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Churchill Hall Association News Updates

Update on 2022

After two years with no annual reunion, and most other events cancelled, we are, at last, able to move back to normal. Life in the Hall has been back to normal for most of this year, with meals in the dining hall, free mixing of students and social events including a formal meal.

This move back to normal allows the CHA to arrange in person events, with the Annual Dinner on 3rd September as part of the Reunion Weekend running from 2nd to 4th September 2022 (more details below).

Since the last Newsletter, the CHA have been one of the sponsors of the Spring Showcase, an online event which we hope many of you were able to see. It has also sponsored and provided a trophy for an inter-hall rugby match with Wills.

This Newsletter seeks to update you on with the activities of the Association and the wider Alumni network.

Alumni Reunion Weekend 2nd to 4th September 2022



Although it had been hoped last year that the 2021 reunion weekend would take place, this proved impossible. However the 2022 weekend, including the annual CHA dinner and a wide variety of events, will go ahead on 2nd to 4th September:

- Accommodation in the Holmes, with breakfast in Wills Hall, on Friday and Saturday night (cost from £78 for a single room with shared facilities to £118 for an en-suite double room (4ft bed) (all prices for the two nights);
- On Friday there will be a welcome drink in a Clifton pub (details to follow)
- On the Saturday one or more of;
 - Botanic Gardens tour at 10 am (cost £5);
 - Wills Building Tower Tour at 11 am and 1 pm (cost £5); and/or
 - Clifton Suspension Bridge “hard hat” visit at 2 pm (details to follow);
 - Drinks Reception at 6-15 pm (hopefully in the Botanic Gardens) (cost £10 for non-dinner guests)

- Followed by dinner in Churchill (cost £41 per head) with the Wills Hall Bar to be open after the dinner. (Please note that it is requested that guests were appropriate dress, such a suit or black tie if desired).
- Possibly a pub social for those who would prefer.
- On Sunday
 - Churchill Hall Association Committee Meeting (all members welcome to attend) 9:45am
 - Monica Wills Chapel Alumni Service at 10:30 am;
 - Arthur Graves Memorial Lecture at Wills Hall at 12:00 noon;
 - Lunch at Wills Hall at 1pm (cost £16)

This is also the weekend of the FORWARDS music festival which, to quote the publicity, will be drawing the biggest names in international music to Clifton Downs this September. The 2-day festival will harness the power of live events to bring people together for incredible music moments and positive change; through social initiatives and a space for discussion and debate.

Attendees can choose which events they would like to attend during the weekend and each is individually ticketed. Bookings can be made through [the Eventbrite booking page](#).

The full programme for the weekend and details of accommodation [can be found online here](#) (PDF, 261kB) on the University website.

We look forward to seeing you at Churchill on 3rd September.



Could you help run the Churchill Hall Association (the CHA)?

The covid-19 lockdown has demonstrated the real willingness of many people to give their time or skills to help others in a whole variety of ways. The Churchill Hall Association (of which everyone who has spent an academic year (or such part as they could) in Hall is a member) exists to be an engaged and supportive community; and the CHA Committee is there to help to make this happen

We need you to help us to fulfil this purpose effectively. Why? Because this Committee must be able to reflect the interests and views of the membership as a whole, and currently it is insufficiently diverse to be confident that it can do this. We very much need the involvement of relatively recent graduates - for instance those of you who were in Hall after it went mixed. Members based in or around Bristol, or still at the University would also be very valuable.

Could you assist? Please give this idea some thought – and then drop a line, entirely without commitment, to committee@churchillhallassociation.co.uk so that we can discuss with you what might be involved – we'd be happy to be flexible. We would love to have your involvement, and are confident that you'd enjoy this particular way of making a difference.

Staying in Contact

CHA Website

A reminder that the Churchill Hall Association has its own website that contains up to date information on events, and newsletters and articles on Churchill Hall. It is designed to assist in the building of an engaged and supportive CHA that represents the views of its members. Please take a look and bookmark for future reference. www.churchillhallassociation.co.uk

Bristol Connects

As you are probably aware the University has moved to Bristol Connects as their online platform for keeping your details up to date. It incorporates new networking capabilities and will eventually allow us to create a dedicated Churchill Hall network so we can keep in contact with you directly.

The objective of these improvements is to make it easier for the University and the Hall Association us to stay in contact with its membership and for you to regain contact with friends from your time in Bristol.

It is most important that your contact details are up to date, so for those that have not yet registered please sign up by following the instructions below.

For those that are not tech savvy it is still possible to contact the Alumni Relations Office directly on [+44 \(0\)117 394 1046](tel:+441173941046) or by email at alumni@bristol.ac.uk to inform them of a change to your details such as your email address.

- 1) Joining Bristol Connects - Go to step 2 if you have already done this.

Please find all the information you need at

<http://www.bristol.ac.uk/alumni/connect-with-your-community/bristol-connects/>

[Create your account http://www.bristol.aluminate.net/](http://www.bristol.aluminate.net/) and populate it with your details; to save time, if you have a LinkedIn account you may import your details.

2) Updating your Profile - identify as having stayed at Churchill Hall.

To do this please login to Bristol Connects: www.bristol.aluminate.net/

Go to My Profile and find your time at Bristol. Then use the edit function to add your Hall of Residence and any Students' Union club or society that you were affiliated with from the pulldown menus.

3) Passing on the news - Please pass this information on to any former Churchill Hall residents that you have stayed connected with who are interested in reconnecting and are not currently covered by the University's mail shots because, for example, the University does not hold a current email address for them.

Finance Update

As with other areas, the Covid-19 pandemic has had an effect on the financial operation of the Association. The main costs that we have had relate to the maintenance of the Association's website. In addition, during the year, the bank introduced charges on accounts for clubs, societies and charities which, during the last financial year amounted to £15.

The only income we have had during the year is the interest on our savings account.

As you will all be aware, interest rates, until the last few months, have been extremely low, resulting in interest of only 32p during the year. (Rates have increased recently, although they are still very low, and the interest during the first 3 months of the current financial year is more than during the whole of the last year).

There is reference, elsewhere in the Newsletter, to our support of the inter-hall rugby match against Wills Hall. The cost of this (£115) will appear in the next set of accounts. The funds in hand at the end of the financial year amounted to £3,754.

Keith Walton

Treasurer