



NEWSLETTER

March 1999

Meetings 1999

We have now received confirmation from the IWM that this years meetings can be held on Sunday May 16th and Sunday October 31st. The dinner will be on the evening of Saturday 30th. Please make a note of these dates in your diary.

Cost of Dinner

The Duxford Officers mess have advised us that this years 4 course dinner menu will cost £26.50, an increase on previous payments of £3.00. A 3 course dinner menu will be available at a cost of £23.50. If your views on which menu to have can be made known at the May meeting we can start organising this event. Our complaint regarding the excessive pricing of the house wine at £10 per bottle has been noted but no reductions have been offered, therefore the cost of the dinner will no longer include wine.

Duxford history-progress report

At the May meeting our historian John Milne will give a report on the progress made on his compilation of the history of Duxford. John has been delving through the archives of the local newspapers etc to come up with a different view from that of the official version.

Exhibition

We have been told that during May and June, there will be an exhibition depicting the history of the buildings of Duxford. No other details are available but most of you will be aware that several buildings, including some of the hangers, are Grade 1 items of historical interest. Had this distinction been granted earlier the blowing up of the hanger during the filming of the Battle of Britain would not have been allowed.

Duxford-Flying Displays

The air display calendar for 1999 is:
Sunday May 2nd-May Air Display
Saturday July 10th/Sunday 11th- Flying Legends Air Show
Sunday September 12th- Duxford '99 Air show
Sunday October 17th- Autumn Air Show
Details of opening hours, admission charges etc, can be obtained by calling 01223-835000.

Change of Treasurer

With effect from the 1st March 1999 the position of Old Dux Treasurer will pass into the capable hands of George Poole. All queries regarding subs or other financial matters will now be handled by George.

Old Dux Officials

In response to queries from some newer members here are the names and addresses of all Old Dux Officials.

Chairman - Mr M C Hope (Bob)
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Vice Chairman - Mr J Garlinge (Jim)
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Kent DA1 5JH
01322-274245

Vice Chairman- Mr J Lynn (Jim)
(North) 107 Moorsfield
Chiltonmoor
Houghton-Le Spring
Tyne & Wear DH4 5PG
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Secretary- Mr A McRae (Allan)
(& Newsletter) 23 Gallery Close
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Treasurer- Mr G Poole (George)
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Chesterton
Oxon OX6 8XB
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Millennium

We are still awaiting further suggestions as to how (or if) the Association should mark the impending arrival of the year 2000. One suggestion received is, stay at home, lock all doors, switch everything off and get quietly drunk!. Another is to give a prize to the member catching the most millennium bugs.

Further practical suggestions should be sent to the Secretary

Membership Directory.

Included with this newsletter is the updated membership directory, check that your details are correct and destroy all previous issues.