



The 2019 Air Despatch Association AGM, Reunion, Evening Social and the Annual Arnhem Memorial Service at Down Ampney Church



The 2019 AGM, Reunion and evening social event for all Air Despatchers past and present (including those who have been attached to the Squadron) and their guests will be held at 47 Air Despatch Squadron RLC over the weekend of the 6 – 8 September 2019.

The weekend will also include a visit to the Royal Armouries housed at the Defence Academy Shrivenham (formerly RAF Watchfield) and the annual Arnhem Memorial service in Down Ampney.

Accommodation

Personnel attending have two options regarding accommodation:

- **Option 1 (ADA organised)** – A room in the Village Hotel Swindon. This will cost £65 per person per night (double occupancy) or £55 person per night (single occupancy), this cost also includes breakfast and will offer all the normal facilities associated with a 4* hotel (<https://www.village-hotels.co.uk/hotels/swindon>).
- **Option 2 (self organised)** – A choice of Bed and Breakfasts in the local area to RAF Brize Norton (List supplied).

Programme of Events

A breakdown of the weekend activities are as follows:

Friday 6th September 2019

All those personnel interested there will be an informal meet and greet in the Village Hotel main bar at 1900.

Personnel staying at alternative accommodation will need to arrange their own transport to the Village hotel should they wish to attend the meet and greet.

Saturday 7th September 2019 (Daytime events):

All personnel staying at the Village Hotel Swindon will be collected at 0915 for transport to RAF Brize Norton, please remember **NO ID NO ENTRY**. This will be on a first come first serve basis until coach is full. More details in June 2019 Open Door.

All other personnel attending are to meet at the main gate to RAF Brize Norton at 1015 hrs (please ensure you have a form of photo ID, this is essential for entry onto RAF Brize Norton). All personnel are fill in the car details below, please remember **NO ID NO ENTRY**.

Make: _____ Model: _____ Colour: _____ VRN: _____

The AGM itself will commence at 1100 hrs in Dakota Lines, the home of 47 AD Sqn RLC and will include briefs and presentations by the Sqn on current and future capabilities. There will be a BBQ provided (at a small cost).

Transport will depart Dakota Lines at 1400 hrs for the Defence Academy Shrivenham (formerly RAF Watchfield) here you will tour the largest collection of small arms in the world. Transport will depart Shrivenham for your accommodation at 1700 hrs.

Saturday 7th September 2019 (Evening):

Transport will depart the Village at 1830 hrs for RAF Brize Norton. The evening function will commence at 1930 hrs in Dakota Lines, dinner will commence at 2030 hrs and will be a choice of a curry and or a hog roast.

The cost of the Saturday evening meal will be £25 per head.

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Transport back to the Village Hotel will be available through the evening as will transport to the local area for those who require it. The last transport to the Village Hotel will depart 47 AD Sqn RLC at **0200 hrs.**

Sunday 8th September 2019:

The Arnhem Memorial Service will take place at All Saints Church, Down Ampney (the Air Despatch Church) and at the Down Ampney memorial. All Members are welcome to attend the service to pay their respects to the brave men of the RASC AD column who made the ultimate sacrifice in the events of September 1944 and forged the Air Despatch '*Esprit de Corps*' we all have come to work and live by.

You are requested to be at the church for 1030 for an 1100 service.

Attendance

If you would like to attend, please fill out the proforma overleaf with all accommodation requests and with the names of all those attending.

For those members who wish to stay at the Village Hotel Swindon, you are kindly requested to submit your returns by **no later than 30th June 2019** with your cheque made payable to '**The Air Despatch Association**' and forward to (*Bank Transfer/BACS details: Sort Code 40 08 28 Acc No 61509594:*

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If you have not included an email address and require a reply, please include a stamped address envelope

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Programme of events

Day	Time	Activity	Remarks
Fri	1900-2300	Meet and Greet drinks in the Main Bar of the Village Hotel Swindon	Personnel not staying at the De Vere Cotswold's Water parks are to meet at the Guardroom 29 Regt RLC at 1850.
Sat	0915	Transport departs from Village Hotel Swindon for RAF Brize Norton	
	1015	Book into RAF Brize Norton	Personnel not staying at the Village Hotel Swindon are to meet at the control of entry RAF Brize Norton at 1015
	1100	AGM	Any points member wish to raise at the AGM should submit their points to the ADA Secretary (email available on the ADA website)
	1200	BBQ/Squadron line open	BBQ provided at a small cost.
	1400	Transport departs for the Defence Academy	Visit to the Royal Armouries
	1700	Transport departs for Village Hotel	To allow members to freshen up/change
	1830	Transport departs the Village Hotel for RAF Brize Norton	
	1915	Book into RAF Brize Norton	Personnel not staying at the Village Hotel Swindon are to meet at the control of entry RAF Brize Norton at 1915
	1930	Evening function starts/Bar open	
	2030	Food served	Cost included
	0200	Bar closes – Last transport back to accommodation	Transport will be available through the evening to take people back should they wish
Sunday	1030	Personnel to seated in Down Ampney Church	Personnel to make their own way to the church.
	1100	Down Ampney Arnhem Memorial Service commences	

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MEMBERS DETAILS**



Name: _____

Address: _____

Post code: _____ **Telephone** _____

Email: _____ **ADA membership number** _____

If guests are planning to travel directly to RAF Brize Norton please include the following:

Car Registration _____

Car Make and Model _____

Car Colour _____

I wish to attend the 2019 Air Despatch Association AGM, reunion and dinner and require the following accommodation
The cost includes all transport between your accommodation and RAF Brize Norton for the AGM/evening function and the Royal Armouries.

Accommodation - The Village Hotel Swindon

1 night (Sat) A room @ £55 (single occupancy) or £65 (double occupancy) per night including Breakfast (£) _____

No of rooms _____

2 Nights (Fri & Sat) A room @ £55 (single occupancy) or £65 (double occupancy) per night including Breakfast (£) _____

No of Rooms _____

Food

Saturday BBQ and evening dinner @ £25 per head (£) _____

Total amount

Total amount enclosed for all attendees (Accommodation plus food) **Total (£)** _____

Additional information

I will require **disabled facilities** I have the following **dietary needs** _____

Names of all additional of guests _____

NB. If you wish to attend and spread the cost, please fill out the accommodation request above. Tick this box and enclose your first payment.

All payments must be received before 30th June 2019

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I **DO NOT** require hotel accommodation (accommodation privately arranged (see note below) but wish to attend the dinner only @ £25 per person £ _____

(Insert number of people & list names below)

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Total amount enclosed £ _____

Note : Alternative accommodation available.

If Options 1 (ADA arranged) is not suitable/convenient for you, the following B&B/hotels are available in the vicinity of RAF Brize Norton. (It is the individual's responsibility to book rooms at any of the places below).

Queries: Any queries regarding attending the 2019 ADA reunion should be directed to either the ADA treasurer or ADA QM (contact details available on the ADA website).

Local Bed and Breakfasts (to RAF Brize Norton)

Cotland House B&B
Fullbrook
Burford
01993 822382

Burford House hotel
99 High St
Burford
01993 823151

The Jays B&B
Brize Norton
Carterton
01993 844222

Carpenters B&B
Brize Norton
Carterton
01993 844222

A40 Travelodge
Burry Barn
Burford
0871 9846018

The Lamb Inn
Sheep St
Burford
0993 823155

The Royal Oak
26 Witney St
Burford
01993 823151

Four Pillars
4 Ducklington Lane
Witney
01993 779777

Local Taxis (to RAF Brize Norton)

Angelas Taxis
01993 771122

Hunts
01993 705136

DAMO's Taxis
01993 703322

Bampton Cars
01993 851900

Abacus Taxis
01993 709188

Tammis Taxis
01993 776976

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