

THE SHINDIG 2026



A Weekend Break with Bed, Breakfast, & Evening Meal, whilst enjoying the opportunity to watch Three Inter-Service Rugby Matches, with likeminded friends, old & new, along with Military/Rugby Banter, and a Wet or Two!

You pick what you want to do over the weekend and we will sort it!

All,

You have received this what's app message as you are still on the mailing list for The Shindig (associated with the Army v Navy Rugby Match) from the past three years! Or you have expressed an interest in this Rugby Event. However, should you wish to remove yourself from this what's app page, please do so.

The 2024 and 2025 events became an Alumni/Reunion/Friends & Family type event. The package we delivered was welcomed by all, with the whole weekend package appearing to be the most popular. Therefore, www.theshindig.org.uk is now just a homepage only directing 'netizens' to contact the SHINDIG TEAM by email. We will only be contacting 'friends of the shindig' by private messaging, via what's app, due to the fact the Twickenham (Sorry Allianz) Rugby Tickets are now issued via an App! We are pleased to say that The Turks Head will, for the 18th year (minus Covid Years), be our venue to meet, greet, and socialise at, before and after the match/matches, on the Saturday.

We will have a private/exclusive area, set aside for SHINDIG attendees and self-induced entertainment, which be included in the package. Food will be on a Half Board basis at the Premier Inn, which is an all-you-can eat Breakfast and a Two course evening meal complete with free wet! Lunch, if required, can be purchased from The Turks Head own extensive match day menu or via street vendors!

Therefore, you just pay for what you and/or your group want: - either Accommodation/Food, Transport, Match Tickets plus a Small Charge for Venue Hire/Security. The match tickets are already sorted and awaiting distribution. We will have a limited controlled area, with casually reserved tables, in the garden area, at the Turks Head Pub.

One other point to note is that due to local byelaws on match day we will need to vacate The Turks Head by 1900! After which, those with overnight accommodation, will return to the Premier Inn for the Evening Meal and a few more wets.

We have extremely limited tickets, and packages will be sold on a **first-come, first serve basis**. Can you please complete the 'form' below, and make payment, **by the 1st of March 2025**. This will meet both, Rugby Tickets to App deadline, and the Premier Inn Reservations Deadline.

Please remember to download the [Twickenham App](#), by clicking the link and ensuring the mobile number used on the App is the same as, your What's App mobile number that you have given in the proforma.

Please note that this year we will be returning to the Terminal 4 Premier Inn at Heathrow Airport, as the access to Terminal 4 Premier Inn, is MUCH easier. As described on their [website](#). We will also have a coach to take us to and from THE SHINDIG venue, so you could park your vehicle outside the ULEZ/Congestion Charge Zones and catch a train or bus/coach to Terminal 4. The hotel is literally part of the terminal 4 complex. Parking is available, again as shown on the previous link, or you could book, via Holiday Extra or similar, which is cheaper if using the Defence Discount site, or personally I have used '[Your Parking Space](#)' numerous times and found them very competitively priced. **PLEASE NOTE** that the cost of Parking **IS NOT** included in the package price. So, you could park near a railway station outside the 'rip off' zones and get the Elizabeth Line (for example) to Heathrow Terminal 4, the easiest way is by Heathrow Express or the East to West (Elizabeth Line) Underground to Terminal 4 and then a short walk to the Hotel. I trust this all makes sense, but as always, I am available to answer questions or queries.

To those of you that are au fait with what THE SHINDIG has been in the past, please note that this year's event will be more of a soirée than a shindig, but as Veterans, Sea Dogs and Oppos, I'm sure we can keep ourselves entertained pre and post the 2026 Army v Navy rugby match!

The 2026 info letter will be sent to all those that have 'signed up' and paid, as a form of receipt of payment, and once last-minute arrangements are finalised. As in past years we would like to carry on the tradition of: -

Meeting up on the Friday afternoon/evening and sort out Ubers/Taxis (cost not included in package) to watch the veteran's game.

Return to Premier Inn, by Uber/Taxi (cost not included in package) for a meal and a few wets

Saturday Morning, Breakfast and then coach to The Turks Head, for pre match drinks and banter.

Saturday afternoon, Army v Navy 1st XV Match, followed by Ladies Match if you wish to watch this game, or you are more than welcome to return to our exclusive reserved area in the Turks Head.

1930 ish return by coach to Premier Inn for evening meal, drinks and a 'Debrief!

Sunday Morning Breakfast and saying our goodbyes after what promises to be another excellent Rugby weekend.

Why not make a weekend of it if you are able! Or if not, pick when and where you would like to join us and we will be there to host you and enjoy your company.

Please fill in the details at [Booking Form.xlsx](#) or copy and paste tables below dotted line and until examples, into a separate email, and send, soonest, please. to the team via admin@theshindig.org.uk.

Once you have worked out your costings can we please ask for payment, in total, on or before the **1st of March 2026**, to

Bank: -	Santander
Account Name: -	The *URNU Shindig <small>*URNU is an acronym for "Us (Jim & Dai) Reuniting Nautical Unanimity!"</small>
Sort Code: -	09-01-28
Account Number: -	20382750

And then, please, complete this [Event Registration Form](#), click link.

Item	Max Occupancy TWO per Twin Room	Costs		
		Per Room, Bed, Breakfast & Evening Meal		
Premier Inn Terminal 4 Heathrow, Friday 1st	Double & Sofa Bed	£155.00		£0.00
Premier Inn Terminal 4 Heathrow, Saturday 2nd	Double & Sofa Bed	£155.00		£0.00
			Per Person	
Match Ticket & Social Venue Entry		£50.00		£0.00
Transport to and from Venue		£30.00		£0.00
COMPLETE SHADED AREAS TO CUSTOMISE YOUR SHINDIG PACKAGE		Insert Totals As Required		£0.00
Examples Shown Below: -				
** Example based on two persons, per night, in one room		£155.00	1	£155.00
		£155.00	1	£155.00
		£50.00	2	£100.00
		£30.00	2	£60.00
		Example Total		£470.00

Equivalent to £235.00 each which is £10.00 more than 2025 costs!				
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*** Example based on twelve persons, per night, in 6 rooms

		£155.00	6		£930.00
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					£0.00
		£50.00	12		£600.00
		£30.00	12		£360.00
		Example Total			£2820.00

**** Example based on one person, requiring match ticket only

		£155.00	0		£0.00
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		£50.00	1		£50.00
		£30.00	0		£0.00
		Example Total			£50.00

Thank you, all, for your continued support over many years, and both Dai & myself are looking forward to hosting you, with a few other oppos from other associations and groups, again, this year!

If you can join us for the whole weekend, please do, but if you can just make the match and/or social, then please do so. Contact The Team, if you have any questions or queries, regarding this awesome weekend.

Rugby is not just a game; it is a Lifestyle!

Jim Hawkins for the 2026 SHINDIG TEAM