



Downing College
Alumni Day & Association Dinner - Programme of Events

Saturday 28 September

12.00 Registration – The Grace Howard Room

Complimentary refreshments, Downing Alumni Association merchandise and a display of the winning entries of the Downing Alumni Association Photographic Competition in The Grace Howard Room from 12.00.

12.30 – 13.30 Cafeteria Lunch, pay-as-you-dine – The Hall

Please note cash payments are no longer accepted in College. Credit/debit cards and Apple/Google Pay will be accepted.

13.30 – 15.30 Archive Exhibitions in the Maitland Robinson Library with the College Archivist

Displays may change but currently feature 'Items from the Sir Lionel Whitby collection: War hero, medical pioneer and Master'; 'Downing's early 'Black Cantabs''; 'Downing 100 years ago' (through the letters and photographs of Frank Furniss (1917)); and items from the bequest of the late Ray Sutcliffe (1959).

13.30 – 14.15 & 14.30 – 15.15 Tour of the College Gardens, covering the history of the gardens, future plans and interesting trees and plants. The tour will be led by Jack Sharp, the Head Gardener. Meet in the Grace Howard Room. *(Booking essential, x25 places per tour).*

13.30 – 14.20 Wine Tasting (Session 1) 'Desert Island Bottles' in the Fleet Room

Were he stranded on a desert island, what wines would the Fellows' Steward wish to grace an impromptu dinner party? An informal tour of eight stylish wines favoured by the current Steward, Professor Chris Haniff. *(Booking essential, £20 per person, 17 places available).*

13.30 – 14.00 & 14.30 – 15.00 Tour of YOKO ONO: SKY PIECES

A major figure in the late-1950s and early-1960s New York underground avant-garde scene, Yoko Ono (b.1933, Tokyo Japan) was a leading artist of the Fluxus group and a pioneer of Conceptual Art. She continues to create thought provoking art and music, which challenges the way we understand art and the world around us. Join Gabriella Daris, Art Historian, Curator and Critic for a tour of our new exhibition YOKO ONO: SKY PIECES. *(x25 places per tour).*

The Heong Gallery will be open on Saturday from 10.00 to 18.00 and on Sunday from 12.00 to 17.00, if you are unable to attend either of these tours.

14.40 – 15.30 Wine Tasting (Session 2) 'No regrets' in West Lodge

John Maynard Keynes is reported to have said: 'My only regret is that I have not drunk more champagne in my life'. The Fellows' Steward, Professor Chris Haniff, will aim to ensure sufficiency, with a tour of eight sparkling favourites from the Downing Fellows' cellar. *(Booking essential, £20 per person, x23 places available).*

15.00 – 15.30 Evensong – The College Chapel

15.00 – 16.00 Afternoon Tea (complimentary) – The Grace Howard Room

15.00 – 16.00 Exhibition of the College Silver – The Grace Howard Room

This year's display will present highlights from the College silver, and Dr David Pratt, Fellow in History, Archivist, Keeper of Art and Artefacts, will also gather together items of silver relating to the Boat Club.

16.00 – 17.00 Four decades at Downing: adventures past and present – The Howard Theatre

Join the Master, Alan Bookbinder, and Vice Master Dr Paul Millett as they discuss the changes and highlights in College and Cambridge life that Dr Millett has witnessed in almost 40 years at Downing, and the Master's thoughts and impressions after almost a year in post.

17.00 – 17.30 Downing College Alumni Association AGM – The Howard Theatre

19.00 – 19.30 Pre-dinner Drinks Reception – The Grace Howard Room *(booking essential)*

19.30 – 22.00 Dinner (dress code: Black Tie) – The Hall *(booking essential)*

22.00 Bar – The Howard Building Drawing Room

Sunday 29 September

08.00 – 09.30 Breakfast – The Hall

09.00 – 09.30 Holy Communion – The College Chapel

Alumni Day also coincides with the University Alumni Festival. Please take a moment to see how you can combine the elements of our own Alumni Day with the wider festival and enjoy a complete alumni experience.

Please go online to view the programme and find out how to book your place at the [University's Alumni Festival](#)