



JOINING INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE 40/54 2014 REUNION – 05/06 SEP Y O R K

VENUE: THE MONKBAR HOTEL (GREAT WESTERN) YORK

(St Maurices Road YO31 7JA Tel 01904 638086/667701)

BOOKING IN TIME FROM 1400 HRS, WITH BOOKING OUT AT 1100 HRS

EVENING MEAL, AS A GROUP, 1900 HRS – (THE DJ SQUAD ON PARADE, SAT EVENING)

Firstly, thank you for joining us in York; let's make it a truly memorable weekend! Sadly, not everyone can make this Reunion for various reasons and our thoughts are particularly with those who have health/wealth issues preventing them from attending. These Reunions have now taken place every year since 2001 and we hope to continue this as long as feasibly possible. The success of all Reunions is down to all those who attend, with the format from the start that the ladies would be part of our yearly celebration, where we remember our Attestation in May of 1960 at RAF Cosford, as Boy Entrants - along with not forgetting those who have sadly gone before, with a glass no doubt raised in the bar to all former RAF Boy Entrants. The good news is that after all these years we are still locating former 40th Boy Entrants or, surprisingly, they find us!

Looking forward to next year, planning is well under way for the Gibraltar Reunion: we will endeavour to keep the cost as low as possible to encourage as many as possible to attend, there is still time to join us!

Finally, apologies, regarding the parking arrangements, something that was beyond our control because of building work at the Hotel, with a start date not decided upon when we first booked. Remember, when first arriving; pick up your parking permit at the hotel dropping off point, where directions will be given.



We will endeavour to keep you up to date on the intended move in the future of all training at RAF Cosford to former RAF Lyneham, where such training will become part of the Joint Services Ground Training Academy. Work has already started at Lyneham, which is the first stage of a £230m transformation due to be completed by autumn 2015.

OUT AND ABOUT:

With so many attractions on offer (York Minister, York Castle Museum, National Railway Museum, Yorkshire Air Museum, York Boat Trip City Cruise, The Viking Museum, The Shambles*, Castle Howard (organised trips from York) and with more besides, it is suggested that we organise (in small groups) those places we wish to visit – perhaps making use of local transport, leaving our cars in the secure parking area!

Kind Regards,

Steve Lister/Dave Stinson

40th 'Together We Serve'



**Shambles (also known as 'The Shambles') is a bustling centre piece of historic York. The street today is one of the UK's most visited and has become a wealth of shopping, tourist attractions, restaurants and many other things to see and do. The way that fifteenth century buildings lean into the middle of the cobbled street means that the roofs almost touch in the middle. Mentioned in the Domesday Book (making it date over 900 years), we know Shambles to be York's oldest street, and Europe's best preserved Medieval street. It really is a very special place. The word Shambles originates from the Medieval word Shamel, which meant booth or bench. It was once also referred to as Flesshammel, a word with meaning around flesh; this is because Shambles was historically a treet of butchers shops and houses. Records state that in 1872 there were 26 butchers on the street. The last butcher to trade on Shambles was at number 27 of the name Dewhurst. Livestock was slaughtered on Shambles also, the meat was served over what are now the shop window bottoms, and these were originally the Shamels. It is also interesting to notice the way the pavements on either side of the street are raised up, this was done to create a channel which the butchers would wash away their waste through; offal and blood would gush down Shambles twice weekly.*