

Old Dux Association Newsletter



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October 2004

Meeting

Although the weather forecast was a bit grim there were still 65 members who attended the meeting.

Friends of Duxford

One of the topics up for discussion was the possibility of some sort of tie-in with the Friends of Duxford. A group affiliation for Association Members was one suggestion and reduced price of their magazine was another. A letter to their Secretary to sound things out will be sent, and dependant on the reply a decision whether to proceed or not will be taken.

Diaries.

The 2005 diary is ready for distribution, as in previous editions the association logo is featured on the front cover as is a holder for the 'flat' pen that comes with the diary. If you want one (or more) please send, to me, stamps @ 50p per diary or cash equivalent to cover post and packing. To keep postage costs to a minimum I have only purchased envelopes to take a single diary, so if you order more than one you will receive each in a separate envelope hence the per diary price. This is a first come first served deal so apply now.

Photo Appeal

According to a web page viewed by Jim Garlinge Recently Meteor NF14 WS838 ex 64 Sqn. based at the Midland Air Museum, Baginton has been repainted from its previous overall yellow finish to its original 64 Sqn. markings. If any member living nearby or is going to visit the museum could take some pictures of WS838 and send them to Jim for inclusion in the one of the association albums. If video footage were also included then this could be added to the CD Jim is compiling about Duxford for free issue to members in 2005.

In a similar vein, does anyone know if the NF14 WS843 at the RAF museum Cosford is still wearing 64 Sqn. colours?

All answers direct to Jim Garlinge.

AGM 2005

The date for the AGM for 2005 is Sunday May 15th starting at 1pm (13.00hrs in metric), If you order a diary it can be your 1st entry! As usual the Annual dinner, which has been moved from its October slot, will be held the previous evening. The venue is Chilford Hall & Vineyard, Linton. I should like to thank all those who sent in possible alternative venues to the Officers Mess at Duxford, but for one reason or another were not deemed suitable.

2005 Annual Dinner

In case you hadn't realised 2005 celebrates the 10th anniversary of the Association formed on May 14th 1994.

As mentioned previously we have been searching for a venue to hold the anniversary dinner as the Duxford Officers mess is closed due to conversion into a hotel complex.

We have been fortunate in locating, what we believe is suitable replacement venue and have been able to book the facilities for the evening of the 14th May 2005 10 years to the day!

Chilford Hall & Vineyard

Chilford Hall conference and banqueting centre is located just outside the village of Linton about 10 min drive from J10 of the M11 and although 'tucked' away is quite a large complex with parking for 1000 vehicles. The adjoining vineyard is the largest in East Anglia and their wines have won several prizes.

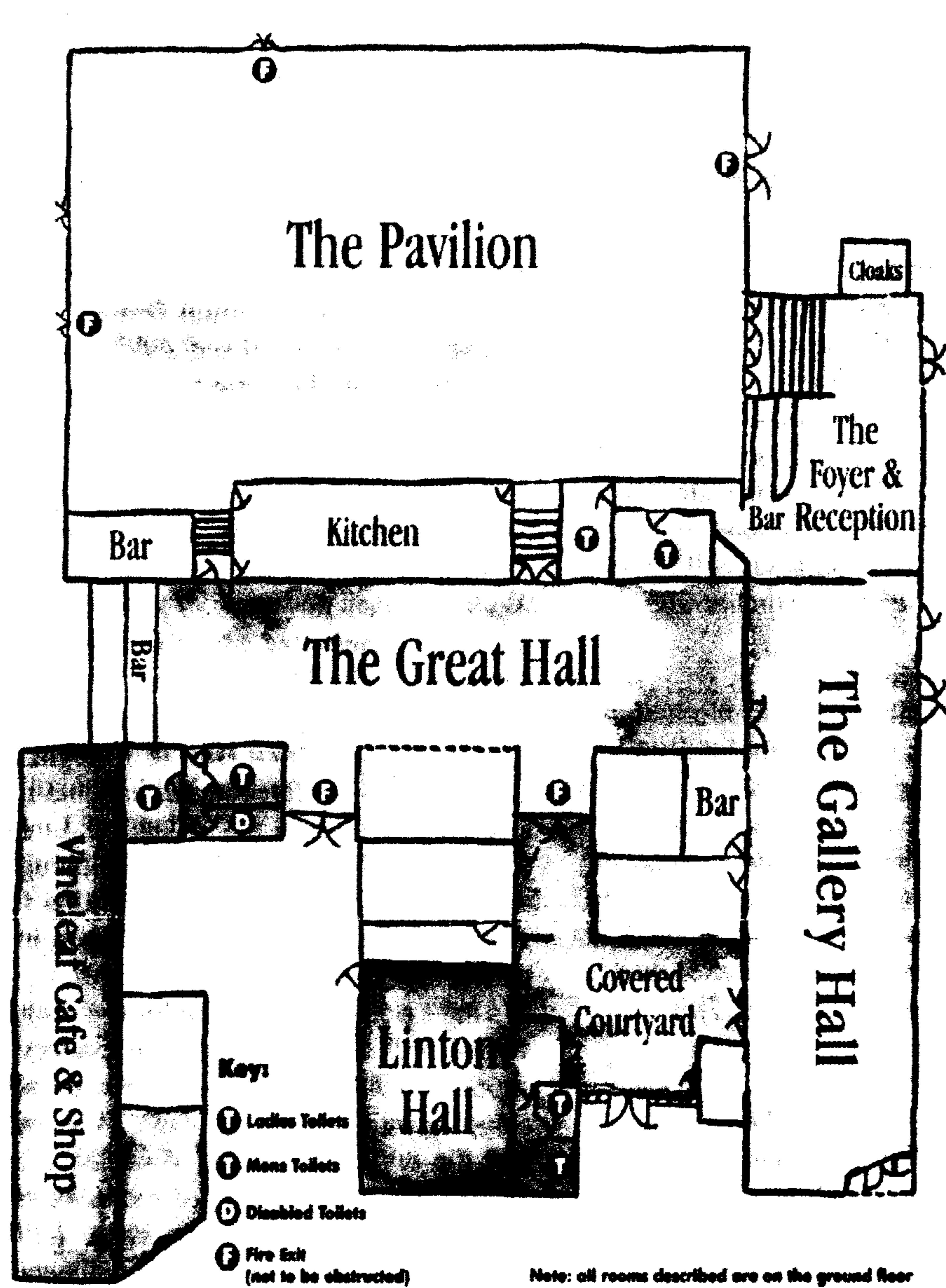
We have booked the centre for our dinner and on your arrival will be shown into the Gallery Hall a 90' long exposed beam room where each person will receive a complimentary glass of wine. A cash bar is available and the complex has full disabled facilities. When the call for dinner is announced we move into the Great Hall a 110' long vaulted ceiling room dating back to 1820 featuring coaching lamps and collectables of a bygone era. This hall has its own bar and toilets, it also has built in microphone facilities so the raffle will be less of a strain on the throat!

This year the cost of the dinner will be £29.50, for this you get the usual meal, wine and of course good company. As in previous years we require a deposit so that we can gauge the numbers of those attending. We hope to arrange transport to and from the centre calling at Duxford Lodge, Red Lion, and the 4 Wentways Hotel.

If you have any queries regarding the venue and the facilities please give me a call on 01604-491836 and I will endeavour to answer them. A little nearer the time I will publish a map and detailed instructions on how to get there and any other pertinent information.

The committee would like attain maximum attendance for this our 10th Anniversary and celebrate good times together and look forward to May 14th 2014!

See over for Chilford Hall site layout



To car park

Way in

Disabled car park

Main Entrance

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Meeting

Just a reminder that the next meeting will be a bit earlier than usual and that it is on the 3rd October 2004. Please get your vehicle registration details to Bob as soon as possible together with the names of all occupants. Another reminder, at the last meeting it was decided that the attendance fee be increased to £3 per person.

Membership Grades

Also decided at the last meeting was a need to modify the membership grade subscriptions. These are now,

Ordinary member	£5.00
Overseas member	£5.00
Dual membership	£8.00 (was Family)
Associate member	£6.00

Life membership will no longer be offered but existing life members are not affected. These changes are now in operation and subs are due.

Annual Dinner 2005

We are still searching for suitable venues to hold next years Annual Dinner. This will be held in May and is our 10th Anniversary event. At the moment the only venue on offer can only seat 100 max. and is quite public, so any suggestions will be welcomed.

Air Wall Appeal

The air wall appeal is still open and donations can be sent to George Poole. We are trying to finalise the details for the presentation of the money, hopefully at next years May meeting.