ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

1264  ❄️  2014
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BIRTHDAY WEEKEND

FRIDAY 12TH – SUNDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER

The 750th Anniversary Weekend will give Mertonians and their guests the opportunity to participate in and enjoy the intellectual activity for which the College is renowned.

The Weekend will be filled with lectures, workshops, panels, exhibitions and debates across all academic fields, and will permit Mertonians to glimpse aspects of the College that are not usually on display, such as the Beerbohm Room and the College silver.

Highlights of the Weekend will include the Foundation Service, a spectacular Saturday evening Dinner and Dance with firework display, and an afternoon Family Garden Party on Sunday.

Open to: Students, Alumni, fellows, Staff, Friends of the College, and guests.

Booking: Go to www.merton.ox.ac.uk/750

FRIDAY 12TH – SUNDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER

BIRTHDAY WEEKEND

Friday Evening
12th September

Those who arrive on Friday evening are invited to enjoy a delicious three-course dinner, before the Birthday Weekend begins. After dinner, you will be entertained by the Merton College Choir, in a late-night concert in the Chapel.

The perfect way to start the Birthday Weekend.

Cost: Dinner (including entry to evening concert), £45 per person

Saturday
13th September

Join us on Saturday and enjoy a packed schedule of workshops, talks and walks on subjects as varied as quantum physics and poetry, 'Adventure' and the secret behind business success. Hall will be open all day, providing the perfect place to catch up with friends over refreshments. A running buffet lunch will be provided for all in a marquee in the College gardens.

At the end of the day, to mark the Anniversary of Merton’s foundation, there will be a special service in the Chapel at which the preacher will be the former Bishop of Oxford, Lord Harries of Pentregarth.

Cost: Saturday daytime ticket, including lunch, £33 per person

Sunday
14th September

Sunday offers a more relaxed schedule of events. Begin the day with sung Eucharist in the Chapel, then enjoy a final workshop, guided tour or lecture from one of our exceptional Sunday speakers, and follow this with Sunday Lunch in Hall.

Cost: Sunday daytime ticket, including lunch, £45 per person

N.B: Sunday ticket does not include the Family Breakfast in Hall or the Sunday Afternoon Family Garden Party.

Tickets for these events must be ordered separately (see page 9 for more information).

For information about accommodation options available over the course of the Birthday Weekend, both at Merton and other venues throughout the city, please turn to page 28.

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* Turn over the page to discover some of our featured Birthday Weekend speakers and workshop leaders. N.B: the lecture schedule will be finalised next April, at which point all those who have signed up will be notified of the final timetable and will be asked to book their choice of events.
Fellows, Alumni and guest Speakers

Artur Ekert is one of the pioneers of quantum information science and a co-inventor of quantum cryptography. He is currently Professor of Quantum Physics at the University of Oxford and Lee Kong Chian Centennial Professor at the National University of Singapore. He is also the founding Director of Singapore’s Centre for Quantum Technologies.

Saturday Speaker

Retail expert Alan Giles (1972) is an Associate Fellow at Said Business School, and a non-executive director of Rentsol initial plc and the Competition & Markets Authority. Until July 2013 Alan was Chairman of Fat Face, and was CEO of HMV Group, the owner of HMV and Waterstones, from 1998 to 2006.

Sunday Speaker

The popular science and history broadcaster, Merstonian Adam Hart-Davis (1962), will bring his passion for science to the stage at the Birthday Weekend. As well as featuring on television and radio, Adam is a keen scientific photographer and has published 27 titles including, most recently, the pop-up book Inventions, The Book of Time and Engineers.

Saturday Workshop


Graduate Student and Research Fellow Speakers

Sir Howard Stringer (1961) (see page 12 for biography)

Saturday Speaker

In 2000, after working for many years in the art world, Julie Summers, published the biography of her great-uncle, the Mertonian and Everest explorer, Sandy Irvine. Since writing Fearless on Everest, The Quest for Sandy Irvine Julie has written a number of books about people coping in extreme situations, including exploration and war.

Saturday Speaker

Consultant ophthalmologist Professor Robert MacLaren (1992) specialises in diseases of the retina, and his current research focuses on developing revolutionary new gene therapy treatments for blindness. Professor MacLaren is also a Bowley fellow and Lecturer in Human Anatomy at Merton. He is a DPhil supervisor and teaches first- and second-year medical students in preclinical sciences.

Saturday Speaker

Professor Richard McCabe is fellow and Tutor in English at Merton, and a fellow of the British Academy. He currently holds a Major Leverhulme Fellowship to write a study of literary patronage in Early Modern England. In 2012 he held an Andrew Mellon Fellowship at the Huntington Library. Most recently he has edited The Oxford Handbook of Edmund Spenser (2013).

Saturday Speaker

Professor of Biodiversity at Merton, Professor Kathy Willis is currently researching the relationship between long-term ecosystem dynamics and environmental change. In addition to her academic career, Kathy is also the Director of Science at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew.

Saturday Workshop

John Mitchinson (1983) is the head of research for the British television panel game QI and is also the managing director of Quite Interesting Limited. He is co-writer of the QI series of books with the show’s creator John Lloyd.

Saturday Workshop

Discover some of the current research carried out at Merton College.

After completing her DPhil in International Relations at Merton Dr Janina Dill (2007) went on to become a Junior Research Fellow at Wolfson. She returned to Merton as a Research Fellow and Hedley Bull Fellow at the Department of Politics and International Relations in 2010. Janina’s research focuses on international law in war and international relations theory.

Saturday Speaker

Professor Sir Andrew Wiles is one of the most famous mathematicians of our time. Sir Andrew was the first person to solve Fermat’s last theorem in 1994. Sir Andrew has been awarded numerous prizes in the fields of both Mathematics and Science, including the only ever International Mathematical Union silver plaque. He is also both an alumnus of Merton and a current Royal Society Research Professor at the College.

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Exhibitions

While in Oxford for the Birthday Weekend, why not visit one of our commemorative exhibitions, ‘Treasures and More’ or ‘Merton College 1264 – 2014’ hosted in College and at the Bodleian Library respectively? Turn to page 23 for more information.

Tours

Rediscover Merton’s gardens and historic buildings, look at the College silver or see some of the Treasures of Merton in real life, on one of our many tours over the Birthday Weekend.

and more!

Merton Choirbook Symposium

Merton Fellow Dr Daniel Grimley will lead a discussion with composers who have contributed to the specially commissioned Merton Choirbook.

Merton@750 Archive

Throughout the Birthday Weekend there will be the opportunity to bring Merton irreversibly back to the College for scanning and inclusion in this digital anniversary archive, to mark the anniversary. Turn to page 23 for more information.
DINNER & BIRTHDAY PARTY
SATURDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER, BIRTHDAY WEEKEND

A highlight of the 750th Anniversary Birthday Weekend will be Merton’s Gala Dinner and Birthday Party in the College Gardens on the eve of the College’s actual anniversary.

Under the cover of canvas on a cool late-summer evening, you and your guests are invited to take your places at our Gala Birthday Weekend Dinner and Dance. Why not join your friends at a relaxed evening of dining (no dinner jackets required), dancing and music. The evening will be rounded off with a spectacular fireworks display to mark the date Walter de Merton signed the College Statutes.

Cost: £125 dining ticket
£50 non-dining ticket
Capacity: 400, with a limited number of non-dining tickets available
Open to: Mertonians and their guests (group bookings are welcome)
Booking: Go to www.merton.ox.ac.uk/750

FAMILY EVENTS
SUNDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER, BIRTHDAY WEEKEND

We have got the perfect day trip to Oxford planned for you and your family over the Birthday Weekend. Arrive early on Sunday and share a special Hall dining experience with your children over breakfast. After the whole family has filled up on a hot and cold breakfast, you’ll be ready to explore one of Oxford’s many museums, or take a stroll around Christ Church Meadow. Then, after your whistle-stop tour of Oxford, return to the College for 2.30pm to enjoy our Sunday Afternoon Family Garden Party, with a treasure hunt, face painters, jugglers, and child-friendly tours of the College (accompanied children over 13 years can even climb to the top of the tower!). Sandwiches, strawberries, tea and coffee, and special, child-friendly afternoon tea boxes will be served.

Family Breakfast in Hall
Sunday 14th September
9.30 – 10.30am
Cost: £10 per person, children under 10 years eat for free
Capacity: 100
Open to: Mertonians and their families
Booking: Go to www.merton.ox.ac.uk/750

Sunday Afternoon Family Garden Party
Sunday 14th September
2.30 – 5pm
Cost: Family ticket (2 adults, 2 children), £27.50; Adult’s ticket, £10; Child’s ticket, £5
Open to: Mertonians and their families – all welcome
Booking: Go to www.merton.ox.ac.uk/750
Merton College’s 750th Anniversary lecture series The Merton Conversations will be held in venues across the world during the course of 2014. Mertonians will have the opportunity to engage with a range of contemporary topics, discussed by pairs of high-profile speakers who are eminent in their field.

HONG KONG | WEDNESDAY 15TH JANUARY

The Challenges of Global Finance
Speakers: Sir Callum McCarthy, Charles Li and Alejandro Reyes

The Asia Society Hong Kong Center, 9 Justice Drive, Admiralty, Wednesday 15th January, 6 - 9.30pm

Charles Li is the Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Ltd (HKEx). He has more than 20 years of experience in investment banking, and has worked for international investment banks in Beijing and Hong Kong. Before joining HKEx, he was Chairman of JP Morgan China.

Mertonian Sir Callum McCarthy (1962) is the former Chairman of the Financial Services Authority. He currently serves as Non-Executive Chairman of Promontory Financial Group’s UK affiliate. He also serves on the boards of ICBC in Beijing and of Intercontinental Exchange in Atlanta.

Alejandro Reyes, who will moderate the Conversation, is the Managing Partner of The Editors Group, based in Hong Kong. As well as being a journalist and consultant, Alejandro is Visiting Professor in the Department of Politics and Administration of the University of Hong Kong.

Marking the launch of Merton’s 750th Anniversary year, Sir Callum McCarthy (1962) and Charles Li will debate the challenges of global finance in the first Merton Conversation of the anniversary year, and bring their combined 68 years’ experience of working in the finance sector to the table. The moderator for the evening will be Professor Alejandro Reyes.

Hosted in the historic surroundings of the Asia Society, the main event will be held in its Hong Kong Jockey Club Hall. A reception with canapés will follow, held in the stunning Joseph Lau Roof Garden against the backdrop of the Admiralty skyline.

Cost: HK$250 (HK$350 non-Mertonians)
Capacity: 135
Open to: Public
Booking: Go to www.merton.ox.ac.uk/750

China and the West: Culture and Society
Speakers: Professor Dame Jessica Rawson and Lord Patten of Barnes

TS Eliot Theatre, Merton College, Friday 28th February 6 – 9.30pm

Warden of Merton from 1994 to 2010 and Professor of Chinese Art and Archaeology, Dame Jessica Rawson, and the Chancellor of the University of Oxford, once Governor of Hong Kong, Lord Patten of Barnes, will come together in Oxford for our second Merton Conversation of the year.

The evening will be hosted in Merton’s most recent building, the award-winning TS Eliot Theatre at Rose Lane. A reception with canapés will follow the main event.

Capacity for this Conversation is limited, so early booking is recommended.

Cost: Standard tickets, £35; students and staff, £10
Capacity: 139
Open to: Mertonians, current students and staff
Booking: Go to www.merton.ox.ac.uk/750
Stephen Fry is an English actor, comedian, author, presenter, film director and activist. He is perhaps best known for his comedy work, including his portrayal of the valet in the TV adaptation of PG Wodehouse’s Jeeves and Wooster and, more recently, for his long-held position as host of the BBC television quiz show QI.

Mark Thompson (1976) is a media executive and current President and CEO of The New York Times Company. A former Controller of BBC2 and chief executive of Channel 4, he is best known as having been Director-General of the BBC from 2004 to 2012. In 2012, he served as the first Humanitas Visiting Professor in Rhetoric and the Art of Public Persuasion at the University of Oxford. He is an Honorary Fellow of Merton.

The Global Media Revolution
Speakers: Sir Howard Stringer and Mark Thompson
The Century Association, 7 W 43rd, New York
Saturday, 12th April, 4.30pm followed by MC3 dinner

Our third Merton Conversation will take us to America’s vibrant city, with a thriving financial and cultural heart: New York. We bring together two Mertonians who have forged influential transatlantic careers in the media – Sir Howard Stringer (1961) and Mark Thompson (1976) – to discuss global media in today’s 24-hour world, in the city that never sleeps. A reception will follow the main event.

This Merton Conversation is intended to coincide with MC3’s own Anniversary Weekend – to include their Annual Dinner and AGM, a Friday evening boat trip, Sunday brunch and the Merton College Choir Tour to the US (see page 24). Capacity: 150
Open to: Mertonians and their guests
Booking: Booking for this Conversation will go through MC3. Invitations will be sent out prior to the event.

The Two Cultures of CP Snow
Speakers: Stephen Fry, Professor Brian Cox and Lord May of Oxford
The Royal Society, Carlton House Terrace, London
Thursday, 15th May 6.30 – 9.30pm

In this, the fourth in our series of six Merton Conversations, we bring together two of Britain’s most well-loved television personalities, the broadcaster and comedian Stephen Fry and the physicist and presenter Brian Cox, at the Royal Society in London, where some of the most fundamental and life-changing discoveries in scientific history have been made. They will be joined by Merton’s Emeritus Fellow Lord May, who will moderate an engaging discussion of the British chemist CP Snow’s most famous book, The Two Cultures – a lament on the gulf between scientific and literary circles. A reception with canapés will follow the main event.

Cost: Standard tickets, £65 – £150; students, £30; recent graduates and staff, £50
Capacity: 302
Open to: Public
Booking: Go to www.merton.ox.ac.uk/750

Sir Howard Stringer (1961) was Chairman of the Board of Sony Corporation until June 2013. Previously he served as Chief Executive Officer, Chairman and President of Sony Corporation. Prior to joining Sony in 1997, Sir Howard had a distinguished career as a journalist, producer, and then President of the Broadcasting Network CBS. Sir Howard serves as Chairman of the American Film Institute Board of Trustees and has just been appointed Chair of the School Board at the Said Business School of the University of Oxford. He is an Honorary Fellow of Merton and received an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Oxford in June 2012.

Mark Thompson (1976) is a media executive and current President and CEO of The New York Times Company. A former Controller of BBC2 and chief executive of Channel 4, he is best known as having been Director-General of the BBC from 2004 to 2012. In 2012, he served as the first Humanitas Visiting Professor in Rhetoric and the Art of Public Persuasion at the University of Oxford. He is an Honorary Fellow of Merton.

Robert, Lord May of Oxford, OM AC Kt FRS, was President of The Royal Society (2000–2005), and formerly Chief Scientific Adviser to the UK Government and Head of the UK Office of Science and Technology from 1999. He is a member of the UK Government’s independent Climate Change Committee, a Non-Executive Director of the MoD’s Science and Technology Laboratory and has served as Chairman of the Trustees for the Natural History Museum.

Professor Brian Cox CBE, is a particle physicist, a Royal Society University Research Fellow, and PPARC Advanced Fellow at the University of Manchester, and works on the ATLAS experiment at the Large Hadron Collider at CERN, Switzerland. He is best known for presenting science programmes on the BBC, boosting the popularity of subjects such as astronomy and physics.
On Liberty
 Speakers: Rt Hon Sir Brian Leveson and Dr Shami Chakrabarti
 BAFTA, Piccadilly, London Tuesday, 7th October 6 – 9.30pm

In the heart of London, at the prestigious BAFTA headquarters, two of Britain’s top legal minds, the Rt Hon Sir Brian Leveson (Lord Justice of Appeal and Head of the Leveson Inquiry) and Shami Chakrabarti, Director of Liberty, will come together for an evening of exciting and lively debate on the subject of liberty.

A reception with canapés will follow the main event.

Cost: Standard tickets, £65; students, £30; recent graduates and staff, £50

Capacity: 227

Open to: Public

Booking: Go to www.merton.ox.ac.uk/750

Mertonian and President of the Merton Society, the Rt Hon Sir Brian Leveson (1967) is newly appointed President of the Queen’s Bench Division. In 2000, he was appointed as a Judge of the High Court, Queen’s Bench Division, and served as a Presiding Judge of the Northern Circuit between 2002 and 2005. He was knighted in 2000. Most recently, Sir Brian chaired the public inquiry into the culture, practice and ethics of the UK press. He is also an Honorary Fellow of the College.

Shami Chakrabarti CBE, has been Director of Liberty since September 2003. A barrister by background, she worked as a lawyer in the Home Office from 1996 to 2001 for governments of both persuasions. Since becoming Liberty’s director, she has written, spoken and broadcast widely about Liberty’s work on equality, human rights and the rule of law. She is Chancellor of Oxford Brookes University, a Visiting Fellow of Nuffield College, Oxford and a Master of the Bench of Middle Temple.

The Real Science Behind CSI
 Speakers: Professor Sir Alec Jeffreys and Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe
 The Royal Institution of Great Britain, Albemarle Street, London Tuesday, 11th November 6 – 9.30pm

In our final Merton Conversation of the year, science and its real-life applications and implications for crime-fighting are brought into the spotlight. Mertonians Professor Sir Alec Jeffreys (1968), who developed techniques for DNA fingerprinting, and Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe (1988), who is Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police Service, will meet to discuss ‘The Real Science Behind CSI’ in the famous Faraday Theatre of The Royal Institution of Great Britain. The Royal Institution has hosted lectures from a great number of renowned speakers including Michael Faraday, HG Wells, David Attenborough and Bill Gates.

A reception with canapés will follow the main event.

Cost: Standard tickets, £65; students, £30; recent graduates and staff, £50

Capacity: 302

Open to: Public

Booking: Go to www.merton.ox.ac.uk/750

Professor Sir Alec Jeffreys FRS (1968), is a British geneticist who developed techniques for DNA fingerprinting and DNA profiling that are now used all over the world in forensic science to assist police detective work. He is a professor of genetics at the University of Leicester and he became an Honorary Freeman of the City of Leicester on in 1992. In 1994, he was knighted for Services to Science and Technology and is an Honorary Fellow of Merton College.

Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe QPM (1988) is the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis of London. Sir Bernard began his police career in 1979 with South Yorkshire Police and rose up the ranks to become Chief Constable of Merseyside Police, an Assistant Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, and one of Her Majesty’s Inspectors of Constabulary. He was knighted in the Queen’s 2013 New Year Honours and is an Honorary Fellow of the College.
On the balmy summer evening of the 28th June, Merton College will open its doors to Mertonians and their guests for the spectacular 750th Anniversary Ball – in celebration of the rich history of Merton College.

For one night only, the entire College grounds will be transformed and, as you step from Front Quad to the Croquet Lawn, St Albans Quad to Fellows’ Garden, you will be entertained and indulged with food stalls, music and fairground entertainment. At the heart of the College, the Hall will be a meeting place at which to relax and regale, with chocolate fountains and warm drinks throughout the night.

The evening will begin with a drinks reception — the perfect opportunity to see old friends, as well as meet and be merry with the Fellows and students of Merton today — then move to the marquee, where you will dine and enjoy a sumptuous banquet. After dinner you will be entertained by the Pasadena Roof Orchestra, playing some classic big band jazz and swing of the 1920s and 30s, and then Mertonian and world-renowned DJ Andy Cato (of Groove Armada) will take to the decks.

The night will be rounded off by a spectacular firework display and then a silent disco, giving those with boundless energy the opportunity to dance the night away while the rest of Oxford sleeps.

Cost: £225 for dining ticket, £155 for non-dining ticket
Capacity: 450 dining, 400 non-dining
Open to: Students, Alumni, Fellows, Staff, Friends of the College, and guests
Booking: Go to www.merton.ox.ac.uk/750
Merton College Chapel

Inaugural Organ Concert by John Scott
Saturday 26th April, 8pm

The virtuoso organist John Scott (pictured above) plays the opening concert on the College’s new Dobson Organ. This keenly anticipated event will sell out quickly, so early booking is recommended. John Scott is the former Organist of St Paul’s Cathedral and is currently Organist of St Thomas Church, Fifth Avenue, New York.

Cost: £20

Organ Concert by Daniel Hyde
Saturday 24th May, 4pm

James O’Donnell (pictured above) is the distinguished Organist of Westminster Abbey. His programme demonstrates the versatility of the Dobson Organ and includes masterpieces by Bach, Vierne and Duruflé.

Cost: £12

Organ Concert by James O’Donnell
Saturday 11th October, 4pm

Daniel Hyde (pictured above), currently Organist of Magdalen College, Oxford plays a varied programme before embarking on a complete survey of JS Bach’s organ music later in the year.

Cost: £12

Benjamin Nicholas celebrates the arrival of the new Dobson Organ with a programme of music by Sweelinck, Bach, Elgar and Vierne.

Cost: £12

Clive Driskill-Smith, the prize-winning Sub-Organist of Christ Church, plays a programme of Bach, Harris and Louis Vierne’s Sixth Symphony.

Cost: £12

Organ Concert by Benjamin Nicholas
Saturday 7th June, 4pm

Organ Concert by Clive Driskill-Smith
Saturday 15th November, 5.30pm

To celebrate the installation of the stunning new Dobson Organ in the College Chapel (pictured above), we will be hosting a series of distinguished organists over the course of the Anniversary year, for a series of five organ recitals.

Open to: Public
Capacity: 250 at each concert
Booking opens: 1st November
Booking: Tickets for the Organ Festival are available through Music at Oxford. Please call +44(0)1865 244806 or book online at www.musicatoxford.com

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Organ Festival | 26th April – 15th November

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Merton Music

World première of a major new choral work by Harrison Birtwistle

Merton College Chapel
Saturday 22nd November
7.30pm

By the end of 2014, the Merton Choirbook will include some 50 new commissions from many of today's leading composers. At this concert, perhaps the most significant commission receives its première – a new choral work by Harrison Birtwistle, composed to a text by Geoffrey Hill.

Open to: Public
Capacity: 200
Cost: £20
Booking Info: Booking opens on 1st November. Call Tickets Oxford on +44(0)1865 305305 or go to www.oxfordplayhouse.com/ticketsoxford.

Passiontide at Merton

Friday 4th April – Sunday 6th April

The fifth ‘Passiontide at Merton’ festival opens with the first performance of Gabriel Jackson’s The Passion of the Lord Jesus Christ, composed to a libretto by The Revd Dr Simon Jones and commissioned as part of the Merton Choirbook, and closes with Bach’s St Matthew Passion, featuring Dame Emma Kirkby as soprano soloist. Dr David Stancliffe is the Festival Lecturer; Choral Evensong on the Saturday and the Sung Eucharist on the Sunday morning will be sung by the College Choir.

Open to: Public
Booking: Booking opens on 1st November. Call Tickets Oxford on +44(0)1865 305305 or go to www.oxfordplayhouse.com/ticketsoxford.

‘The Dream of Gerontius’

The Sheldonian Theatre
Saturday 1st March, 7.30pm

‘This is the best of me’ wrote Elgar at the end of the completed score of The Dream of Gerontius. Merton College Choir, the Rodalys Choir, members of the Oxford Bach Choir and Oxford University’s Orchestra-in-Residence join mezzo-soprano Sarah Connolly and conductor Benjamin Nicholas, Reed Rubin Organist and Director of Music, to celebrate the College’s 750th anniversary.

Cost: £10 – £42
Open to: Public
Booking: Booking now open. Go to www.musicatoxford.com or call 01865 244806.

Merton College Choir in the USA

See page 24 for more information.

Merton Chapel Events

IN THE ANNIVERSARY YEAR

All Souls’ Requiem
Sunday 2nd November
5.30pm

The College Choir, accompanied by orchestra, will sing the Mozart Requiem as the College commemorates all former Mertonians and departed loved ones.

Open to: Public
Booking Info: Reserved seating available for Friends of the Choir. Email chapel.administrator@merton.ox.ac.uk for further details.

Epiphany Carol Service
Sunday 19th January,
5.45pm

Hilary Term begins with a candlelit celebration of the Epiphany of Christ. Epiphany, like Advent and Christmas, has its own distinctive carols. Sung by the College Choir, these will include two pieces from the Merton Choirbook by Richard Allain.

Open to: Public
Booking: Open to public;
dinner open to Mertonians plus guests
Booking Info: For dinner, email chapel.administrator@merton.ox.ac.uk

Pentecost Eucharist and Dinner
Sunday 8th June,
Eucharist at 5.45pm
Dinner at 7.30pm

We shall celebrate the feast of Pentecost with a Eucharist and Dinner to which all Mertonians, particularly those who were involved in the life of the Chapel and/or sang in the Choir, are invited to join current members of the College. The preacher, Bishop Tom Wright, was a Junior Research Fellow and Junior Chaplain at Merton.

Cost: Dinner – tbc
Open to: Eucharist open to public; dinner open to Mertonians plus guests
Booking Info: For dinner, email chapel.administrator@merton.ox.ac.uk

Advent Carol Service
Saturday 29th November & Sunday 30th November
both 5.45pm

The Advent Carol Service has become so popular that we now have two! Celebrating the beginning of the Christian year, the service moves from darkness to light, and includes a feast of Advent music, including commissions from the Merton Choirbook.

Open to: Public
Booking: Reserved seating available for Friends of the Choir. Email chapel.administrator@merton.ox.ac.uk for further details.

The Dream of Gerontius

The Sheldonian Theatre
Saturday 1st March, 7.30pm

‘This is the best of me’ wrote Elgar at the end of the completed score of The Dream of Gerontius. Merton College Choir, the Rodalys Choir, members of the Oxford Bach Choir and Oxford University’s Orchestra-in-Residence join mezzo-soprano Sarah Connolly and conductor Benjamin Nicholas, Reed Rubin Organist and Director of Music, to celebrate the College’s 750th anniversary.

Cost: £10 – £42
Open to: Public
Booking: Booking now open. Go to www.musicatoxford.com or call 01865 244806.

Merton College Choir in the USA

See page 24 for more information.

To find out more about becoming a Friend of the Choir go to www.merton.ox.ac.uk/friends-of-the-choir
OTHER EVENTS IN OXFORD & LONDON 2014

Summer Eights Dinner
Saturday 31st May
6.15pm, drinks reception
7.30pm, dinner in Hall

After a day of cheering on Merton’s men’s and women’s VIIIs by the Isis, you are invited to come back to College for a celebratory dinner with the Merton College Boat Club Committee, the Friends of Merton College Boat Club and the Merton Society.

Open to: Alumni and their guests
Booking: Invitations will be sent out prior to the event.

Founders’ Society Meeting
Merton College
Friday 6th June
11.45am – 3pm

The biannual meeting of the Founders Society, for Legators. An update from the Chair, Sir Jeremy Isaacs, and the Warden will take place at noon in the TS Eliot Theatre. Lunch will follow in the Savile room at 1pm. All members are welcome to bring a guest.

Open to: All Mertonians who have informed the College of their intent to leave a gift in their will to Merton.
Capacity: 200
Cost: £20
Booking Info: Invitations will be sent out prior to the event.

An evening of magical music for Merton’s lifetime benefactors
Merton College and the Sheldonian Theatre
Saturday 1st March

Our major benefactors will be treated to a special supper and drinks before accompanying the Warden and Lady Taylor to the Sheldonian Theatre for Elgar’s The Dream of Gerontius (see page 20).

Booking: Invitations will be sent to lifetime benefactors prior to the event. Lifetime benefactors are those who have donated £25,000+ to the 750th Anniversary Campaign.

Benefactors’ Birthday Weekend Reception
Saturday 13th September

To thank those who have made such a difference to Merton, the Warden and Lady Taylor will host an exclusive cocktail reception for the College’s major benefactors at the Warden’s Lodgings, before the Gala Dinner on the 750th Anniversary Birthday Weekend.

Booking: Invitations will be sent to major benefactors prior to the event.

Tolkien in Oxford: a symposium
TS Eliot Lecture Theatre, Merton College
Tuesday 18th November

JRR Tolkien, author and scholar, is one of the most famous Mertonians of the 20th century. This day-long symposium will bring together a range of experts to discuss a variety of topics focusing on Tolkien in Oxford. Speakers will include Professor Andrew Orchard (Rawlinson and Bosworth Professor of Anglo-Saxon), Professor Victoria Gillespie (JRR Tolkien Professor of English Literature and Language), and Dr Stuart Lee (editor of the forthcoming Blackwell’s A Companion to JRR Tolkien).

Booking: This event will be open to the public, though some seats will be reserved for Mertonians. Details will be confirmed prior to the event.

Exhibition: Treasures and More
Upper Library and Beerbohm Room, Merton College
September

Attendees at the Birthday Weekend will have an opportunity to see some of Merton’s favourite treasures ‘in person’ in the Upper Library and Beerbohm Room exhibition spaces. Following the publication of Treasures of Merton College, Mertonians will be asked to play the role of curator and pick their favourite treasure – what would you choose to display?

Cost: Free
Open to: Public

Exhibition: Merton College 1264-2014
Bodleian Library, Proscholium
9th September – 2nd November

Walser de Merton’s College was a new type of institution 750 years ago, and since that time the College and its members have played important roles in the development of the University. A selection of historic treasures relating to Merton will be on public display in the Proscholium (entrance foyer) of the Old Bodleian Library. Mertonians and their guests are encouraged to make a detour to the Bodleian at some point during the Birthday Weekend and enjoy the exhibition.

Cost: Free
Open to: Public

Merton@750: an Anniversary Collection
Go to www.merton.ox.ac.uk in 2014 for more information.

Do you have old College photos tucked away in a dusty album, old undergraduate diaries, letters home or Merton memorabilia packed away in the attic? If so, we need YOU!

In this ambitious project, entitled Merton@750, the College Library and Archive aims to capture this special year by actively collecting and sharing contributions in a variety of media from all Mertonians and Friends of the College (fellows, staff, students, alumni, visitors, and members of communities with historic ties to the College). It will be possible to submit material electronically, through donation, or at our scanning station in College at the Birthday Weekend.

Throughout the year, the project will bring you information, images and little-known facts about the College, its life and its members, past and present. This new collection will be available to all via the college website throughout 2014 and will form a majestic open digital ‘time capsule’ for generations to enjoy and refer to in years to come. Look for more information on the college website in 2014.
OTHER INTERNATIONAL EVENTS IN 2014

Warden’s visit to Hong Kong
11th - 17th January
Dinner: Monday 13th January

To coincide with our first Merton Conversation on ‘The Challenges of Global Finance’, to be held at the Asia Society in Hong Kong on Wednesday 15th January (see page 10), the Warden will make a special trip at the beginning of our Anniversary Year to reconnect with alumni and friends in Hong Kong.

Open to: Mertonians and their guests
Cost: TBC
Booking: Invitations will be sent to all Mertonians living in Hong Kong before the end of the year.

Warden’s visit to Tokyo
17th - 24th January
Dinner: Tuesday 21st January

After his trip to Hong Kong, the Warden will travel to Japan, to reconnect with alumni and friends.

Open to: Mertonians and their guests
Cost: TBC
Booking: Invitations will be sent to all Mertonians living in Japan before the end of the year.

MC3 Weekend in New York
11th - 13th April

The MC3 Weekend will commence on Friday with a boat trip to view the NYC skyline by night. On Saturday afternoon the third in our series of Merton Conversations (see page 12) will be held at the Century Association and be followed by a special reception and dinner in the impressive Library. The Weekend will conclude with brunch in Park Avenue, at the rooftop apartment of John Kirby (1962) and Susan Cullman. The College Choir, sponsored by Reed (1957) and Jane Rubin, will be singing at the Friday boat trip, and will give the second performance of Gabriel Jackson’s Passion at Trinity Church, Wall Street. The choir tour will include concerts in Philadelphia and Williamsburg, Virginia.

Open to: Mertonians and their guests
Cost: TBC
Booking: Invitations will be sent to all Mertonians living in Japan before the end of the year.

Warden’s visit to Tokyo
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As the Anniversary year draws to a close, we aim to bring together Mertonians and their guests for a final 750th Celebratory Dinner, which will look back at the achievements of the 750th Anniversary Campaign, Sustaining Excellence, and forward to Merton’s plans for the future, with speeches from the Warden and Merton Society President, The Rt Hon Sir Brian Leveson (1967).

We will dine in the beautiful historic setting of Middle Temple Hall, with its unusual oak double-hammerbeam roof. Built between 1562 and 1573, the Hall remains virtually unchanged to this day, having survived the Great Fire of London and both World Wars.

Located in the heart of London’s legal quarter, Middle Temple continues to serve the legal profession today, belonging to one of the four ancient Inns of Court. It is a few minutes from Fleet Street, The Strand and Embankment, and is easily accessible by public transport.

Booking: All Mertonians and their guests are welcome to attend. Booking details will be available in August 2014.

If you have recently moved to East Asia or America and would like to be on our mailing list for any of these events, please update your contact details by emailing development@merton.ox.ac.uk or calling +44(0)1865 276316, so that we can ensure that you receive an invitation in due course.
Merton Souvenirs

1. 750th Edition mug
   White bone china mug, detailed on one side with a black silhouette of the Merton College coat of arms and, on the other side, the commemoratory 750th anniversary design. Cost: £18

2. Decanter
   This elegant handmade glass wine decanter, designed in the shape of a teardrop and delicately engaved with the Merton College crest, is the perfect addition to any dinner table. Cost: £85

3. Shot glass
   Bring back long-lost memories of the College bar, with a shot glass delicately engaved with the Merton College coat of arms. Cost: £8

4. The Merton Collection CD
   A collection of choral music from the College Choir, celebrating 750 years of Merton College. Cost: £10
   The CD is available from High Street music stores and the OU shop.

5. Treasures of Merton College
   This richly illustrated book tells the 750-year story of Merton College, Oxford, through its many and varied treasures. Cost: £35

6. Tablet PC case
   For technology lovers. Protect your previous tablet PC in a case embossed with your college’s coat of arms. The case is made from black imitation leather and can accommodate most tablet PCs. Cost: £22

7. Leather wash bag
   Made from quality Nappa leather and embossed with the College coat of arms, this bag is available in black or brown leather. Cost: £55

8. Colander bowl
   A colander bowl with the entire panorama of featured buildings, spanning the centuries since the College’s foundation. The piece itself is redolent of the 17th century and is perfect today as a flower or fruit bowl. Cost: £222

9. Large plate
   A large octagonal under plate with a view of Merton from the river as it might have been in the 19th century, with such features as pleasure boats and punting, the Chestnut Tree, the Round Table and the Griffin. (Diameter: 13 inches.) Cost: £40

10. Small plate
    A small octagonal side plate with a view of Merton Tower from the meadows showing dons and undergraduates as they might have been seen in the 17th century. (Diameter: 8 inches.) Cost: £84

Cufflinks
   Sterling silver cufflinks with a T-bar fitting, showcasing the Merton College coat of arms. Sold in a presentation box, they make the perfect gift. Cost: £69

Sweetie Bracelet and charms
   Sterling silver sweetie bracelet, part of the signature collection by Links of London. Cost: From £50
   The bracelet is sold with two charms including a disc charm featuring the Merton College crest, designed exclusively for Merton by Links of London, and a delicate charm depicting a miniature mortar board. Cost: £38 Merton crested charm, £45 Mortar board charm.

Bow tie
   Pre-tied or untied silk bow tie patterned in the Merton College colour magenta, with a repeating white stripe. Cost: £20
   Order through Merton College Development Office (see page 30).

Sweet pot
   Filled with approx. 30g of gourmet jelly beans. Branded with Merton’s special anniversary logo. Cost: £16.


domestic. Cost: £7

Order through Merton College Development Office (see page 30).
How to Book
Some events and merchandise sales are being managed by external ticket sellers. See the event listing for specific booking instructions.

For Merton-run events, the preferred method of booking is online. Go to www.merton.ox.ac.uk/750 to book.

If you have no access to the internet, please complete the booking form, and return it to the Development Office, Merton College, Merton Street, Oxford OX1 4DB.

We regret that we are not able to take bookings over the telephone.

Accommodation
Alumni card-holders are entitled to a discount at the following hotels:

- Macdonald Randolph Hotel
- The Old Bank Hotel
- The Old Parsonage
- University Club
- The Old Parsonage
- University Club

You can visit www.merton.ox.ac.uk/coming-back-to-college where you will find links to:

- The Oxford City Accommodation Guide, which gives you information about hotels, B&Bs and apartments available in the city.
- Oxford Rooms, which lists B&B accommodation available in Oxford University colleges.

Don’t forget to bring your Oxford Alumni Card with you when returning to Merton. Your card will secure discounts in local shops, cafes and restaurants. Please see www.alumni.ox.ac.uk/alumni_card for the full listing of discounts available. These include a 10% discount at the Bodleian Library Shop, the University of Oxford Shop, the Ashmolean Museum Shop and the Blackwell Bookshop.

Parking
Access to the city centre for cars is restricted and parking is limited. There are five Park and Ride sites on the main approaches to Oxford, offering quick and easy access to the city centre. Buses run every 10-20 minutes at weekends. Please see the Park and Ride website: www.parkandride.net.

Getting around
For details of local buses in Oxford, including routes and fares, please visit www.oxfordbus.co.uk.

If you are travelling to Oxford from London, or from Heathrow or Gatwick airports, we recommend you use the services provided by the Oxford Tube www.oxfordtube.com or the Oxford Bus Company X90 www.oxfordbus.co.uk.

Taxi ranks are located at Gloucester Green coach station, St Giles and Oxford Rail Station. For local taxi companies, please telephone:

- 001 Taxis: +44 (0)1865 240000
- ABC Radio Taxis: +44 (0)1865 242424
- Oxford City Cars: +44 (0)1865 703030
- Green coach station, St Giles and Oxford Rail Station.

For details of trains, including routes and fares, please visit www.oxfordbus.co.uk.

For Merton-run events, ticketing is online. Go to www.merton.ox.ac.uk/750 to book.

If you are unsuccessful, you will be offered a full price ticket.

If you are successful in obtaining a ticket for the event and fall into these categories, you will be entered into the ballot for the concessionary rate. The ballot will be held one month before the event, after which payment will be due.

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Ball and Dining ticket 28th June £225 for dining ticket £
£155 for non-dining ticket £

Summer Ball
Merchandise
Meriton Treasures Calendar 2014 £0 (including P&P) £
Meriton College Bow Tie £0 (including P&P) £

For Merton music, Chapel and other alumni events see the relevant event page for booking information.

Customer Details
Name
Current student / alumnus / alumna / staff member / fellow / Friend of Merton College / other (please state)
Matriculation year
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Book online: www.merton.ox.ac.uk/750
Book by post: Please send this completed order form and cheque (if appropriate) to the Development Office at Merton College, Merton Street, Oxford, OX1 4BD.

All places are allocated on a first come, first served basis. Please note that events with smaller capacity are expected to fill up quickly.

Cancellations
After booking, if you are no longer able to attend the event, please let us know so that we can reallocate your place. Tickets are not transferable and all unused tickets should be returned to the Development Office. If you cancel your place less than 5 working days before the event Merton College reserves the right not to send you a refund.

Inquiries
For all enquiries about any of these events, please contact +44(0)1865 286292 or email development@merton.ox.ac.uk.