

## **Freemen of England & Wales AGM 2013** **Hosted by the Freemen of the City of Oxford.**

The Freemen of the City of Oxford look forward to welcoming you to Oxford this September . St Catherine's College will provide our accommodation in the impressive Scandinavian designed campus where the architect Arne Jacobsen was involved in every detail including the tapestries , furniture and even the cutlery .All bedrooms are en suite and most have refrigerators . Free wi-fi is available throughout and there is also a computer room with ten on line computers where you can check your emails etc. We are delighted to offer this premium accommodation where we will all be on the one low level site together , yet close to the City centre and even limited parking facilities. The lounge bar will remain open until 1am on both nights.

After our served Welcome dinner on Friday evening we shall have what can only be described as a sparkling presentation and introduction to Oxford. This brief interlude while we enjoy our after dinner coffee and then its back to the lounge cash bar for networking and fellowship .

The Lord Mayor of Oxford will formally open our AGM , which is being held in the Award winning Bernard Sunley Lecture Theatre .A formal photograph of the line up of delegates will take place just prior to the Saturday morning meeting.

After served lunch we hope we can guide you to some fascinating sights of Oxford . All within a short walk of our college . It is the national open doors weekend and some our highlights will include places which are not normally open to the public. All very exciting . On show all the time at the Ashmoleum Museum is the King Arthur Jewel . This is what many believe is the beginning of the Craft Guilds . This wondrous Saxon Jewel has to be seen on the second floor in room 40 . It marks the time in history when tribal warfare gave way to enterprise and trade. The very beginning of Freemen perhaps ?

On Saturday evening we want you to relax and enjoy a complimentary drinks reception and accompanied by music before the four course Banquet which also includes Wine and Port . The Chef has been preparing this menu for several months and is looking forward to the challenge. The loyal toast and fine words from our top table will precede our withdrawal to the lounge cash bar at student prices.

On Sunday morning , our robes and badges to the fore , we shall process along Oxford's famous Holywell and Broad Street to one of Oxford's oldest colleges . The Dean of Balliol and the City Rector will officiate at our Morning Service . Our large procession will then take us along the pedestrian and historic street of Cornmarket to the Town Hall.

We are invited to a Civic Reception , to which we are truly grateful in this tough economic time. The Town Hall is built on the site of the former Guild Hall. There is a display of the City Silver Plate and much more. The ceremony of passing on the Baton to the next Host Gild will precede the exchange of presentations and closing speeches before our final farewells.

**Freemen of England & Wales AGM**  
**Oxford 13th - 15th September 2013**  
**St Catherines College , Manor Road , OX1 3UJ**

**Programme (times subject to change) :**

**Friday 13th**

2pm College Reception opens for checking in . Tea/Coffee available in rooms  
3pm to 5pm FEW Registration & Information Packs in Foyer  
5.30 pm Executive Meeting - Room A in BS Lecture Theatre  
6.00pm Bar opens in Commom Room  
7.00pm Dinner in Dining Room . Served at Table  
8.45 pm Please be seated in Lecture Theatre for exciting introduction to Oxford  
9.30 pm Return to Lounge Bar - remains open till 1am

**Saturday 14th**

8am -9am Breakfast in Dining Hall  
9am -9.30 am FEW Registration & Information Packs in Foyer  
9.15 am Group Photo . Robed - Outside, far end of Lecture Theatre.  
9.45 - 10.35 Open Forum - BST . Ask all those tricky questions which may also benefit others.  
10.35 Tea / Coffee in Bernard Sunley Lecture Theatre  
11am - 12.45 AGM . Robed where possible  
1pm -2.30pm Lunch . Served at Table  
2.45 - 5pm Oxford on Show. Tour options  
6.15 pm Bar opens  
7.30 pm Drinks Reception with Music  
7.50 pm Guests to seat for Dinnner  
8.00 pm Four course Banquet with music  
9.45pm Loyal Toast  
10.30pm Withdraw to Lounge Bar

**Sunday 15th**

8am- 9am Breakfast in Dining Hall  
Check out of Rooms  
10.15 Assemble at Reception and robe for procession to Church  
10.30 - 10.50 Process to Balliol College Chapel via Holywell Road & Broad Street  
11am - 12am Church Service with the Dean of Balliol College and the City Rector  
12.05 Procession from Church to Town Hall  
12.30 -2pm Civic Reception . Presentations , handing over Host Baton . View City Plate display  
2pm Closing address by Deputy President and farewells

**Please note: Any additional nights accommodation must be made booked and paid for with the booking form.**

**Please notify us of any special dietary requirements at time of booking.**

**Booking Form**  
**FEW AGM Oxford 2013**

	Number Attending	Cost Each £ - p	Total Cost £ - p
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September</b>			
Evening Dinner .....	.....	25.00	.....
Accommodation (B & B) .....	.....	85.00	.....
<b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September</b>			
Open Forum .....	.....	FREE	.....
Tea/Coffee .....	.....	2.50	.....
AGM .....	.....	FREE	.....
Luncheon .....	.....	20.00	.....
Banquet .....	.....	70.00 (inc wine etc)	.....
Accommodation (B & B) .....	.....	85.00	.....
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September</b>			
Church Service .....	.....	FREE	.....
Civic Reception .....	.....	FREE	.....
<b>Grand total :</b>		<b>£</b>	<b>: p</b>

**Name:**..... **A Freeman of:**.....

**Address:**.....

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**Postcode:**..... **Email/**.....

**Tel: No**.....

**Names of Guests:**.....

A photocopy of this form is acceptable. Cheques should be made payable to **“The Freemen of the City of Oxford”** and sent with this form completed to : Simon Gibbs , Hon. Treasurer , Percy House , Canoe Lake Road , Ryde , Isle of Wight . PO33 1LY .