# Newsletter
# Reunion Edition

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The latest Entry reunion took place on 23rd June 2018 in the City of Lincoln. This being a most appropriate place since it had been established by the Romans as a settlement for Military Veterans, well Army actually, but we will ignore that. Despite the official reunion being on a Saturday evening the entry members began arriving at the hotel anytime after 14:00 hrs on the Friday, better early than miss the beer, it was a good start.

The Saturday Agenda began at breakfast time with members getting further acquainted and deciding on what to do for the day. Since many of those present had been posted to the area (Scampton and Waddington) straight after Halton it was a time to renew memories and visit these areas, for others the attractions of an ancient city and a beautiful cathedral were on their programme.

Whatever their choice by 19:00 hrs on the Saturday 66 entry members and their wives and girlfriends, (That doesn't imply some had both!! No scandal here) had arrived and the chat and beer were flowing freely.

Comments like

"Who are you"?,

"Good to see you again"

"I didn't know humans could catch that"

Echoed around from various areas of the hotel.

THE MEMBERS

MEMBERS AND THEIR MANAGERS

JUST THE MANAGERS

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**After** a brief welcome and introduction by the Committee Chairman (Barry Neal) the gathering settled down to more chat, drinking, eating and lashings of camaraderie.

**Ken** Bannister had organised 2 pipers and himself from the Halton "Golden Oldies" to play the tunes we were all familiar with (Especially "The Bear"), this helped to set the pace of the evening. Thanks Ken.

**Two** raffles were conducted by Barry Neal, Les Shardlow and Mick Woodhouse, the first being for general items donated by various organisations and the second one for a weeks stay in a luxury apartment in Spain generously donated by entry members Pete and Jenny Slawson.
Without the efforts of Noreen, Sandie and Tracy who sold tickets there would have been no raffles, thank you ladies.

**Thank you Pete and Jenny your generosity is much appreciated.**

**Sandie Haines won the star prize.**
( Ken Bannister thinks this will cost **HIM** a fair bit)

All proceeds will go to the Entry Charities and Association Funds

Don't forget to have a look at our Facebook Pages

**Ton Threes**

As the night progressed and the beverages flowed more reminiscing, more camaraderie, even new friendships after all these years. These are what reunions are all about. Those that didn't attend can only guess at what they missed.

To those who passed their thoughts (Good and Bad) on to the committee Thank You and to those who didn't Bics are cheap.

On the Sunday morning after breakfast those interested in culture and a ripping story were treated to a guided tour of the upper parts of Lincoln. It will come of no surprise to discover that the Tour Guides are none other than 2 of our members Mick Bath and Duncan Patterson

Duncan Patterson

**Mick Bath**

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On the Sunday those that could still walk and focus their eyes in front of them set off to be educated by Mick and Duncan. Some went their own way and visited the Cathedral or even set off for other places.

We met up at 10.00 hrs and depending on your guide the routes were started, we were told stories of daring, cruelty, love and some that were stranger than fiction. As can be seen from the following photos Lincoln is an impressive city and certainly treated us all to a great weekend.

**If anyone would like copies of any of the photos just ask!! Of course there will be a charge, but not money what the Editor needs are more life stories or details of things you get up to in your spare time and if you sent one before some tales of the next phase of your life is also good. It is The Entry's' newsletter after all so if you haven't contributed yet....**

**Do It Now.**

## *If you were not lucky enough to win the stay in Jenny and Pete Slawsons Apartment it is still possible to stay there and here are the details.*

We would like to offer all our relatives (and their friends) and friends (and their friends) 10% off the prices on our website:
If you want a comparison got to: http://www.casa-azahar.com/
http://www.spanish-apartment-alcossebre.com/

where you can see a video of the place and view prices etc. We've kept prices static for nearly 5 years now and they are due a review. Book now while you can get these bargain prices!
As a further incentive we will pay you 5% of the 90% that's left if you recommend your family and friends to us and they make and complete a booking and stay.
The website , which, our son Ben has started for us is really worth a look at and Las Fuentes is a beautiful place - as some of you already know!
Do bear in mind that with the increased popularity of Spain as a holiday destination (2016) we were fully booked throughout the season June-Sep. So you need to book early!
Cheers and Love Jen & Pete
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## Association Membership

During our last couple of Committee meetings we have discussed the benefits of being a Member of the Association, and what we offer Members for their subscription. We currently have 18 non-Members on our books who we have kept informed over the years of Association activities in the same way as Members. This was in the hope that non-Members would see the benefits of membership and join. This has been reasonably successful but not as good as we had hoped. The end result was that non-Members were effectively getting the same benefits as Members without subscribing.

So that Members can get cost-effective benefits from their subscription, the Committee has decided that the Association will now become a Member-only one. I will contact all the non-Members to explain the situation and try to encourage them to become Members - especially those who, under the new Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) have agreed that we keep their details. If they choose not to join we will still keep their details on our database if they would like us to. Just out of interest there are still 14 Members/non-Members who have not yet given their active consent in accordance with the GDPR!

***Regards, Barry***

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## *Comments Received about the Reunion, thanks to all who sent them in.*

Dear Brian
We thoroughly enjoyed every aspect.
We both send thanks to those who organised.
The choice of Hotel was excellent.
We stayed an extra night and found Lincoln very changed from the 60's and 70's - a superb venue for looking round and enjoying in many ways.
Regards to all
Cheers
Rob Peele

Brian and Yvonne
Thank you for looking after us so well, you both helped ease the tension that I was feeling especially since my longer term memory is so poor. Please keep in touch and let's try to catch up at least a couple of times a year.
I expect you realise that Barb really enjoyed herself.
Thanks for the company, companionship and all
Love Barb and John (698 Lister Sir, now give me the money)

Hi Brian
Sorry about the delay, but we haven't been too good, ok now though.
What a great weekend we had at Lincoln. It was wonderful to see and recognise so many faces, and even better, for some to actually recognised me!! We had a very memorable evening and a bonus of a very informative guide and walk around Lincoln.
Molly and I would like to say a very big thank you to all of the organisers, as we do appreciate all the hard work that goes into a well-oiled get-together.
Regards to all Ton Threes and partners
Chris and Molly Mount

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