



Newsletter

Feb/March 1998

The Millennium

Do you want to mark the arrival of the new century in any way?, we can't afford a dome but we could each use a large umbrella and pretend. The committee will consider all legal suggestions, bearing in mind that all members should be able to participate in the scheme.

Annual Dinner

Initial response for seats at the next annual dinner has been good, the room has been booked and the deposit paid, but there are still places left so make a reservation now and avoid disappointment later. If anyone has a preference to sit on the same table with friends etc would you please let me know so that when I come to finalise the seating plan I can, if possible, take these preferences into account.

Len Thorne

This an extract from a letter received from Len Thorne after returning from a holiday spent with his daughter in Austin Texas, USA. "Through a friend in this country I learnt that a Spitfire Mk 1X, MK415 had survived the war and was now owned by an American rancher. My daughter traced this gentleman who kindly invited us to visit. I should explain that I flew this aircraft in 1944/5 under operational conditions when we were developing methods of using Spits for ground attack and particularly for carrying and dropping bombs. We a 400 mile each way trip from Austin to Big Spring to meet "Connie" Edwards and after 54 years, to again sit in the cockpit of the well preserved old lady. It was a very nostalgic experience."

Subs

Some of you will receive, with this newsletter, a reminder that your subs are overdue, could you please pay the amount due or indicate that you no longer wish to remain a member. Where there is no response before publication of the next newsletter we must assume that membership of the Old Dux Association is no longer required.

Lost Glasses

Bob is still holding on to a pair of sunglasses which were left behind in the meeting room during last years May meeting. Bob will bring them to the next meeting for the owner to claim, if you can't make the meeting get in touch with Bob direct and make your own arrangements for collection.

New Members.

Please add the the following to your membership directory.

Brown, F W (Fred)
29 Beaumont Gardens
Melton Mowbray
Leicestershire
LE13 1 UJ 01664-500334
1951-1955 64 Sqdn Airframe Fitter

Fuller, Angela (Nee Morgan)
16 Clevedon Road
Stopsley
Luton
Beds
LU2 9ED 01582-612137
1958-1960 Tech Wing Orderly Room

Shipton, Fred (Nosher)
1 Thornhill House
Wood Street
Chiswick
London
W4 0181-9950094
SHQ

Storey, G J
Linden
Shute Lane
Long Sutton
Langport
Somerset
TA10 9LU 01458-241647
1959-1961 Wg.Cdr Flying

Duxford Events 1998

In addition to the flying displays the scheduled events for this year seem to appeal to a variety of interests and of all ages.

April 24th/26th - Food, Wine & Kitchen Show.

May 2nd/3rd - Spitfire Air Show, up to 25 Spitfires are expected to take part in the fly past.

May 24th - Old Dux Meeting.

June 7th - Lledo Model Show, a must for collectors of die cast model cars.

June 13th/14th - MG Owners Club National Rally, come and admire one of the best known marques.

June 26th/28th - Anglian Flower & Garden Show

July 4th/5th - Flying Legends Air Show, now one of the most popular warbird shows in Europe.

August 2nd - Military Vehicle rally.

August 9th - Large Scale Model Flying Display, if you can't afford the real thing.....!

September 6th - Duxford '98 Air Show, celebrating 80 years of the RAF, includes the Red Arrows Display team.

September 27th - Showbus.

October 11th - Autumn Air Show, last one of the year & featuring aircraft from the Duxford collection.

October 17th - Old Dux Annual Dinner.

October 18th - Old Dux Meeting.

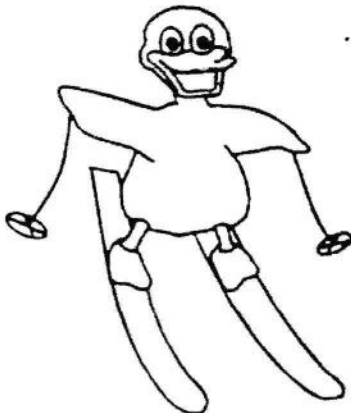
The flying displays are always very popular with huge crowds expected at all events, arrive early if you intend going and be prepared to leave late, traffic is a nightmare!

Note: The museum is open as usual during all these events with normal admission charges applying, but on flying days special (Higher!) admission prices come into force.

To check on the latest information call Talking Pages free, quoting 'Duxford' on 0800-600900.

Nagano '98

Sadly, our entry for the ski events at the Winter Olympic Games was dis-qualified following accusations concerning ancillary and illegal aids. Reports that he used wing assistance in the ski jumping event were strongly denied, his coach was quoted as saying "He was just flapping his wings to keep warm"



The Dux refused to comment saying he was tired and was going to hit the saki. (Japanese bed?)

Accommodation

A selection of accommodation addresses close to Duxford.

Appleacre Caravan Park
London Road
Fowlmere
Royston
Herts
SG8 7RU 01763-208229/208354

Dorset Guest House
35 Newton Road
Little Shelford
Cambs
CB2 5HL 01223- 844440

Duxford Lodge Hotel
Ickleton Road
Duxford
Cambs
CB2 4RU 01223-836444

Flint Cross Motel
Flint Cross
Nr Royston
Herts
SG8 7PN 01763 208272

Moorfield House B&B
51 Moorfield road
Duxford
Cambs
CB2 4PP 01223-832182

Red Lion Hotel
Station Road East
Whittlesford
Cambs
CB2 4NL 01223-832047/832115

There are other places to stay further afield particularly in Cambridge, more information can be obtained from your local travel agent or by contacting

Cambridge Tourist Information Centre
Wheeler Street
Cambridge
CB2 3QB
Tel: 01223-322640
Fax: 01223-463385