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Arthur (Geordie) Taroni has been in Hospital recently. He had all sorts of breathing difficulties but I am pleased to report that he is much better now. His niece has updated me on his progress as did Mick Marshall who has been to see him in Hospital.

He had to have his beard shaved off as the oxygen mask was leaking through it and not helping. also he is now getting tablets to bring down the water retention, thereby dropping about 2 stone in weight. Good luck Arthur.

Here is a site that may be of interest to most of us old Engineers just click on the picture



York 1st Sept 2012

The 1st of September marked the latest mini reunion in York. The day moved between over cast and bright sunshine. So through a haze of alcohol it was a pleasant day out. everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and I managed to sell a few of my books. The books appear to be like Marmite Love or hate type of thing. A few pictures of the occasion are below the rest will be with the Reunions pages.



FARELF Shoulder patch



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Victorian Cap Badge



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George V Cap Badge

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These pics taken by Steve Keane



Steve Keane

2013 Reunion

I have confirmed our booking for the King Charles Hotel for the 2nd March 2013.

I will going down to chatham either in September or October to discuss the meals and anything else that comes up. I hope to sort things out so that I don't have the same little confusions I had last year (But I won't hold my breath)

Once again the hotel are giving us discounts if you tell them you are part of the Black Ants Reunion.

The prices quoted are:

Single Room £49

Double room £55

These prices are reasonable for bed and breakfast as I paid over £80 for the same type of room last week when I went to a funeral.

The evening meal costs about 22.50 for a 3 course meal which we may or may not be ale to cover all of if I get a few more people sending subs in. If not we may have to charge £5 or £10 per head it will all depend on numbers.

The Hotel number is 01634 830 303 (don't forget to tell them you are with the black Ants.

Below are three pictures That George Dempster sent me. Its Chris Milne and himself when they had their mini reunion earlier this year.





*New blog on Blog Page
New photos from Gus Sutton in the third lot of albums.*

Although this site fills a need there are other things that I care about and want to write about, advertise and generally share. So I have now got another website going which you might or might not enjoy its at

www.alstrys.ukgo.com

Just a few words to say sorry to Eddy Johnson I had got his name wrong don't know why.

Its not the first name I have got wrong and I don't suppose it will be the last.

Two new additions to our role call.

Gus Sutton

Pete Cowing

Eddy (Cherry) Johnson.

(Cherry was the nickname given to him because he seemed so young to the rest of us at the time) Now that young man is in his sixties. Doesn't time fly when you're having fun.

Ron Snook's Funeral 30th April 2012
There are more pictures with the Reunions photo albums

This photo was take at Waterbeach in the old Cookhouse (Now a civilian run cafeteria) on our visit for a last look around



L/R Gareth Davies, Denise Davies, Les James, John Taylor, Barry Duckhouse, John Peck, Daisy Bradshaw, Les Wilson, Ken Bradshaw, Joe Ellis, Rich Richardson, Tony Allen, Alan (Beef) Baker

More photos on the Reunions Albums.

A picture of the Ladies who rarely get the mention they deserve



L to R as you look front row; Sue Edwards, Sue Mountford, Doris Mcfee, Jan Booth, Marj Rilatt. back row; Anne Thomas, Diane Davey, Nanette Kirby, Shiela Mitchell.

Some of this newspaper's content has been archived and can be found on the archive pages

We have just had our 5th Reunion at the King Charles Hotel. I was really pleased to see the attendance has remained at over 40 in number. Once again with a bit of digital magic I have managed to get everyone on to the same photo. We also took a photo of the wives but as I do not want to forget any one I am waiting for Monty to send me a photo with all the names on.

Many people travelled down on Friday and we had quite a good time even before the official Reunion began on Saturday morning. Although many of us are now starting to feel the years and bits are dropping off it was good to see people determined to enjoy themselves pains or no Pains. Ron Snook in particular soldiered on despite the problems of the moment,

The dinner on Saturday had to start a bit earlier than we would have liked. Because of the Hotel's other commitments we were slightly restricted on the menu. However most of us enjoyed it.

Before the meal John Peck said a few words and a one minutes silence was held in remembrance of the mates who passed away last year. I for one felt moved by the occasion



L/R front row Tony Mitchell, Monty Mountford, Bob Booth, Peter Taylor, Roy pinnock Taff Fisher, Frank Hughes, Chalky White, Arthur (Geordie) Taroni, Terry Nolan, Billy Blood, Mick Bardell.

Middle row. Les James, Mike Scott, Malcolm Scott, Bob Perry, John Farrow, Tony Allen, Trev Rilett, Pete Edwards, Pip Harris, Bob Carr, Bob Adams, Barry Duckhouse, Alan Baker.

Back row Brian Richolme, Ron Snook, Len Milward, Steve Olsen, Les Wilson, Keith Thomas, Mick Warren, Adrian (Ned) Kelly, John Peck, John Collins, Bernie McPhee, Terry Kirby, Ron Field, John Weston, Mick Marshall, Ken Bradshaw, Alan Warn.

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