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Hello Folks

Here I am again after another very successful reunion.



There were 14 of us including wives, and all being able to sit around a table, with the best meal ever at Eagle House. New people have taken it over and provided us with a beef pie and vegetables, some went back for "seconds" it was so good !!

The Sweet was just as good, a choice of 3, and again some went back for another choice, so we did do well!!

At mid day Horwell girls had a reunion there and had the same menu, and were delighted with it. After the meal we went around the table explaining what we were up to now.

David Gynn has bought a field and a tractor, so had a good chat with John Pollard and Peter Randall concerning farming !!

John Pollard still gets involved in helping out on the farm from time to time.

Peter Randall and Elaine are now able to have holidays, something they never had when farming, so they are enjoying seeing parts of Cornwall and elsewhere they have not had the chance to see before.

Neil Cuthill is still involved in the music scene at Dorchester, and plays the organ in a church, etc.

Robin Wilson is still teaching privately part time, and enjoying foreign holidays, also locally at Crackington Haven under canvas !!. Thanks to Robin for the above photo'.

Ron Screech is still enjoying Cruises and takes part in Painting groups on them, this year we saw some of his excellent paintings from Italy, painted when on his Mediterrean Cruise.

John Harry sent his kind regards to all and is well. Frank Werren could not attend, he still has a bad leg which prevents him getting around easily.

Adrian could not make this year, as his wife has not got over her ankle problem.

I hear from Sammy Swanson in Calgary from time to time and he and family are very well.

Malcolm Fry also sent his kind regards to all, and is busy with grandchildren.

David Crabbe was unable to come this year as he was on a cruise holiday, but sent his kind regards to all. Below we see him with his pride & joy, his Mk2 Jaguar



Roy Balliston is keeping well, enjoying retirement and gardening.

Peter Glanville is also enjoying his retirement, and is still organic crofting and keeping a few sheep. In the last newsletter I showed a picture of the Meccano Club members, David Gynn turns out to be Peter Glanville !! sorry Pete

I tried to contact Mike tourle and Adrian Hicks but failed, so I hope all is well with them, maybe you could let me know

before the next newsletter, (Adrian can you give me your telephone number please .)

Chris Hunn was still OK, when I contacted him before the reunion.

I am still busy with books, the latest being titled :

South Petherwin Parish Past & Present in 144 pages with many old photographs. Some of you may remember Faith Maddever from Horwell, her family came from South Petherwin, and some years ago I found her living in Redruth and she lent me her family album from which I scanned many good pictures of times past. This got "launched" at South Petherwin Methodist Coffee morning on Saturday, December 7th. I was born in South Petherwin parish, and it is where I first went to school. For many years I have had a desire to get together a book on the parish, as none had been written. I started on this book 5 years ago, so it takes time researching Census returns, National Archives etc etc.

Some of my books can now be found on www.lulu.com (print on demand)

If you want to publish a book, this is the site where you can buy a 1 off and it is easy to use.

Another useful site is "print-my-pdf.com" send up your pdf file in the morning and you get the book back next morning.

Enough from me, I would be delighted if our members who do not get to our reunions would just give me a short write up on what they are doing in retirement, to share with members. You too may have some useful information / tips to pass onto others.

I have Solar Panels and have had a little box put alongside my Fuse Box which links to my Immersion tank, which heats the water for FREE, using electric which is being transmitted to the grid. Cost was about £550 installed, and has proven well worth it.

Some you can buy at £350 uninstalled.

Well thats my tip to you, so what is yours to me and other members, for the next newsletter.

That is all for this newsletter.

I wish you all a Very Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year.

John Gillbard

