

Rudding Park's VIP Collection



Rudding Park Hotel and Golf Resort is renowned as the hotel of choice for VIPs whenever they visit Yorkshire. In the last five years, some of the world's most powerful leaders have stayed at Rudding Park; including two former US Presidents, George Bush Senior and Bill Clinton, a former President of the Soviet Union, Mikhail Gorbachev, New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and Arch Bishop Desmond Tutu.

Arguably the most importantly VIP guest for Rudding Park Director Peter Banks, however, is Mike Peters, founder of seminal Welsh punk rock band, The Alarm.

Over the 10 [?] years that Peter Banks has worked at Rudding Park, he has formulated an impressive and varied collection of VIP memorabilia; gifts which each senior guest has donated to Peter and his staff in thanks for the quality of service that they have received at Rudding Park.

President Clinton's famous visit in June 2001 achieved world wide TV coverage for Rudding Park after he famously dropped in on the wedding of Rebecca and Justin Garnett at Rudding Park. In memory of his stay, President Clinton wrote a personal note to Peter and donated a limited edition Presidential tie pin. President Bush Senior wrote a kind personal note to Peter and his staff at Rudding Park, in which he praised [insert quote], and gave a pair of Presidential cufflinks.

For Peter Banks, welcoming his teenage hero, Mike Peters of the Alarm to Rudding Park is one of his most cherished VIP moments. Peter explains; "As a teenager growing up in East Anglia, The Alarm were my life. Twenty years later, I couldn't believe my eyes when I bumped into my idol from those years, Mike Peters, at the



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bar. We chatted for ages, but it was two days later when a package arrived in the post that I received my greatest surprise. Mike Peters had created a personal acoustic recording of his number 1 hit [Marching On] in honour of the fantastic experience he'd enjoyed at Rudding Park. It's a CD which I will cherish forever!"

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