



*Qualitas Non Quantitas*

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

*Newsletter*

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*Timely Reminder for*

*95<sup>th</sup> Entry Reunion 2016*

*Thursday 16th June 2016 at*

*Barnsdale Lodge Hotel, Rutland*

Other News:

Clive Wilson passed away recently

Janet Carlton (Sister of Duke Bath) passed away recently

Extracts from the 95th Entry Graduation Report

## **2016 Reunion and Dinner:**

The previous Newsletter (Number 24 June 2015) defined Tony Bradley's sterling efforts culminating in the booking of venue, date and dinner arrangements for a Reunion on 16 June 2016 and invited your bookings and commitments. viz:

**Barnsdale Lodge Hotel, The Avenue, Exton, OAKHAM, Rutland.**

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**19.00 hrs for 20.00 hrs**

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To date, 31 people have made reservations and appropriate accommodation bookings, as below:

*Tony & Hilary Bradley (2); Alf Banyard (1); John & Stephanie Cormack (2); Tony & Ann Eve (2); Dave & Veronica Howe (2); Martin & Denise Kerby (2); Sandy & Mary Lerski (2); Errol & Liz Macbean (2); Terry & Avril McCrum (2); Roger (Dusty) Miller (1); John & Gayle Othen (2); Mike Reid (1); Roy & Mary Scott (2); Mike & Marian Storey (2); George & Valerie White (2); John & Pam Worsfold (2); Bill & Jeanette Thornley (2).*

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.

It is expected that Menu Details will be forwarded once the details are agreed when the Hotel changes to their summer menu. 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.

There is still adequate vacancies available for those who have not yet committed. If this means YOU, then please consider it time to remove the veritable digit and put it to constructive use. The Hotel is still holding a number of rooms for negotiated "95 Entry Reunion".

Please let Tony Bradley know when you decide to come so he can keep the listing up to date.

Electronic copies of the previous newsletter can be supplied, on request, by e-mail.

## **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 - if applicable** (Tongue even firmer in cheek)

1. *This is a timely reminder to those you who have yet to make your minds up to commit to the 2016 Reunion dinner and get-together. It is now time to do your bit to make your own arrangements and planning.*
2. *It is highly recommended that you should book your accommodation as soon as possible to ensure that your room is reserved for your planned stay.*
3. *If at Barnsdale Lodge, 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.*

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5. *Earmark June 16th on the calendar and load suitable reminders on your PC system.*
6. *Please address all queries you may have regarding the arrangements for 2016 reunion to Tony Bradley, as above at No.4.*

## **Clive Wilson:**

By e-mail message on 2 March 2016, Keith Wilson contacted Roger with a request for information regarding his brother, one Clive Wilson, Armaments Apprentice of the 95th Entry.

Clive had died the previous week (funeral Monday 7th March) and Keith was seeking help to obtain a copy of the 95th Graduation Programme in time for the funeral. A scanned copy was sourced with a little research and forwarded to Keith who was highly delighted at the marvellous response from RAFHAA and 95th Entry respectively.

Clive's funeral service took place at Glan Afan Court Funeral Home, Margam Road, Port Talbot, followed by burial at the local Church.

*N:B: During 1992, whilst searching for Clive prior to the 1993 Reunion, I found an entry in the RAF List, Retirement Section, for a F.O. C.B. Wilson and whatever data was presented I came away with the impression that Clive had died prior to my search. Obviously I made a mistake and I can only, retrospectively, apologise. Alf*

### **Janet Carlton:**

Some of you may remember meeting Janet Carlton and her son Roland at our reunion dinner in April 2014 at The Bell in Aston Clinton, Janet is the sister of our Roland "Duke" Bath and she accepted our invitation to attend one of our functions with Duke's colleagues; I have it on good authority that she really appreciated the opportunity and went home full of praise and pleasure.

Sadly, on March 6th 2016, Roger received the following message from Janet's daughter; it says all there is to say and is included here for your information..

*Dear Sir,*

*My name is Wendy Warder, I am the niece of Roland Bath, apprentice in 95th Entry in 1960.*

*Although my uncle was tragically killed in Germany 1st August 1962, his sister, (my mother) Janet Carlton was invited to your reunion in recent years.*

*It is with deep sadness that I now write to inform you that my mother passed away on 26th February after being diagnosed with a brain tumour New Year's Eve.*

*I know she was honoured to have been part of the reunion and enjoyed the event.*

*Best wishes to you all.  
Wendy Warder*

Isn't it warming to know that the threads of comradeship and compassion go so deep! Roger replied to Wendy sympathetically.

### **95th Entry Graduation Report:**

During research for the Graduation Programme (see Clive Wilson above), the Haltonian Magazine, Summer 1963 edition, was accessed for data and the Graduation Report was also scanned with the images forwarded to Keith Wilson, as Clive played an instrumental part in the Parade. The report made interesting reading and the salient parts are summarized below:-

#### **Principal Officers:**

Lt.General Sir William Pike. KCB; CBE; DSO.	Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff. Reviewing Officer
Air Marshal Sir Alfred Earle. KBE; CB	Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief Technical Training Command
Air Vice-Marshal T N Coslett. CB; OBE	Air Officer Commanding No.24 Group
Air Commodore B Robinson CBE	Commandant

## **Commandants Report:**

In his review of the 95th Entry, the Commandant stated that at the end of their Technical Training the Entry presented 115 candidates for the final trade test examination; the average mark attained was 73.1% which was higher than that obtained by any previous entry. Furthermore, every Apprentice qualified as a junior technician or better; this also was a record achievement.

The Entry's average mark of 65.4% in the final examination in educational subjects was the highest ever attained in the post war years showing an advance of over 2% on the previous post-war record held by 93rd Entry.

In the GCE at Ordinary level, there were 243 subject entries and a pass rate of of 78.2%. this was the highest pass rate ever to be gained by Halton entrants in the GCE examinations. In addition, there were successes in Mathematics at advanced level; 20 members gained ONC in Mechanical Engineering and 9 in Electrical Engineering.

The 95th Entry was to be congratulated on an exceptionally good educational record, the best in a steady rise over the post-war years.

In the Wing, the 95th Entry had learned a good deal about the importance of such military principles as flexibility and mobility. They had suffered four changes of Squadron Commander and, because of the modernisation of the barracks, six moves; this at one point seemed to have stimulated exceptional interest and ability in aircraft movements, particularly of one helicopter by night.

At sport, the 95th Entry had made a really excellent contribution in all aspects, and an above average contribution to the voluntary bands, eighteen members being in the Pipe Band and two in the brass band.

The 95th Entry was a small entry but their results in so many things, such as academics, gliding, sport, camping and band participation had been extremely good. They had made a more than useful contribution to Halton life and lived up to their excellent Entry motto:

**"Quality not Quantity"**

**Ta - Dah!**

**Quote from a song by Heather Small of Hot Chocolate fame:**

**"What have you done today to make you feel PROUD!"**

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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