



# NEWSLETTER

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## A grand day out!

### May Meeting

The weather was bright and pleasant when over 100 members and their guests gathered outside the control tower for the preliminary chatter, gossip and "I haven't seen you since....." session before moving on to the meeting proper.

Following the introduction from the Chairman the usual 'steamroller' tactics were carried out to ensure that the committee were voted in for a further period of office thereby removing the opportunity for the committee members to seek nominations for their replacements!

It was proposed and agreed that in future the end of year meeting & dinner be moved permanently to a weekend in October, thus avoiding conflicts with late holidays and Battle of Britain commitments.

In response to a request that meetings should not be held on Bank Holiday weekends, it was explained that because of a possible clash with other events the IWM had the final say on what days were available for meetings. It was agreed that the forthcoming dates for meetings would be finalised at the discretion of the committee.

It was also agreed that, in the case of non-payment of subs, that a final reminder letter be sent the people concerned, then if payments were still outstanding that person would cease to be a member of the Old Dux Association. It is worth noting, that compared to other similar organisations, our level of subscriptions are pitched on the low side, also they have never been increased since the Association was formed, so come on people pay up, a lot of effort has gone into increasing the membership numbers so it would be a shame to lose members now.

Current bookings for our dinner in October stand at 74, but there are still seats available so to enjoy a good evening out make your reservations now before it's too late. There will be the usual magnificent raffle, excellent food, all in the surrounds of the old officers mess, what could be better!

### Slide show

At the end of the meeting Stephen Woolford Head of Exhibitions at the IWM gave a talk on the history of Duxford illustrated with slides made from old photographs drawn from the Museum archives.

Stephen is also trying to organise a film show, in the old station cinema, to follow on from the end of the October meeting. If circumstances permit and there is time a tour of the old domestic site may also be fitted in.

### Membership Directory

The current directory is due for its annual reprint, but prior to this there is still time (just call or write) to let me know if you want to make any amendments to your own entry, additions, corrections etc., in particular trade/professional details and dates of Duxford service.

### Life Members

At long last the life membership certificates have been designed and printed and will be distributed to qualifying members with this newsletter. Suitably framed these will make an attractive addition to the décor of your home.

### Subs Reminders

Also going out with this newsletter are reminders that some members subscriptions are due for renewal. The cost of subscriptions were initially fixed at the current affordable level and have not been increased since the association was first formed, and we rely on prompt payment of subs as these are our only source of income. The main outgoings are printing and stationary, postage, and advertising, so pay-up cheerfully it's for a good cause.