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Hello Folks

Here are again after another great reunion, held at Eagle House on **Saturday Oct 20th**.

In the afternoon some of us met at Dingles Fairground Centre near Lifton, Devon.

Later about 6 pm we started meeting together at Eagle House, where a Powerpoint presentation of old pictures of us at times from 1950 at Windmill School prior to going to College, to pictures of Scouts , ATC, Sports Day, Orchestra, etc which proved of interest to some of the wives, seeing their men in short trousers !!.

At 7.30pm we sat down to an excellent dinner, the men changed seats for the sweet course.



Above at dinner, on the left we have :
Helen Crabb, Robin Wilson, Mrs Tunbridge,
Neil Cuthill, David Gynn, Barbara Gynn, Joan
Screech, Hester Gillbard, Rosemary Pollard.

Coming back on the right we see :

Elaine Randall, John Pollard, John Gillbard,
Ron Screech, Beryl Thorne, Richard thorne,
Elspeh Cuthill, John Harry, Rev Claire Wilson
and David Crabb.

After the dinner we each explained what we
were now up to, hobbies or work !!

Ron Screech is still painting and brought
along some of his work, one is seen here,



Robin Wilson brought along some excellent
enlarged photographs of their holiday in the
Galapagos Islands, showing Spiders,
Caymen, etc. To get to their lodge they had to
wade through a lagoon for about 3/4 hour.

Neil is still busy with his music, and plays the
Organ at Charmouth C of E on Sundays. He
has again taken up playing Tennis, which he
now regrets not keeping this up in previous
years.

David Gynn said that he been promoted at Dingles away from the grease to Reception !! Peter Randall has gained 2 spare parts, i.e. 2 hip replacements, which he is pleased with.

John Pollard said that he was still getting his feet muddy, as he still works on the farm. He does get away for a holiday as his wife enjoys visiting the Travel agents. This year they went to Egypt and John said that he went down below a Pyramid, as far as it was high.

John Gillbard shared that he was now an author of two books and a 2013 Portreath Calendar. Both books are on the History of Bridge Village, near Redruth. The first book of 100, sold out within a week !! and so folk kept asking for a copy I had to produce a No 2 copy of 150 and now they are sold out also. Proceeds go the Bridge village chapel which I attend. Now I am attempting to write another book titled : Past Launceston Businesses, Adverts & Invoices. This is being done in conjunction with Launceston Museum at Lawrence House, who had an exhibition in the summer on this subject.

Richard Thorne reported that he had spoken to Mike Tourle, and discovered that he is again getting married next year. Sadly Mike's wives have died with cancer, so we wish Mike well for the future. Richard and Beryl had been over to Toronto this year, and met up with an old St Stephens girl, Ann Vanstone. Wendy Maunder who went to Canada many years ago, as did her sister Kay, Wendy has died there.

John Harry reported that he been to Bristol and met Frank Werren over a meal, he had not seen him for 7 years. It was good to hear that he found Frank looking well, better than he did 7 years ago. Frank apparently has a "gammy leg" and so cannot drive, therefore he could not make the reunion this time. John said that he had enjoyed a camping holiday down in the south of France this year.

Rev Claire read a humourous poem she had made up concerning Robins 3 weeks of camping down at Crackington Haven and the "space" she enjoyed whilst he was away. For an encore she read another humourous poem concerning one of her church members who did not appreciate having words in the hymn changed to be politically correct. So at the lady's funeral she had them sing her hymns with all the original words !! Claire you are a star and we look forward to next years poem/s. Thankyou. How about someone else composing a poem ?

David Crabb informed us that he had now retired from his business and sold his machinery. Ocassionally he is asked if he would like to try out the machinery again to keep his hand in.!!



He and Helen enjoy their holidays.

John also gave the good wishes to the members from Sammy Swanson, Mike Tourle, Chris Hunn, Malcolm Fry (family commitments) Adrian Hicks (Stroke) Here we are in the entrance to Eagle House. Thanks go to David Gynn for organising Dingles and the Launceston end of the reunion.

Now to wish you all a Very Happy Christmas & Healthy New Year.