



# Newsletter

February 2006

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You will be pleased to hear that we have secured a booking for our annual dinner to be held on the evening of Sat 13<sup>th</sup> May 2006

The venue is the Heydon Grange Golf & Country Club which is just off the A505 signed Heydon & Gt. Chishill, roughly half way between Duxford IWM and Flint Cross. There is ample car parking and the dinner will be in the Club house which is an old converted barn complete with the usual exposed beams. Disabled access and toilet facilities are provided.

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The cost will be £29.00 per person including wine and bookings together with payments or deposits are now required. **There is a restriction on numbers allowed so the 'first come first served' rule must apply, and the booking list must close by Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> April.** They are also insistent that the number of people per table is strictly observed, we will not know the room layout plan until the evening of the dinner but we will still try and accommodate "to sit with" requests as far as possible.

We will also see if we can lay-on a mini bus service between the venue and the more popular overnight stops. (Details later)

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The room and cash bar will be available to us from 7pm with dinner served at 8pm and we have been asked to vacate by 12 midnight. Please do not arrive too early for the dinner as this a functioning golf club and club members will still be using the course and sharing part of the club house.

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When booking to George or Allan please give the name(s) that is to appear on the place cards, seating preferences and any dietary requirements. The club is not as flexible as we have been accustomed to when it comes to menu selection although there is a vegetarian option available.

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As in previous years we again appeal for prizes for the cabaret (er, sorry) the raffle which will take place after the dinner. This gives an extra opportunity for some extra chat time only interrupted by someone shouting out incomprehensible numbers! **Allan.**

## ❖ Item by Jim Garlinge

In response to the question raised by Ian Swindale at the Oct. 2005 meeting, I would like to reply in detail as to how the association recruits it's members.

Our primary means of enquiry and replies are with Teletext : Service Pals, T.V. channel 4(now page 172) (Page 153 now no longer transmitting)

Our stand at the 7 Airshow days (courtesy of the I.W.M.) is also a good source of enquiry.

We also use various publications, including Airmail, (RAFA), Saga, RAF news, Best of British, Fly Past, and Yours magazines. At various times we have also tried the websites of ServicePals.com, The British Legion, Forces Re-United, RAFA, Biscuits Brown, Comrades in Arms, 20<sup>th</sup> Century Comrades, and Missing You. Radio 2 has also been tried, without success.

If any members have their own ideas or suggestions to help swell the membership please contact me, Jim Garlinge. 45 Trevithick Ave, Dartford Kent DA1 5JH. e/m.jfgarlinge@aol.com Tel: 01322 274245

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Members are reminded that annual subscriptions normally fall due in May and October. The current rates are : £5 Annual and £8 Family Membership. Cheques should be made payable to The Old Dux Association and should be forwarded to the treasurer George Poole at 4, Ash Grove, Chesterton. Oxon. OX26 1XB. (Tel: 01869 243887) email : georgeathome@telco4u.net





### Adding a little humour

A dietician was addressing a large audience, "The food that we normally put in our stomachs is enough to have seen most of us off years ago. Red meat, Soft drinks, Chinese Take-aways, and no one realises what harm the germs and additives in drinking water can do."

"Can anyone here tell me which food causes the most grief and suffering for years afterwards?" An elderly gent at the front stood up and answered, "Wedding Cake."



A couple copped off at the Hospital Staff Xmas party and went back to his flat. The next morning the man said "I could tell you were a nurse because you were so gentle and caring". "I could tell that you were an Anaesthetist," she replied. "I didn't feel a thing!"



A Jamaican fireman came home one day and was explaining to his wife the new system that had been introduced at the fire station. "When Bell One rings we puts on de jackets, on Bell Two we slides down de pole on Bell Tree we jumps on the fire engine and we're away. So Honey I'm tinkin... when I get home at night on Bell one you strips naked, on Bell Two you lies on de bed and on Bell Tree we make love all night long." The following evening he comes home and says to his wife "O K honey, Bell One!.. So she dutifully strips off. "Bell Two!" and she lies on the bed. "Bell Tree!" he shrieks and dives on. After a few minutes his wife cries, "Bell Four"... "Bell Four?" her husband yelled, "What de 'ells Bell Four?"... "More hose! more hose! she cried, "Honey, yo aint nowhere near de fire!"



### Did you Know

The Motto on our Old Dux logo, Genius Loci (Lo-si) means The atmosphere that characterizes a place. / The supposed guardian spirit of a place. I like it !..don't you ?

L.C.