



Qualitas Non Quantitas

95th Entry Halton Apprentices

Newsletter

Number 27

August 2016

2017 Reunion ???

The previous Newsletter, Number 26 dated July 2016, reported on the successful quality of the reunion gathering and dinner held at the Barnsdale Lodge Hotel on 16th June 2016, albeit for only a small group of 29 people.

The newsletter further specifically requested a volunteer to come forward with a view to arranging and organising a similar casual event for 2017.

It is very discouraging that no such volunteer has come forward, therefore, I can only conclude that enthusiasm for continuation of an annual reunion has most definitely waned.

We were a small Entry from which 115 Graduated but a lot of those Guys are now either deceased, un-found or dispersed to live abroad, which has a bearing on those reasonably available to attend reunions (guess-timated around 58 UK with email) in the first place.

Looking back, our formal 50th Anniversary of Graduation, held in York on 10th April 2013 (50 years to Day & Date) was reasonably well attended by 54 people, including many from abroad, plus there were a lot of apologies from home and abroad from those unable to attend, indicating that enthusiasm was strong. This was our last formal function, to be followed by annual casual events.

On 12th April 2014 an event at The Bell, Aston Clinton, was attended by 25 people comprising 13 Apps with 10 Ladies plus 2 special guests, Janet Carlton (Sister of Roland Bath) & her son Roland. Reported in Newsletter No.21.

Similarly, on 16th April 2015, again at The Bell, Aston Clinton, the reunion was attended by 34 Apps and Ladies reported in Newsletter No.23.

The most recent reunion on 16th June 2016 at Barnsdale Lodge, Rutland, was attended by 29 people comprising 15 Apps, 12 Ladies and again, 2 Special Guests, Wendy (Niece of Roland Bath) and Husband Glenn Warner, reported in Newsletter No.26.

Bearing in mind the 20 deceased numbers, the attendance percentage figures of 95th Apps are smaller still, however, they still show that we are in declining numbers of interest.

Thus, with declining numbers and zero volunteers, it could be fair to say that:

THE WRITING IS ON THE WALL!

and it says that with no one arranging it there will not be a 95th reunion in 2017, nor any following year either.

HOWEVER ...

Having said all that, during conversation, Tony Bradley let it be known that, since no-one else has come forward he would be prepared, just this once, to step into the breach (dear Friends)(sic) and arrange a repeat of 2016 at **Barnsdale Lodge** providing that satisfactory arrangements could be made with the hotel.

Result! By getting in early, investigation has allowed for a Date of **Thursday 8th June 2017** to be booked (just in time and fitting in between weddings). This really is a popular venue!

A number of rooms are primarily reserved for period 7th, 8th & 9th June 2017 in anticipation (Double £100.00 per night and single at £85.00). Booking reference **95th 2017** applies.

Dinner would include coffee and be charged at £30.00 per person (same as 2016) and will be served in the Rigate Room, which will take up to 50. If you are a resident, dinner costs will again be charged to your room, if not, you will be billed on the evening.

Tony has saved 2017 but it doesn't look too good for the years after that! Think on, Chaps!

SALIENT DATA:

Date: Thursday 8th June 2017 **Time:** 19.00 for 20.00 hrs

Venue: Barnsdale Lodge Hotel, The Avenue, Exton, Oakham, Rutland.
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enquiries@barnsdalelodge.co.uk

Booking Reference: 95th 2017

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What You Should Do Now - if applicable

1. It is time for you to make your minds up to commit to the 2017 Reunion and Dinner, to do your bit and 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 2017** to ensure you get the negotiated rate for each night's stay etc.
4. Advise Tony Bradley that you are intending to come to the 2017 reunion and your accommodation is sorted.
5. Earmark June 8th 2017 on the calendar and load suitable reminders on your PC system.
6. Please address all queries you may have regarding the arrangements for 2017 reunion to Tony Bradley.

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.**

Newsletter:

This may probably be my last Newsletter as all the relevant data for Reunion 2017 is given here and any queries and answers can be handled by ordinary emails. At this moment, there is little confidence of any further reunions thereafter, but, as always, **WATCH THIS SPACE!**

Some Humour to Put you in the Right Mood. *(They walk among us!)*

To get rid of his old fridge, he put it in his front yard and hung a Sign on it saying: 'Free to good home. You want it, you take it.' For three days the fridge sat there without anyone looking twice.

He eventually decided that people were too mistrustful of this deal, so he changed the sign to read: 'Fridge for sale \$50.' The next day someone stole it!

One day I was walking down the beach with some friends when someone shouted.....
'Look at that dead bird!'
Someone looked up at the sky and said...'where?'

While looking at a house, a prospective purchaser asked the Real Estate agent which direction was north because he didn't want the sun waking him up every morning. She asked, 'Does the sun rise in the north?'

The prospective purchaser explained that the sun rises in the east and has for some time. She shook her head and said, 'Oh, I don't keep up with all that stuff.....'

Traffic Camera: A man was driving when he saw the flash of a traffic camera. He figured that his picture had been taken for exceeding the limit, even though he knew that he was not speeding. Just to be sure, he went around the block and passed the same spot, driving even more slowly, but again the camera flashed. Now he began to think that this was quite funny, so he drove even slower as he passed the area again, but the traffic camera again flashed. He tried a fourth time with the same result. He did this a fifth time and was now laughing when the camera flashed as he rolled past, this time at a snail's pace. Two weeks later, he got five tickets in the mail for driving without a seat belt. You can't fix stupid.

A colleague and I were eating our lunch in our cafeteria, when we overheard an admin girl talking about the sunburn she got on her weekend drive to the beach. She drove down in a convertible, but said she 'didn't think she'd get sunburned because the car was moving'.

A Blonde driver has a lifesaving tool in her car which is designed to cut through a seat belt if she gets trapped. She keeps it in the car trunk.

I couldn't find my luggage at the airport baggage area and went to the lost luggage office and reported the loss. The woman there smiled and told me not to worry because she was a trained professional and said I was in good hands. 'Now,' she asked me, 'Has your plane arrived yet?'...

While working at a pizza parlour I observed a man ordering a small pizza to go. He appeared to be alone and the cook asked him if he would like it cut into 4 pieces or 6. He thought about it for some time then said 'Just cut it into 4 pieces; I don't think I'm hungry enough to eat 6 pieces.'

THEY WALK AMONG US!

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>
<i>Mark Newsum</i>	<i>Alf (Pat) Banyard</i>		

Absent Friends

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