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It was with shock and great sadness that I learned yesterday of the death of Chris Horn, while he was working in Kazakhstan. I'm sure we all have good memories of Chris during our time in the 99th at Locking, from his first months in 99J in Hut 317 and later, when we all moved into our trade classes, in 99WA2. I got to know Chris better when we both moved into the Band block in 1962, but subsequently lost touch when we passed out in July 1964, when Chris was posted to Stradishall and I was posted to Finningley.



We met up many years later, in 1996, when my son-in-law, who was in the RAF at St. Athan at the time, showed me a notice of the existence of the Locking Apprentice Association, which I subsequently joined. I attended their reunion in Weston Super Mare in June 1996, and the first person that I met when we went to the Friday night informal 'get together' was Chris, and that started a really good friendship which continued until his untimely death on Saturday.

Chris was instrumental in organising our regular 99th Christmas reunions at Warners' Country House Hotels at Holme Lacy near Hereford, and Nidd Hall near Harrogate, followed by our 40th anniversary reunions in Weston in 2001 and 2004.

I witnessed at first hand the tireless work and enthusiasm that Chris put into keeping the spirit of the 99th going strong.

He always said to me that it was 'easy and no problem', but that glossed over the hard work and enthusiasm he put into keeping us all in touch and able to bond again with old and good friends.

Thanks for all your hard work Chris, we'll miss you.

Bob Storey