



REUNION 2020 MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE

The Hotel is in the early stages of reopening its doors to receive guests. The Hotel has been very helpful and understanding on the rearrangements we need and what they are currently able / permitted to offer us.

The **National Committee** has given careful consideration to the Hotel offer and the viability to hold the Reunion in October based on the response to the straw poll.

Thanks to you all for your help in contacting members to gauge numbers.

Provisionally we booked at the Adelphi Hotel Liverpool but, as yet no contract has been signed nor deposit paid. We now have to confirm or cancel our booking.

The latest news from the hotel is:-

**They are only able to provide B&B to individual guests.*

**The restaurant is not yet open and no Gala Dinner can be provided.*

**Due to current guidelines they are unable to hold mass gatherings nor meetings.*

We know that the easing of lockdown moves and changes day by day, and by October this policy may well have changed.

If we proceed we need to commit to a contract, pay a deposit and issue booking forms with all these details - based on what we now know.

The straw poll we conducted has returned positive replies across most Areas balanced by as many who wish to decide nearer the time and the more vulnerable of mixed age groups who are definite no's

The positive replies would total, at most, no more than 30, and may not reach 25.

It is therefore, with great reluctance and heavy heart, that - for the first time, in this our 31st year, the unanimous decision of the National Committee is to cancel our Annual Reunion for this year.

The Hotel have made a provisional booking for 8th 9th 10th October 2021.

Please will you let all members and your editors know of the decision.

Area Reps:- Can you help to ensure this message reaches all your Group Secretaries and Editors.

Thanks

Best Regards *Jenny* National Secretary 24TH July 2020