



JOINING INSTRUCTIONS

2017 40th Reunion – Berwick-Upon-Tweed 26-29 May



Once again, many thanks for supporting this Reunion. Our thoughts will be with those from the 40th who have sadly departed, along with those who regularly attended the reunions and are either no longer with us, or perhaps just too ill or frail to travel – or on compassionate leave. We intend to carry on with our Reunions as long as we have the support, for which we are always grateful.

Our venue, the Castel Hotel, named because of its close proximity the Berwick Castle, built in the 12th century by ' King David of Scotland': The ruins of the castle fell victim to the Victorians when they built Berwick Railway Station in 1847 with the platforms running through the centre of the Great Hall

The Hotel is famed for having T.S. Lowry, the artist, as a regular visitor - apparently he liked a room overlooking the railway coal yard, now a car park! Another famed visitor was Eric Lomax, who wrote the Railway Man; this was based on his time as a Japanese POW. Eric (a former Royal Signals officer), is still fondly remembered by the Hotel staff, and he would attend the Remembrance services from here, along with visiting the Hotel bar, good man!

Venue: The Castle Hotel, Berwick Upon-Tweed

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Booking in Time – 1400 hrs.

Booking Out Time – 1000 hrs.

Evening Meal Dining Times, with Duty Servers arriving 30 mins before:

Friday 2100 hrs.

Saturday 1700 hrs.

Sunday 1900 hrs. (Formal Dress, DJs Encouraged)

N.B. Please pre-book your menu choices for Friday's evening meal, then email Dave

'Optional' Planned visits:

Saturday:

0900-1130 Walkabout Berwick, Look out for the Elizabethan Walls and the Lowry Trail.

1200-1300 Lunch

1330-1530 Berwick Barracks and Guard Room, the oldest (1717) purpose built barracks in the UK, which houses the Kings Own Scottish Borders (KOSB) Regimental Museum.

1530-1700 The Chain Bridge Honey Farm, with Gift Shop and Cafe, just a 5 mile drive.
Horncliffe, TD15 2XT

Sunday:

0930-1330 Lindisfarne (Holy Island), this is a 12 mile drive (South) from the Hotel, bearing In mind you have to drive across a Causeway to the island. For our visit, Safe tidal Crossing is between 0920 and 1500hrs.

1400-1630 Bamburgh Castle, Bamburgh NE69 7DF. This is a 15 mile journey (South) from Lindisfarne: 'The choice is yours, a tour of the Castle, or just taking in the wonderful setting, perhaps enjoying some light refreshment in the Village. From here, the return journey back to the Hotel is 27 miles by road. Whilst in the area, I am sure you will agree this visit is an opportunity not to be missed.

Finally, let's hope the weather is with us this year, but be prepared with suitable clothing, along with walking shoes – although the planned visits are suitable for those who just want to keep walking to a minimum. We are looking forward to seeing you all once again, and no doubt we will all parade early at the bar on Friday evening! Don't forget to make your choices from the Menu for Friday night and return them to Dave by the 20 May.



Steve & Dave

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Early Warning: It is intended to hold next year's Reunion in Liverpool, with visits to the World famous Cavern, the Liverpool Maritime Museum and a trip on the Ferry across the Mersey, with a day out (Sunday) in nearby Southport, just 20 miles by road.