



BOOKING FORM
MERCURY OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION AGM AND REUNION DINNER
2nd – 3rd JUNE 2012

At Southampton Park Hotel, 12-13 Cumberland Place, Southampton SO15 2WY

PROGRAMME

Friday 1st June : 1900 – 2100 Dinner for those who want to make a weekend of it.

Saturday 2nd June :

- 1200 Buffet Lunch (not included in costs)
- 1300 Coach to Hamble
- 1630 Return coach to Southampton
- 1730 AGM.
- 1900 for 1930 Pre Dinner Drinks.
- 1930 Reunion Dinner.

Sunday 3rd June :

- 1100 Coach to Hamble
- 1215 March-past from Hamble Village Square to St Andrews Parish Church
- 1245 Service of Thanksgiving and Commemoration, St Andrews Church
- 1315 Picnic Lunch
- 1500 Return coach to Southampton

BOOKING DETAILS

Name MOB No

Guests Name/s.....

Contact Address.....

.....Postcode.....

Tel No..... E-Mail

Please reserve the following accommodation Note. **PAYABLE TO HOTEL ON DEPARTURE**

- Half board cost including Reunion dinner, **£65.00 per person per night** No..... £.....
Nights required **Friday / Saturday / Sunday** (includes cost of coach on both days)
- B & B only cost, **£55.00 per person per night** No..... £.....
Nights required **Friday/Saturday/Sunday** (includes cost of coach on both days but not reunion dinner – see additional cost below)
- Room/s required - **double / twin / single**

Saturday Reunion Dinner (for B&Bs or without accommodation) **£37.50 per person** No..... £.....
FULL PAYMENT MUST BE MADE WITH BOOKING

ALL BOOKINGS TO BE MADE THROUGH MIKE BALL NOT DIRECT TO HOTEL

Please return your Slips and Cheques payable to the Mercury Old Boys' Association, not Mike Ball, to
Mike Ball 4500, Dolphins, 24 North Shore Rd, Hayling Island, Hants PO11 0HL
Tel 02392 637477 after 1830 & before 2130 E-Mail mikeball1@virginmedia.com

Total amount remitted with this slip £.....

Accommodation may be limited so returns are needed as early as possible



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The Committee wish to make this year's Reunion a very special event and hope as many Old Mercuries as possible will be able to attend. It has been timed to coincide with Hamble's weekend celebrations for Her Majesty The Queen's Diamond Jubilee. On behalf of the villagers Hamble Parish Council, has kindly invited us, very much as honoured guests, to join with them in this historic event. This invitation recognises the importance they place on Mercury as part of the history of their community and the affection the older people still have for the ship..

Our Reunion Dinner and AGM will take place at the Southampton Park Hotel which is located in central Southampton, a short distance from the City centre and the Central Station. However, on the Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning we will be involved with the events in Hamble. Over both days a selection of Mercury photographs and memorabilia will be displayed in the village hall for viewing by our members and the villagers. We will also arrange to visit the site of the school, where the slip, the remains of the pier, and our memorial are located. We are also promised good support from local youngsters who will enjoy hearing about the school, probably with a certain amount of incredulity!

On Sunday the Mercury Old Boys, are invited to participate in a march-past from the village square to St Andrew's Parish Church. Taking the salute will be our President, Barry West and the leader of the Parish Council. We will be led by a band and the local Sea Scouts who include Mercury in their title and badge. We did this once before, a few years ago and it was a huge success. At the church we will have a short service of remembrance for those old boys who have fallen in the two World Wars and also who have 'crossed the bar'. That will be followed by a buffet lunch, before returning to Southampton.

The guest speaker at this year's dinner will be our archivist and magazine editor 'Snowy' White, who probably knows more about the Mercury's history than any other living person.

Parking in Hamble is never easy so we are laying on coaches to transport members to and from the village on both days. We anticipate that a number of you may wish to stay over Sunday night and the hotel has given us a very good rate over the entire weekend.

Overleaf is further information and a Booking Form which should be returned to Social Secretary, Mike Ball.

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