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73rd ROYAL MILITARY POLICE ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL REUNION WEEKEND
10/11/12 MAY 2019 IN THE PARK ROYAL HOTEL, STRETTON,
Nr. WARRINGTON, WA4 4NS.

GENERAL

1. The 73rd Annual Reunion Weekend will be held over the period of Friday 10th, Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th May 2019 at the above hotel.
2. The weekend will be hosted by Cheshire & North Wales Branch led by their Branch President Mr. Cliff Halsall QPM, Branch Chairman Mr Peter Lloyd-Jones, Branch Treasurer Mr. Ken H. Davies, Branch Secretary Mr George A. Woodall, assisted by branch members and their ladies.

OUTLINE OF EVENTS

3. The outline of events covering the whole weekend is shown under:
 - a. Friday 10 May 2019
 - (i) Arrival at Hotel. Members of the hosting Branch and the Chairman RMPA will be present in the Reception of the **Park Royal Hotel, Stretton, Nr. Warrington, WA4 4NS** to welcome guests and to assist with all administrative arrangements as required. The hotel will be the focus of the Reunion activities. Dinner will be taken in the Royal Suite.
 - b. Saturday 11 May 2019
 - (i) Annual General Meeting (AGM). The AGM will take place in the Royal Suite at 1430 hrs.
 - (ii) Annual Reunion Dinner. The Reunion Dinner will be held in the Royal Suite at 1900 for 1930 hrs. Dress will be civilian clothes (dark suit or blazers for gentlemen, ladies as appropriate).
 - c. Sunday 12 May 2019
 - (i) Church Service. The Annual RMPA All Denominational Church Service will be held the St. Matthews Church, Stretton at 10.00 hrs prompt. The service to be conducted by the Vicar of St. Matthews Church, Rev Alan Jewell.
 - ii) Parade of Standards/March Past. Prior to the Church Service. At 09. 30 hours there will be a Parade of Standards and March Past along the road leading from the hotel to the Church, reviewed by the Association's President.

ACCOMMODATION PACKAGES

4. The hotel accommodation has been booked for the RMPA weekend and will accommodate persons in double and twin bedded rooms. There are only 20 single rooms. However, a twin bedded room may be shared with a friend. The booking options are:
 - a. **Friday night.**
 - (i) Double/Twin Room. The rate will be £**100.00** per room for bed and breakfast and will include a three course meal on Friday night.
 - (ii) The rate for single occupancy will be £**92. 00**.
 - b. **Saturday night.**
 - (i) Double/Twin Room. The rate will be £**100. 00** per room for bed and breakfast.
 - (ii) Single occupancy will also be £**92.00**
 - c. **Shoulder Days.** The days prior to the Reunion (Thursday) or the day after the Reunion (Sunday) can be booked at £100 per room on a bed and breakfast basis.

It is emphasised that the booking of accommodation is totally the responsibility of individual members. From the date of the issue of these Reunion Instructions.

Closing date for room bookings is 16th March 2019 after this date rooms can be booked by members of the public.

Rooms will be available for guests to book by calling the hotel central reservations team on 0845 034 5777 and quoting the name of the event. Royal Military Police Association Reunion Weekend at Park Royal Hotel, Stretton, Nr. Warrington, WA4 4NS, giving the dates of your booking. A credit card will be required to guarantee the booking, See the hotel web site for T&C's.

5. In the event of any difficulty members should contact Mr George A. Woodall Branch Secretary Cheshire & North Wales Branch (Tel No 01244 545608) for guidance and support.

DINNER/REUNION BAR

6. Dinner will be held in the Royal Suite at 19. 00 hours for 19. 30 hours. A maximum of 244 persons may be seated; tickets at a cost of £31. 50 per person can be obtained from Mr. George A. Woodall Branch Secretary Cheshire & North Wales Branch using the proformae at Annex A. **When ordering your Reunion Dinner Ticket/s please enclose a SAE.** Closing date for applications will be **FRIDAY 12 APRIL 2019** following which no further applications will be accepted and no refunds given in the event of cancellation or subsequent non-attendance. Please make your cheque payable to Cheshire & North Wales Branch RMPA. Should the need arise, a reserve list may be opened and advise members should there be a late cancellation. Again you are advised to book early.

7. The Reunion Bar will be located on the ground floor of the hotel near Reception; a separate bar will be opened in the Royal Suite for the Reunion Dinner.

8. Dinner will be of four courses plus tea/coffee and be inclusive of a glass of port for toasts. The main course will be "Welsh Shin of Beef" in a Red Wine Sauce, seasonal vegetables. A vegetarian option is available. Menu is included on the Reunion Dinner booking form.

TRAVEL

9. Travel to Stretton , Nr. Warrington, Cheshire is outlined below:

- a. By air. Stretton, Warrington is served by:
Manchester International Airport and is approximately 14 miles and 20 minutes drive from the hotel.
Liverpool Airport is approximately 16 mile and 30 minute drive to the hotel.
- b. By road. (from North and South) Leave the M56 at Junction 10; follow signs for Warrington (A49). Proceed approximately 400 yards to the T Junction Road traffic lights. Turn Right onto the B5356 proceed about 200 yards, when opposite the entrance to the St. Matthews Church gate, turn Right. The hotel entrance is 60 yards on your left.
- c. By rail. By train to Warrington. Taxis are available from the Station. Distance 3 miles
- d. Car Parking. The hotel has ample **free** parking.

SUMMARY

10. The hotel is ideally situated for Motorway connections to all parts.
Local Tourist information will be in each hotel room.
Guest information brochure can also be viewed at the hotel reception.

Nearby attractions by car: Details can be viewed on their web sites.

The Trafford Centre, Trafford Park 30 minutes. Sat Nav: M17 8AA.

Cheshire Oakes Retail Park, Nr. Ellesmere Port, 20 minutes. Sat Nav: CH65 9JJ.

Chester City: 1. Park & Ride Boughton Heath. Sat Nav CH3 5QD. 20 minutes.

2. Park & Ride Wrexham Road. Sat Nav CH4 9DQ. 24 minutes..

Warrington: 1. Numerous Car parks, about 10 minutes.

2. Museum of Policing in Cheshire, Arpley Street, Warrington, WA1 1LQ. Visits by Prior Appointment. (The Museum is inside a working police station.) To book Tel: 01606 363848.

Chester Zoo: Is world famous, just a short drive of 25 minutes. Drive towards Chester, follow Chester Zoo signs to Car Park off the A41.

11. A Power Point Presentation (PPP) showing details of the Hotel and places of Interest for computer users, will be forwarded to all those who the Board of RMPA Trustees inform of this Annual Reunion.

Branch Secretaries are requested to forward a copy of the PPP to their branch Member's with PC facilities.

12. **NOTE:** You may wish to consider your Travel & Repatriation insurance. Before your journey; Better to be safe than sorry.

13. The President and Chairman RMPA and Cheshire & North Wales Branch look forward to your support and welcoming you.

G. A. Woodall
Branch Secretary,
Cheshire & North Wales Branch RMPA.

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Major General B J Bathurst CBE - Deputy-Colonel Commandant (Provost) and
Honorary President
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Warrant Officer Class 1 (ProSM) M Thomson
In-Pensioner M Allen

The Serving:

All Serving Provost Personnel (less MPGS) via HQ 1 MP Brigade

Association:

Trustees
Branch Secretaries