

The Annual Reunion 2019

Each year the SMCS organise a reunion in St Mary's and welcome back all alumni to our college. This year is a special one as it happens just before the start of our 100th year as a college. In 1919 St Mary's College was granted college status, having previously been the 'Women's Hostel'. The 2019-20 academic year will see a series of events to mark this important milestone and the Society will kick off the celebrations at the reunion.

The weekend will be centred around a Grand Reunion Dinner (complete with gowns), at which we will enjoy the finest food, prepared by our excellent chef and kitchen team, together with an after dinner speech by our Principal, Professor Simon Hackett and then continue our jollity into the night with friends, old and new, with after dinner entertainment taking us into the night.

We will also have visits to the old homes of St Mary's in the Chorister School and Abbey House, a Chapel Service on the Saturday and our celebrated Sunday carvery to end the weekend. A highlight for many will be to once again stay in Mary's Rooms and feel the unchanging atmosphere of our college as we return to memory filled corridors for a weekend.

For those who wish to extend their stay, accommodation is available in college on the Thursday and Sunday. We also have special deals with the Radisson Blu hotel and the Indigo Hotel (in the Old Shire Hall), details of which have been emailed/posted to members. We hope that many of you will wish to come along and join what will be a weekend of memories, laughter and an escape back into our welcoming community.

St Mary's College Society Committee

The Reunion Timetable

Please note that at this early stage some detail are yet to be fully formed.

Thursday 29 th August 2019	From 1400	Bed without breakfast accommodation for early birds. Check in is from 1400.
Friday 30 th August 2019	1830	Welcome drinks before dinner.
	1900	Hot buffet dinner in the dining hall.
	2000	Reunion quiz (usually a competitive affair) and a chance to meet fellow reunion attendees over drinks in college.
Saturday 31st August 2019	0900-1000	Breakfast in college
	1100-1230	Visit to the Chorister School and Abbey House, both former homes of St Mary's
	1300-1400	Lunch buffet in the Dining Hall
	1400	SMCS AGM (attendance is encouraged, but optional)
	1600-1645	Chapel Service in the college chapel
	1830	Grand Reunion Dinner Drinks Reception
	1900	Grand Reunion Dinner in the Dining Hall, gowned and including an after dinner speech by Professor Simon Hackett, College Principal
	2100-2300	After dinner entertainment
Sunday 1st September 2019	0900-1000	Breakfast in college
	1000-1200	Visits that will include free entry to the Botanical Gardens and Oriental Museum, and may include a visit to the new Teaching and Learning Building next to St Mary's and an expanded Castle tour
	1300-1400	Sunday Carvery Lunch in the Dining Hall
		Sunday night accommodation is Bed only

Booking and Contact Details

Details are on the on the SMCS website: www.stmaryscollegesoceity.co.uk
Booking is via Event Durham and the link is here.

Booking can also be achieved by telephoning the College Development Officer: 01913345987.

Queries can be sent to the Reunion Organiser: steven.p.spencer@durham.ac.uk Payment will be via cards, using Event Durham's systems or via personal cheque, made payable to 'Durham University'.

Prices

Members can book for elements of the weekend in a 'pick and mix' fashion. A standard package may be seen as Friday and Saturday accommodation, Friday dinner, Saturday lunch, the Reunion Dinner and Sunday Lunch. Accommodation is also available Thursday and Sunday nights in college for those who wish to have an extended weekend.

Bed and breakfast (en-suite) £38.00 per night on Friday 30th and Saturday 31st August

Bed only (en-suite) £33.00 per night on Thursday 29th August and Sunday 1st September

Bed and breakfast (standard) £34.00 per night on Friday 30th and Saturday 31st August

Bed only £29.00 (standard) per night on Thursday 29th August and Sunday 1st September

Friday Dinner (hot buffet, including drinks reception) £15.00 per person Saturday Lunch - Café style lunch at £10.95

The Reunion Dinner - Saturday night (includes a half bottle of wine & cheese board and entertainment) £39.00 per person

Sunday Lunch (Roast Sunday carvery dinner) £20.00

Included in the price is access to tea/coffee throughout each day.

Please book early to avoid disappointment, we envisage a large uptake of tickets in