

Hertfordshire Royal Arch Chapter

“Gala Weekend”

at the Durley Hall Hotel, Bournemouth.

14th to 16th November 2008

Dear Companion,

Please find attached, the details of the 4th Royal Arch social weekend in delightful Dorset. Our Grand Superintendent, M.E. Companion John Ilott and his wife Glenys, have kindly agreed to preside over the festivities at our “Gala Weekend” at the Durley Hall Hotel, and invite all Companions, especially those of this Province, together with family and friend, Masonic and non Masonic, to join them on the above dates, for an informal, relaxing break before the Christmas mayhem.

Those of you who have stayed at the Durley Hall before are well acquainted with the weekend on offer, so please ignore the next few lines.

For those who are visiting for the first time, the Durley Hall is an AA and RAC 3 Star and ETB 4 Crown highly recommended Hotel with comfortable bedrooms, delicious food and obliging and friendly staff. The covered outdoor pool is now available and downstairs you will find a Jacuzzi, sauna, steam room and gymnasium and for the girls, a beauty salon, solarium and aromatherapist (chargeable). The main bar and Le Café Boulevard are light, airy and relaxing, and the bar and wine prices reasonable. House wine £11.95 bottle. (Feb 2008). Entertainment and a late bar have been booked for both evenings, and a five course banquet awaits you on Saturday. There is ample parking in 3 car parks, a lift to MOST floors and a night porter. Local shopping is within walking distance and more are on hand at Boscombe (Antiques and collectables), Westcliff and Poole (the harbour area is great). There is also a large market at Wimbourne on Friday, Saturday and Sunday mornings, mostly under cover and selling almost everything.

Again I stress this is not a Ladies Festival, but an informal relaxing break to unwind, have fun and enjoy yourselves. There are no speeches and only 1 toast and a welcome on Saturday. Even so, we do ask the gentlemen to wear smart casual on Friday evening and DJ's on Saturday.

Companions, as you can imagine, this will be a popular weekend, so if you would like to join us, please return your reservation form ASAP to avoid disappointment. Cancellations with full refund will be accepted up to 29th September, but regrettably after that date no refunds are possible.

Peter Brill

Social Secretary

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Your Weekend Programme.

FRIDAY

Arrive at leisure any time after 2pm. Get settled in and relax in the lounge where the bar will be open if you wish, or make use of the leisure facilities which are available to you throughout the weekend. Why not try a dip in the covered pool. Friday Dinner in the Starlight Restaurant will be served between 7pm and 8pm and is informal. Please note that a specific time will be allocated for your table, which will hopefully improve the service. This will consist of a three course Table d'hôte plus coffee. Guests expecting to arrive after 8-45pm will be offered a cold supper (please reserve). Our Grand Superintendent requests that dress this evening is smart casual. After dinner there will be dancing until midnight. We will also be holding our usual super raffle together with a Lottery syndicate and of course the bar is open as late as you want it.

SATURDAY

Breakfast will be served from 8am to 9-30am in the Starlight Restaurant. The remainder of Saturday is free to do as you wish. Don't forget to order your wine in the foyer after breakfast.

The Café Boulevard is open from 10-00am to 5-30pm for morning coffee, buffet lunches and afternoon tea. These are extras and not included in the weekend price.

Saturday evening reception is at 6-45pm (have you ordered your wine) for Dinner at 7.30pm. This is a 5 course banquet plus coffee followed by dancing and party fun until 1am. Grand raffle, lottery result, table prizes, win a colour TV (or something like it) for a £1, party poppers, coffee and biscuits at midnight etc. etc. and another very late bar if you can stand the pace.

As usual Companions - Dinner Jackets please.

SUNDAY

Full English Breakfast from 8am to 10am.

Possibly a fun quiz in the Canford Suite at 10-45am – very light hearted and nothing too serious to tax your bemused brain, with the usual terrible prizes, - just a bit of fun for an hour.

Then more food for those on the inclusive option - a three course Sunday lunch with all the trimmings served in the Salisbury Restaurant at 12-45pm (please note set time) and then its all the goodbyes and a safe journey home, unless you are taking advantage of the special rate for Sunday night.

Please, don't forget to vacate your room by 10-30am.

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OPTIONS.

Once again we can offer four options, but to acquire these prices, option 3 is limited to a maximum of 5 rooms and must include Sunday lunch.

OPTION 1. Two nights accommodation.

Friday Dinner to Sunday lunch inclusive @ £152 - 00 per person.

OPTION 2. Two nights accommodation .

Friday night to Sunday breakfast @ £147 - 00 per person.

OPTION 3. One night accommodation.

Saturday Dinner to Sunday lunch inclusive @ £109 - 00 per person.

OPTION 4. No accommodation.

Saturday Banquet only @ £45 - 00 per person.,

EXTRA NIGHTS.

A special rate of £48 per person per night for Dinner, Bed and Breakfast has been negotiated for those who wish to extend their stay either on Thursday or Sunday or both.

RESERVATIONS.

As always, reservations will be accepted on a “First Come First Served” basis, so to avoid disappointment, please, please, please book as soon as possible.

Please include any special meal or room requirements when making your reservation . We will do our very best to accommodate you.

The Hotel welcomes and caters for persons with disabilities.

PAYMENT.

A deposit of £20 per person is required to secure your booking.

PLEASE NOTE THE BALANCE WILL BE REQUESTED SIX WEEKS PRIOR TO THE FUNCTION.(3rd October)

REGRETTABLY NO REFUNDS ARE POSSIBLE AFTER 29th SEPTEMBER

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RESERVATIONS – PLEASE PRINT

SURNAME _____ **FORENAME** _____

ADDRESS _____

POST CODE _____ **TEL.No** _____

*Please make reservations for _____ persons on option _____ at the inclusive price of
£ _____ per person.*

Details of my party are as follows:-

<i>Title</i>	<i>Surname</i>	<i>Forname</i>

Please give any special room or dietary requirements.

If possible I would like to be seated with:-

*I enclose a cheque for £ _____ being the deposit for _____ persons at
£20 each, made payable to Herts. Royal Arch Chapter Festival A/C*

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Signature

Please remit to :-

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