

Celebrating 70 Years of Degrees for Women

Share the past; shape the future!

Tuesday 15 May 2018

Events Program

All College members welcome!



Girton College Feast 2018 Celebrating 70 years of Degrees for Women

Students, Fellows and Staff are warmly invited to an afternoon of celebration to mark the 70th anniversary of the admission of women to degrees at the University of Cambridge. One of Girton's foundational aims, this achievement set the scene for the College to take a lead in widening participation across the board. So there is something for everyone to be proud of.

As well as the 'College Feast' for final year students (which always marks the anniversary of the achievements of 1948, and which, this year will be attended by the Visitor, Lady Hale) the following events are taking place in College in the Stanley Library and Old Hall. These are open to the whole College community.

Musical interludes will mark the occasion; thanks to GCMS, Girton College Chapel Choir and the period ensemble Queen Victoria's Consort.

After 'Event 4: Special PechaKucha' drinks will be served in the Fellows' Gardens from 6:15 pm for those attending the College Feast. For others, there is a pop up pay-as-you go BBQ at Swirles Court.

Please note photographs will be taken at all events listed for College use. If you do not wish to be included in any of the photography, please inform the photographer on the day, or contact the Communications Officer before the event via email mistress.office@girton.cam.ac.uk.

Book your FREE place via Eventbrite: https://tinyurl.com/girtoncollegefeast2018

Blue Stockings

Time: 1:45-2:45 pm

Location: Old Hall

A dramatised reading of extracts from Blue Stockings by GADS of the first fulllength play by Olivier Award-winning playwright, theatre director and screenwriter Jessica Swale.

Set in Girton in 1897, Blue Stockings follows the story of four young women - possibly known in those days as 'Girtonites' - fighting for education and self-determination, against a backdrop of women's suffrage.

The action builds towards a major vote in Cambridge University on whether or not to grant degrees to women.

Musical interludes by Laura Alexander.

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As is Your Due

Time: 3:00—3:45 pm

Location: Old Hall

In a short documentary introduced by Juliet Campbell, Mistress of Girton 1992-1998, catch a glimpse of what happened fifty years after the University finally agreed to admit women to degrees.

That is the year that around 900 pre-1948 Girton and Newnham alumnae returned to Cambridge to receive the degree they had previously been denied.

Documentary Credits

Director: Lucy Thane

Production Company: Studio PUR

Year of production: 1999

Details on BUFVC:

http://bufvc.ac.uk/dvdfind/index.php/title/1244

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Girton Future: Have Your Say

Time: 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Location: Stanley Library

An open debate chaired by Professor Dame Marilyn Strathern, Mistress of Girton 1998-2009.

Come and join a student-led panel for tea and cake as they kick off a wide-ranging debate about the future of the College.

This is your chance to make a difference! With an eye to 'Girton Future' what qualities would you always keep; what innovations would you prioritise?

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Event 3







Special PechaKucha

Time: 5:00—5:50 pm Location: Old Hall

Over a prize-winning 'Girton (degrees for women) Cocktail' enjoy a glimpse of the ground-breaking research that Girton's scholars are involved in.

The PechaKucha format is great fun: each speaker can show up to 20 slides, but the slides change automatically every 20 seconds. So the speaker has less than 7 minutes to get their message across!

The topics are wide ranging but there will be a prize for the presentation that connects most imaginatively to any aspect of the history of the College.

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