

JESUS COLLEGE OLD MEMBERS' DAY

Saturday 4th September 2021

Due to Covid restrictions, we had to postpone Old Members' Day from 26th June to 4th September but the programme remains the same.

As this is an anniversary year, when we celebrate 450 years of the College, we thought it appropriate to link at least part of the day to that notion.

In the morning we will reflect on how College life has changed since the anniversary in 1971. To this end we will have a series of speakers briefly talking about life in their day.

So, we will start with reflections from two speakers from the time of that 450th anniversary, one from the 1968 vintage and another from 1970. We will then take a flavour of the times in the early 60s when indeed things were different. Next, we capture the massive change that occurred when women undergraduates joined the College. We have one speaker from the very first cohort in 1974 and another from the late 70s when women were genuinely integrated. We will end up with reflections on current (pre-Covid19) life from a student at the College now and then Brittany Wellner James, the Development Director, will briefly reflect on how life is going to change when the new building and internet hub are complete. There will be a chance for the audience to chip in with their memories and reflections. To intersperse the talks, we will run a music quiz based on the years 1961/1971/1981. I really do hope the morning will stir a bout of nostalgia to sustain us through lunch!

In the afternoon we have guided tours of the Botanical Gardens culminating in a gin tasting (the Botanical Gardens have their own gin). This latter event will probably be in The Botanical Gardens or possibly back at the College. **These guided tours are now full and we regret no further bookings for them can be accepted; however, you can request that your name(s) be added to a waiting list.**

So, the programme for the day, **which is open to all old members and their guests** and is organised by the Jesus College Old Members' Group (XL Network) is timetabled as follows:

- 10.30 Coffee and tea in the Harold Wilson Room
- 11.00 Reflections on College Life from the last anniversary to now
- 12.45 Drinks before lunch in Hall
- 13.00 Lunch in Hall
- 14.10 Walk down to the Botanical Gardens
- 14.30 Tour of the Gardens
- 16.00 Gin tasting

The costs (per person) are: **£25.00 for coffee, pre-lunch drink and lunch.**
£10.00 for the Botanical Gardens Tour.
£5.00 for the gin tasting.

Please book (see enclosed form) **by Saturday 14th August at the latest.**

We look forward to seeing you on 4th September for what we hope will be an enjoyable day.

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