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**72nd ROYAL MILITARY POLICE ASSOCIATION**  
**ANNUAL REUNION WEEKEND**  
**11/12/13 MAY 2018, IN THE CITY OF**  
**ROTHERHAM, SOUTH YORKSHIRE**

**GENERAL**

1. The 72nd Annual Reunion Weekend will be held over the period of 11/12/13 May 2018 in the City of Rotherham, South Yorkshire.
2. The weekend will be hosted by South Yorkshire Branch RMPA led by the Chairman, Mr Barrie Woodward and the Secretary Mr Gordon Haywood.

**OUTLINE OF EVENTS**

3. The outline of events covering the whole weekend is shown under:
  - a. Friday 11 May 2018
    - (i) Arrival in Rotherham. Members of the hosting Branch and the National Events Co-ordinator (NEC) will be present in the Reception of the **Holiday Inn, West Bawtry Road, Rotherham, S60 4NA** to welcome guests and to assist with all administrative arrangements as required. The hotel will be the focus of all Reunion activities, including the Church Service, for the duration of the weekend. Dinner will be taken in the Peter Elliott Suite.
  - b. Saturday 12 May 2018
    - (i) Trustees Meeting. The Trustees meeting will be held in the Donna Hartley Suite at 1000 hrs.
    - (ii) Annual General Meeting (AGM). The AGM will take place in the Sebastian Coe Suite at 1430 hrs.
    - (iii) Annual Reunion Dinner. The Reunion Dinner will be held in the Peter Elliott Suite at 1900 hrs for 1930 hrs. Dress will be civilian clothes (dark suit or blazers for gentlemen, ladies as appropriate).

c. Sunday 13 May 2018

(i) Church Service. The Annual RMPA All Denominational Church Service will be held in the Peter Elliott Suite of the hotel at 1030 hrs prompt. The service will be conducted by the officiating padre (to be notified).

(ii) Parade of Standards/March Past. Following the Service there will be a Parade of Standards and March Past within the grounds of the hotel, reviewed by the President RMPA Brigadier D S Neal.

### **ACCOMMODATION PACKAGES**

4. The hotel accommodation has been booked solely for the RMPA weekend and will accommodate 200 persons in double and twin bedded rooms. There are **no** single rooms and thus single members wishing to attend the Reunion are encouraged to share a twin bedded room with a friend. The booking options are:

a. Friday night.

(i) Double/Twin Room. The rate will be £95.00 per room for bed and breakfast and will include a two course meal on Friday night.

(ii) The rate for single occupancy will be £80.00.

b. Saturday night.

(i) Double/Twin Room. The rate will be £68.00 per room for bed and breakfast.

(ii) Single occupancy will also be £68.00.

c. Shoulder Days. The days prior to the Reunion (Thursday) or the day after the Reunion (Sunday) can be booked at £68.00 per room on a bed and breakfast basis.

It is emphasised that the booking of accommodation is totally the responsibility of individual members. To make your reservation members should contact **Sales Manager at the hotel directly, Mrs Leanne Wigston on Tel No 01709 786016**. Leanne and her staff (Caroline or Haley) work only Monday to Thursday each week to receive bookings. A credit card will be required to guarantee the booking of the accommodation but will not be charged until the weekend has been completed. Members must **NOT** contact the Holiday Inn generic telephone number or contact by generic email to book accommodation. To do so will leave members disappointed!

5. In the event of any difficulty members should contact the NEC (Tel No 01904 427422) or Mr Gordon Haywood, the Branch Secretary (Tel No 01709 586870) for guidance and support.

### **DINNER/REUNION BAR**

6. Dinner will be held in the Peter Elliott Suite at 1900 hrs for 1930 hrs. A maximum of 200 persons may be seated; tickets at a cost of £30.00 per person can be obtained from the

NEC using the proformae at Annex A. Should the need arise the NEC will run a reserve list 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.
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 “Roast Sirloin of Beef” with a peppercorn crust, seasonal vegetables. A vegetarian option will be available.
9. Ticket applications should be made to the NEC using Annex A with cheques made payable to RMPA. Closing date for applications will be **SATURDAY 21 APRIL 2018** following which no further applications will be accepted and no refunds given in the event of cancellation or subsequent non-attendance.

### **TRAVEL**

10. Travel to Rotherham is outlined below:
  - a. By air. Rotherham is served by Doncaster (Robin Hood) Airport and is approximately 30 minutes from the hotel.
  - b. By road. (from North and South) Leave the M1 at Junction 33; follow signs for Rotherham/Magna (A630). Proceed to the end of the dual carriageway and turn left at the roundabout, following signs for Rotherham/Magna. The hotel is on the right hand side of the road with distinctive Holiday Inn signage.
  - c. By rail. By train to Sheffield followed by a local connection to Rotherham. The station is approximately 15-20 minutes by road from the hotel.
  - d. Car Parking. The hotel has ample **free** parking but drivers **must** register car details at the hotel reception when booking in. Security is co-ordinated by an independent security firm and fines will be imposed if not registered.

### **SUMMARY**

11. The hotel is a little isolated but is only 5 minutes from the largest, indoor retail park in Europe – Meadow Hall. Sheffield, Leeds and York are all within an hour’s drive from the hotel. Trains to Sheffield from Meadow Hall Metro Station run on a regular basis.
12. The President and Chairman look forward to your support.

*A K Barley*

**Allan K Barley**  
**National Events Co-ordinator**

**DISTRIBUTION:**

Major General B J Bathurst CBE - Deputy-Colonel Commandant (Provost) and  
Honorary President RMPA  
Brigadier D S Neal - Provost Marshal (Army) and President RMPA  
Colonel F Castle ADC - Corps Colonel  
Colonel S D'O Duckworth OBE DL - Honorary Colonel, RMP (Army Reserve)  
Wing Commander M Bland RAF - Commandant Defence School of Policing and Guarding  
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:**

Lieutenant Colonel J H Baber MBE - National Chairman  
Mr R L Eggelton – National Vice Chairman  
All RMPA Trustees  
All RMPA Branch Secretaries  
Mr G Haywood - Branch Secretary, South Yorkshire Branch