

Reunion July 14th 2013

We joined the congregation at JK for the Parish Patronal Parade Eucharist at 10:00 am.

The service has changed considerably since our days at JK but was very nostalgic with church parade for all the current organisations.

There were cold drinks and biscuits in the church after the service and then we departed for Arkley Golf Club.

This was a lovely setting and an ideal venue for 15 of us to relax and chat and enjoy a nice meal with old friends.

Janet & Rob Saffery, Ricky & Shirley Collman, Derek Holden, Geoff Owen, Alan & Myra Alexander, Shirley & Roland Orr, Wendy Fisher, Sylvia Murch, Paul & Sylvia Fernberg & Pamela Martin all attended. Unfortunately Jean Alexander, now fully recovered, was hospitalised on her return from a visit to France so she and Keith had to drop out at the last minute.

The club caterers provided a superb carvery with choice of roast meats, Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes and beautifully cooked vegetables, gravy etc.

Delicious home-made desserts followed with coffee and chocolates to complete the meal. Rob had a tab for the drinks and wine as his members' discount reduced the cost and we all paid £22 per head for the complete meal, drinks etc. including a tip for the caterers.

It was a very hot, sunny day and on arrival we sat outside with drinks looking at the lovely grounds which Rob helps to maintain. Then we proceeded to the lounge and chatted until the last one, Geoff who got lost had arrived. We had the dining room to ourselves and enjoyed a leisurely meal.

From Shirley & Roland Orr 19/7/13 "Thank you for organising the reunion at the Arkley Golf Club last Sunday. We both enjoyed the event and the meal was excellent.

I am enclosing a cheque towards the cost of producing the Clarion.
Best wishes. Shirley".

From Geoff Owen 15/7/13 “Thanks for all you did to arrange the lunch at the Golf Club yesterday. Everyone seemed to enjoy the occasion and it is certainly worth repeating it in the not too distant future. Thanks again. Geoff.”

Apologies for not being able to attend were received from:

Keith & Barbara Bate (nee Conner) who live in Glossop, Derbyshire
“Many thanks for your letter inviting us to the reunion at Arkley and JK.

Unfortunately we will be unable to attend, as we don't do long distance journeys any more, as since Keith's stroke we only drive locally, so it makes it difficult.

However, we wish you all a great day and we will be thinking about you all.

We thank you still for the Clarion and it was so nice to see with the Guiding pictures, as I seem to be in a lot of them, 'Great Days'. I still keep in touch with Audrey Putman and Teddy Gibson (nee) Pitman.

Hope to see some photos of the reunion some time.

Love from Keith and Barbara “

Ron & Teddy Gibson (nee Pitman) from Stevenage, Hertfordshire
“Thank you for sending me details of this year's reunion at Arkley Golf Course.

Ron and I will be unable to join you due to health problems but we hope you'll all have an enjoyable day.

With best wishes. Teddy”

Evelyn & John Long (nee Johns) from Wantage, Oxon
“Sadly we won't be able to come to the reunion on July 14th.

We have my grandson every morning from 7.15 am - feed and water him. He gets ready for school at 8.30 am (Nursing hours are not very compatible to families!!)

We wish you all a happy day.

Best wishes Evelyn and John

Jean & Barry Cockerell (nee Bertram) from Sanderstead, Surry
“We are sorry that we shall be unable to meet up on the 14th. Hope everyone has a good time.
Regards Jean & Barry.”

Bryan & Iris Hawkins from Barnstable, N Devon

“Sorry I’ve been so long replying, I have been and am still unwell. I’ve had a heart attack and as you can imagine just everything goes askew.

Please give our regards to anybody that can remember us and we hope that you all have a lovely day, also that the weather is kind to you.

Take care and thanks for your efforts in keeping abreast of all the news.

All good wishes, from Bryan and Iris Hawkins”.

Richard Whitfield from Lyme Regis, Dorset

Richard’s daughter Katherine emailed to say that her dad is no longer using his computer and to contact him by ‘phone. He was not well enough to join us.

Brian & Jose Wright from Cuckfield, West Sussex

“Sorry we are unable to do that date. Hope the day is good.”

Brian & Jose

Ann & Keith Young from Hadleigh, Suffolk

“Would love to see you all on July 14th but as we have nobody to dog sit then, we can’t manage it. It would mean an overnight stay somewhere. One of our dogs has just had a knee operation and will still need a lot of careful handling then. Worse than having kids!

Having one of our granddaughters staying for a few months is peculiar. So much extra laundry and remembering the different and extra food I need to get! I’ll just be used to it and she’ll be back at uni after her placement finishes.

Hope all goes well for the reunion, best wishes to all who make it.

Regards Ann & Keith”

Revd. Malcolm & Peggy Cherry from Higham, Suffolk

“Sorry the journey is too much with our present health problems.

Best wishes to all. Malcolm & Peggy”

Derek & Sybil Fisher from Woodbridge, Suffolk ‘phoned to let us know that they would not be able to come.

Joy Oliver (nee Farmer) from Ferndown, Dorset is recovering from surgery and hopes to see us next year!

John & Georgina Pryke-Smith from Dartmouth, Devon

“Sorry we will not be able to be there as we have a family gathering in Hook to celebrate our son’s wife’s 40th birthday. Please remember us to all and hope to see you at a future event.

Georgie.”

Love John &

Wendy Walford from Newnham, Cambridge

“Thank you for the Arkley attachment. I’m afraid I can’t open it but will not be able to join you anyway as I have an engagement up here on that day.

I hope you have a very good time, however, and would be grateful if you would pass on my good wishes to everyone.

I plan to go to the GC’s celebration on the Saturday so will be able to see the renovations that have been made in the church and catch up with some news then.

Much love. Wendy.”