



CONVENTION '25

Our new District Governor Steve invites you to our South East District Convention being held over the weekend of 14th – 16th February next year at Canterbury.

Indeed we will be inside the grounds of the majestic Cathedral that was founded in 597 AD and re-built in the 11th and 12th centuries.



Convention will be held in The Cathedral Lodge, a modern purpose-built meetings and conference centre.

DG Steve's theme is "Having a Voice" - and this is YOUR Convention where you can have your voice – and share time with fellow Lions from this and other countries.

Convention is our District's AGM where you can take part in the business, help influence decisions on our future and listen to specially invited speakers.

There will be a distinguished Lions International Guest joining us plus friends from our twinned Districts in France and Germany.

I am sure Lions from other Districts and Countries will also be with us celebrating our 54th Convention.

Your Convention Committee is currently working hard behind the scenes planning each day including social events for you to enjoy over the Convention weekend.

The Friday is, of course, a special day as it will be Valentine's Day, so naturally the evening party night will have a "Love" theme and will be coupled with a 70-80s disco.

So it is going to be "Love the 80's School Disco" – and there will be an 80's themed menu to choose from !

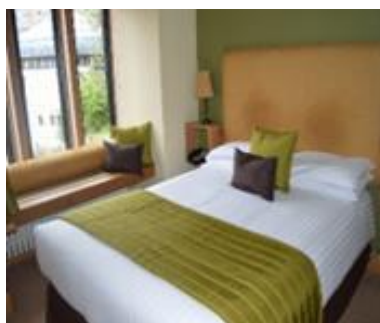


Saturday evening will be our traditional end-of-Convention, black tie, Banquet and Ball – and you will be able to choose from 'The Archbishop's Menu' !

We are to be entertained by a high quality six piece band named "Plastic Orange".

So please do put these dates in your diary and perhaps you consider making it into a longer break in the lovely city of Canterbury and the surrounding Kent countryside.

There is a variety of accommodation available to suit all budgets.



At The Lodge itself there are a limited number of rooms available, from £150 per room per night (£140 single) B & B, including a mini-flat ! (2 bedrooms, kitchen and shared bathroom).

We have also negotiated a Lions bed and breakfast rate of £95 per room per night at the nearby "Hampton by Hilton". This hotel is a 10 minute walk away from Convention – a modern hotel but in the old part of the city.

There are also other hotels, including a Premier Inn and a Travelodge, just outside the city walls, but close by.

For The Lodge – contact Claire Newton on 01227 866203 – claire.newton@canterburycathedrallodge.org

For Hampton by Hilton – the Lions website booking link is :

<https://eventsathilton.com/link/668c013c6124ea5abe8b2fc0>

or contact Renata Geciauskaite on 01227 936505 (option 2) for more room types and extended dates – reservationsmgr@hbhcanterbury.com

Parking is available at, or near to, these hotels, but please check details and cost with them.

Cabinet Lunch and Meeting will be at The Lodge and we are currently planning a Partners' Outing that will be a guided tour of the Cathedral. This will be followed by free time to explore the ancient city and have lunch at their leisure.

Our District Booking System will be available shortly where you will be able to book all of the events above plus a Convention day packed lunch and the Convention pin.

Display Stands will be available in The Lodge and a booking form is available now from my Vice-Chairman Lynne : lynne.ireland68@gmail.com

More Convention Newsletters will follow over the coming months as plans progress – but DG Steve and all the Convention Team look forward to welcoming you to Canterbury in February !

Kind regards

David

David Burstow

Convention Chairman

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