

Dear Somervillian,

Autumn 2023 marks the 50th anniversary of our arrival as Freshers at Somerville in 1973. **We are celebrating this milestone with a reunion in College on Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd September.** We would love to see you; it will be fun to renew old friendships and forge new ones.

The University's annual Alumni Weekend takes place on 23rd and 24th September, so a journey to Somerville will be even more worthwhile for those who live further away. **Please spread the word** to those of our contemporaries who may not be on email, or not in touch with the College at all, as data protection rules restrict what we can do in this respect. If you know anyone who wants to re-establish contact with College please direct them to Liz Cooke ([elizabeth.cooke@some.ox.ac.uk](mailto:elizabeth.cooke@some.ox.ac.uk)), so that we may include them.

A small group of us have come together to help plan the reunion but if you would also like to get involved in making the arrangements, please just let us know. Ahead of September we are compiling a **booklet of biographies** for our year and we attach a separate letter about this project. We want the booklet to include as many people as possible so, whether or not you yourself plan to come to the reunion, please do contribute a few words.

The reunion has been nominated as a charity fundraising event which enables it to be VAT exempt. Therefore, the College charges to you for this Reunion will not be subject to VAT (currently a saving to you of 20%). We do encourage you to consider making a gift to Somerville. This can be done via the College's one-off gift page here <https://www.alumniweb.ox.ac.uk/somerville/page.aspx?pid=3588> (select 1973 reunion gift from the designation drop down tab). However, we want to emphasise that it is getting together rather than fundraising which is the primary purpose of the event.

If you would like to come but need help with booking costs, please consider applying to the Senior Members Fund for assistance (contact Liz Cooke for more information [elizabeth.cooke@some.ox.ac.uk](mailto:elizabeth.cooke@some.ox.ac.uk)).

At the reunion we will have a display including publications by 1973 alumnae and 1970s memorabilia. Please look out anything to remind us of the early '70s, such as photographs, programmes or newspaper cuttings. If you have any diaries or letters, you could send digital copies

in advance. We are also planning musical entertainment at the dinner and tours of the Library and Somerville Art Collection.

Although the majority of the Reunion is intended just for Somervillians you are welcome to bring a guest to lunch on Friday 22nd September and guests may stay in College throughout the reunion

With warmest good wishes,

Ginny Covell (Hardman Lea), Barbara Habberjam, Krystyna Nowak,  
Elizabeth Potter, Janet Rogers (Ersts), Susan Scholefield, Judith Unwin