



**Dr Laurence Howard, Lord Lieutenant of Rutland
and
Miles Williamson-Noble, High Sheriff of Rutland**

request the pleasure of your company at

An Evening with Simon Weston OBE



Date: Wednesday, 18th March 2015
Venue: Barnsdale Lodge, The Avenue, Rutland Water,
Nr Oakham, LE15 8AH
Timing: 7.00pm - Drinks Reception,
7.30pm - Dinner
9.00pm - Guest Speaker
Cost: £75 per person
in support of 
Dress Code: Smart

RSVP by 20th February 2015 to:

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Another great evening in the Series of 'An Evening With' celebrating the Great in Britain.

SIMON WESTON OBE



Simon Weston OBE, soldier in the Scots Guards and burns survivor from the Falklands war. After an Argentinean fighter jet bombed the naval vessel Sir Galahad, Simon became the face of the Falklands who has inspired a generation since.

Simon's message is one of single-minded determination, to not only accept what is, but to turn that to your advantage. Simon's own career clearly demonstrates how a positive mental attitude can achieve great business goals. Simon's irrepressible humour, infectious enthusiasm and immediately engaging personality, have made him the number one choice of many companies who invite him back to speak time and again. An inspiring and moving keynote speaker, Simon is also a wonderful and humorous after dinner speaker.

Simon's story has been well publicised and he has been the subject of five major BBC Television documentaries: Simon's War, Simon's Peace, Simon's Triumph, Simon's Return and in April 1999, Simon's Journey. He has been a 'victim' on This is Your Life. His autobiography, Walking Tall, was No1 in the best-selling list. Going Back was also a best seller being in the top 10 for eight weeks. He then wrote a series of fiction books with titles such as Cause of Death and Phoenix. His most recent book, Moving On was published in 2003 and sees Simon lay his Falklands ghosts to rest. Simon has also published 4 childrens books - Get Fit With Nelson was released in 2013.

Weston survived with 46% burns, following which his face was barely recognisable:

“ My first encounter with a really low point was when they wheeled me into the transit hospital at RAF Lyneham and I passed my mother in the corridor and she said to my gran, "Oh mam, look at that poor boy" and I cried out "Mam, it's me!" As she recognised my voice her face turned to stone. ”

—Simon Weston



Through incredible courage and determination, Simon charged through the wall of fire and along the tank deck to comparative safety. A rescue helicopter lifted him from the burning ship, and took him to a makeshift medical centre five minutes away. He would have probably died before reaching a main field hospital, but the advances in casualty evacuation, pain management, and general first aid kept him alive.



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