



Qualitas Non Quantitas

95th Entry Halton Apprentices

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95th Entry 50th Anniversary of Graduation Reunion

PLEASE ENSURE YOU READ THIS IMPORTANT
INFORMATION

Hi Everyone,

The Planning Team are pleased to advise that the 50th Anniversary of Graduation Reunion Dinner is now fully contracted and formal commitments have been made - this newsletter confirms the details.

In view of the progress made it is now appropriate for you to make your commitment to attend and forward the full payment of dinner costs (see Page 3).

To reiterate, the reunion is open to all Entry members and their families and especially open to the Widows & families of our deceased members, subject to a minimum age limit of 16 years, no younger please.

DO NOT assume we know where everyone is - there are still a number of unfound members. Could I please ask you all to actively encourage those of our members and the widows & families of deceased members **who are known to you**, to attend this reunion. Let us all try to make this occasion the best yet. Thank you.

Also included is additional information about York and its environs together with other news.

Meet & Greet

A suitable venue has yet to be chosen for a Meet & Greet (probably between 12.00 - 3.00pm) on 10th April 2013 and will be advised, probably by email, at a later date. Please ensure that Roger (quernrigger@yahoo.co.uk) has an up-to-date email addresses for you.

The specific Venue & Date for the reunion function is:

THE PARK INN HOTEL

Henley Suite

NORTH STREET

YORK

YO1 6JF

Tel: +44 (0) 1904 459988

on

Wednesday 10th April 2013

18:30 hrs for 19:30 hrs

(6:30pm for 7:30pm)

Photo call at 19:20 hrs - bring your cameras!

Dress code: Gentlemen - Black Tie optional / Lounge Suit minimum
Ladies - Posh Frocks & crown jewels

REUNION DINNER MENU

Cream of Leek & Potato Soup with Chives

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Medallions of Lamb, Venison & Beef Fillet
Brandy & Green Peppercorn Sauce
Roast New Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables

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Vanilla Crème Brulee with Soft Fruit Coulis

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Coffee & Truffles

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Cheese Board & Port

Subsidised Cost: **£35.00p** per person

Request for Payment Please: (Please note that any costs for accommodation is entirely your own responsibility).

Thank you to everyone who forwarded deposits, however, full payment at the subsidised rate of £35.00 per person is now required, please.

We are committed to pay the outstanding sum to the hotel and provide a list of attendees early in the New Year 2013. Therefore, would you please confirm your attendance and pay the full £35.00 per person (or remaining balance) **as soon as you can and before the end November 2012 please**, to:

ALF BANYARD, 105 STONE HILL DRIVE, BLACKBURN, BB1 5TS. UK

Cheques payable to: A P Banyard (95 Reunion)

OVERSEAS MEMBERS: To alleviate possible money transfer difficulties, payment can be deferred by arrangement, until meeting in York - **but Please Confirm Your Attendance.**

The Park Inn Hotel, York, Accommodation

The Park Inn Hotel, North Street, York. YO1 6JF, located on the west bank of the River Ouse, is just a five minute walk from York Train Station and near shopping districts and major tourist attractions. The following accommodation rates are confirmed for attendees to our Reunion:

Standard room	Double occupation	1 night	£89.00
Standard room	Double occupation	2 or more nights	£75.00
Standard room	Single occupation	1 night	£79.00
Standard room	Single occupation	2 or more nights	£75.00
Room Upgrade	£20.00 extra per night for Minster/River views		

Park Inn Hotel Car Parking:

There is On-Site car parking for up to 90 vehicles on a first come, first served basis. We have negotiated a 50% discount for reunion attendees @ £6.00 per night per car. Any guests attending dinner only and choosing to park their car at the Park Inn will receive complimentary car parking (**subject to availability - if you want to risk it**).

Note: Token / Franked Ticket required to exit - obtainable from reception.

Should the Hotel car park be full, there is an NCP on the next street (Tanner Row - 1st left after the Park Inn Hotel). NCP parking charges will be as displayed in the NCP and are independent of the Park Inn Hotel.

Accommodation Booking

If you are planning to attend the reunion, whatever accommodation package you choose for yourselves, it is strongly recommended that you make your booking as soon as you can. Please bear in mind that York is non seasonal and very popular with tourists the year round.

If opting for the Park Inn Hotel, to ensure you get the negotiated package, ring & book directly with the Hotel (Tel: +44 (0) 1904 459988) and quote:

Code: RAFR100413

It is confirmed that Credit Card details are sufficient to secure a room booking at the Park Inn Hotel. You will be responsible for settling your own bills for accommodation and related fees (Car Park, Bar, room service, telephone, laundry etc), as applicable, when checking out.

The Park Inn Hotel has set aside a number of rooms for our attendees, which will be allocated as you book. Any unallocated rooms will be released on 27th February 2013.

OTHER NEWS

Reg Apps (reginnorfolk@btinternet.com)

I am very sorry to relate that Reg Apps, Armourer, is very poorly indeed. He has been looking forward to attending our 50th reunion but knows that he will not be fit enough by 2013.

He is terminally ill with a serious lung condition called Fibrosing Alveolitis or Ideopathic Pulmonary Disease. He has a permanent medical oxygen supply and his condition is deteriorating steadily, so much so that he is now bed-bound; on top of that he also suffers from Angina. On the positive side he is very cheerful and realistic. Typically, he hopes that the reunion is a success and sends his best wishes to everyone.

Reg has indicated that he would be pleased to hear from anyone and his email address is above. Our thoughts, love and best wishes are with him and Amy, his wife.

Steve Urwin-Mann

I received this information in January 2012 and it is with sadness that I announce the passing of Steve Urwin-Mann (Rigger) and his wife Carol from Cancer in 2011.

Steve's last two/three years were very sad. He was diagnosed as having bladder cancer and after treatment had to have an operation to remove his bladder. While he was in hospital his wife was diagnosed with cancer, too, and needed care so he discharged himself early from hospital to look after her. However, she died three months later. Steve carried on fighting but, as with many other cancer victims, in the end his whole system was affected. He died approximately in the latter quarter of 2011.

Steve's name is added to our "In Memoriam" list and he will be remembered at all our functions.

York Information

The following data has been collated from various sources over the last two years and may change so please confirm the activities, pricing etc for features that interest you personally.

Alternative Accommodation:

York has a plethora of alternative accommodation at over 250 hotels, Travel Lodge, Premier Inn, B&B's and guest houses - all bookable via the Visitor Information Centre, who can advise you. The Visitor Information Centre (details below) may possibly supply information to you to do it yourselves.

York Visitor Information Centre

During your visit to this lovely city, you will walk in the footsteps of Romans, Anglo Saxons & Vikings.

Apart from the reunion arrangements, the staff at York's Visitor Information Centre can help you plan your stay to ensure you get the most from your visit. They can arrange accommodation and book tickets for tours and attractions. They make available a mini guide to provide you with information on the city's superb visitor attractions, restaurants, shops, **maps** and car park information etc. They have tourist guides galore on all the City offers.

If you don't contact them beforehand, start your visit with a trip to York's Information Centre; it can be very worthwhile:

1 Museum Street, YO1 7DT

Visitor Information: 00 44 (0) 1904 550099

Email: visityork.org

www.visityork.org

York City Centre Map

It is not realistic to append a viable City Centre Map to this newsletter, however, they are readily available from the Visitor Information Centre or on the Internet or right click this URL: <http://www.visityork.org/information/mapcitycentre.htm> and "open hyperlink".

The Yorkshire Sightseeing Pass

If you plan an extended visit to York and choose to visit a number of attractions, it might be worthwhile investing in a Yorkshire Sightseeing Pass each. This may provide a whole heap of free entries and discounts at attractions and restaurants etc. Details can be obtained either on-line, by telephone or in person to the Visitor Information Centre

York - Alternative Attractions

York has an abundance of alternative attractions, architectures, events, sight-seeing & river trips, all bookable by visiting the Visitor Information Centre. For example, you can experience:

- York Guided Walks
- The Walls & Bars

The walls were originally Roman but it is the medieval walls which now encircle the old city; the earth ramparts on which they stand were raised by the Romans & Anglo-Danish Kings of York, strengthened by the Normans and they are now extensively planted with daffodils. The Bars, alas, do not serve alcohol but instead are gateways into the city: Bootham Bar for the North Road; Micklegate Bar in the South (where Traitors Heads were displayed on spikes); Monk Bar has a portcullis in working order & Walmgate Bar has retained its Barbican (a funnel-like approach forcing attackers to bunch together).

- York Minster (252 yrs to complete; the largest Gothic building in Northern Europe)
- Ghost Hunt of York
- Jorvic Viking Centre (travel back 1000 years)
- The York Dungeon (includes tableau of Dick Turpin's last days)

Turpin's body was buried in the graveyard of St George's Church, Fishergate, opposite St George's RC Church. Now a small walled patch of green, at the far end of which stands a fairly inauspicious gravestone with the short inscription, that reads, "*John Palmer, otherwise Richard Turpin, The Notorious Highwayman etc, etc, etc.*"

- Museum Gardens
- York Boat River Cruises
- Castle Museum and York Art Gallery
- Clifford's Tower (built by William the Conqueror as the stronghold of his castle)
- Richard III Museum
- Fairfax House (finest Georgian house in England)
- Merchant Adventurers' Hall (650 yr old medieval guild hall)
- National Railway Museum
- Afternoon Tea? (try "Little Betty's" on Stonegate or "Betty's" in adjacent St Helens Sq)
- Stroll down and enjoy "The Shambles"
- Shopping centres galore and much, much more.

York Environs Attractions

Not enough in York? Try the following places, not too far away:

- CASTLE HOWARD (15 miles north east of York, just off A64),
- YORKSHIRE AIR MUSEUM, Elvington (authentic WWII Bomber Base),
- EDEN CAMP (constructed in the huts of the original POW camp built in 1942)

In Memoriam

*Colleagues and Friends who are known to have passed on.
Always in our thoughts and prayers.*

Michael McColl Young

Roland Bath

Keith Burdass

Clive Wilson

Rod Pritchard

Jerry Padgen

Colin Pollard

Bob Jupp

Mike Thatcher

Mike Frankling

Bob Horsham

Glyn Bolderson

Chris Harris

Mike Chambers

Steve Urwin-Mann

That's it, Folks! The plotting, planning, defining, negotiating and contracting for the 95th Entry 50th Anniversary of Graduation Reunion Dinner, on Wednesday 10th April 2013, is all done.

All that remains is for each of you to make your commitment to attend and forward full payment for the dinner - as soon as you can please but before the end of November 2012 - which will secure your places.

With the exception of defining details for a Meet & Greet, the Planning Team can do no more until early in 2013. It is now over to you.

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On behalf of the Planning Team,

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