



The 'Never Again' News

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TRIENNIAL REUNION

With only just over a month to go before the 10th Triennial Reunion at Halton I'll just remind you all that it's happening on Saturday 25th September from 1000 hrs onwards, and that there is still time to get your name down. Details can be found on the HAAA website at www.oldhaltonians.co.uk

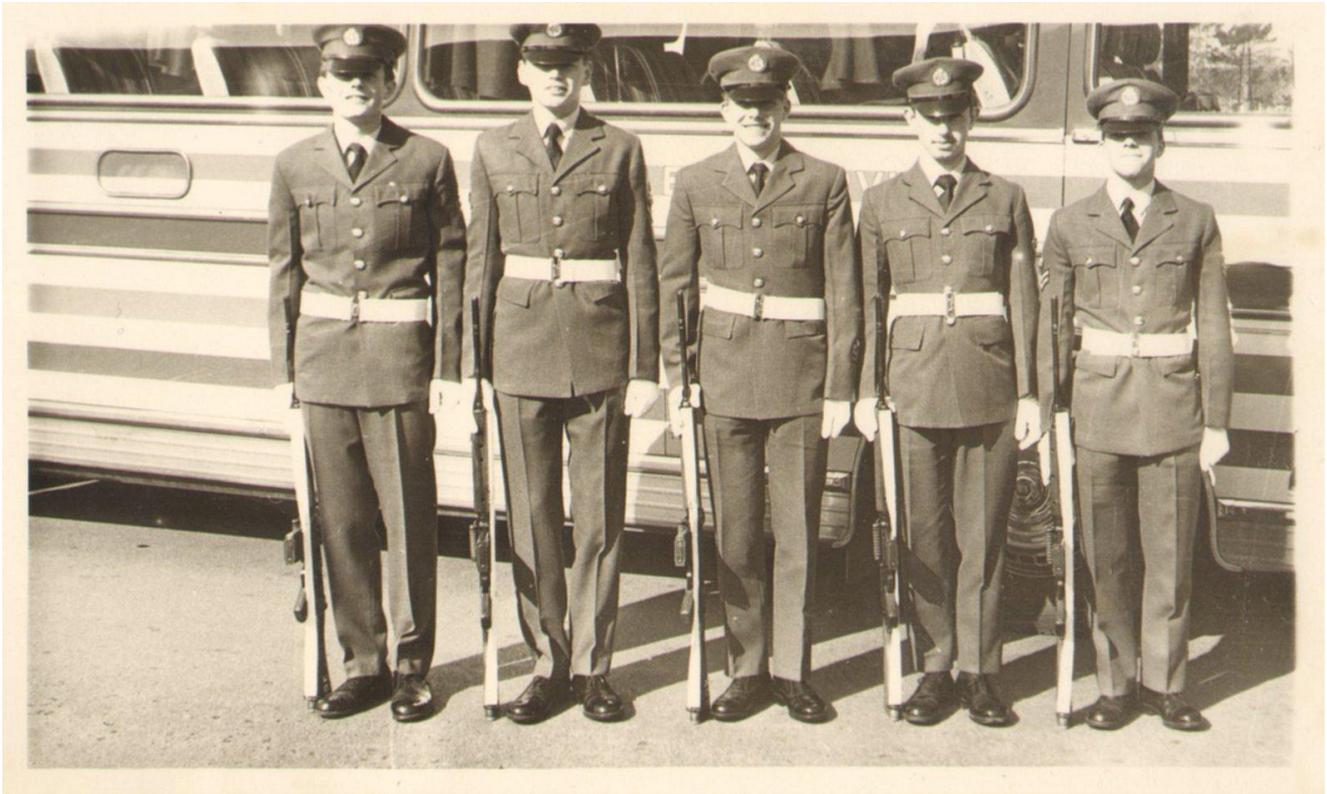
At the moment there will hopefully be five of us attending, namely Tony Killick, 'Owl' Hurst, Pete Knowles, Pat Minister and me. It would be great to meet up with even more and it's still not too late to contact the HAAA and make a booking. You can just turn up on the day but it'll cost you a lot more!

LATEST CONTACT

A few days ago I had an email from Pete Schneider who had found me via the HAAA website. In geographical terms he's not moved on much since we left Halton as he's been living at Aston Clinton for the last 18 years! After completing his RAF service (including a tour as a Halton instructor) in 1996 he has been instructing on A300 series aircraft, firstly for Monarch and latterly as a freelance. He said that he didn't recall meeting any of the entry after leaving Halton but would be pleased to make contact with anyone who remembers him, please contact me for his address etc. I was hoping that he'd be able to pop down the road to the Triennial but he has a commitment to be instructing in Alicante in September – it's all right for some! I sent him a list of names from his end of the alphabet to help jog his memory of likely classmates but two, Scott and Willis, do not ring any bells at all – can anyone confirm their existence? I vaguely recollect tales of at least one chap doing a 'runner' during the first night at Halton, but he / they weren't from my room so I cannot verify the story – again can anyone shed any light?

ANOTHER PICTURE FROM THE ARCHIVES

On a visit to see my mother down in Sussex back in April I discovered that she had many of the photographs taken of my early years in the RAF in an album (which I had completely forgotten about!). So here's one taken in 1973 when we were off to do a route lining at Windsor. The main thing I remember about it was that my position was in the middle of the road on a roundabout and I had to stand at the edge until just before the royal procession arrived and the police stopped the traffic – leaving me little time to do a bit of improvised drill to get into my proper place. Also I recall that the road was quite narrow and when standing with their rifles at present arms several had their magazines clouted by the boots of the passing cavalry.



Tallest on the left – shortest on the right! Paul Farrall, Martin ‘Cobber’ Crown, Kev Feeney, Steve ‘Scouse’ Fryer and me. I have grown considerably since this picture was taken - unfortunately outwards rather than upwards!

All the best

Dickie Bird