

Booking Information

Please complete this form and send it with your cheque to: *Eileen Roberts, St Hilda's College, Oxford, OX4 1DY*. Cheques should be made payable to *St Hilda's College*. (We can only accept cheques drawn on a UK bank, participants without UK accounts please pay by credit card.) All services for the weekend have been individually priced to give you the maximum choice. Queries email eileen.roberts@st-hildas.ox.ac.uk or call 44 1865 373753.

Accommodation is mainly in single rooms. All rooms have washbasins and all the buildings have bathrooms and/or showers - these are private, individual units which have recently been modernised or replaced. Tea & coffee making facilities are provided in every room. St Hilda's does have a few twin rooms, which will be allocated in order of receipt. However, every effort will be made to accommodate couples in adjoining rooms where a double room is not available. Please give your neighbour's name on the booking form.

Wine & beer will be on sale at all meals by the bottle or glass, also soft drinks & mineral water. Both dinners are three-course meals with coffee, the Reception is included in the conference fee as are drinks before Saturday's dinner.

If you wish to extend your stay in Oxford please give dates in the space provided. College can provide B&B at the conference price for extended stays but unfortunately no other meals. There are, however, plenty of cafes and restaurants close by.

More detailed information on the programme and a book list will be mailed to you in July.

The Organisers
Kate Charles described by the *Oxford Times* as 'a most English writer', is in fact an expatriate American, though an unashamedly Anglophilic one, and now a UK citizen. She has a special interest and expertise in clerical mysteries: her latest book is *Secret Sins*. Kate is a former chairman of both the Crime Writers' Association and the Barbara Pym Society.

Eileen Roberts was Director of Alumnae Relations at St Hilda's College from 1991 and is now project consultant to its Development & Alumnae Office. She previously spent 20 years in the US (1970-90), in Cleveland, Ohio where she was the Executive Director of the American Civil Liberties Union for 17 years.

2008 Mystery & Crime Conference Fee		
before 1 July	£100	<input type="checkbox"/>
on or after 1 July	£110	<input type="checkbox"/>

Bed & Breakfast in St Hilda's		
Friday night	£40.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Saturday night	£40.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sunday night	£40.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
*Extra nights	£40.00	<input type="checkbox"/>

*Please specify dates

Lunch		
Saturday [buffet]	£12.50	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sunday [traditional]	£15.00	<input type="checkbox"/>

Dinner (including drinks before)		
Friday	£28.50	<input type="checkbox"/>
Saturday	£28.50	<input type="checkbox"/>

TOTAL: £ _____

I enclose a cheque for

VISA/MASTERCARD (for overseas participants only)
[Please circle which card and please add 2% of the total]

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- I would like vegetarian food, please
- I require parking
- We would like a twin room if possible
- Please may I have a room adjacent to:
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THE ANNUAL MYSTERY AND CRIME WEEKEND ST HILDA'S COLLEGE, OXFORD



'*The Past becomes the Present*'

15th-17th August 2008

The Annual Mystery and Crime Weekend

It seems incredible that this will be the fifteenth Mystery and Crime Weekend and that it has become such a significant feature in the calendar of crime fiction conferences. It is a formal conference with papers relevant to the theme and the choice of speakers matched to the topic. This year's theme, '*The Past becomes the Present*', we think speaks for itself. As usual the speakers will cover many aspects of the topic and we think we can promise a very interesting programme. Plenty of opportunity will be given for participating in discussion, asking questions and just relaxing with the speakers and other participants.

About St Hilda's

St Hilda's College, Oxford is situated on the banks of the River Cherwell overlooking the meadows and spires of Merton and Magdalen Colleges. Its lovely gardens sweep down to the edge of the river which is justifiably famous for its punting and picnics and is wonderful for strolling and relaxing. The centre of Oxford is only a few minutes walk away, but the College lies in a pleasantly secluded area away from the noise and bustle of the city. The location provides an excellent base for sightseeing in Oxford and the surrounding areas. B&B is available for those wishing to spend extra time in Oxford, before or after the conference. Access by train is good and there are excellent coach services to Oxford from Central London and Heathrow & Gatwick. And it is one of the few places in Oxford that offer parking (*please tick the booking form if you will need it*).

Bookstore

As in previous years, there will be a bookstore open throughout the weekend. This will be provided by 'Partners in Crime Books Ltd' and both new and second-hand mystery & crime books will be on sale. They will try to have all the speakers' available books, also those of other authors attending the conference, and there will be opportunities to have your purchases signed by the authors.

The Conference Programme

Commencing with the Reception and Conference Dinner on Friday evening, the conference itself (Saturday & Sunday) is divided into morning and afternoon sessions with breaks for tea/coffee. We have **Lindsey Davis** and **Gillian Linscott** as after-dinner speakers on Friday & Saturday. This year's Guest of Honour, who will give the Conference Lecture on Sunday morning, will be **Andrew Taylor** and **Natasha Cooper** will chair the conference.

The Speakers

This year's speakers include old favourites and some brand-new faces: Kate Ellis, Jane Finnis, Jason Goodwin, Tom Harper, Ayo Onatade, Jennifer Palmer Anne Perry, David Roberts, Laura Wilson and Jacqueline Winspear.