



*I.P.A. No 7 Region – British Section.*

**Thames Valley South Branch.**

**WELCOME TO ROYAL WINDSOR**

*Friday 14 May 2010 – Sunday 16 May 2010.*

*Thames Valley South branch are hosting their first friendship weekend and invite you to come and celebrate with us in The Royal Borough of Windsor.*

### **ACCOMMODATION**

*There is a wide choice of accommodation in and around central Windsor ranging from 4 star hotels to Bed and Breakfast. In order that you can choose accommodation suitable to your budget we suggest that you contact the Windsor tourist Office and they will be able to help you.*

*They can be contacted by post at: Royal Windsor Information Centre, Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead, York House, Sheet Street, Windsor, SL4 1DD.*

*General enquiries telephone +44(0)1753 743900*

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## **TRAIN**

There are two railway stations in Windsor.

1. **Windsor and Eton Riverside** – Mainline railway from Windsor to London Waterloo.
2. **Windsor and Eton Central** – Local service between Windsor and Slough. Slough is mainline railway station to London Paddington

The mainline railway stations are at **Windsor and Eton Riverside** railway station to **London Waterloo** and at **Slough** on the London Paddington Line. There's a local service to **Windsor Central** railway station from Slough every 30 minutes. The hotel is a 5 minute walk from Windsor Central Railway Station. If you are travelling by **Eurostar** into London you will arrive at **St Pancras International**. From there you can take the underground using the **Victoria line** to **Vauxhall** then take the train from **Vauxhall to Windsor and Eton Riverside** railway station. Alternatively you can take the **Circle line** or the **Hammersmith and City Line** to **London Paddington** then take the train from **London Paddington to Slough** and the local service from **Slough to Windsor Central**

## **AIR**

On arrival at Heathrow Airport there's a frequent bus service on 7 series buses numbers 71 and 77 from terminal 5 into Windsor.

The 71 stops opposite the Parish Church and is virtually next to the Castle Hotel. The 77 stops in Peascod Street, Windsor which is the main pedestrianised shopping area of Windsor.

From the bus stop you will need to walk up Peascod Street to the top. You will see Windsor Castle in front of you. Turn right at the top, pass Windsor Guildhall on your left and the Castle hotel is opposite on the right hand side. – Approx a 5 minute walk.

Other 7 series buses the 75 and 76 operate from London Heathrow Central bus station and the 78 from Terminal 5 to Slough Bus Station. You can then take the local first bus or green line bus service into Windsor. The 191 first bus service stops outside Windsor Parish church and is directly opposite the Castle Hotel.

Green line buses 701 and 702 pick up from outside Slough bus station and stop outside Windsor Parish church as above.

Alternatively take the bus into Slough Bus station as above then walk round to Slough railway station which is 2 minutes walk from the bus station and take the local train into Windsor and Eton Central Railway station.

Taxi services from Windsor to Heathrow airport are also readily available. There's a taxi rank on Thames Street opposite Lloyds bank or telephone numbers/email addresses for local taxi firms can be provided upon request.

# **ITINERARY**

## **FRIDAY 14 MAY 2010**

### ***Welcome Reception at the Alma Social Club, 73a Alma Road, Windsor SL4 3ES***

*From 12 noon until 4pm. Members of our local branch committee will be available to greet our guests. Light refreshments will be available. There is also some on street meter parking for up to 2 hours. Parking is free for the 1<sup>st</sup> hour.*

### ***Windsor Castle Royal Tattoo.***

*The event starts at 8.30pm and will conclude at approximately 10.30pm. There is event parking and some disabled parking facilities nearby. The car park will cost £6.00 per car. We will be seated in a covered area; however the event is outdoors so you will need warm clothing.*

### **Extra Option**

***Royal Windsor Horse show:*** – free after 3.00pm if using ticket for the Windsor Castle Royal tattoo. There are stalls within the showground where you can get light refreshments. Alternatively there are numerous restaurants and pubs where you can enjoy an evening meal. You can park your car in the event car park from 3.00pm.

## **SATURDAY 15 MAY 2010**

**Daytime:** – Free to enjoy numerous options in Windsor Town Centre and surrounding area.

**Changing of the guard at Windsor Castle:** – no cost. Guard change takes place at 11.00am. The new guard will march through Windsor Town Centre into Windsor Castle where the guard change takes place. The old guard returns to barracks at approximately 11.45 am.

**Windsor Castle** – Individual rate £15.50 per person

**Eton College** - £6.00 per person

**Guide Friday bus tour** - £8.00 per person

**Back stage tour of Theatre Royal, Windsor** - £5.00 per person

**Assorted river boat trips with French Brothers or Salter's Steamers:** – Length of trips and prices vary.

**Walking tours of Windsor:** – small cost exact prices unknown.

**Legoland** - Adult £37.00, senior £28.00 – There is a regular shuttle bus to Legoland which runs from outside the Parish church in High Street, Windsor. This event is outside of Windsor Town Centre and you would want to spend approximately 4 hours on site.

**N.B .These are 2009 prices and may be subject to change.**

**Evening:** A Mayoral Reception at Windsor Guildhall at 7.30 pm for 8.00pm

Dress Code: Lounge Suits.

## **SUNDAY 16 MAY 2010**

### **St Georges Chapel – Windsor Castle.**

*The Services on Sunday 16 May 2010 are: 0830 - Holy Communion*

*1045 - Matins and Sermon*

***Farewell Lunch cruise*** – 2 ½ hour trip from Windsor to Maidenhead including 2 course Ploughman's lunch of Ham or cheese.

*Embark at Windsor 11.30am*

*Disembark at Windsor at 2.00pm*

*Licensed bar will be available plus tea and coffee. Drinks are extra.*

*We are limited to how many people can attend the Civic Reception because we are sharing this event with our twinning committee and therefore have to cap the numbers of our guests at 40. This will be on a first come first served basis. The closing date is Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2010. If you are interested in attending this event please let us know as soon as possible together with your payment for the full cost of the weekend. If you would be interested in the backstage tour of the Theatre Royal please indicate your interest when you return your form as we need to book the tour in advance.*