



Qualitas Non Quantitas

95th Entry Halton Apprentices

Newsletter

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2017 Reunion

Well here we are gentlemen and ladies of the 95th, with yet another very successful reunion behind us. Many thanks must go to 'Tony Bradley for stepping into the breach once again. For that matter thanks also go to the staff at Barnsdale Lodge for the catering and the service. The weather could have been kinder. However the venue, the accommodation and the food were excellent.

Wherever I went at the Lodge the small or large groups of 95th were in animated autochat with plenty of laughter interspersed. The groups changed "shape" every time you looked and there was seldom a dull moment other than waiting to get served at the bar behind all the other 95th in the way. Those of us who arrived early on the 7th joined together for a very pleasant meal. However the reunion dinner on the 8th was an even greater success. (helped in no small part by 'Tony having a list of what each of us had pre-ordered.) After the meal one table in particular was reluctant to rise. The evening continued until just after midnight when the last of us tip toed to our rooms.

Many spoke to me of their enjoyment of the occasion. I found the real enthusiasm of the ladies particularly pleasing. It is amazing how well all the ladies get on and how quickly new ladies are absorbed into the fold. Many times it was these partners who reiterated the need to keep these reunions going.

The Situation

As you will recall from Alf's recent newsletters, he was getting a bit depressed with the lack of response from the Entry. Was enthusiasm waning? Should we just call it a day? A view which was met with a deafening silence apart from a couple of die-hards and Wendy, the niece of Roland Bath, asking if there was anything she could do. (After Roland Bath's sister died, daughter Wendy and husband Glenn both come. No doubt originally in memory of Roland but soon for the reunions in their own right.)

The loss of Alf in October 2016 tended in my mind to emphasise the point.

The Way Ahead

From the enthusiasm of those at the 2017 reunion I believe we ought to continue to provide an opportunity for the 95th to get together. So once again I am seeking a volunteer to choose a venue and to act as the focal point for a 95th Entry Reunion in 2018.

Given that we are all retired we may get several volunteers, in which case I will seek a vote from the Entry to choose the most favoured option. (Could be in Spain or could be in Bonnie Scotland. Surprise me!!.)

The Entry List

I have sent out the Entry address list. If you did not receive it please let me know.

Some Humour

One of the ladies I used to work with always puts this line at the end of her emails

Life is not a journey to the grave with the goal of arriving safely in a prettily preserved body. Better to skid in sideways in a shower of party shards, thoroughly used, utterly exhausted and loudly proclaiming 'Damn Me that was brilliant!'

A favourite of mine.

You may have seen this before but for you youngsters (Roy Scott and Bob Harris excepted)

I am a Seenager. (Senior teenager)

I have everything that I wanted as a teenager, only 60 years later.

I don't have to go to school or work.

I get an allowance every month.

I have my own pad.

I don't have a curfew.

I have a driver's license and my own car.

I have ID that gets me into bars and the whisky store.

The people I hang around with are not scared of getting pregnant.

And I don't have acne.

Life is great.

I have more friends I should send this to, but right now I can't remember their names.

All the very best to you and your families

Dusty

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>	<i>Geoff Commins</i>	

Absent Friends

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