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REUNION 2006 - THE QUALITY SCOTCH CORNER HOTEL FRIDAY 12TH MAY TO SUNDAY 14TH MAY 2006

A really short one pager to bring you up to speed. Ralph and I met at the Hotel last week and agreed the above dates for Reunion 2006. Although everyone unmistakably had a fantastic time at this year's affair, I know that many were disappointed with the bar prices since it did appear that prices had been hiked to take advantage of a captive audience. You will understand, therefore, that the subject was top of the agenda last week. All the senior management of the Hotel have been replaced and we have a clear undertaking from the new team that no such thing will happen in 2006. You can be assured that we will be watching this particular area (and re-emphasising our requirements) on the run-up to the function. I think you will also agree that the Hotel is showing signs of wear and tear but - apparently - a major refurbishment is planned and we should be a little more comfortable in the future.

You will note from my address that I am moving to Spain. In fact, I fly on Wednesday so by the time you receive this letter I will have joined Myrtle who has been 'in theatre' for a month already. This has raised a dilemma insofar as my continuing to partner Ralph in organising these functions is concerned. We have now decided that, because we are keeping our house in Scotland, if I manage the newsletters and admin around our trips home (we plan to be in the UK for around 4 months in the year) I will - after all - be able to keep things going. The only real problem is that currently we have no landlines (inland, real Spain; away from the concrete ribbon running along the Andalucian coastline) and therefore no access to the Internet. This situation will continue for at least 1 year at which point my sgm216@lineone.net email address will find me once more. Keith Weller has agreed to manage the website until I am back on-line and I await his call to confirm that all is well on that score - keith@weller75.fsnet.co.uk. John Aspinall kindly stepped in to take over the reins of the Weston on the Green Branch of the RBL and I am grateful to him for that. A thought has suddenly occurred: how about Reunion 2008 in Spain - at least we could guarantee that Les Lawbuary and Dave King will be there!

Now you have the dates you can start the process of securing your hotel accommodation in good time - book on telephone number 01748 850900. Credit/debit card number only at this stage, you will not be billed until you check out on Sunday 14th. Once again, we have guaranteed the hotel management that we will take every room (no problem with that) and this has allowed us to secure some reasonable prices on your behalf. Ralph has the job of finalising negotiations on that score, you can rest assured that he will come up with a good deal. I will be in a position to let you have all such detail when I write again around May next year. We propose to run things in the same way as in previous years; you book your own accommodation and we call for payment for your buffet tickets, by cheque payable to the Hotel, in good time to be lodged with Ralph by January/February 2006.

Finally, as I have said, I will write again in May next year. Meanwhile, if you have to contact me with address changes and the like, either call me in Spain (probably expensive) or let Ralph Porter have the information and he will get it to me. Look after yourselves and see you in 2006.

Steve