

## JOINING INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE 40/62 REUNION – 26 May Nr CARDINGTON

VENUE: THE BARNS HOTEL, CARDINGTON ROAD, BEDFORD MK44 3SA

Booking in time: 1400 hrs.

**F**irstly, thank you for those few joining us at a venue very close to former RAF Cardington, where we undertook our suitability tests and interviews too become members of the Royal Air Force as Boy Entrants.

The Hotel has only recently informed us that they have been undergoing extensive renovation work after flooding and, as a result, are working on a reduced evening menu (you should have sight of that e-mail) with all meals to be taken in the Conference Suite - although the bar area is shut, drinks will be waiter serviced to the Conference Suite.

All rooms in the Hotel have been re-furbished, with the Hotel morphing to become the Kingfisher Riverside Pub and Rooms. We did consider finding an alternative nearby Hotel, but because of the lovely location, lateness and small group attending decided to stay put.

The Hotel wishes to know what evenings we will be dining in, and to this end I have informed them that we Will dine in Thursday and Saturday night, bearing in mind we usually make the Saturday night DJs etc. There are other pubs nearby in Cardington which we can discuss when we meet.

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, barring one, since 2001 and we hope to continue this as long as feasibly possible; with next year's Reunion already signposted.

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 as Boy Entrants back in May of 1960 at RAF Cosford - along with not forgetting those comrades who have sadly left the Parade Ground!



## **OUT AND ABOUT:**

With many attractions on offer, such a Bletchley Park and Woburn Abbey, it will be a case of deciding amongst our small group where we wish to visit, although first port of call must be the former site of RAF Cardington, where the large Airship Hangars remain.

Kind Regards, Steve Lister/Dave Stinson

