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95th Entry Halton Apprentices

Newsletter

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June 2015

95th Entry Reunion 2016

Thursday 16th June 2016

at

Barnsdale Lodge Hotel, Rutland

LE15 8AH

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Tel: 01572 724678

19.00 hrs for 20.00 hrs

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At the 2015 reunion dinner, Tony Bradley volunteered to arrange something on similar lines for 2016. He hasn't let the grass grow and already his investigations have shown that

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is a very suitable venue for our reunion gathering, a little up-market but not excessively so. It has a lot going for it and is now booked.

Check out their website at: www.barnsdalelodge.co.uk.

Accommodation

The negotiated accommodation charges of **£90.00** (plus £15.00 for single occupancy) per double room per night, inclusive of VAT and full English breakfast, represents very good value for the area for superb facilities & services; **a single room is £80.00 per night**.

This Hotel is very popular and has put aside a quantity of rooms for anticipated use by us, It is strongly recommended that you should book your accommodation (**quoting 95th Reunion**), as soon as possible. There is a deposit of £50.00 required per booking.

It is anticipated that some of you will choose to stay 3 nights (15th, 16th & 17th June); others may choose to stay 2 nights and some just 1 night. This flexibility is included in the negotiated rate.

Reunion Dinner

The reunion dinner on Thursday 16th will be taken in a private function room and will be your choice from a Reunion Menu (to be defined) comprising 4 Starters; 4 Mains and 4 sweet and will be charged at £30.00 per head, which is a very reasonable cost.

The selected menu will be forwarded in due course when you will be asked to make your choices.

You will be reminded of your choices on the night, in a manner similar to previous occasions.

Hotel Information

Formerly a farmhouse, Barnsdale Lodge was converted in 1989 and is positioned on the North shore of Rutland Water in the heart of the beautiful, unspoilt, county of Rutland, just a few minutes from the historic towns of Oakham, Oundle, Uppingham and Stamford.

Barnsdale Lodge Hotel has forty-five bedrooms, all non smoking, all en-suite and individually furnished with charm and style. The hotel has double, twin, single and family rooms with broadband connection, direct dial telephone, digital free-view, a selection of teas and coffee and biscuits, hairdryer and steam iron. Guests can enjoy a range of complimentary White Company toiletries in the bathrooms.

A number of bedrooms have been designed to take into consideration those with disabilities. These rooms are all on the ground floor with easy access, walk-in showers and handrails.

Guests at Barnsdale Lodge Hotel can expect the very best food, wine and personal service in the conservatory, theatre, cottage room, main dining room, one of the function suites or alfresco dining in the courtyard.

Their kitchen uses locally sourced, seasonal produce. Local Suppliers include Manton Farm, for asparagus, raspberries and strawberries and Grasmere Farm for pork. They source their game from Easton Estate, approximately 12 miles from the hotel and have a kitchen garden in the hotel grounds, growing vegetables and herbs which are used on many of the dishes in the restaurant. Their own rare-breed hens also provide beautiful fresh eggs. I can hear cries of "So what!" but the thing is - "they care enough to do it". That has to count for something.

Barnsdale Lodge's restaurant is open to residents and non residents for breakfast, morning coffee, lunch, afternoon tea and dinner and is renowned for its private dining.

Our Widowed Ladies

As always, our widowed ladies are most especially welcome and should be encouraged to join us; **if you know them, please encourage them.**

What You Should Do Now (Tongue firmly in cheek)

1. *You have never had as much advance notice of a reunion previously. It is not an excuse to do nothing, more an incentive to get your own arrangements and planning made. Tony has shown the way - let's all act on it, please.*
2. *It is highly recommended that you should book your accommodation at Barnsdale Lodge as soon as possible to ensure that your room is reserved for your planned stay.*
3. *Quote 95th Reunion to ensure you get the negotiated rate for each night's stay.*
4. *Advise Tony Bradley that you are intending to come to the reunion and your accommodation is sorted.*

Tel: 01572 756677 email: tonybradley@yahoo.co.uk
5. *Earmark June 16th on next year's calendar (and 15th & 17th as appropriate) and load suitable reminders on your PC system.*
6. *Enjoy all holidays in your own pipeline between now and May 2016 (bon Voyage).*
7. *Have thoroughly fantastic Seasonal & New Year celebrations with your families.*
8. *Start a Reunion Slush Fund for yourselves (makes it easier on the night).*
9. *Look forward with gusto.*
10. *Look after yourselves and maintain good health as far as possible.*
11. *Drive carefully - it's hell out there on the roads.*
12. *Watch for the next Newsletter; it will be a while away yet.*
- 12A *If you can't be good, be careful!*
14. *Please address all queries you may have regarding the arrangements for 2016 reunion to Tony Bradley, as above at No.4.*

Sadly, the "In Memoriam" list is growing. As and when we hear of the passing of our colleagues, their names are added for future remembrance.

In Memoriam

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

<i>Michael McColl Young</i>	<i>Roland Bath</i>	<i>Keith Burdass</i>	<i>Clive Wilson</i>
<i>Rod Pritchard</i>	<i>Jerry Padgen</i>	<i>Colin Pollard</i>	<i>Bob Jupp</i>
<i>Mike Thatcher</i>	<i>Mike Frankling</i>	<i>Bob Horsham</i>	<i>Glyn Bolderson</i>
<i>Chris Harris</i>	<i>Mike Chambers</i>	<i>Steve Urwin-Mann</i>	<i>Reg Apps</i>
<i>John Swash</i>	<i>Mike Gay</i>	<i>Frank Firth</i>	<i>Mike Crooks</i>

Absent Friends

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