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80TH ANNIVERSARY OF BOTH VICTORY IN EUROPE AND VICTORY OVER JAPAN PAST AND PRESENT ALL RANKS SUMMER BALL 14 JUNE 2025

General

1. The Royal Anglian Association (Vikings) past and present will be holding an 80TH anniversary of both Victory in Europe and Victory over Japan summer ball on the 14 June 2025 at Ashlar House, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk. It is open to all veterans and serving Officers' and other ranks.

The aim of this enduring event is to bring us all together annually and have good time with our fellow comrades of whom you have served with, over the past 61 years.

Attendance

2. The ball is open to all; wives and partners are encouraged to attend the function. Those who wish to attend are to complete the attendance return form. The tables will be in groups of 10, if you have a preference of whom you would like to sit with, please annotate your return or email.

Returns must be completed and emailed to david.granfield666@mod.gov.uk by 20 March 2025.

Dress

3. The dress is lounge suits with regimental ties; Ladies are to dress in the appropriate attire.

Menu

4. The menu will consist of three course meal accompanied by a cheese board, tea and coffee, with after dinner mints with entertainment during and after the dinner.

Those who require dietary requirements will be catered for once the menu is confirmed. The menu will be confirmed and emailed to all attendees once the returns are in **Not before Mar 25.**

Costs and payments

5. The cost of the ticket will be £45.00 each. Payment details TBC - Not before Mar 23.

Hotels

6. There are plenty of hotels and bed and breakfast within the proximity of the venue. See below the main hotels.

1. The Angel Hotel – Angel Hill.
2. Fox Inn – Eastgate Street.
3. The Bushel – St Johns Street.
4. Premier Inn – Raingate Street, or Etna Road.
5. Dragonfly – Symonds Road.

Timings

7. Outline of timings:

a. Arrival reception	1730hrs
b. Seated	1900hrs
c. Opening address and Welcome – Capt Granfield	1915hrs
d. Speech – Guest of Honour	2130hrs
e. Raffle and Entertainment	2145hrs
f. Bar closes	0030hrs
g. Carriages	0100hrs

Ashlar House

8. Ashlar House - 23 Eastern Way, Bury St Edmunds, IP32 7AB. It is a large venue and can cater for 200 guests with ease. There is free onsite parking. If you require a taxi to return to your hotel at the end of the evening, you can leave your car at the venue. Website and Directions - www.ashlarhouse.com/

Next Steps

9. May I kindly request if you wish to attend the Ball return Annex A or email to myself in good time. I will confirm the menu and send out further direction by early Mar 25.

As mentioned, you will be seated in a table of 10. If you wish to fill a complete table, please let me know as this will help me out with the seating arrangements.

Summary

10. Your host and his committee are really excited to be able to present this ongoing annual event. This is an outstanding opportunity to get together and, catch up with our Viking family.

Kinds Regards Granny

D T Granfield
Capt
Chairman

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Name:

Wife/Partners Name:

& Who would you like to be seated with

To assist us with communications please submit your Email Address:

Or email to the following david.granfield666@mod.gov.uk