

INVITATION TO THE 45th BRITISH LOURDES MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (BLMA) CONFERENCE 2019

Village Hotel, East Park Drive Blackpool Lancashire FY3 8LL

Friday 25th January – Sunday 27th January 2019

All Doctors, Nurses and Allied Health Professionals Welcome!

Blackpool:

Access Blackpool via the M55 or Blackpool North railway station (5 minute taxi ride to the Hotel).

Dependent on demand, it may be possible to transport you to the hotel from the train station. Please contact Nikki regards this (chiefnurse@lancasterlourdes.co.uk)

Accommodation:

A number of rooms have been reserved at the Village Hotel, Blackpool- where the whole conference is to be held. Fantastic reduced conference rates have been offered. There are a few routes for booking accommodation, some prices are variable so please check the options for the best deal at the time and **book early!**

Route 1: Fixed price of £70 single room occupancy/£80 double room occupancy per room per night inc breakfast. To book call 01253 208870 and quote code BRIT250119. There is also a variable rate offer available by quoting code PRO20A, please note if booking via this code, breakfast is an additional £5 per day. Quote both codes to get the best deal at the time of booking.

Route 2: Booking independently through sites such as booking.com where there are often great deals.

The hotel has a gym, Italian restaurant, pub, and spa on-site, as well as ample free parking. It is in its own beautiful surroundings and is a short walk from the very attractive Stanley Park (situated opposite the hotel). There is even an 18-hole golf course, with a driving range and golf academy if you have time to squeeze in a round or two!!

Useful Hotel Information:

- Check in from **3pm** , Check out by **11am**
- Breakfast served Sat & Sun **7:30am-10:30am**
- Tea and coffee facilities in every room
- Reception is **24/7**
- 2 miles from **Central Pier**, 1 mile from **Blackpool Victoria Hospital**
- Plenty of free onsite parking

Map:



Conference Arrangements:

For those arriving on the Friday 25.1.19, the weekend will commence with Vespers at 19:00 in the Village Hotel. This will be followed by a welcome drink and a chance to get together socially (in the hotel pub).

The BLMA AGM is on Sat 26.1.19 at 9:00 – all members welcome!

The conference commences Saturday 26.1.19 at 10:00 and closes Sunday 27.1.19 at 12:30. There are a variety of speakers and topics to be covered – please take a look at the itinerary for a breakdown of what is planned.

At 18:00 Saturday evening, there is opportunity to attend a Vigil Mass at St Cuthbert's RC Church, celebrated by Bishop Paul Swarbrick. Transport to and from church will be provided (approx. 7 minute drive). Please make your way to the Hotel's front reception by no later than 17:30.

Following the Vigil we will have pre-dinner drinks in the Village Hotel, prior to our Conference Dinner.

On Sunday morning, there will be Morning Prayer at 9:45 in the Village Hotel. Following this we will have two workshop sessions and a chance for us to have a short discussion prior to the conference close at 12:45.

Meals:

Friday

The hotel boasts two dining facilities:

Buca di Beppo

"America's favourite Italian Restaurant, now exclusively at Village in the UK. Enjoy authentic Italian cuisine in our restaurant, from antipasti to salads, pasta and a selection of entrées and delicious desserts".

Village Pub

"Blackpool is full of great pubs, and we're proud to say ours is a proper one. It's a popular meeting place for Blackpool locals, as well as visitors to the town. We've got great-value grub, an excellent range of beers, wines and spirits, plus big-screen sport. And of course there's a friendly, buzzing atmosphere - we are in Blackpool, after all".

Saturday

All Saturday delegates have access to unlimited tea/coffee/cold drinks and x2 snacks in the day at the hotel's Hub Café.

Lunch

A buffet lunch will be provided in the Village Hotel for Saturday delegates. The cost of which is included.

Dinner

There is an optional Conference Dinner at 8pm in the Village Hotel.

This is a four Course dinner including tea/coffee

A half bottle of wine per person is included

Cost £35pp

Sunday

x1 Coffee/Tea/Soft drink and snack included