



Y Services (Garats Hay) Branch Newsletter No:8/Jan 2017  
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New Year Greetings to you and to all our members.

This first branch letter of 2017 is devoted mostly to informing you of our planned 2017 annual gathering. Scarborough has been chosen as the venue and as it is a popular UK seaside resort with the event planned in high season these details will help you to plan well ahead should you choose to attend.

As you know I took over from Dennis Weir as branch chairman at the 2016 branch AGM but Dennis has kindly volunteered to soldier on as a committee member and is taking the lead on organising the gathering. So please make contact with Dennis concerning this event (his contact details below).

Clearly this newsletter goes to all members with a known email address so let me say now that we do not expect anyone to travel from places far and wide from beyond these shores, unless of course you really want to. We will of course, in any event, raise a glass to you whether you are in New York or Newcastle,

downtown Nottingham or just South of Alicante!

Please note that 'nil returns' for this event are NOT required.

## **RBL Y SERVICES (GARATS HAY) BRANCH**

### **SUMMER GATHERING 2017**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

It was agreed at the 2016 AGM that the Summer Gathering 2017 would take place over the weekend:

**14 – 16 July in Scarborough**

The focal point of the weekend will be a visit to the Y Services museum at GCHQ Scarborough.

Other social activities will be arranged for the Friday and Saturday evenings.

#### **HOTEL ACCOMMODATION**

The focal point for the weekend will be Crescent Hotel

<http://www.thecrescenthotel.com/>

The hotel management have made a corporate rate available to Y Services RBL members and a double room with a substantial Yorkshire breakfast will cost £130 per night. This may seem expensive, but one should remember that this is a high quality private hotel in a very popular holiday resort during the high season.

Those Branch members, who wish to stay in the Crescent, should make their reservations as soon as possible. There are only 20 rooms. Please quote 'Y

Services Royal British Legion' to obtain the corporate rate and secure your reservation with your credit/debit card.

Other hotels and B+B's are of course available and there is a Premier Inn across the street from the Crescent which is currently offering double rooms at £99 per night, but this does not include breakfast.

<http://www.premierinn.com/gb/en/hotels/england/north-yorkshire/scarborough/scarborough.html>

### **VISIT TO THE MUSEUM AT GCHQ SCARBOROUGH**

Approval in principle for our visit to the museum has been received from GCHQ Scarborough.

The maximum number of visitors that the museum can handle at any one time is 20, so it may be necessary to break ourselves up in to two groups. The museum is not large and the visit will only take about one hour. Fine tuning of how we coordinate this visit will take place once we have final numbers, but the likelihood is that the visit will take place on the Saturday morning.

Those attending the museum visit will be required to provide

Full Name

Date of Birth

Nationality

and would need to bring with them some form of photo ID - passport or driving

licence with birth certificate.

### **EVENING SOCIAL ACTIVITIES**

It is proposed that we all dine together in the restaurant of the Crescent Hotel on the Friday evening. A menu will be circulated in advance to those attending and the cost of a three course meal is expected to be approximately £25.00 per head.

The outline plan for the Saturday evening is to have a Mezze style meal in a Greek restaurant close to the Crescent hotel. Take a look at what is on offer at:

<https://www.yell.com/biz/george-michael-s-restaurant-scarborough-1059111/>

The cost of this meal will be around £22 per head.

### **COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Branch committee meeting will take place at some stage on the Saturday morning, depending on the timings and numbers for the museum visit.

The Crescent hotel has generously offered to provide us with a committee room at no cost.

### **TRAVEL**

Car parking in the centre of Scarborough is at a premium, although the Crescent does have access to a number of roadside spaces. There is also a multi-storey close to the hotel, but this will not be cheap in high summer.

The recommended mode of travel would be by train. There are very good rail connections between York and Scarborough and the Crescent is within easy walking distance of the station.

## **BOOKING DEADLINES**

There are obviously a lot of pieces to the jigsaw to be put in place if this summer gathering is to be a success and consequently it is essential that we know well in advance how many members will be attending.

Please make your commitment to attend at the latest by **1 MARCH 2017** by

- a. Making your hotel reservation and informing me of the details. This will assure me that your intention to attend the gathering is firm.
- b. Providing me with your Full Name. Date of Birth and Nationality – for the museum visit.
- c. Indicating that you wish to attend the meals planned for each evening.

Looking forward to seeing you all for a great weekend in sunny Scarborough

Dennis Weir

RBL Y Services Committee

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## **EASYFUNDRAISING**

We continue to raise a regular trickle of funds for the RBL Poppy Appeal via the online scheme [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk). Easy fundraisers who are planning a holiday in 2017 should note that the website **Hotels.com** is offering as much as 6% on hotel bookings.

Best wishes << Test First Name >> and I hope you have a great 2017

Nick Berry

Chairman

RBL Y Services Branch

p.s. Reminder to contact [dennis.weir1@ntlworld.com](mailto:dennis.weir1@ntlworld.com) concerning the 2017 Scarborough Summer Gathering.

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