Dear Founding Member,

You are warmly invited back to College for the Linacre Founders’ Gaudy for Old Members who matriculated during 1962-1971. This will be my very first Linacre Gaudy, and I look forward to meeting many of you who were part of Linacre’s formative first decade.

The Gaudy weekend format will include the traditional **Saturday Gala black tie dinner** and the **Sunday garden party**. A tentative timetable for the weekend is enclosed. We also look forward to a more recent addition to the Gaudy programme—the Domus Prize presentations on Saturday afternoon. Six student finalists will make brief non-specialist presentations on research plans, competing for three Domus prizes of £500 each. The audience, consisting of Gaudy attendees and other Old Members, Fellows, and students will then vote to select the recipients. There will also be an opportunity to see some of the “Linacre Through the Decades” exhibition from the 50th Anniversary, as well as photos from the Linacre archives.

A very special component of our 2018 Gaudy celebration will be an opportunity to remember **Peter Holloway**, Linacre’s first Domestic Bursar, who died 30 May 2017. All are invited to join his sons, Matt and Stuart, as a tree is planted in Peter’s memory, and his ashes are scattered in the Linacre garden. This will take place at 6:15 pm on Saturday, prior to the pre-dinner drinks.

**Accommodation:** A number of you have already indicated that you would like assistance with accommodation. A separate accommodation information sheet is attached, with details of current options. Please read this carefully, and get in touch with me if you have any questions. I would also urge you to make your accommodation booking as soon as possible. For those of you who wish to drive to Oxford, **parking** has again been made available to us at the Sir William Dunn School, next to Linacre. This may be accessed from late Friday afternoon, and must be vacated by Sunday evening, but you must first book your spot with me.

I am very happy to say that the cost of the Gaudy, which is subsidised by the College, will remain **unchanged at £50/ticket**, which includes the cost of the Gala dinner, garden party, and all drinks.

**How to Book:** **OPTION 1:** The easiest way to book is online with a credit card via the secure University Store by clicking on the following link: [https://tinyurl.com/y6vpydl6](https://tinyurl.com/y6vpydl6) If you have not used the Store before, there is a brief registration procedure, but then you are set up to use the Store again for future Linacre and University events.
OPTION 2, a booking form and prepaid reply envelope are enclosed for you to complete and return BY POST with either your credit card details or a UK cheque, payable to ‘Linacre College’. Please do not e-mail the form with your credit card details as this is not secure and cannot be accepted.

OPTION 3: You may ring me on (01865) 271673 and book over the phone with a credit card.

Please contact me by e-mail or phone to ask any questions you may have.

As we do not have current addresses for all Old Members from 1962 - 1971, we would be very grateful if you would publicise the Gaudy to any with whom you are in contact.

I very much hope that you will be able to return to Linacre to renew old friendships and catch up on what is new. It promises to be a memorable occasion, and I look forward to welcoming you.

With best wishes,

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