

The news of the demise of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II has been received with great sadness.

That our SCCAS Reunion on 17<sup>th</sup> September takes place during the period of national mourning has been given much consideration by the Officers and Committee of the Society.

In consultation with College and after reference to the official guidance on national mourning, we have concluded that we will continue with our plans for September 17<sup>th</sup>.

Naturally there will be some adjustments, such as beginning the AGM and the dinner with a silence, to recognise the unique solemnity of the timing.

At a time of sadness, how comforting it will be to enjoy the fellowship of those with whom we have so much in common.

You will find below a reminder of the schedule for the day.

Please note that the train strike has now been postponed and I understand that rail services will be running as usual.

As the dinner is black tie and the timetable for the afternoon is rather full, please feel comfortable appearing in evening wear as early in the day as you wish.

**13:00** Cafeteria lunch, Hall. Purchase your lunch between 13:00 and 13:30 but feel free to linger for longer. Payment is by card only. So that we can give College an idea of numbers, please register your interest here (if you have not done so already):

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/alumni-reunion-day-lunch-tickets-359467726647>

**14:00 – 15:00** Self-guided tour of new Central Spaces. Collect an information sheet (kindly provided by the Alumni Development Office) from the Porters' Lodge and take a wander around the new development. Don't miss the view from the gallery above the far end of Hall, the view out across the living roof and the extraordinary take on the periodic table beside the entrance to the SCR.

**15:00** Blessing of the bench commemorating alumnus, Fellow-Commoner and former Society Secretary David Peace, led by the Dean of Chapel. Main Court (or McGrath Centre if wet). Find out more about David here: <https://deardavid.co.uk>

**15:30** Tea, McGrath Centre Lobby

**16:15** SCCAS AGM, McGrath Centre

**17:45** Evensong, Chapel

**18:30** Pre-dinner drinks, McGrath Centre

**19:30** Dinner, Hall, followed by cheese, port etc, in the McGrath Centre. Black tie.

**20:00** onwards, Bop in the Bar, an alternative to Dinner, but those attending the dinner are welcome to join the bop afterwards.

There will also be an exhibition of paintings by the Dean of Chapel, Rev Ally Barrett, in the Chapel during the afternoon, which is not to be missed. The works on display are delightful and are of particular interest to those who love the jigsaw character of the richly historic buildings of Cambridge and the backdrop they provide to the characters living their life amid such well-loved beauty. The Dean of Chapel is delighted to give her paintings away in return for a donation to either of two charities close to her heart: Cambridge Women's Aid and the Cambridge Churches Homeless Project.

At the same time, please do not miss the opportunity to admire the recently-donated replica of Artemisia Gentileschi's self-portrait as St Catharine, which now hangs above the altar. Find out more about the artist, this painting and the techniques behind this exceptional reproduction here: <https://www.caths.cam.ac.uk/artemisia>

A choir will be rehearsing in the Chapel during the afternoon so we will be able to enjoy their music while we admire the paintings. The Dean of Chapel assures me that we are very welcome to wander in during the rehearsals.

With my best wishes,

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