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## OXFORD WINS AGAIN!

### SERVICE DINNER

No 46 Squadron RFC and RAF Air Vice-Marshal David Crwys-Williams presided at the 98th consecutive reunion dinner of No 46 Squadron RFC and RAF held at Wolfson College, Oxford, on Saturday. Flt Lt Keith Saunders also spoke.

Daily Telegraph.  
Monday 8 June 2013

We had another great Reunion at Wolfson College. Smashing venue, lovely location, excellent food and wine but most importantly outstanding company. Terry Rourke had hoped to make it even after his recent major operation but had to pull out at the last minute as did Dick Arscott. The indomitable Pat Thomas came for the pre-Dinner Champagne Reception with canapés! Just a few short of 60 sat down to Dinner which is a very satisfying number. Thanks again go to our benefactors whose kind donations defrayed the admin and entertainment costs as well as providing free drinks all evening. Again a special thank-you goes to Steve Day and Charlie Appleyard for their incredibly generous donations. Soundings for the venue for the 100th Reunion suggest that the favourite is an Officers' Mess at an operational station with RAF Odiham as first choice with RAF Benson a fall-back. Please let me know what you think.

Photographs of the Reunion are at:

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**Next year's Reunion will be held at RAF Benson on Saturday 3 June 2016**

### Dinner:

*The following members took dinner:*

Horst ABROMEIT	Andy ADAMS	David ADAMS	Chris ALCOCK	
Dougie BARR	John BARTRAM	Derek BENDALL	David BENNETT	Jeff BETHRAY
Dave BRAY	Keith CHAPMAN	Andy CLARK	David CRWYS-WILLIAMS	Ian DOW
Dave DRAKE	Dick EASTMENT	Bob EVANS	Don GRAHAM	Frank HUDDLESTON
Eric KING	George KIRK	Graham LAURIE	Derek LIDDELL	Derek LONG
Eric MARSH	Ian MASON	Brian MEINKE	Peter MILES	Paul OSBORN
Alan PARKER	John PLUMLEY	Stuart PRIEST	Bob RICHARDSON	Keith SAUNDERS
Jeff SAUNDERS	Mac SIBBALD	Paul SNOOK	Rusty STEELE-MORGAN	Tony STEPHENS
Ken TEAL	Mike TOM	Russell WILSON	Keith WILSON	

***The following guests took dinner:***

Jeffrey Alcock		<i>Guest of</i>	Chris ALCOCK
Giles Bennett		<i>Guest of</i>	David BENNETT
Roland Brown		<i>Guest of</i>	George KIRK
Andrew Dow	Alasdair Dow	<i>Guests of</i>	Ian DOW
Keith Padron		<i>Guest of</i>	Dick EASTMENT
Cameron Montgomery		<i>Guest of</i>	Eric KING
Ian Salvage	Tom Swinscoe	<i>Guests of</i>	Eric MARSH
Cary Sand		<i>Guest of</i>	Ian MASON
Chris Saunders		<i>Guest of</i>	Keith SAUNDERS
Mark Barnett		<i>Guest of</i>	Ken TEAL
Jamie Wilson	Tim Wilson	<i>Guests of</i>	Russell WILSON
Vic Robinson		<i>Guest of</i>	Dougie BARR

***Supper:******The following Ladies took supper:***

Judy Bartram	Valerie Bendall	Sylvia Huddleston	Maggie Sibbald	Sylvia Teal
Melanie Barnett	Caroline Wilson	Peggy Hooton	Sophie Wilson	Amy Wilson

***Benefactors:******The following members kindly made donations:***

David ADAMS	Andy ADAMS	Chris ALCOCK	Charlie APPLEYARD	Dick ARSCOTT	
Dougie BARR	John BARTRAM	John BOYD	John BRANSBURY	Dave BRAY	
Chris CARRINGTON	Tim CARTER	Keith CHAPMAN	Andy CLARK	John CLEMENTS	
Dennis CONSTABLE	Steve DAY	Ian DOW	Geoff DRYLAND	Bob EVANS	
Vic FAULKNER	Jim GATHERER	Don GRAHAM	Alan GREEN	Chris HOOPER-SMITH	
Eric KING	George KIRK	Ian LASCHKE	Graham LAURIE	Derek LIDDELL	
Tim LILES	Derek LONG	Tony MALLETT	Eric MARSH	Brian MEINKE	
Brian MERRITT	Peter MILES	Paul MINDNER	Adrian OBERTELLI	Paul OSBORN	
Alan PARKER	Stuart PRIEST	Bob RICHARDSON	Les ROCKEL	Jeff SAUNDERS	
Mac SIBBALD	Paul SNOOK	Freddie SOWREY	Rusty STEELE-	Steve STEVENSON	
Ken TEAL	Bill TURNBULL	Roger UNWIN	Dick WARD	Pat THOMAS	Jim WHITE
Des WHITE	Russell WILSON	Keith WILSON	Denny O'BRIAN	Dai BENNETT	

***Regrets:******The following members were unable to attend:***

Charlie APPLEYARD	John BOYD	John BRANSBURY	Adrian BROWN	Chris CARRINGTON
Tim CARTER	Don CHAPMAN	John CLEMENTS	Dennis CONSTABLE	Steve DAY

Geoff DRYLAND	Vic FAULKNER	Jim GATHERER	Alan GREEN	Dave HIGGS
Chris HOOPER-SMITH	Ian LASCHKE	Tim LILES	Tony MALLETT	Matt MATHIAS
Brian MERRITT	Paul MINDNER	Dougie MORGAN	Adrian OBERTELLI	Laurie POULTER
Les ROCKEL	Paul SNOOK	Freddie SOWREY	Brian STANFORD	Trevor STEPHENS
Colin STEVENS	Chris TAYLOR	Pat THOMAS	Bill TURNBULL	Roger UNWIN
Pete WALLINGTON	Dick WARD	Jim WHITE	Des WHITE	Denny O'BRIAN
Bob PETERS	Brian SANDFORD	Dick ARSCOTT		

## **Obituaries:**

***It is with great sadness that we announce the death of:***

Bernie DONDERS 64-67  
*Andover*

Colin GOWER 54-55  
*Meteor*

Jimmy JAMES  
*Javelin*

Russell WILLIAMS 75  
*Andover*

Vic BURT 67-72  
*Andover*

While writing this Newsletter I heard the sad news that Terry Rourke had died on the 21<sup>st</sup> of June after a valiant struggle against cancer. More than 14 members, many with their wives, attended his funeral where they heard a relative tell of how much Terry looked forward to our Reunions. His ebullient personality and ready wit will be missed by all.

## **News, Gossip and Scandal:**

### **Members report:**

- Andy ADAMS** Andy writes: really sad about poor Vic Burt - my first captain on 46. The Grim Reaper getting busier.
- Dick ARSCOTT** Dick was coming but had a nasty fall on Thursday and could not make it.
- John BARTRAM** John is still living close to Keevil DZ with Judy and very happy grandparents to Lucas. Just realised I am 65 the year of the 100th annual Reunion. The youngest member gains his state pension!
- David BENNETT** Dai is definitely retiring this year!
- Adrian BROWN** Adrian sends best wishes to all and intends to make the 100th.
- Chris CARRINGTON** Chris is sorry he can't make it this year as he will be in Rome.
- Andy CLARK** Andy in retirement and still as busy as ever. Too many funerals but fortunately my attendance is still voluntary!
- George KIRK** George has had two sad losses - his wife died on 21 March this year and his navigator Warrant Officer S Carr died last year.
- Dennis CONSTABLE** Dennis sends his best wishes to all and hope you enjoy the reunion.

- Eric KING** Eric's nephew, Cameron piped us into Dinner and gave a rousing couple of pibrochs while we ate.
- David CRWYS- WILLIAMS** David is still travelling madly but still upright and trying to shed trusteeships but without much luck.
- Dick EASTMENT** Dick is still doing some consultancy, but is trying to only work 3 days a week to concentrate on golf. He finally gave up flying on 2AEF last year after 48 years. "Was I the last 46 Sqn pilot flying for RAF?"
- Ian LASCHKE** Ian cannot make it this year but hopes to be there next year as practice for the 100th
- Graham LAURIE** Graham and Jo Horst and Ulla Abromeit and Ian and Judy Mason are going to the Lake District for a week of walking... if you believe that!!!!
- Tim LILES** Tim is still in Budleigh Salterton playing croquet, walking, and gardening. Had operation on left knee to counter-balance right replaced hip, but hope to get back on the hills in May 15. If any members are in the area, do look him up 01395 442784 - you will be most welcome.
- Tony MALLET** Tony regrets having booked the Classic Yacht Regatta in France which clashes with the 98th Reunion. He and Fiona remain in good health and are enjoying trips to France and small ship cruises.
- Alan PARKER** Alan writes all is well on the Eastern front (Med) and looking forward to seeing everyone again.
- Brian SANDFORD** Brian has made contact after many years in the wilderness. He sent a recording of the last Brown Banana Show to be broadcast in Masirah. If you would like a copy, contact Dougie..
- Paul SNOOK** Paul had planned to come but his life-long best friend died and he had to attend his funeral.
- Freddie SOWREY** Sir Freddie writes - A book on the Javelin is being produced by Mike Napier (Tornado and Hawks) who recently wrote the history of 14 Squadron. Contributions are being made by air and ground crews and I have been asked to produce a Foreword.
- Steve STEVENSON** Steve is not up to attending yet, but is improving no end .Leukaemia now in complete remission and he is in the process of getting his driving licence back. He has every intention of making it next year.
- Roger UNWIN** Roger is now in residence in the UK overlooking Lyneham runway at Bradenstoke. No more medical emergencies at moment although taking too many pills. Naturally missing the sea and sun after 24 years in Cyprus, but keeping busy here with family, music and soccer.
- Russell WILSON** After his serious traffic accident Russell still relies on wheelchairs and crutches. Final op due soon to restore mobility. He remains full time MD of his care company. This year will be the first time in 98 years that 3 generations of one family are attending the Reunion.
- Dougie BARR** Dougie continues to work part time as a Business Consultant while fitting in numerous holidays including a return to skiing.
- Geoff DRYLAND** Geoff is unable to attend this year due to pending surgery for gallstones. He wishes everyone a great night.