



## Update Number One

June 2017

### *“A lot of weather we’ve been having lately”*

Here we are in ‘flaming’ June and it is persisting down with rain. What happened to that fine weather we had in Bradford at the 37th UK Laurel and Hardy Convention. It sure was good weather then and it certainly was a great Convention. Dave Ballard and his County Hospital tent did Laurel and Hardy, the Sons of the Desert and Bradford proud.

The Saps At Sea tent of Southend are delighted that we have been passed the pineapple to host the 2018 Convention in Norwich. It seems a long way off, but already most things are in place. I intend to keep everyone in the picture with ‘Updates’, probably about every two months. So here is Update Number One which concentrates on information about booking and the Mercure Hotel.

### How many people have booked?

We have a maximum number of 140. So far 72 people have booked by sending in forms. So we are over half-way to being full. If you haven’t yet booked and want to be there please complete a booking form as soon as possible. Booking forms are on our website or you can send me an e-mail [roger.robinson5@btinternet.com](mailto:roger.robinson5@btinternet.com) . We would hate to disappoint anyone.



### The Saps at Sea will host the 38th UK Convention

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2018 <><><>

We will be based at **Mercure Hotel, Norwich**. The hotel has a swimming pool, gymnasium, ample free parking and large function rooms. It is about 2.5 miles from the city centre with bus connections to city centre and train station. Norwich airport is about 3 miles away. Some of the highlights of the weekend will include:-

- Exclusive visit to Dad’s Army Museum, Thetford
- Ninety minute private trip on Norfolk Broads on ‘Queen of the Broads’
- Fish and Chip supper at opening night with pub games and entertainment
- Grand Order of Water Rats comedian **Adger Brown**
- Visit to Norwich Puppet theatre housed in a converted church for show
- Other entertainment to be confirmed

**£249 for EARLY BIRD SAVERS** if paid in full by Nov 2017 - otherwise £255

FOR FURTHER DETAILS and UPDATES visit [www.saps-at-sea.co.uk](http://www.saps-at-sea.co.uk)  
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## What type of rooms are now available?

Twin and double rooms are available. There are also some triple rooms, where the third bed is a sofa bed. We were initially allocated four rooms for single occupancy (these are twin or double rooms) and have been able to increase this number to twelve. There is a single room supplement for these but all twelve rooms were snapped up very quickly. If you are willing to share but don't know anyone to share with, we will keep a list and advise so that we can find someone suitable of your choice.

## The Mercure Hotel, Norwich

Gemma and Gill at the hotel have been very helpful to us and are really looking forward to The Sons of the Desert event. The hotel is a medium to large hotel with excellent facilities with three different sized function rooms. We will at different times be using all the function rooms. There is ample FREE parking. It is located on a ring road about two miles from the city centre. There is a regular bus service to and from the city centre with a stop nearby. The hotel has a small swimming pool and sauna and a gymnasium for FREE use of guests. For more information visit their website:-

<http://www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-8321-mercure-norwich-hotel/index.shtml>

The address of the hotel is:- **Mercure Hotel, 121-131, Boiundary Road, Norwich, NR3 2BA**

## Extra Nights at the Mercure

If you wish to stay on any extra nights at the hotel before or after the Convention nights (Friday 4th, Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th May 2018) the hotel have arranged Special Rates:-

**£85** per room including breakfast

**£129** for dinner, bed and breakfast (dinner £22 per person)

**£107** for single occupancy dinner, bed and breakfast

**If you wish to book extra nights please contact the hotel direct ++44 (0) 844 815 9036 – please mention that you are attending the Laurel and Hardy Convention. The extra nights will need to be paid at the time of booking**





...and finally

Please do contact me if you have any queries about the Hotel or the Convention. We want to try to make sure that you enjoy your stay at the Mercure and during the Norwich Convention in 2018.

Cheers

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