

RSGB IOTA Convention, Beaumont House, Windsor, 4-6 July 2014



The Beaumont Revisited

We are currently looking at the possibility of holding the celebration of IOTA's 50th Anniversary at Beaumont House over the weekend of 4-6 July 2014. Many of you will remember the annual HF and IOTA Convention at the Beaumont from 1991 to 2001 and will recall its beautiful setting in 40 acres of countryside just by the River Thames. Nearby is Magna Carta Island where the famous charter of civil rights was sealed, with Windsor and its attractions just up the road. The Beaumont has undergone major refurbishment and is now one of the most popular conference centre/hotels in the area (and we are assured that double-beds now sleep two, not one and a half, people!) Travel connections are easy, with London Heathrow Airport just 10 miles away (special taxi rates available if arranged through the Beaumont). The City of London itself is just 25 miles distant.

TEAR-OFF SLIP FOR RETURN TO ROGER BALISTER, G3KMA (OR EMAIL G3KMA@DSL.PIPEX.COM)

Please record me as interested in attending the IOTA 50th Anniversary Celebration at Beaumont House in Windsor, 4-6 July 2014.

Name Callsign Accompanied by wife/partner: Yes/No

Email Address Staying at Beaumont House overnight: Yes/No

Subject to sufficient expressions of interest, we will go ahead and organise a truly international celebration of IOTA friends. We believe that there are many IOTA participants who will want to experience again the pleasure of a convention in such attractive surroundings as well as new island chasers and DXpeditioners who look forward to experiencing it for the first time.

We are currently working on the finances and envisage packages at the following prices (E&OE):

Cost of one person, one night (arrives Saturday morning, leaves Sunday morning)	£155.00
Cost of two persons, one night (ditto)	£220.00
Cost of one person, two nights (arrives Friday late afternoon, leaves Sunday morning)	£265.00
Cost of two persons, two nights (ditto)	£385.00

Depending on package these figures include Friday night dinner, Saturday breakfast, lunch and Gala Dinner and Sunday breakfast. However there may be scope for some price adjustment when we get into negotiations, for instance over making lunch optional. A rate for day visitors will also be available.

A full programme of interesting IOTA talks will be organised with speakers well-known to the IOTA Community. At the Saturday Gala Dinner prizes will be presented to IOTA Marathon winners who make the trip. A partners' programme will also be organised. For those not leaving on Sunday morning an interesting excursion locally is planned for the morning and afternoon.

Overseas visitors note: If you are intending to attend Friedrichshafen 2014 (27-29 June) why not make it a longer summer holiday by travelling across to Britain afterwards?

What we need are serious expressions of interest in attending, not firm commitments at this stage. We have set target figures for certain dates rolling forward. If we reach these, the event will go ahead. If not, the event will not proceed.

If you are interested, please let Roger, G3KMA know on the attached tear off slip or via email to g3kma@dsl.pipex.com, indicating the number attending and an email address. This is a one-off non-repeatable event to celebrate IOTA's 50th Anniversary and will not replace the October RSGB Convention. Please consider if you can come and help make this happen.



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