

Information About the Gaudy

Please read below for further details about the Gaudy, including accommodation & weekend activities. Some arrangements and procedures have changed since previous Gaudies. If you have additional questions, please contact the Alumni Relations Officer, Marsaleete Anderson, at marsaleete.anderson@linacre.ox.ac.uk or phone her on (01865) 271673.

** If you have an e-mail address, please make sure we have your current one as that is the fastest and easiest way to communicate. Final Gaudy details, including an attendee list, will be e-mailed to those for whom we have an e-mail address.

Accommodation

Rooms have been booked for Saturday night at **The University Club** (located on Mansfield Road, across the street from Mansfield College, and a convenient 5-minute walk from Linacre), and also at **Keble College**, located at the opposite end of South Parks Road from Linacre. All rooms are ensuite (have a private bathroom), include breakfast and VAT, and have tea/coffee-making facilities. All double/twin rooms are at the University Club, and most singles are at Keble.

You may also request additional nights, but this is subject to availability and more likely if you book early.

Options include:

- Single ensuite room at the University Club @ £78/room/night (1 room)
- Double or twin ensuite rooms at the University Club @ £98/room/night (1 twin/9 doubles)
- Single ensuite rooms at Keble College @ £60/room/night (10 rooms)

These accommodation options must be booked and paid for no later than Wednesday, June 18, as any unused rooms which remain will be released to the University Club and Keble College so Linacre does not have to pay for unused accommodation.

Additional information on rooms at the University Club may be found on <http://www.club.ox.ac.uk/accommodation> . For information on Keble Rooms see <http://www.keble.ox.ac.uk/bed-breakfast>

- There are also two twin-bedded, ensuite **guest rooms at College** (currently available for the Friday, Saturday, and/or Sunday), but please be aware that as they are located directly above the bar they may be noisy until late on Saturday. They cost £85.50 /night double occupancy, or £64/night single occupancy, and include a simple continental style breakfast which is placed in a small fridge in the room.

Cancellation policy: Please note that once you make your accommodation booking with us, you will assume the cost of any late cancellations. In brief, in order to receive a full refund, we will need to receive your cancellation in time to provide two weeks' written notice to either the University Club or Keble College. Otherwise, an increasing proportion of the room fee is retained by them, depending on how much notice is given. Please ask if you would like further details.

Parking: Please note that there is no parking available at the University Club or at Keble College. We are hopeful that it will be possible to again offer free parking at the William Dunn School on South Parks Road. However, we will not be able to confirm the availability of parking there until shortly before the Gaudy. Should parking be unavailable at the William Dunn School, then we can book parking in advance for you in the vicinity of Linacre at a cost of around £8 - £9 for the weekend (9 am Saturday until 7 pm on Sunday). You will need to display a permit issued by the University Security Service, which we will arrange. The fee

is determined by the University, and does not benefit Linacre in any way. Also, please note that Friday night parking is not available there.

Accommodation in Oxford in July can be hard to find at the last minute. **I would therefore encourage you to make your reservation as soon as possible.** If you would prefer to make your own arrangements in an Oxford hotel or bed & breakfast, you might want to try one of these websites:

www.visitoxfordandoxfordshire.com or www.oxfordcity.co.uk.

Activities

Final details will be sent out in early June, but you may find the following information helpful.

Spouses/partners are welcome to attend all events, and children are welcome to come along for the informal Saturday afternoon, and to the Garden Party on Sunday, although we ask that you let us know they will be coming, as well as give us their age(s).

Saturday afternoon

There will be a choice of activities on Saturday afternoon. These include:

1) **An informal gathering in the Linacre Common Room** from 2:00 – 4:00 pm. Soft drinks and biscuits will be available, and some of the posters from the 50th Anniversary “Linacre Through the Decades” exhibition will be on display. We encourage you to bring your own photos along to share with others. Weather permitting, **croquet** will be set up on the lawn, and brief **tours** of the College, including the new Griffiths Building, will be available (but this should be booked in advance—see Gaudy Booking Form).

2) **Old Boaties** are invited to join current members of the Linacre Boat Club for a nostalgic row on the Isis in the early afternoon. Regrettably, this is for experienced rowers only. Please let Marsaleete know if you plan to come, or want further information, so the Boat Club can plan accordingly.

3) You are invited to hear brief research presentations from six **Domus Research Prize** candidates (all current Linacre students) starting at 4:00 pm, and then vote to select three who will receive this prize of £500 each. We have had an enthusiastic response from previous Gaudy cohorts who have enjoyed this opportunity to learn more about the research currently being undertaken by Linacre students.

4) Information on how to make your own arrangements for **punting** will be included in the final Gaudy information.

Saturday evening

The Gala Dinner in the Linacre Dining Hall is black tie. It starts at 6:45 pm with pre-dinner drinks, followed by dinner with wine, and a free open bar in the Common Room until midnight. There will be a seating plan for the dinner. Old Members do not need to wear academic gowns. Regrettably, the Gala Dinner is not appropriate for children.

Sunday

A garden party will be held from 11 am until 1 pm in the Linacre College gardens. Drinks and canapés will be served. Children are very welcome to attend, but it would be very helpful to know they are coming, and their age(s). In the event of rain, the party will be held inside. We hope to have a student there to help entertain children (bubbles, crayons, a few simple toys), but children will remain the responsibility of their parent(s).