



# *Qualitas Non Quantitas*

## *95<sup>th</sup> Entry Halton Apprentices*

### *Newsletter*

**Number 20**

**February 2014**

*Time flies like the wind; Fruit Fly's like a Banana!*

Following our previous newsletter last October, it is now necessary for another missive; albeit, not so massive as previous issues. Despite a desire to back off from a fronting role, I find myself creating this reminder about our next "informal" gathering this coming April.

#### **PLEASE READ ALL THAT FOLLOWS AND ADDRESS ANY QUERIES**

We will meet for an informal meal, on:

**Saturday 12th April 2014 at The Bell in Aston Clinton (HP22 5HP)**  
**(Tel: +44 (0) 1296 632777) - 7.00 pm for 7.30**

Saturday night at the Bell is normally busy enough without our mass invasion, therefore, being anxious to give our group a smooth and efficient service, "they" have requested that each of us indicate what we would choose from their Menu to ensure they have a fighting chance of adequate supplies to meet **our** needs - Seems a reasonable idea and we are going along with it. (Suggest that this applies only to Main Course, but don't shoot me if they run out of starters & puds).

We have provisionally booked tables for qty 10 to 20 and may possibly get a room to ourselves. All we need now is attendance confirmation of yourself & guest, including your choices from the current menu (see URL/website address below). Note: Minor seasonal changes may occur for "Spring" but I'm sure we could live with the consequences.

<http://www.thebellastonclinton.co.uk/>  
<http://www.thebellastonclinton.co.uk/food/>

Please reply to Roger by **21st March 2014** at the latest (even if you think we already know). We will then confirm details to The Bell a week before we get there. Job done!

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I've learned.... That sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart to understand.

### **Terry & Avril McCrum**

Corrections to previous information - The Golden Wedding went off as planned but the birthday celebrations are not due until this year. Sorry to those who knew (duff info given).

*Congratulations are due to Terry and Avril McCrum who celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary on 5th October 2013.*

*Furthermore, Avril has her 70th Birthday on 7th October 2014 closely followed by Terry on 11th November. Happy birthday, both.*

### **John & Stephanie Cormack**

Johnny has recently undergone successful By-Pass surgery after suffering pain which turned out to be a heart attack in September last. He returned home 19<sup>th</sup> February and is on the road to recovery, however, he does have an issue with a lung that causes a good deal of coughing that he could well do without.

We wish both John & Stephanie our best wishes for a measured and problem free recovery.

### **Geoff & Irene Commins**

The following was received 13<sup>th</sup> February 2014:-

Hi guys, just to keep you up to date, Irene has responded very well to chemo, and we should find out on Monday if they are going to operate on her lung, which 6 months ago was completely dismissed. If they operate she will have the op in Hull. In the meantime I have been diagnosed with a small cancer lump in my liver. I have to go to Leeds on Tuesday week to find out if they think i am worth a transplant, if not they may they go up the artery in the groin, insert a tube right into the liver and strangle the thing. They have had a lot of success with this method. Never a dull moment. April get together could be dodgy but we will see. Dusty, if you want to put something in your next missive, that will be okay.

best regards, Geoff and Irene

Good luck and our very best wishes to both Geoff and Irene.

## **In Flight Trauma Averted by Considerate Aussie**

On a transatlantic flight, a plane passes through a severe storm. The turbulence is awful, and things go from bad to worse when one wing is struck by lightning.

One woman, in particular, loses it. Screaming, she stands up in the front of the plane. 'I'm too young to die,' she wails. Then she yells, 'If I'm going to die, I want my last minutes on earth to be memorable! Is there anyone on this plane who can make me feel like a WOMAN?'

For a moment there is silence. Everyone has forgotten their own peril. They all stare, eyes riveted, at this desperate woman in the front of the plane.

Then a Jackeroo from Australia stands up in the rear of the plane. He is handsome, well built, with dark brown hair and blue eyes. He starts to walk slowly up the aisle, unbuttoning his shirt, one button at a time.

No one moves. He removes his shirt. Muscles ripple across his chest. She gasps.

He whispers ..... Here, Iron this. Then get me a beer'.

Trauma averted!

I've learned.... That no matter how serious your life requires you to be, everyone needs a friend to act goofy with.

**YOU ARE MY FRIEND AND I AM HONORED!**

## *Obituary*

## *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*

*Reg Apps*

*John Swash*

## *Qualitas Non Quantitas*

*Roger & Alf*

*on behalf of*

*Your retired Planning Team*

I've learned.... That just one person saying to me, 'You've made my day!' makes my day.