

Annual Dinner

This years annual dinner was attended by some 116 members and guests making this the best ever from the numbers point of view. (and the food wasn't bad either)!

My thanks to all those who donated a prize to the raffle and helped maintain the tradition of going on for ever, and giving the caller (me) the usual sore throat. Next year we have a 'voice assisted' device to use so those at the back of the room will be able to hear the numbers and maybe win something.

Dates for 2003

The Mess have informed us that their refurbishment which was to have been programmed for the latter half of 2003 has been postponed. This means that the date for the next dinner can now be confirmed as Saturday 25th October 2003 and the meeting as usual the following day on Sunday 26th at 1pm.

The Annual General meeting will be on Sunday 18th May 2003 at 1pm. Please let me know if you want any particular item that merits discussion included on the agenda.

Some other entries for your diaries are the IWM display dates:

Sunday May 4th-May Air Display

Saturday July 12th and Sunday July 13th—Flying Legends

Saturday September 6th and Sunday 7th September-

Duxford "Centenary of Flight" Air show

Sunday October 12th- Autumn Air Show

Diaries 2003

All the above dates can be entered into the Old Dux diary which is available from me (Secretary) free! However 60p each is needed to cover the cost of postage, if you want one of these exclusive items send me the required amount of stamps (not on an envelope) and I will despatch one, or more, by return. This years diary features the association logo on the front and as well as the diary section packed with useful information, there is also a separate handy notepad to record those inspirational thoughts that we usually seem forget almost as soon as we have thought of them, also known as 'senior moments' or 'what the heck was that I was supposed to get?

What are senior citizens worth?

Did you know that senior citizens are worth a fortune? We have silver in our hair, gold in our teeth, stones in our kidneys, lead in our feet, and gas in our stomachs! I am seeing six gentlemen every day. As soon as I wake up Will Power helps me out of bed: then I go to Jimmy Riddle and the it's time for breakfast with Mr Kellogg. followed by the refreshing company of Mr Tetley or my other friend who I only know by his initials- Mr P.G. Then comes someone I don't like at all-Arthur It is. He knows he is not welcome, but insists on being there, and what is more, he stays for the rest of the day. Even then he does not like to stay in one place, but takes me from joint to joint. After such a hectic day I am glad to get to bed with Johnny Walker. What a life. Oh yes. and I am now flirting with Al Zheimer! The Vicar came to call the other day and said that at my time of life I should be thinking of the hereafter—so I told him I did all the time, for no matter where I am, in the bedroom, the kitchen, the sitting room or the garden I ask myself, "Now what am I here after?"

Well I'll close now and hope that Will Power is your constant companion too. However, do make sure that his friend Emma Roid does not creep up on you from the rear, and watch out for the crafty one—Gerry Atric!

No 4 Police District Rule Book?

The Headquarters of 4 District was based at Duxford and the following is a reminder to their 'customers' that the Provost Marshal had some extraordinary powers; Form 4233 'Punishment Book'

"The Provost Marshal hath the charge of all manner of tortures, as gyves, shackles, bolts, chaines, belbowes, manacles, whips and the like, and may by his ministers use them, either in the case of judgement or commandment from a martial Court or otherwise upon unruliness at his own discretion". Jankers anyone?

His jurisdiction also included traders:

Form 4103 'Traders entering an RAF unit.'

"His men should guard the camp, and in the camp, and from the camp, all manner of victuallers, viandors, and Merchants, and vate and set the price (in a reasonable and indifferent manner) upon all their goods, and secure them from the insolence of the airman"

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With these additions the current membership now stands at 248 and the committee wishes them all a

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Joke Time

I said "Doc, my foot hurts, what'll I do?" He said "Limp"

Client to lawyer "Can I ask you two questions?" Lawyer "What's the second question?"

Driver to policeman "Can I park here?" Policeman "No"

Driver "What about those other cars here?" Policeman "They didn't ask!"

Have you tried Vodka and Carrot juice? You get drunk just as fast, but your eyesight gets better

I read about the evils of drinking, so I gave up reading!

