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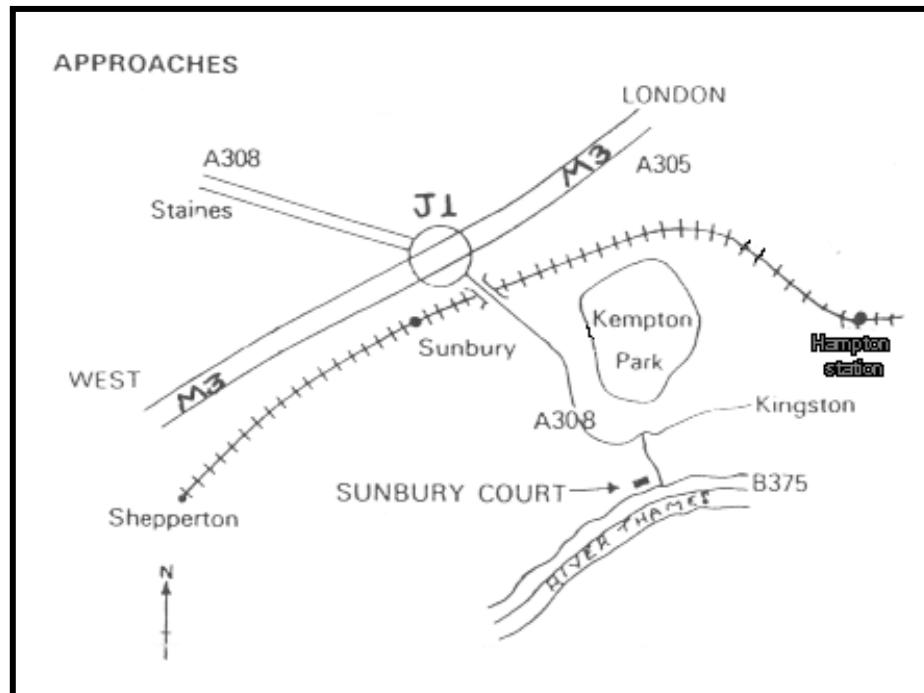
Address

Sunbury Court Conference Centre, Lower Hampton Road, Sunbury-on-Thames, Middlesex TW16 5PL

By Train

Waterloo to Hampton Station (NOT Hampton Court or Hampton Wick). Trains leave about every half hour during the day. Journey time is 36 minutes.

By Road



Officers' Spring Weekend



at Sunbury Court, Middlesex

2 - 4 March 2012

Speakers

James Dudley-Smith
Paul Diamond

Theme

“Active Service”

Host and Hostess

Colonel Robbie and Helen Hall

“Active Service”

Soldiers feature regularly in the Bible. It is arguable that none was more consistent in his godliness than Joshua, the man who served under Moses and then succeeded him. Officers of this generation can learn profitably from Joshua’s record of service. His tenure in leadership included fierce challenges but his biography, which we will be studying this weekend, reveals his steadiness, courage and achievement. The morale of God’s people was usually higher under Joshua than his more famous predecessor. “His gifts, training and experience were fused into a dynamic force by the touch of God.”

Bearing in mind that present-day Christians in the Western world sense an ever-increasing hostility towards the Gospel, the programme includes an account by a barrister of his experience in advocacy for Christians whose liberty to practise their faith has been so opposed that they have been drawn into prominent court cases. By way of encouragement we shall also be reminded in another presentation that in the 18th Century, when the spiritual situation in England was arguably even worse than today, godly men were raised up to secure a recovery of Christian belief and practice which few would have imagined possible and which was to the widest benefit in national life.

Attendance at this weekend is open to any serving or retired officer or officer cadet of the Armed Services who may bring his/her spouse or fiancé(e). It is NOT necessary for officers wishing to attend this weekend to be members of the Armed Forces’ Christian Union. Accommodation will be available for children, and a separate programme will be provided for them.

Our Speakers

James Dudley-Smith is the son of Bishop Timothy Dudley-Smith whose hymns have adorned Christian worship during the last fifty years. After reading French and German at Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge James taught modern languages at Canford School before training for the ministry at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford. Curacies at Wimborne and Brighton have been followed by his current Rectorship at Yeovil in Somerset. In his leisure he is a member of the prestigious Magic Circle and enjoys detective novels and the music of Bob Dylan. We are delighted to welcome him and Becky and their two boys to this weekend.

Paul Diamond read Law at Magdalene College, Cambridge and completed pupillage before being appointed as Barrister to the Keep Sunday Special Campaign, his competence having already been recognized by Lord Denning. In recent years he has acted as Counsel in cases which are of great concern to Christians such as Pro-Life/abortion, the wearing of emblems relating to Christian belief and purity, free speech, the refusal to place a child in a same-sex union and the dismissal of a Radio employee after a discussion on Islam. His experience has involved him in litigation in Europe and the United States of America. He is the Standing Counsel to the Christian Legal Centre. His presentation, which will relate to his spiritual and professional experience, promises to be both enthralling and sobering.

The Programme

Friday 2 March 2012

1730 Arrivals		
1830 Supper		
2015 “The call to Action”	Joshua 1	James Dudley-Smith

Saturday 3 March 2012

0830 Breakfast		
0930 “A Step of Courage”	Joshua 3/4	James Dudley-Smith
1015 Discussion		
1100 Coffee		
1125 “The Decisive Battle”	Joshua 5/6	James Dudley-Smith
1215 Discussion		
1300 Lunch		
Afternoon free		
1700 “Tested by Public Experience”		Paul Diamond
1830 Supper		
2015 AFCU Update		AFCU Staff
“The Battle on the Inside”	Joshua 7	James Dudley-Smith

Sunday 4 March 2012

0845 Breakfast		
1000 “England before and after Whitfield and Wesley”		Brig Ian Dobbie
1100 Coffee		
1130 Morning Service		
Including “Committing to the Future”	Joshua 23/24	James Dudley-Smith
1300 Lunch		
1400 Departure		

The Cost

We are indebted to the Trustees of the Cornelius Trust for kindly underwriting part of the cost of this weekend.

Weekend

Adults	£89 incl VAT
Children (aged 12 and under)	£45 incl VAT
Babies (in high chairs)	Free

Day Charges

Saturday	£39 (lunch, tea, supper and use of the house)
Sunday	£19 (lunch and use of the house)