker and direct you to the appropriate parking area
2. The same list is used to collect the £2.00 attendance fee which is paid to IWM to offset the cost of using the meeting room. Members bringing guests please note that this fee is payable by all those on the list even if they do not come to the meeting.
3. It is customary for members to wear a ID badge at these meetings so that dimming memories can be refreshed!. If you need one let me or Bob know and I will bring it to the meeting for you. They come complete with a plastic holder and are free.
4. Weather permitting we usually assemble outside the control tower at 12 noon, then make our way to the meeting room which is on the right hand side of the road opposite the old clothing store, recognised by the Old Dux sign outside. In the event of foul weather go straight to the meeting room or browse in the hangers

Dinner

Bookings for the dinner are going well, there are still some seats left so book now. We have received two items to give as prizes in the raffle and any other similar donations will be gratefully appreciated.

Yet again, and in response to a query from a member, I repeat that ladies are most welcome, this is our Annual Dinner not a drinking party for boozy old boys.

Subs

A nagging reminder that a lot of members are due to pay their subs in May. If you are coming to the meeting and intend paying with the attendance fee could you try and bring the correct amount (or use a cheque) as sorting out change is always a bit of a hassle

Duxford Spitfires

It is now estimated that 30 Spitfires will be at Duxford on the weekend of May 2-3 and of these 27 are expected to fly. Unfortunately due to a change in the CAA display rules there will not be a large formation fly -past, instead they will fly-by in groups of similar marks.

Any member who has previously served with 19 Sqn may be interested to know that a special exhibition featuring the history of the Squadron is being held at the same time.

Javelins

If, like me, you are ex 64 Sqn and are interested in the history of the Javelin, the first half of a two part article in the May edition of the magazine *Aeroplane Monthly* should be a good read.

The article covers the problems encountered during the test and development of this aircraft prior to its acceptance into squadron service.

Considering this was the worlds first delta winged fighter to enter service there is very little in the way of books or articles devoted to the time it spent with the RAF, and I don't think there is even a single flying example left, shame.

See over for an update to the members directory.

New Members

Terry & Mandy(Nee Ives) Boothby
30 Connolly Drive
Carterton
Oxon
OX18 1BH 01993-841137
PBX 1953-1955 - Mandy
65 Sqdn 1952-1955 - Terry

James R. Exler
47 Wroslyn Road
Freeland
Witney Oxon
OX8 8HJ 01993-882783
AFDU Signals 1941-1943

Tom Goode
11 Aled Gardens
Sandy Cove
Kinnel Bay
Rhyl
LL18 5NG 01745 351824
Metal Worker 1939-1940

Bill Ross
34 Thurney Road
Capel St mary
Ipswich
Suffolk
IP9 2LH 01473-311180
ASF & 65 Sqdn 1951- 1959

June Ross (Nee Everett)
113 Stonecross Road
Hatfield
Herts
AL10 0HS 01707-267586
Officers Mess 1953-1955

Buck & Tamaris Ryan
Highfields
16 Paddock Way
Laverstock
Salisbury
Wilts
SP1 1SJ 01722-336720
Flight Commander 65 Sqdn 1953-1956

Robert & Patricia Scott
Finaghy
14 Higher Polsue Way
Tresillian
Truro
Cornwall
TR2 4BG
ASF & 64Sqdn 1956 1959- Airframe Fitter