



NEWSLETTER

June 1999

May Meeting.

The May meeting was attended by 97 members and friends who enjoyed some good sunshine and thanks to the later start time (13.00) were able to have lunch before the meeting proper started.

Annual Dinner.

After the various options were explained the vote was for the 4 course meal as in previous years. The cost will be £26.50, without wine, and a reservation coupon is provided at the foot of this page. Payment can either be the full amount or a deposit £6.50 with the balance due by the 1st of October. When completing the coupon please use the names or nicknames etc that you would like to see printed on your place cards. Return completed coupons to either the Treasurer or Secretary.

Association Ties.

Samples of the various designs for the ties and scarf were passed round for inspection and comment. The designs shown were chosen and a quantity of each have been ordered. Those who ordered and paid at the meeting will receive their choice as soon as the manufacturers complete the order.

Historical Research

John Milne, who is putting together a history of Duxford gave a short talk on the various ways and means that can be explored in the search for data.

Domestic Site Tour.

Andrew Height conducted a small party around the 'other side of the road'. This no doubt brought back memories of past events to those participating, hopefully all good ones! For those new to the association it should be explained that all the old barrack blocks and other buildings are now fully air conditioned and used to store all the archive material, films, documents etc belonging to the Imperial War Museum, hence the reason for all tours to be officially sanctioned.

Obituaries.

Following the recent sad deaths of some of our members the question was asked as to why we didn't publish any obituaries. When the association was formed it was decided that due to the general age of the membership it was felt that obituaries could take up a large portion of the newsletter and in nearly all instances would not be meaningful to the majority of members.

Fortunately this has not been the case, but the question was asked do we stick to the original decision or change and to include obituaries where appropriate. By a majority show of hands it was decided to maintain the original policy decision and only to record cessation of membership by amendments to the membership directory.

1959 London to Paris Race.

The July edition of the Flypast magazine features an light hearted article written by Dick Leggett (who was at the time O/C Flying) about Duxford's part in the race. The article is illustrated with several good photographs and relates some of the background about the preparation for the race and 'hitherto unpublished' details of the race itself. Also in the magazine is a review of the book entitled 'Gloster Javelin' by Maurice Allward, cost £14.99 ISBN 0 7110 1323 3. As you know very little has been written about the Javelin so this book is a welcome addition to the bookshelf.

New Member

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Well Walk
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Ground equipment/64 Sqdn.

Annual Dinner Booking Form

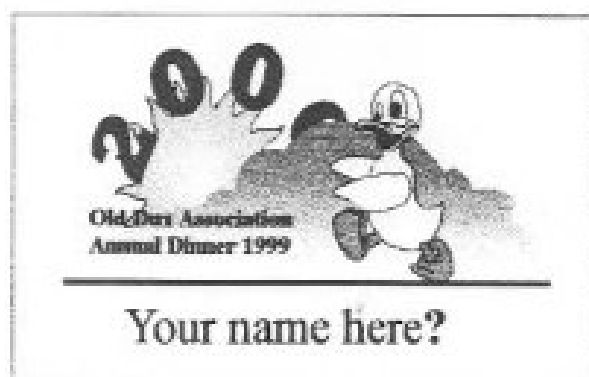
Yes we/I shall be coming to the Dinner, please reserve places for:

Name/s

We/I Enclose £..... Deposit

or

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Your name here?

The latest report from Jim Garlinge on his hunt for ex-Duxford aircraft.

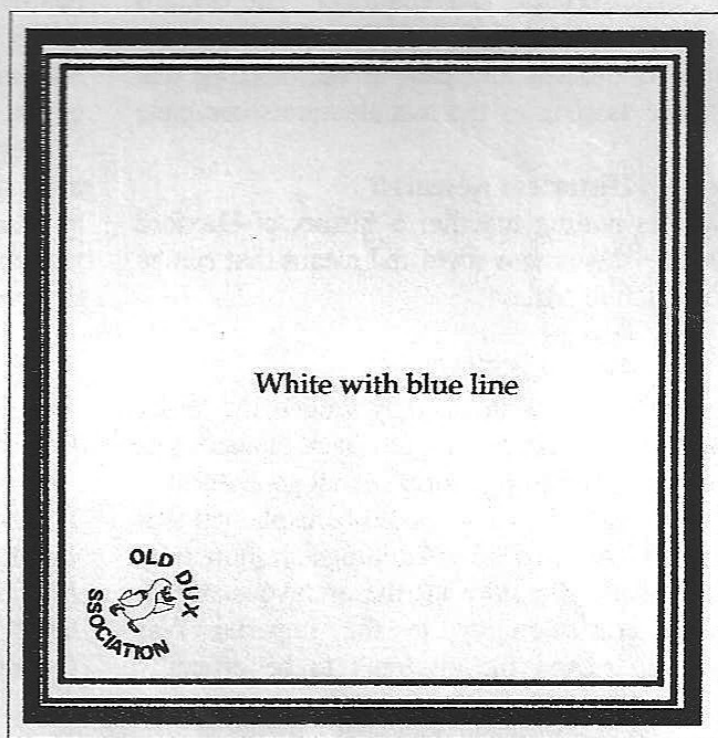
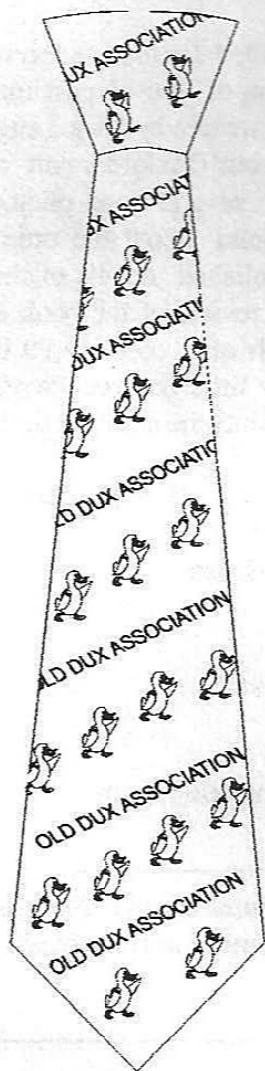
"I recently visited Jet Heritage Ltd at Bournemouth Hurn Airport to see the ex 65 Sqdn Hunter T7 twin seater. It is still airworthy and is flown at regular intervals sporting it's new livery, black all over with white stripes, carrying civil registration G-VETA. The museum has 6 Hunters, 3 Vampires and a 'long nose Meteor'. If anyone going to the Bournemouth area the museum is well worth a visit. This is the first of the Duxford 'survivors' I have come across, some others are still flying some not, but I intend visiting sites to photograph and list as many as possible. Hopefully a list and photographs will be available in time for the October meeting".

Terry Crowley has just published a book of his poetry entitled "Meandering" as a contribution towards the RAFA Wings appeal. The first 50 have already been sold resulting in a donation totalling £100 divided between two charities, RAFA, and the RAF Benevolent Fund. Terry is now giving members an opportunity to purchase the book at a cost of £2.50, (this includes post and packing). Proceeds from the sales will again be split between the two charities previously mentioned.

Terry's address is

29 Homeweave House
Robinsbridge Road
Coggeshall
Essex
CO6 1UL Tel. 01376 563226

"This is a delightful little book and well worth purchasing, I am sure that there is at least one poem in the book to that will appeal to someone." - Ed.



Tie will be available in two background colours; Light blue & maroon, fully woven lined polyester. The duck motif is in colour and the lettering is 'shadow' woven.

The scarf is white with dark blue borders approx 27in/69cm square with the duck motif printed in one corner, size 2.5in/6cm

Prices - Ties £8.00, Scarves £10.30. Orders with payment made out to Old Dux Association addressed to the secretary.