

2012 Return to Horham Trip

Information & Itinerary

Thursday 10th May – Wednesday 16th May 2012

Travel Planning:

We are going to arrange this trip a little differently than in years past. Each traveller or travelling family will be responsible for booking their own flights as in the past.

However, this time you will be responsible for making your own lodging arrangements with our Group Hotels at Heathrow airport and in Diss **-or-** If you have friends in the Horham area that you enjoy to stay with by making your own arrangements with them directly. (Details to follow below)

Our usual Coach transfers to & from Heathrow airport will be on those specified days.

Any group meals, all special events, tours and excursions will be “Ala Carte” this year where you can select everything or only those things that you will need or enjoy.

This is to accommodate those arriving early or departing later or either staying with friends or at the hotel. We hope you will participate in all group activities as your time permits. The attached registration form below will clearly illustrate this.

For those Senior travellers requesting a travel escort, the U.S. 95th BG Foundation will make every attempt to arrange a “travel buddy” for the Trans-Atlantic portion of your trip.

Please notify Brad Petrella via: reunion@95thbg.org or by phone 440-937-9663 to coordinate those efforts.

Your registration form will be held with a deposit of \$100 from December thru March and balance payable on April 1st **booking DEADLINE** We encourage you to book early as; availability is limited to 45 for those wishing to use the Coach transfers to & from Heathrow. Deposits or payments are refundable until April 1, 2012 unless medical emergency warrants thru May 1, 2012.

The 95th Heritage Association in Horham is offering a wonderful opportunity for those 95th Vets, Spouses & Widows that have a financial need to assist them in offsetting their travel expense with a special Grant of at Minimum-\$350 to at Maximum-\$500 on a first come, first served basis until the available funds are exhausted.

Funds will be credited on the 95th BG portion of your Trip and any remaining funds will be given in British pounds for travel reimbursement.

Requests are made in confidence to:

95th BGMF Membership Chair-Linda Endris at ljendris@att.net

Or by mail to: Linda Endris 225 Buffalo Dr. Indianapolis, IN 46217

Accommodation arrangements:

For those wishing to stay with friends, we recommend that you contact them directly and be candid so there is no misunderstanding. In past years host families were previously given a stipend to offset the cost of food and fuel of: Single-\$25/night (\$150 for 6 nights) or Double-\$40/night (\$240 for 6 nights). Any payment is to be agreed and settled between the guests and the hosts.

Alternatively, the hotel we've selected this year is the lovely The Park Hotel in the market town of Diss. The hotel is just "round" the corner from downtown with its lovely shops and quaint town green and Mere (pond/lake as we say in American) Also nearby to many conveniences such Tesco-grocery store, pharmacy and much more. Rail station with access to London and other modes of transportation.

Rooms at The ParkHotel include Breakfast and are inclusive of taxes and depending upon the exchange rate at that time will be between approximately:

\$100 to \$105 per night for Single occupancy &

\$115 to \$125 per night for double occupancy.

Their room offerings are:12-Kings(American size), 4-Twins, 1-Single & 1-Family Suite

The web site is www.parkhotel-diss.co.uk for more information & photos. To reserve contact Stacey Tebble via e-mail at: info@parkhotel-diss.co.uk. where guests will be able to book directly with our special rates. Just remember to mention you are with the 95th BG reunion.

For those preferring a bed & breakfast alternative we recommend Hill Farm House in Horham <http://www.hillfarmbb.moonfruit.com/>

Itinerary:

Wednesday 9th May Travel Day from your origination city

Thursday 10th May

Depart **Premier Inn Hotel Bath Road, Heathrow** 11 am

- packed lunch provided
- **Arrive to tour Cambridge** 12.30 pm
- Depart Cambridge 3.30 pm
- Arrive Horham Community Centre 5 pm
Host families to meet their visitors.
- Arrive Hotel 5.30 pm

Friday 11th May No group daytime activities planned, the day at your leisure.

- Hotel guests can explore the town of Diss.
Home stay guests can explore with hosts.
- Arrive Red Feather Club 6pm
- **Red Feather Club Reception** 7 pm
Cold buffet. & fireside chat.
Host families welcome.
- Transport will depart RFC for Hotel at 10 pm

Saturday 12th May

- Transport will depart Hotel 9.30 am
- **Morning at Red Feather Club in** 10.00 am
Horham and afternoon tours of
airfield and local area.
Lunch on Your Own
 - **Softball match in afternoon at the RFC**
Transport to depart Red Feather Club 3 pm
Arrive Hotel 3.30 pm
 - **Evening meal at your choice or with host families.**
 - **1940's Dance at Red Feather Club** 7.30 pm until midnight
Transport will depart from Hotel at 7.30 pm
Transport will depart for Hotel at 11.30 pm

Sunday 13th May

- **Grand Open Day at Red Feather Club with Honour Guard**
Transport will depart Hotel at 9.45 am
- **Church Service. St Mary's, Horham** 6 pm
Transport back to Hotel after 7 pm
Church Service
- **Evening meal at your choice or with host families**

Monday 14th May

Full day excursion to Imperial War Museum-Duxford

- Depart Hotel 9 am
- Depart Horham CC 9.30 am
packed lunch included
- **Depart Duxford** 4 pm
Arrive Horham CC 5.30 pm
Arrive Hotel 6 pm
- **Evening meal at your choice or with host families**

Tuesday 15th May

- **River Orwell Morning Cruise, Ipswich to Harwich Roundtrip**

Depart Horham CC 8.30 am

Depart Hotel 9 am

Cruise Departs 10am

- Lunch to be purchased on board boat

- Returns to Ipswich & depart for Horham 1.15 pm

Arrive Hotel 2 pm

Arrive Horham 2.30 pm

- **Evening meal at your choice or with host families**

- **Farewell drinks and light buffet 7.30 pm**

at Red Feather Club

Transport to leave for Hotel at 10 pm

Wednesday 16th May

- **Return journey to Heathrow and Premier Inn-Bath Road**

Coach departs from Horham CC at **approx 08.00**

and departs from Park Hotel-Diss at **approx 08.30**

(Exact times to be confirmed)

- **Arrive at Heathrow then Premier Inn approx 1 pm**

Flight Arrangements:

Arrivals to Heathrow if you are planning a “Red-Eye”, should arrive no later than 9am on Thursday, May 10th in order to go through Customs & Immigration, then Taxi to Hotel.

Departures from Heathrow should not be booked any earlier than 3pm on Wednesday, May 16th in order to check in or the other alternative would be to depart the next morning after a stay at the Premier Inn.

Heathrow Premier Inn at Bath Road, Hounslow can be booked via the web- www.premierinn.com or calling: 011-44-0871-527-8508.

For approx \$125/night there is a dinner & breakfast option available for \$35/person.