

2022 UK REUNION

by Marilyn Gibb-Rice

The reunion will be a three day event giving everyone time to explore or continue their trip as they choose.

It will begin on Saturday, May 28, 2022, with our service at the memorials located across from The Woodman Inn, Nuthampstead. A bus will pick everyone up from the hotel to travel to Nuthampstead. Lunch will be on your own at the Woodman Inn. A visit to the Nuthampstead Airfield Museum and a trip onto the airfield to the flag pole will be included. Dinner will be on your own at the hotel.

Sunday, May 29th, the group will be attending a church service at St George's in Anstey and a trip to the Imperial War Museum at Duxford. In the previous years, there has been an air show, but we do not know yet if it is scheduled for 2022. Lunch on your own at the IWM. Dinner on your own at the hotel.

On Monday, May 30th, Cambridge American Cemetery holds a Memorial Day Service that the group will attend and lay a wreath for the 398th Bomb Group. Lunch will be afterwards at the Coton Orchard Garden Centre where shopping can be done! The group will have a farewell dinner at the hotel in the evening.

Transportation from the airport is on your own. The hotel is next to the Whittlesford Parkway Train Station and one stop away from Cambridge. If you fly into Heathrow or Gatwick, you can take the tube and trains to the hotel. The cost would be around £80 from Gatwick round trip and £60 from Heathrow. (*Estimated costs at the time of writing this article!*) The trip would involve changing a couple of times and going into London to the Liverpool Street Station. Details on tickets and times can be found online at thetrainline.com or nationalrail.co.uk.

You will need to make your reservation with the hotel direct. Nine rooms have been held for this event under the guest name "Bomb Group" checking in Friday, May 27th, checking out on Tuesday, May 31st. The hotel phone number is 441223497070.

The only additional and unknown cost at this time is the transportation during the reunion. A bus will be hired, but until we know how many people are attending, we will not know the costs. We will do our best to keep these costs as low as possible. *It is advisable to check the current currency conversion rates before traveling.*

Itinerary:

Dates: **May 28 - 30, 2022**

Details: **May 28:** 11:00 am service at Memorials, Nuthampstead, visit Nuthampstead Airfield Museum, lunch at The Woodman Inn

May 29: 10:00 am Service at St George's Church, Anstey, visit to Imperial War Museum, Duxford (maybe Duxford Air Show), lunch at Duxford

May 30: 11:00 am Memorial Day Service, Cambridge American Cemetery, Madingley, lunch at Coton Orchard Garden Centre, farewell dinner at the Red Lion Pub, Whittlesford

Hotel: Holiday Inn Express Cambridge - Duxford
Hotel Price: Average £124.00 per day breakfast included
Parking: £6.00 per day
Check in: 3:00pm
Check out: 11:00am
Location: 42 Station Road East
Whittlesford Bridge
Cambridge, UK CB22 4WL

Meals: All meals will be paid when purchased

If you have any questions, concerns, suggestions, please contact Marilyn Gibb-Rice at president@398th.org or call us at 441638718427. Also, if you need help with the hotel reservations or travel arrangements, please let me know.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Just in case you would like to join in the celebrations of Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee, here is some information:

In 2022, Her Majesty The Queen will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, seventy years of service, having acceded to the throne on 6th February 1952 when Her Majesty was 25 years old.

An extended bank holiday, from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June, will provide an opportunity for communities and people throughout the United Kingdom to come together to celebrate the historic milestone. The four days of celebrations will include public events and community activities, as well as national moments of reflection on The Queen's 70 years of service.

Thursday 2nd June: The Queen's Birthday Parade (Trooping the Colour), Platinum Jubilee Beacons

Friday 3rd June: Service of Thanksgiving

Saturday 4th June: The Derby at Epsom Downs, Platinum Party at the Palace

Sunday 5th June: The Big Jubilee Lunch, The Platinum Jubilee Pageant

Useful Websites!

Holiday Inn Hotel: ihg.com

The Woodman Inn: thewoodman-inn.co.uk

St George's Church: quintetchurches.com

IWM Duxford: iwm.org.uk

Cambridge American Cemetery: abmc.gov

Coton Garden Centre: bluediamond.gg

Red Lion Pub: redlionwhittlesfordbridge.com

The Queen's Jubilee: <https://www.royal.uk/platinum-jubilee-central-weekend>