



The old Guv'nor,
God bless Him !



The Friends of the Old Paint Company

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The Reunion Committee, full of laughter and good cheer ~ Bill, Larry, Bob, plus the old Guv'nor, John and Jim, on behalf of all the Friends of the Old Paint Co. wish you and yours a Very Happy Christmas and Best Wishes for the New Year

We hope you enjoy reading our annual newsletter.

Next Year: Same time, same place on **FRIDAY 2nd OCTOBER 2020**
"Keep in touch with us ~ to help us keep in touch with you."

Another great evening for the *Friends of the Old Paint Company* 20th anniversary get together. We are all so please that we still get to see and talk to so many of our old colleagues since the Chadwell Heath factory closed on 31st December 1999. It was a good turnout with over 83 people booked in. It's amazing that we still get so many people turn up each year and that's mainly due to the efforts of the reunion committee.

Larry Fernandes: Sadly, just two weeks after the reunion our good friend and an active member on the reunion committee passed away on the 20th October. When Mike Rodger and I started the reunion events back in 2000 we coped OK, but when Mike died and my wife became ill, I asked people for help in running the events. Larry was one of the first people to come forward. When we lost our first venue, it was Larry's idea to move The Cedars, where he was a member. That in itself, reduced the costs of the event by 30% and Larry also took

over the responsibility for distributing the email version of the newsletter. His passing was a great shock to all of us and he will be sadly missed.

Friends of the Old Paint Company have sent £100 to Barts Hospital, one of the charities suggested by Larry's family.

Staying in Touch.

Every year we contact the 200+ members on the database. We always ask people to respond and we've made it easy for people to respond by post, email or mobile txt. So we've made it as simple as possible for people to say "Yes we are coming" or "No, Sorry that I can't make it this year, but hope to see you next year". Your response to the invite is often our only way of keeping in touch. *BUT we do appreciate a response* and it only takes a few seconds to reply by email or txt. Please "It's good to stay in touch". talking to a £10 note ~ we'd much rather see you than your money

Photographs of the evening

We'd like to thank Clive (*our regular, resident photographer*) for his hard work.

In mentioning Clive, who has been our regular photographer for millions of years, we were pleased to learn that because of his involvement with Waltham Abbey Trust, he had been made a Freeman of Waltham Abbey. Clive was already a Waltham Abbey Commoner, (*which automatically gave his cattle the right to graze in the forest*). Being made a Freeman now allows him to drive his sheep over the bridge. *Not many people know that !*



Tony, Dave Val Alf and Reg



Bill, Bob and Larry on the reception desk



Bryn and Colin



Handing out the names tags ~ Bill and Bob on the reception



Dave Tony and Peter



Les and Reg



I think someone's broke wind !



Frank, Sue and Brenda



Paul, Abu and Kishor



Keith, Dave and Jim



A rose between two thorns !



Dave, entertaining Sandra and Diane



George and Ray



Pete, Ray, Robbie and Brian



Steve and Avril



Len and Ray



Les, David, the other Dave, Val, Jenny and Reg



Malcolm and Ron



Alan, Keith and Dave



Francis, Keith, Brian and Bill



Avril, Bryn, Nick and Ian



Nicki and Mike



Garry and Jackie



Susan, Brian and Dave

OBITUARIES

We are sorry to advise you that several of our old Friends have passed on:

Jack Hamer	Jan	2015
Trevor Lemmon	Feb	2015
Brian Shearmur	Feb	2015
Dennis Reynolds	Aug	2015
Geoff Pink	Oct	2015
Reg Burton	Oct	2015
Mary Brewer	Oct	2015
Linda Gibbons	Jan	2016
Liz Lebrecht	Feb	2016
Alan Smith	Mar	2016
Tony Osborne	June	2016
Geoff Slater	Sep	2016
Bob Hanson	Dec	2016
Walter Hall	Feb	2017
Tony Abbs	Feb	2017
Pat Burton	Mar	2017
Chris Langham	Aug	2017
Terry Marney	Aug	2017
Pat Cox	Oct	2017
Tom Roberts	Oct	2017
Colin Morris	Oct	2017
Jackie Shefford	Dec	2017
Ray Usher	Dec	2017
Del Ahluwalia	Mar	2018
Buzz Pearson	Aug	2018
Dave Wheatland	Apr	2019
Jack Bravey	Apr	2019
Graham Rainbird	May	2019
Larry Fernandes	Oct	2019
Kathy King	Oct	2019

we can send a copy of the photos taken on the evening, on a CD at very low cost of £5

please note that our e-mail address is:-
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*and ... from the vast team of organisers that
make the reunion possible we would all like to
wish all our regular readers: - A really super
Christmas and a good and peaceful New Year*



The old Mr Berger [circa 1810]
also wishes you a Merry Christmas