



WSTG Reunion Newsletter



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OLDIES

The Spring 2015 Reunion

As Featured by Janet Barton

MEMORY TEST



Bob & Geoff

Win a bottle of our finest Plonk!!

HOW TO ENTER:
Make a list of the surnames of all those featured in Janet's pictures and give it to one of the committee members at the Christmas Party.....



Chris', Roger, Rod', Dave, John & Colin



David times Two



Peter & Trevor



George and Dave



Colin and 'Liz



Ray & Joyce



Ann Marie & Ivan



Ken & Dave

.....The first complete list drawn at random will receive a bottle of our finest.

PS. We have run out of 1996 Beaujolais Nouveau so you are quite safe to enter!!



John & Bob

Winding Down!

As you probably noted in our accompanying flyer, because none of the committee has 'the impetus' that we had in our earlier years of retirement, we are looking to reduce our work and responsibility for organising the reunions.

All three current members have had health issues either ourselves or with close family (or both) during our time on the committee, and now feel that we can only organise a Christmas Reunion in future. Full support to anyone who wishes to continue arranging a Spring Reunion will be available as stated on the flyer, but the actual postal work/emails and receipt of members cheques will need to be done by anyone volunteering to take up the task. We should also like them to become new Reunion and Archive Committee members.

The existing members will be happy to continue organising the Christmas Reunion/Party, as we have done in the past 11 years, provided we all remain capable of doing that job, and we get sufficient numbers attending.

In other words some 'fresh blood' is needed to keep going as we have done in past years.

Colleagues Remembered

It is very much regretted that the year 2015 has seen the demise of several of our colleagues. Three of them Neville Maton, previously reported on, Fred Guy and Pat Cross were supporters of our Reunion functions. A further two colleagues, Len Flack and Dave Taylor will be remembered from our time working in WSTG.

Fred Guy:



Pictured in Dec. 2013

Following a secondary education at Portsmouth Technical School Fred secured an apprenticeship in Portsmouth Royal Dockyard from September 1951—1956. During this time Fred also remained a keen sportsman being an accomplished footballer and boxer!

On completing 5 years as an Electrical Fitter Apprentice Fred opted for a stint in the Merchant Navy instead of conscription into National Service.

With the end of National Service and the statutory alternative of service with the Merchant Navy Fred returned to Portsmouth Dockyard in the early 1960's and started his long career in Radio Communication. This included a foreign service posting to Singapore and then continuous service with WSTG until his retirement in 1995 as comms. section leader.

Fred continued his sporting activities in retirement

and played golf for many years.

He died from a cerebral haemorrhage on 19th April 2015.

A celebration of Fred's life was held at the Oaks Crematorium on 30th April. It was attended by his large family, many friends and WSTG colleagues.

Pat Cross:



Pictured June 2014

Pat started his career as an apprentice in Devonport Dockyard in the early 1950s and then opted for service in the Merchant Navy instead of National Service. In the early 1960s Pat returned to Devonport Dockyard eventually taking a post with WSTG as a TG3 (diagnostician).

Pat transferred to Portsmouth and was for some years a member of the Radar Section.

He ventured away from employment with MoD(N) in the late 1970s by entering into a vehicle-repair partnership. During that time he employed his talent as a motor mechanic, but returned to MoD(N) and WSTG via a national trawl, securing promotion by one grade.

In the mid-1980s Pat transferred to Portsdown and ended his career in the mid 1990s with Director General Ships.

In retirement Pat once again used his skills as a

motor/engine mechanic particularly in France where he would spend many weeks each year accompanied by his dog Oscar.

Pat lost his battle against prostate cancer on 23 June 2015 aged 78 years.

His funeral was held at the Oaks Crematorium where friends and colleagues from WSTG and HMS Collingwood, together with his family, gathered to celebrate Pat's life.

Len Flack: retired from WSTG in the late 1980s having spent almost his entire career in Radio Communications in Portsmouth Dockyard and WSTG. He died in his sleep on 1st August 2015 aged 87. He preceded Fred Guy as WSTG comms. Section leader.

Dave Taylor:



Pictured centre with U/W Section colleagues

We learned from Ron White that Dave had died in late September 2015. We should be most grateful for a few words from any WSTG colleague who knew David's career history. We remember him as a member of the WSTG Underwater/Sonar Section. Dave's funeral was held at Portchester Crematorium on 16th October 2015.

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