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76th Anniversary KAS Reunion Lunch 13th January 2024

Dear Members,

I hope that you are all well and that in spite of the several difficulties and worries, every one can again look forward to the year ahead with some measure of pleasure. It has been great that we were able to celebrate the very impressive Coronation of King Charles in May this year which would of course have had many of us thinking back to the 1953 Coronation of our late Queen Elizabeth. Some of us would have even listened to that ceremony on a radio in St George's Chapel at KAS, Plön, which had been set up by a group of our school pupils. Those two historical events have been particular highlights in the life of KAS and Wyvern Club.

It has been wonderful that so many staff members and pupils have kept closely in touch over so many years. Many thanks again go to Bill Williams for keeping the invaluable KAS web site going so smoothly. This is always much enjoyed as well as being a highly valuable means of keeping members informed of events and informal gatherings.

The Wyvern Club Committee, is delighted to announce that arrangements for the 76th Anniversary, KAS Reunion Lunch, Celebration, are progressing very well. We will all be able to meet again in the Radisson Blu, Edwardian, Bloomsbury Street Hotel, London WC1B 3QD on Sat 13th Jan 2024. The nearest underground Station is at Tottenham Court Rd. We are confident that this will be another great occasion.

Sadly, after all this time, this has to be the last of the formal London Reunion Luncheons. At a special committee meeting to discuss the way ahead, it was concluded that after many very successful years, the January 2024 London Reunion, should be the last formal gathering. Informal gatherings will of course, continue as usual at the Crypt Trafalgar Square, around UK and else where. Members are very welcome to be be accompanied by family members and friends as usual at the final Formal January Reunion, should they wish to do so.

There is to be a small display at the gathering of photographs depicting some memories of KAS. A display table will again be available on which members may place photos, albums and other mementoes of their time at our former school. A notice board will also be in the main reception room where letters from members who are unable to attend, will be posted.

Lunch

The bar will be open from 1200 noon. A trumpeter will sound a fanfare at 1.10 pm to announce lunch which will be served at 1.15 pm. The cost of the lunch will be £60. Payment will be collected at the table. It is requested that payment is made in cash. To book lunch and so confirm attendance, please contact Hilary Brown by phone or email at:

Phone: 07813682441

Email address: <u>bookings@</u>KingAlfredSchool.com

Radisson Hotel Accommodation.

A discounted room rate is available on $11^{th}, 12^{th}, 13^{th}$ and 14^{th} January 2024 for members wishing to stay at the hotel.

To make a reservation, please contact the Hotel directly on 02076365601 quoting the booking reference Code, King130123. Reservations must be made by 12th Nov 2023. Bookings made after this date will be charged at the normal rate.

Discounted Rates

Double Room, single occupancy £191

Double Room, double occupancy £221

All prices are inclusive of breakfast and VAT

The Committee are confident that this, the last of the formal KAS London Reunions, will be another very successful event. We look forward to welcoming as many friends and families as possible at this celebration of the many long lasting friendships and shared happy experiences.

Best Wishes Paul French