

Forty, yes forty years of Southport Summer of School of Judo 2012.

The year 2012 will be the 40th anniversary of the holding of the Lancashire Area's Summer School, and the Area Committee have decided to commemorate the occasion by holding a Gala Dinner Dance on the Thursday evening of the 9th of August 2012 at the Prestigious Prince of Wales Hotel Southport; situated on Lord Street in the centre of Southport close to a myriad of delightful shops and Shopping Arcades for which the town is noted (including a £1 store).

A provisional booking has been made for the 9th of August 2012, for a Private Function room with separate adjoining Cocktail Bar accessed directly from the Function Room. Dancing will be catered for in the Function room following the Dinner and a decision is to be made as to whether a Disco, or a Quartet of Musicians will be used. The dress code will be smart with the option of Black Tie and Tux for the men, gowns for the ladies thus presenting the fair sex with a wonderful opportunity to dress up, and perhaps their male escorts being coerced into looking a little bit different.

There will be a set menu of Soup, Roast Beef with vegetables etc, Apple Pie, Coffee or tea at £35 per person, and yes there is a vegetarian option. The price will include a welcome drink (Bucks Fizz or soft drink) on arrival, and a toast drink of Champagne. There will be a facility to pre-order wines that can be collected on the way in to the Function Room; this will ease any period of waiting for harassed wine waiters to take and attend to orders from the bon vivant members who will be there.

Rooms for overnight stay are available and quoted on line, which would have to be booked by you if you wish to stay at the Hotel. Southport is a Holiday Resort with a mixture of Hotels and Guest Houses etc most of which can be found on the Internet.

It would be most helpful at a later stage, if those with the intention of coming along gave an indication of their wish to attend by sending an e-mail to either Tony Newton, herakles.newton57@gmail.com or grwmealing@btinternet.com or by post to A.W. Newton at, 45, Chestnut Street, Southport, Merseyside, PR8 6. This will enable the organisers to organise!

A form available for downloading will be posted on the Webb Site at a later date; this will provide more information and also ask for details of would-be attendees and possible requirements.

Among persons who have already expressed an interest are R. Otani, H. Mundy, E. Kenny. The last big Dinner Dance the Lancs Area staged was in 2008, the 50th Anniversary of the British Judo Council, and there were 70 plus attendees including many ex members of the BJC from years past.

The last time we had an event such as this was in 2008 with an excess of 75 in attendance; who were from all parts of the U.K and overseas.

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