



Qualitas Non Quantitas

95th Entry Halton Apprentices

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2019 Reunion

Hi All,

THE 95th ENTRY GET TOGETHER 15th/16th MAY 2019

Please excuse the delay in following up to reunion on 15/16th May. The reunion went very well. Certainly the noise level of the auto-chat left one in absolutely no doubt as where to find our crowd. It certainly helped that the sun shone on the righteous and was kind when we needed it to be. So we celebrated the 59th anniversary of the day we headed for Halton. As you know we have been to the Bell in Aston Clinton being close to Aylesbury and to RAF Halton. Luckily for me it is only 44 mile round trip compared with that of Sandy Lerski and Mary. They clocked up 941 round trip. Before anyone questions his navigation, there was a diversion to see relatives on the return to Gourock. (For the geographically challenged Gourock is North of Watford (in the place marked "Here Be Demons").

After dinner on 16th Johnny Othen threw a brick in the pond to sound out those present about a reunion in 2020. This was well timed with people being replete and having supped a few. May 16th & 17th fall on Saturday and Sunday in 2020. However it was quickly pointed out that generally mid week would offer cheaper accommodation especially with it being a Bank Holiday weekend. It was also felt that choosing a venue nearer the centre of the country with plenty to do should be a priority. I seem to have missed the order "Volunteers take one pace forward" along with 'Tony Bradley as, along with Johnny Othen, I have been promoted to Mousketeer to organize the 2020 venue. (In '60 I am sure I only signed on for 12 years.). Well 'Tony Bradley & I have an appointment on 27th June at a potential venue. We will stay overnight and generally monitor what goes on. If all goes well we will email you all in due course once we have agreed some details.

To round off, thanks to John and Gale for organising the 2019 reunion and setting 2020 "on course". Whist we have not re-constitute the "Planning Team", John, 'Tony & I will take the lead for 2020.

Just one comment perhaps for those of you who could not make it to Aston Clinton. One cannot beat the enthusiasm of one of our regular couples. Read onto the next page ----

This thank-you email from Wendy & Glen Warder.

“Hi Dusty,

I hope you had a safe journey home yesterday.

Please would you pass on our best wishes to all who attended. It was lovely to see you all again. We are always made to feel so welcome and part of the event. We both really enjoyed our time with you all.

Big thank you to John and Gail for organising the reunion.

Looking forward to seeing you all next year!

Best wishes, Wendy & Glenn”

I replied saying I would like to put Wendys comment in the newsletter and also commented on numbers – which generated this further response:--

“Hi Dusty, Many thanks for the emails. I think it would be great if more people were able to attend.

Speaking from my own experience I would say to anyone,

COME ALONG YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YA' MISSING!

You will receive a sincere and warm welcome and immediately be put at ease and feel part of the group.

My connection to 95th was slightly remote in that I am the niece of Duke Bath, who unfortunately was killed in an accident in 1962 and never got to graduate. But from the very first time my husband and I attended back in 2016 we were immediately made to feel a part of the occasion and found everyone very chatty and easy to get along with. Each year we have attended since we have had a thoroughly enjoyable time catching up with people we now consider dear friends.”

I include Wendy’s comments particularly to encourage our unaccompanied ladies to come to the reunions. From Wendy’s comments you may gather how very welcome you would be made to feel whether you were part of the RAF or met after your partner left the service. Following on, Sandy’s friend Mary said she found everyone so friendly and welcoming the first time she met everybody at The Bell in 2014. She looks forward every year to the reunion.

I am also looking forward to the reunion next year and look forward to meeting everyone again, hopefully in even greater numbers, On that optimistic note I wish the very best to you and your families

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In Memoriam

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

Michael McCall Young

Keith Burdass

Bob Jupp

Mike Thatcher

Chris Harris

Reg Apps

Mike Gay

Alf Banyard

Roland Bath

Clive Wilson

Jerry Padgen

Mike Frankling

Mike Chambers

Johnny Swash

Mike Crooks

Geof Commins

Dave Howe

Colin Pollard

Rod Pritchard

Bob Horsham

Glyn Bolderson

Steve Urwin-Mann

Frank Firth

Mark Newsum

John Cormack

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Your Three Mousketeers