

# Institute of Physics LONDON AND SOUTH EASTERN BRANCH

## REMS SECTION

### Duxford Airfield (Imperial War Museum)

Thursday 18 June 2015

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This visit has been organised by George Freeman and Derek Walker.

Duxford Airfield was established in 1918 to train pilots. It became a wartime airfield but is now a commercial airfield and museum and contains a vast number of aircraft (flying and restored), vehicles and ships from 1900 onwards. Many aircraft are in flying condition and are used to give demonstrations on special flying days (not this day). There are 8 hangars and in the morning we will have a guided tour of the AirSpace one (see #1 on the plan) and in the afternoon a tour of the American Museum (#7), both taking about 40 minutes. For more information see <http://www.iwm.org.uk/visits/iwm-duxford>. CB22 4QR

A company called Classic Wings give flights of about 30 minutes in a small historic, piston aircraft; a twin engined Rapide; maximum 8 people for about £40 each. Unfortunately they will not be flying on our Thursday.

**TRAVEL** The nearest station is Whittlesford Parkway, 1 mile from the airfield, 1½ hours from Liverpool Street Station to Cambridge, the 09:28 arriving 10:40. I will arrange transport to the airport. Return trains from Whittlesford Parkway are every ½ hour on the hour.

A quicker route is from Kings Cross to Royston taking 45 minutes, the 09:52 arriving at 09:39, but the station taxi takes 20 minutes and the cost for both is much higher. Please check the train times after Easter. Those travelling by car may like to set their satnavs to the above post code. There is plenty of free parking.

**OPEN** 10:00 to 18:00

**ASSEMBLE** in the visitor centre at 11:00. Refreshments and toilets.

**LUNCH** will be had in the visitor centre restaurant or cafes.

#### **PROGRAMME**

10:00 – 11:00 Assemble in visitor centre  
11:30 Tour of South Side (air space) (1)  
12:30 Lunch  
14:00 Tour American area (7)  
15:00 Free to wander  
16:45 Transport to station. Car drivers can stay to the end at 18:00.

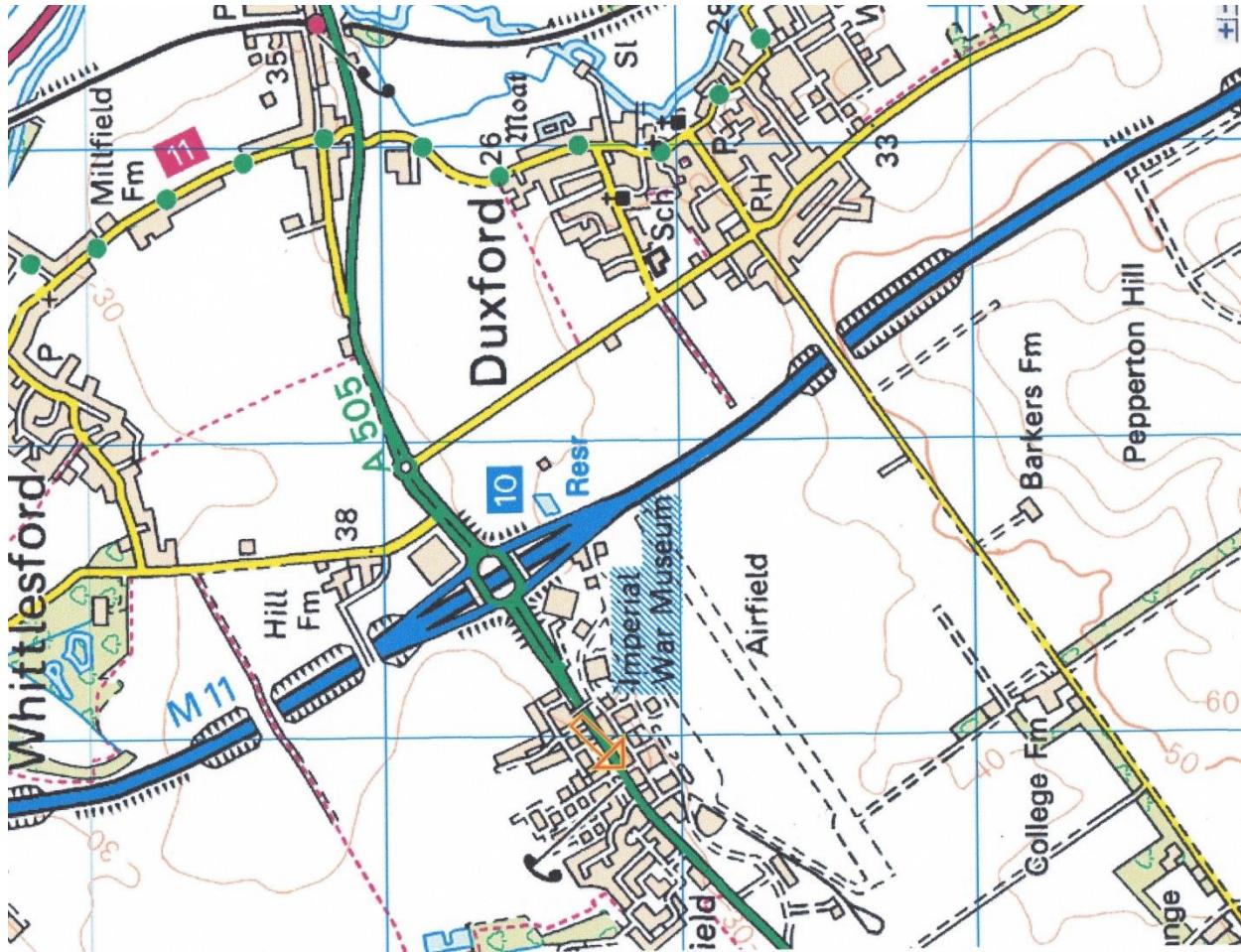
**COSTS** £15.00 No maximum numbers. Refreshments at cost.

#### **CONTACTS**

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**Explore IWM Duxford**

**What to see...**

- 1 AirSpace
- 2 Flying Aircraft
- HD Historic Duxford
- 3 Air and Sea
- 4 Battle of Britain
- 5 Conservation in Action
- 6 1940 Operations Room
- 7 American Air Museum
- 8 Land Warfare
- ▼ Exhibition entrances

**Civil aircraft**  
One of these important civil aircraft may be open for you to climb aboard and explore.

**Where to find...**

- Airborne Assault
- Airfield
- Café and restaurant
- Classic Wings
- Pleasure Flights
- Clore Learning Centre
- Concorde
- Duxford Radio Society
- First aid
- Playground
- Prefab Bungalow
- Royal Anglian Regiment Museum and Memorial
- Shops
- Tank Arena
- Toilets

**Visitor Centre**  
Museum entrance / exit