

42ND ENTRY TELEGS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

FRIDAY 27 APRIL 2018

TELFORD HOTEL AND GOLF RESORT

TELFORD

Present:

John Lewis, Sally Lewis, Tom Parkes, Colleen Warnock- Parkes, Janice Westland, Roy Westland, John Manson, Sue Barrett, Clive Terry, Rita Leighton, John Leighton, Lesley Sutton, Dave Sutton, Doris Sadler, John Sadler, Jenny Stone, Keith Stone, Carol Williams, Dave Hand, Sylvia Hand, Roger Greenwood, Trish Greenwood, Trevor Wilce, Anne Wilce

Apologies for absence received from Veronica Clare

1. Approval of minutes 2017 AGM

The Minutes of the 2017 AGM were approved as an accurate record of the meeting. Proposed John Manson, Seconded Keith Stone

2. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

3. Report on the Reunion

As usual our Reunion was held over three days, commencing on Wednesday 25 April and closing on Friday 27 April. By 17.00 hrs on Wednesday it was almost a full house of delegates sitting in the Gorge Bar enjoying a drink (or two), chatting and bantering over things done since the last Reunion. We also had an excellent meal together in the 'Terrace Restaurant' in the hotel. Given our passing years and seniority the bar was empty by the time Clive Terry arrived from Germany at 22.30 hrs - Sorry Clive!

On Thursday morning the traditional golf tournament was conducted - but with a difference. String golf on the putting green was played out by 5 teams of two. After an intense competition over 9 holes there was a dead heat for first place with 23 shots recorded by John Lewis and Carol Williams and John Manson and Doris Sadler. A sudden death shoot out was required to select the winner. John and Carol went off first and recorded a two. To hushed silence John Manson

took his club and shot a hole in one taking the coveted Tony Williams trophy for 2018. Thanks to Kieran from the Golf shop for assisting us.

All agreed that the golf was a lot of fun and brought players and non players together for the first time. Watch this space for the return match in 2019.

Members took the opportunity to visit local attractions and the RAF museum at Cosford. Some found Cosford easier to find than others as there are two places called Albrighton, very confusing!

Our Gala Dinner on Thursday evening began with John Lewis welcoming everyone to the Reunion and paying particular thanks to Clive Terry who travelled from German to attend. John passed on Veronica Clare's best wishes as she was not able to attend this year. John also read out a message of best wishes from Dave Stevens (ex 44th Entry) but who did start with the 42nd Entry and was known to some of the attendees.

Best wishes were also received from Air Commodore John Thorne OBE who was our Flight Commander in the 'F' Lines during our time at Cosford 1961-2.

"I was interested to see in the Legion magazine that you have a 42nd Entry Telegs Association and that you are holding a reunion next week. You have done well to keep the Association going over the years and, as your Flt Cdr for much of your time at Cosford, may I wish you a successful and enjoyable event. With best wishes"

Air Commodore John Thorne OBE

John also kindly sent us a picture of a group of us at a camp site in Wales in Nov 61 and attendees at the Reunion, Dave Sutton and John Lewis were in the picture!

The RAF 100 years was toasted and John read out a poem by BE Keats before remembering 'Absent Friends'

Following our meal the raffle was conducted and £185 was raised which will be split 50/50 between Prostate Cancer UK and Help for Heroes. Our quiz master Tom Parks lead us through the quiz and this year's clear winner was Rita Leighton, the proud holder of the 'Book Ends' for 2018. Keith Stone showed us our review of Reunions starting at Stoke in 1995. Keith was also quick enough to show us an action replay of the winning golf event 'hole in one'.

While some members felt the beef was a little tough, and their room was a bit on the hot side, most were in general agreement that the service as very good, the breakfast was excellent and the facilities brilliant.

4. Treasurers Report

John Sadler reported to the meeting that the accounts showed a balance of £169.20 in the account after costs of £144 for wine at the dinner and with no further liabilities. 22p interest was earned on the account last year!

5. Election of Officers

It was suggested that if the current Chairman, Treasurer and committee members were willing to continue into 2019 then they should all be elected to serve. All the current team said they would, therefore by unanimous agreement the current committee were duly elected.

- John Lewis Chairman
- John Sadler Treasurer
- Trevor Wilce Committee Member
- Dave Sutton Committee Member

6. Plan for 2019 Reunion

John Manson suggested that it was probably a time for the Reunion to be held at the same place each year to make the process of organising the event easier. This sentiment was held by a number of delegates and it was suggested by a number that as the current venue had been so successful we should return to Telford again next year and review the location again at that time. The dates were discussed and the following dates were agreed: **Wednesday 24 April to Friday 26 April 2019.**

These dates were agreed with the hotel following the close of the meeting at the room rates paid for 2018.

John and Sally Lewis agreed to organise the event in 2019.

The plan was proposed for acceptance by Dave Hand and seconded by Clive Terry. All were in favour.

7. AOB

Invitation to Parade had been received from Edlington Town Council:

"I am writing to officially invite the 42nd Entry Telegs Veterans Association to parade with us at the Edlington Festival on Saturday 28th July 2018. This year, Edlington Town Council will replace its traditional Gala for one year only, to commemorate a once in a lifetime, 100 year centenary that marks the end of the 1st World War and women receiving the vote".

Councillor Robert Reid, Deputy Mayor, Edlington Town Council

The invitation was discussed by members but as the membership was spread out throughout the country it was felt that it would be difficult to agree to this request. The members had not been asked to parade before and there was little enthusiasm to do this in the future.

Action on John Lewis to decline the offer.

Data Protection Policy

John Lewis advised the meeting that as we had a website and the committee held details of the membership we would need a Data Protection Policy to conform to the latest legislation. The committee had prepared a policy which was distributed to members and asked them for its approval. After some discussion the proposal was accepted and proposed by Keith Stone and Seconded by Doris Sadler. All were in agreement.

A copy of the policy is attached to these minutes and will appear on the website www.42ndentrytelegs.co.uk

Insurance

John Sadler told the meeting about the following after difficulties arranging insurance. He advised that anyone in receipt of a civil service pension would qualify with the Forces Pension Society. A joining fee of £38 with additional costs of £376 per couple worldwide which was very competitive.

Vote of Thanks

John Lewis thanked the committee members for their support in 2018 and for the efforts of Sally in organising the 2018 reunion. Also to Tom Parkes for the Quiz and Keith Stone for his presentation.

Invitation to John Thorne to be extended for the 2019 Reunion. Action John Lewis

The meeting closed at 10.40 hrs

Data Protection Policy

The 42nd Entry Telegs Association is established as an informal Association of ex members of the 42nd Entry Telegs who served in the RAF at RAF Cosford 1961-2 for the sole purpose of meeting with old friends and is a data controller within the UK. We do not have a written constitution.

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