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**AIRBORNE SIGNALS OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATION**  
**REUNION 2024 – HOLIDAY INN, BARNSELY**  
**FRIDAY 7<sup>th</sup> JUNE TO SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2024**

Dear Comrade,

The next Reunion will be held at the Holiday Inn Barnsley on the weekend of 7<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> June 2024. The cost will be £65.00 per night for a double/twin room and £55.00 for a single (which include breakfast)

**ATTENDANCE AT OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATION FUNCTIONS**

At the OCA meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> May 2018 it was agreed that members would be permitted to bring up to three guests (one of the guests being wife/partner). Members would be responsible for the behavior of their guests and they would be expected to comply with normal dress standards and behave in a manner expected within the military environment. Widows of members would not automatically be invited but their attendance would be welcomed as a guest of a member.

Attendance to the OCA is open to all Airborne Signals who have passed P Coy and served with an Airborne unit. Verification through Billy Haslam & JJ Walker please.

**AIRBORNE FORCES**

Just a reminder it the 84<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Airborne Forces in 2024. The traditional formation date of the Airborne Forces is recognised as 22 June 1940 when Sir Winston Churchill signed a memorandum calling for an 'elite corps of troops' to form a force of 5,000 paratroopers. Sept 2024 will also be the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Operation Market Garden (Arnhem).

**BOOKING HOTEL ROOMS**

The address is **Holiday Inn Barnsley, Barnsley Road, Dodworth, Barnsley, South Yorkshire, S75 3JT. Tel: 01226 299571** where the reunion is held. **However, the hotel gets booked up quite quickly.** You will be able to book a room at the **Ibis Styles Barnsley Hotel, Whinby Road, Dodworth, Barnsley, S75 3TX** (only half a mile from the Holiday Inn and takes about 2 mins in a car). telephone number is **01226 729930**. Please contact the

hotel direct to make your booking quoting “Airborne Signals Weekend 2024”.

### **DINNER DANCE**

The Dinner Dance will be held on the Saturday evening 1900 hrs for 1930 hrs. The cost is £30.00 per head which is £2.00 more than 2022. **It would help if you return the menu form annotated with your choice(s) at the earliest opportunity.** Please don't delay in returning the attached proforma.

### **SEATING PLAN**

When you return the proforma, if you would like to sit with friends/colleagues, please state this. I will do my best to accommodate your wishes; however, there will be no changes once the seating plan is displayed in the foyer on the Friday night.

### **RAFFLE/AUCTION**

At the last reunion the amount taken has helped to keep the administration and web site in good stead, so I would like to thank everyone who donated prizes and sold the tickets, not forgetting our auctioneer Jimmy Campbell. There will be a 'Silent Raffle' to speed up the process and Auction at the dinner. Donations for both the Raffle and Auction would be very much appreciated.

### **GOLF**

Please see the attached proforma.

### **OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATION MEETING**

This will be held at 1900 to 1930 (STC) in the Calvert Suite (tbc) on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2024. If anyone has got anything for the good and benefit of the reunion could they email Jimmy Campbell ([jjc216@talk21.com](mailto:jjc216@talk21.com)), please note this is a change to the Saturday AGM.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Onsite Bannatyn's Health Club has rescinded there complimentary use for all hotel residents. The hotel provides free Wifi internet.

### **INDIVIDUAL NAME TAGS**

As per item 7 of the OCA meeting at Holiday Inn Barnsley it was proposed and carried that individuals would wear name tags, I am still searching for a cost effective way to do this.

### **ABSENT FRIENDS**

WO1 FOS John Kirton  
Sgt Eric G (Ricky) Richards  
Mr Dave Harris

If there are any queries please don't hesitate to ring or email. I look forward to seeing you all in June 2024.

Regards

*Tony & Mel Giles*

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**AIRBORNE SIGNALS OLD COMRADES - REUNION WEEKEND 7<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2024**

\* Please reserve me            places at £30.00.each for the Dinner Dance taking place on the evening of Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2024 and enclose a cheque to the value of £.....

The names of my guests are:-

Guest 1:.....

Guest 2:.....

Guest 3.....

Cheques to be made payable to “**Airborne Signals Old Comrades Association**” Cheques should only be signed and written by members for the total amount if you are including guests. (*Attach menu for your choices and return with cheque and this proforma*).

**For those of you who wish to pay by BACS:-**

**Bank: NatWest**

**Bank Sort code: 51-81-08**

**Bank Account Number: 83828370**

**Bank Account Name: Airborne Signals Old Comrades Association.**

**(The reference is to be your full name + OCA 2024)**

**(Please attach a copy of your BACS receipt with the proforma for your choice of menu which is required for accounting purposes).**

\* I intend to arrive on: Friday/Saturday (*\*delete as applicable*).

A seating plan will be in the foyer from the Friday evening. Wine can be pre-ordered for your table from Reception prior to the dinner.

**SEATING PREFERENCE IF ANY**

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**GOLF – SATURDAY 21st MAY 2022**

\* I WISH/DO NOT WISH to enter the competition to be played on Saturday morning the 8<sup>th</sup> June 2024. Will all those who wish to play please complete this proforma and you **pay on the day**. The cost obviously cannot be confirmed until nearer the time but will include coffee and bacon roll on arrival.

NAME(S):.....

NAME (BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE).....

## AIRBORNE SIGNALS 8<sup>th</sup> JUN 2024 - MENU

STARTER	NUMBER
Cream of Vegetable Soup	
<b>Fan of Seasonal Melon</b> - accompanied by kiwi, orange & strawberry salad with a tangy lime syrup	
<b>Chicken Caesar Salad</b> - grilled chicken dressed on iceberg lettuce and topped with cherry tomatoes, bread croutons, shaved parmesan and Caesar dressing	
<b>King Prawn Smoked Salmon &amp; Champagne Terrine</b> - served with melba toast and salad with a lemon dill dressing	
MAIN COURSE	
<b>Prime Roast topside of Beef</b> - served with Yorkshire Pudding	
<b>Succulent Rack of English Lamb</b> - with an apricot & rosemary crust dressed on minted baby onions, with redcurrant infused jus	
<b>Oven Baked Salmon Fillet</b> - in lemon butter sauce	
<b>Oven Baked Chicken Breast</b> - served with white wine and tarragon cream sauce	
(V) <b>Stuffed Roast Red Peppers</b> - filled with vegetables and pulses, finished with a Roast Tomato sauce	
<i>All Served with Seasonal Vegetables and Potatoes</i>	
DESSERTS	
<b>Warm Apple Crumble</b> - with Dairy Custard	
<b>Lemon Zest Tart</b> - with Fruit Coulis and strawberries	
<b>Selection of Ice Creams</b>	
<b>Cheese &amp; Biscuits</b>	
Fresh Roast coffee & chocolate Mints <b>£30.00 per person</b>	