A Miscellany of Comments on the Reunion held on 1 September 2007

It was just the most brilliant, unforgettable day I've ever spent ANYWHERE!

I don't often go to tribal gatherings but this one was outstanding

We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves & it was wonderful to meet up with so many lost chums. I hope we keep up some sort of annual event for the future

Just want to say how brilliantly it all went. All sorts of memories dragged up

What a great day! I think we all met up with people who, in retrospect, we wish we had kept in touch with

Personal thanks to all the guys who helped make yesterday such a huge success. Count me in for any future event, together with Lynn (if wives/partners are invited) who thoroughly enjoyed the day even though she knew precisely no one at the start of the day. Everyone made her feel very welcome

My congratulations and gratitude for a fine event, following meticulous research and planning…. it was so successful are you contemplating a repeat at the centenary?

Thanks for a very good event. I had to rush off as you know but was very pleased to be there…….I look forward to seeing the pictures

Just a big thank you for making such a memorable day happen. It went like clockwork

We had a fantastic day on Saturday which could never have happened without so much dedication. It was all wonderfully organised and I really did think the catering was spot on - they did so well to give such a good choice with first class service. I'm now looking forward to seeing the photos on the website

Thank you and everyone involved who made Saturday such a wonderful day. It was an unforgettable occasion to meet up with all those "young lads" and share such a superb lunch. The whole day was brilliantly organised. Angela didn't know what to expect but she enjoyed herself immensely

Thanks very much to you and your wife and colleagues for organising the reunion on Saturday. Janet and I enjoyed it and it was good to meet up with so many after all those years. The weather was just right and the food and drink excellent. Here's to the next 50 years

It was really quite astonishing to see so many familiar (and not-so-familiar) faces. In fact, there wasn't enough time to talk to everyone I wanted to. I suppose that's where the internet comes in....

What a fantastic day! It was slightly surreal, seeing and trying to recognise all those faces from the early sixties, but very enjoyable. The day went perfectly (except that I didn't get round to everybody) and I know it doesn't happen without a lot of hard work beforehand. The OR's looked after us extremely well (esp. the lady in the kitchen and her staff)

Just a short note to thank you and all the Team for a most enjoyable re union - look forward to keeping in touch

Congratulations on a super job very well done. I think everybody enjoyed themselves. I was a bit apprehensive about it but had a great time. The amount of work you and your helpers put in was phenomenal!! Please take an "E" for excellence and add it to your house points. Thank you all very much. Again in five years??

A short but very grateful "THANK YOU" to you, Margaret, and everyone involved in the Big Day. You must be proud to have created such a special occasion at a once in a lifetime moment. I really enjoyed my whole weekend - even the hoards of tourists in London!

First a big thank you from a sceptic for a great day on 1st September. I still think it was a very curious event but I am glad I came and the organisation was superb. I came away with so many strange feelings and memories that I had thought were buried for ever that I felt I needed to capture them in some way. I have therefore written the attached piece “Rutlish Memories” which I hope you will find amusing

I, like most others I guess, approached the OR's with some trepidation, but was so pleased to find a relaxed group of people who enjoyed a very nostalgic time together. Good also to remember contemporaries who died at sadly early age, and also the varied eccentrics who taught us……So, once again, many thanks for a great experience, and all good wishes for the future

Thank you for a splendid day, a day not to have missed. The pity there was not enough time to chat with all those who you meant to, before I knew it Ken H was pointing out it was almost my bedtime

It was quite interesting that after about half an hour and a couple of pints of Youngs faces started to become familiar, even those no longer fringed with hair. What an impressive turnout, I hope that we may be able to repeat the experience in a few years time. I am looking forward to sharing the web site with my family

Thanks to you, Colin and Ian for making the re-union both possible and fun. I also thoroughly enjoyed my involvement beforehand and thanks for the mention on the day

Saturday was a seriously different day – aging males, wandering around, squinting earnestly at name tags and recognising neither the names or the faces……..an amazing event and unlikely I imagine, in Rutlish terms, to ever be emulated. I had an extraordinary day – possibly more to drink than was good for me – but that aside it was amazing to return to tread the paths that I’ve missed since my stag night and to meet and talk with so many people that were a part (to varying degrees) of my formative years. And I think that it’s true; for me there are no memories left from infant’s school, but the people, the experiences, the good times and bad and, most of all, the really good friends I made at Rutlish are irreplaceable. I count myself lucky. I, and possibly others, was a little hesitant on arrival, but soon the occasion worked its magic, but I was somewhat disconcerted to be reminded by people I barely remembered of the apparently numerous punishable incidents that my mind had chosen to file in inaccessible places – surely I wasn’t really that naughty?

I wanted to thank you both and your partners for arranging what was a really really enjoyable day. I reckon I could have gone on until midnight and still not spoken properly to everybody. I know it was memorable because I even had a dream about Dobbin a couple of days later ! …….What was interesting was that some people were just instantly recognisable after all these years and others became so when you had a good look at them

What a fantastic day! My congratulations to you and the other members of the "team" who made it all possible. The success of this years event would encourage some who did not commit themselves to attend this year, to attend a future event

It was one of the finest days I have ever had – yes, surreal, definitely, as we are all saying – but mainly just . . . . .wonderful

Congratulations to you, your wife and cohorts for a superb weekend. I think it was an unqualified success! How you did it I will never know. For me the best part was the Real Tennis, so give my thanks to Derrick for that

Just a belated thank-you for the excellent event that you all organised. Susan and I enjoyed it very much - and it was very obviously a great success