



Noah's ARC Committee meeting at the Imperial Hotel Blackpool

09 April 2016

Committee Members in attendance

- Paul Baker - Chairman
- Peter Farrell - Vice Chairman
- Wayne Hurst - Entertainments
- Julie Schofield - Raffle and Menu
- Frank Smith - Facebook
- Paul Wigmore - Band and Medicina

Committee members unable to attend

- Dave Higson - Band
- Andrea Baker - Accounts
- Rachel Walker - Shop, Raffle and Embroiderer
- Darren Walker - Shop and Website

Hotel Members in attendance

- Imperial Hotel Events Manager - Vivien Morrison

The Committee met at the Imperial Hotel to discuss the forthcoming Reunion on the 5th, 6th and 7th May 2016.

The meeting started at 10:00hrs with the Hotels Events Manager confirming the following details:

- Residents are guaranteed their rooms from 3pm on their day of arrival. If the room becomes available sooner it will be made available to guests.
- Location of the Noah's ARC shop – possibly in a corner of the suite.
- Lancastrian suite will be where both days events will be held.

- Floor plan will be emailed to committee members.

1. Thursday:

- a. Number of residents arriving on Thursday (85)
- b. Members are requested to request a meal time on arrival
- c. Discount bar prices will be in our bar area only on the Thursday

2. Friday:

- a. Number of residents arriving on Friday (179)
- b. DJ playing 19:00 - 20:00
- c. Blue Barons 20:00 - 20:45
- d. Buffet start 20:45 - 21:30 (may be left out longer)
- e. Blue Barons 21:30 - 22:15
- f. DJ plays until Close
- g. 2 Bars in the Lancastrian Suite
- h. Tombola will be held on Friday night

3. Saturday:

- Breakfast 08:00 - 10:30 in the Palm Court room the Lancastrian room used as overflow
- Number of residents arriving on Saturday (5)
- Free seating
- Tables will be made available for **REECE troop** (x2 tables) as they have a reunion and the **Band** (x3 tables) to sit together.
- Bar in the Imperial Arms and waiter service.

Menu:

- a. Could we have just one selection of starter due to the number attending?
 - i. It was agreed to stick with the **Melon Option** - should anyone be unable to eat the melon choice they may request a vegetable soup option on the day.
- b. Number of Vegan and Vegetarians attending?
 - i. It was explained that a request was put out to members asking that they inform the committee should they require such an option, as far as the committee is aware we only have two requests to date. If further requests are made the hotel would be informed straight away.

Order of Events:

- 18:30 - Fanfare called
- 18:45 - Chairman's address
- 19:00 - Absent friend's / Last Post / Toast
- 19:10 - 20:30 Meal / Coffee
- 20:30 - Entertainment

21:00 - Annual Draw

Dates for the 2017 and 2018 Reunions:

The committee has tried to arrange dates that do not collide with the memorial weekend, this has proved to be difficult as the Hotel has been booked years in advance. We do however believe that the following dates should work? We are releasing the dates now so those living abroad who wish to attend are able to arrange their holiday's flights etc.

28 - 29 April 2017 - members should be aware that the hotel is raising the price by £5pp per night. In 2017 the Imperial is unable to accommodate Noah's ARC on the Thursday so the Committee have decided to just hold the event over the Fri/Sat which will off set the extra cost the hotel is raising prices by.

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Vivien Morrison then left the meeting and the Committee discussed the following:

The extra cost to members of Noah's ARC for the 2017 and 2018 reunions. This raise is due to the raise of the national minimum wage, and is going to be a nationwide additional cost in all hotels.

The format of the evening was discussed

The meeting was eventually brought to an end at 13:00hrs.