



British Deer Society AGM Weekend Events & Booking Form Saturday 13th / Sunday 14th May 2017

The Society will be holding its annual weekend meeting in South Wales, located in the beautiful Usk Valley at the five-star luxury spa and golf Celtic Manor Resort within 2000 acres of parkland. We have been given excellent accommodation rates at the resort including full English breakfast and we anticipate a really great weekend.

Members arriving on Friday evening are asked to please make their own dining arrangements either within one of the resort restaurants or there is decent pub grub and eateries to be found down the road in Caerleon or Newport.

Saturday will revolve around a series of seminars and include updates on BDS research projects, new work in the offing, items of interest and end with a gourmet venison master class by the National Culinary team. Saturday evening will start with pre-dinner drinks and a true Welsh welcome followed by the Society Dinner.

Sunday morning will allow for a slow leisurely breakfast with maybe time for a stroll or luxuriating in the spa before gathering with others arriving to attend the AGM formal meeting. Following on from the business and general discussions there will be a pre-paid sandwich buffet lunch available for members before travelling homeward.

We much hope to welcome as many members as possible to this weekend and wish to thank our generous sponsors Celtic Manor Resort for helping making this event possible.

Saturday 13th May 2017 approximate timings

The day of seminars is expected to cover current/recent research and areas of interest including Chronic Wasting Disease, Lyme borreliosis, Deer Disturbance -anthropogenic disturbance on resource use, The Starr Carr Research Project, Roe Deer Distribution in Wales, UK Deer Distribution, Genome wide selection analysis in parallel founder deer populations and more - the actual schedule and presenters will be publicised on the BDS website and via Deerbytes once confirmed. Anticipated timings are:

- 1000 Seminars with mid-morning tea/coffee break**
- 1300 Sandwich buffet lunch**
- 1400 Seminars continue**
- 1500 Gourmet venison master class**
- 1630 End of sessions**
- 1930 Welcome pre-dinner sparkling drinks**
- 2000 Four course dinner with wine**

Dress code: Lounge suit

Should you require a vegetarian dish please state this when booking. A bar will be open for drinks. Wine will be provided at the table by generous sponsors with additional available to purchase by the bottle prior to taking your seat for dinner.

Sunday 14th May 2017

- 1015 - 1045 Coffee and Registration in the Conwy Suite
- 1100 Society Annual General Meeting
- 1230 – 1400 Pre-booked sandwich buffet lunch with tea & coffee

TRAVEL

The Celtic Manor Resort is just off the M4 (J24), only 90 minutes from London Heathrow, 45 minutes from Cardiff Airport and Bristol Airport and 5 minutes from the Severn Bridge. It is located close to intercity rail services at Newport, with direct trains to Cardiff, London Paddington, and Birmingham.

For directions by road, rail or air: <http://www.celtic-manor.com/location>

ACCOMMODATION

Celtic Manor Resort

BDS's accommodation rate is £80 per night per room (single or double occupancy) including full English breakfast. Please book rooms online at www.celtic-manor.com using the block code prompt: (BDS120517). At the time of booking guests will receive a confirmation letter with cancellation policy. Alternatively call 01633 410337 to book a room from the BDS allocation (BDS120517). Payment will be required at the time of booking and can be cancelled up to one month prior to arrival with a full refund.

Forum Health Club and Spa - all hotel residents have use of the spa with treatment rooms, gym, sauna, steam room, plunge pools and children's entertainment area. Any treatments booked are subject to separate charges and for your own account - if required you are advised to book well in advance of your stay.

Golf - green fees per person: Montgomerie Course from £30, Roman Road Course from £35, Twenty Ten Course from £66.66. The Resort operates a pairing up policy on all courses with rates and tee times subject to availability.

A selection of alternative local accommodation options include:

- Celtic Guest Houses, The Old Rectory B&B 01633 530277
- The Priory, Caerleon 01633 421241
- Pendragon House B&B Caerleon 01633 430871
- Holiday Inn Express, Newport 0871 423 4917
- Hotel Ibis budget, Newport 01633 530288
- Premier Inn Newport Wales M4 J24 Coldra 0871 527 8814
- www.booking.com/Newport/Accommodation
- www.Trivago.co.uk/Newport/Accommodation
- www.sykescottages.co.uk/Newport/Newport

Places of interest:

- Caerleon – National Roman Legion Museum, Lodge Hill Fort, Amphitheatre and Baths
<http://cadw.gov.wales/daysout/Caerleon-roman-fortress-baths/?lang=en>
- Newport - Tredegar House & Grounds <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/tredegar-house>
- Newport – Cathedral, Wetlands
- Margam Country Park, Port Talbot SA13 2TJ <http://www.margamcountrypark.co.uk/>

**AGM WEEKEND 13th /14th MAY 2017
BOOKING FORM**

NAME/S.....

ADDRESS.....

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POSTCODE.....

TELEPHONE MOBILE

E-MAIL

SATURDAY 13th MAY 2017

EVENT	NO. OF PLACES	COST	TOTAL
Day of research seminars plus venison gourmet masterclass (Includes buffet lunch and refreshments during the day)	£28.50pp
Evening Society Dinner (Welcome pre dinner drink, 4 course dinner with wine)	£50.00pp

SUNDAY 14th MAY 2017

AGM - number attending please	FOC	
Sandwich Buffet lunch, tea/coffee (following the AGM)	£21 .50 pp
		TOTAL £.....	

PLEASE COMPLETE AND SEND WITH:

A cheque made payable to the British Deer Society

Or

Supply your full credit card details when returning this form.

CREDIT CARD DETAILS:

Card Holder.....

Card Number..... Expiry date Security code.....

NB: hotel reservations must be made directly with the hotel, and accounts settled directly with them on departure.

SEND TO: The British Deer Society, The Walled Garden, Burgate Manor, Fordingbridge, Hants SP6 1EF