

## West of England Supper – 21 June 2014

The West of England Supper was again held at the Angel Inn in Hindon on Saturday 21 June 2014. As always we were made extremely welcome by the convivial owner/host Doug and his staff.



Our numbers were a record equalling 14 (including 2 Lt Colonels!) despite a number of regulars not being able to attend this year for various reasons, including Richard and Marion Overend (S51-57) and Brian Pretty (S52-56) who recovering from illness.



The full list of those able to be present were : **Nick Innell (S67-75) & Jenny Mayes, Guy and Carolyn Bettesworth (S62-71), John and Helen Ellerby (G67-75), Duncan Miller (R47-54), Richard Sayer (President, S56-61), Bob & Madeleine Williams (Hon OF), Clive and Jean Smith (S54-58) and Chris & Eryl Essex (Organiser, K69-75).**

After a 3 course meal Chris did the loyal toast and then said a few words. He read out apologies from a number of OFs including **Charlie Blackmore (K65-75)** who for the last 2 years had been gold mining in South Sudan was this year sailing around the Isle of Wight.

The President gave an update on OF events and what's been happening at the College, followed by a toast to the Society.



Following the tradition set last year, we then had a couple of additional talks. Chris spoke about the wonderful OF trip organised in April 2014 to Northern France and Belgium, which was co-organised by a usual regular at these suppers, Peter Gasgoyne Lockwood (R57-64). This was followed by a related story from Bob Williams concerning Gordon Flowerdew VC (1894-99) and his link to the village Bob now lives in at Winsley, just south of Bath. My thanks to Bob for the photos.

An enjoyable time was had by all and those of us staying retired to the bar for a couple of night caps!!

