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Newsletter

April 2004

Notice

Not so much a newsletter but more like a news-memo, however I need to send out this quick note to remind everyone, particularly new members, about the details for the dinner & meeting in May.

Annual Dinner

As you are probably aware the Officers Mess will close at the end of June so that building work can commence to convert the mess into a hotel. As a result of this we have had to bring the date of our annual dinner forward from its normal place in October to Saturday May 8th.

Bookings for the dinner have been coming in at a steady rate but there is still space for more so get in quick as we have to 'close the books' on **Friday 24th** of April, so not much time left.

All monies must be paid before that date, this is also when we have to confirm to the mess final numbers, any dietary requirements, and any special access needs.

As in previous years the cash bar will open at 7pm for pre-eating throat lubrication and the call for dinner will be at 8pm.

Those staying at local accommodation and who want to avail themselves of the taxi service to and from the mess please let Bob Hope (01554-890520) know as soon as possible so that he can make the necessary arrangements. Parking is available right by the mess entrance for those coming direct by road.

The usual raffle will be held and we will be grateful for any gifts to be offered as prizes. Previous years have seen a real diversity of prizes, ranging from craft items to an abundance of fine wines. Everything on the table is winnable and as usual we look forward to Jenny and Ann selling plenty of tickets.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held at 1pm 9th April in one of the classrooms opposite the old clothing store.

There are two other events taking place on that day and it was only by dint of a bit of arm twisting by Bob that we were allowed to come on the Sunday.

Entrance to the meeting is via the main gate and park as directed by security. You will need to give Bob Hope your car registration number and names of passengers by the date shown in the left column.

George Poole will be collecting attendance fee's and subs after the meeting.

Three topics head the agenda, the aerospace appeal, subscription rates, and re-election of the committee. The first two items will be dealt with first as we anticipate some conflicting views on these topics the outcome of which may have a bearing on the third item!

Aerospace Appeal

Many thanks to all those who have already sent in donations. We are almost on target but there is still time to donate so that we can have a lasting memento to the association in the new super hanger. If we can manage it we will try and arrange an 'official' presentation of the money on the Sunday during the meeting, this all depends who will be available from the museum.

See you all there.