

S61 Mini-Reunion 13 & 14 September 2019

For those of you that are used to the routine there is little you need to know, other than the time and the venues for the Friday and Saturday evenings and a few hints regarding Falmouth itself.

Most of you will by now have done some investigation and I know that some are already booked up for the weekend. Wherever you stay you need to bear in mind that Falmouth is spread across a fairly high peninsula, the old town is on one side and the hotel and beach area is on the opposite, and wherever you walk taking the shortest route between the two will involve a climb over a hill. Most of the Guest Houses and B&Bs along Melville Avenue which runs along the top of the hill, the larger hotels are on the beach side but there are some smaller ones nearer the town and Customs House Quay where we will be centred throughout.

So for those who still have Holland in your mind from last year there are some subtle differences and similarities to point out;

- The nearest international airport is 100 miles away, but that only flies to Malaga, Malta and Naples. Although, as I write this, there are flights about to start between Heathrow and Newquay.
- The terrain is far from flat.
- Without the assistance of a long range forecast, I know it will be raining that weekend.
- If a bus or train arrives on time it must be reported to the local authorities so they can prevent it happening again.
- If you're on a tram you have not arrived in Cornwall.
- Six cars waiting at a road junction is a traffic jam.
- There are many more boats than pushbikes.
- The language is supposed to be predominantly English but not all the inhabitants know that.
- Don't be surprised to see shitehawks in the queue at the Fish 'n Chip shop, if they don't get served they will be after yours.
- We are all Emmits to the Cornish, but if you have a pointy-head and webbed feet you will enjoy calling others names.
- Tarmac has only recently been extended to this area and driving standards may not be as honed as they are in the rest of Europe. I had been down here for two years before I realised they were all trying to drive on the left!

Parking overnight is an issue in town so when booking accommodation ask the question about where to park. There is a good bus service between Penryn and Falmouth from early to late so that could be an option for those with an English bus pass. The bus service around town is non-existent in the evenings.

Both of the weekend venues are at Customs House Quay off Arwenack Street.

Friday meet-up will be at the Quayside Inn https://www.greeneking-pubs.co.uk/pubs/?place=ChIJVWu5Dygia0gRKCOrtAvw4_M&search=Falmouth%2c+UK in the lower bar that leads onto the quay itself. The photo below is the front of the venue, whereas the Quay is at the back. This bar is not very big but I have been promised full use as a private function for that night. I will be there at 1900 but there is no fixed time for anyone to arrive. They do serve food and as usual we will make arrangements on the night as required.



Saturday evening with dinner will be at the Chain Locker <https://www.chainlockerfalmouth.co.uk/> image below, it's no more than 20 yards from the Quayside Inn and there are tables booked for 24-30 persons in a separate area within the restaurant. The planned start time is 1900 again to avoid the busiest time. I have discussed a reduced menu at a fixed price/head and they will agree that once the summer menu comes out.



I know we are all looking forward to another memorable weekend swigging beer and swinging lamps!