



62nd Grand Chapitre de Grande Bretagne

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Dear Members, Chers Confrères, Chères Consoeurs

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to join us for Chaîne GB's 62nd Grand Chapitre in the historic University City of Oxford. The University of Oxford is a collegiate research university with 38 separate colleges. There is evidence of teaching as early as 1096, making it the oldest university in the English-speaking world and the world's second-oldest university in continuous operation. The architecture of its colleges in the city's medieval centre led poet Matthew Arnold to nickname it the 'City of Dreaming Spires'. Virtually everything you might wish to visit is within walking distance.

After the restrictions brought about by the pandemic it will be a huge pleasure to welcome back our overseas friends. Not least of whom is Norbert Simon, Bailli Délégué of Austria and a member of both the Conseils d'Administration and Magistral, as our Inducting Officer.

The programme starts with a Dîner Amical on Thursday in the Old Bank Hotel. Then two fabulous trips for Friday and Saturday to Blenheim Palace and Shakespeare's Stratford.

The guided walking tours have the same content on both Friday and Saturday to give the widest opportunity for you to catch one.

Our Welcome Dinner will be held in the heart of the city in St John's College. Entering through a small door from St Giles is like travelling to a medieval world of Quads and gardens. The Gala Dinner will take place in the magnificent Dining Hall of Keble College

Providing encouragement and help to the less fortunate in life, particularly in the hospitality industry, is one of our charitable aims and we will celebrate this with a Grand Raffle at the Gala Dinner in support of The Clink.

In the Chaîne tradition the teams in all these venues have planned great menus reflecting both location and time of year and you are ensured to leave saying 'wow'.

We look forward to giving you all the warmest of welcomes, together with your guests, to a long weekend of cultural interest, culinary and vinous excellence and, most of all, great camaraderie. This event is above all a meeting of friends to share experiences together.

Vive la Chaîne



Philip Evins
Bailli Délégué
Membre du Conseil Magistral



Darryl Thomson
Chancelier



David Edwards
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PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS



Thursday 29 September Dîner Amical – The Old Bank

Oxford has a lot of history to offer and our first event will be held appropriately at The Old Bank whose site (92 – 94 High Street) dates back to the 13th century. We begin with drinks in the Italian garden terrace followed by dinner in the Red Room and the Gallery – both rooms having warm interiors and a striking art collection. Head Chef, Rohan Kashid, and his team are known for producing European Classic dishes with emphasis on British produce. This will be a fun evening to catch up with old friends.

Walk to the hotel or hire a taxi





Friday 30 September Blenheim Palace

A masterpiece of Baroque architecture, Blenheim Palace provides an awe-inspiring experience for visitors. Home to the 12th Duke of Marlborough and his family and the birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill, Blenheim Palace is a UNESCO World Heritage Site boasting a long and diverse history.

Blenheim Palace was built as a gift to John Churchill, 1st Duke of Marlborough, from Queen Anne and a grateful nation, in thanks for his victory at the Battle of Blenheim

on 13 August 1704. Today, the Palace is home to one of the most important and extensive collections in Europe, which includes portraits, furniture, sculpture and tapestries.

Our visit will include a self-guided tour of Palace and Churchill Exhibition, lunch in the Marlborough Room followed by an illustrated talk 'Churchill at Blenheim'. Time then to visit gardens and grounds. Then a brief stop at Bladon Church to see Churchill's grave together with those of other family members.





Guided Walk of Oxford City Centre

A great opportunity for those who wish to know more of this historical city as highly experienced guides will lead you around the key buildings and sights of the city. As well as covering the University highlights, there will be an opportunity to go into Oxford's most famous College with the oldest Chapel, Hall and Cloisters and where 'Harry Potter' was filmed. Included in the tour will be the Radcliffe Camera and Bodleian Library.

Welcome Dinner at St John's College

The beautiful and diverse buildings of St John's span the centuries from 1555 to the present. Named after St John the Baptist, patron saint of tailors, this Oxford College is best known for its Canterbury Quadrangle, a masterpiece of 17th century classical architecture.

Weather permitting, our Reception will be held in the gardens, followed by a candlelight dinner in the elegant 16th century Hall decorated with the College silver.



Walk to the College or hire a taxi

SATURDAY, 1 OCTOBER

Stratford-upon-Avon



The Saturday trip to Stratford upon Avon includes private guided tours of the Royal Shakespeare Theatre and key Shakespeare places in the town. In the theatre you will hear all about the workings of the theatre with engaging stories of its unique history. The experienced guides will lead you on a journey through the building's public and behind-the-scenes areas, sharing the magic of the Royal Shakespeare Company. This will include parts of the building that are not otherwise accessible to the public – the Costume Workshop – the largest in-house costume-making department of any British theatre – and the tower, whose viewing platform stands 32m above street level giving a superb view over the town's local historic buildings.

The guided town tour will include key buildings associated with Shakespeare, such as his birthplace, school, New Place where he lived, etc., led by a Blue Badge guide. The river trip on the *Jennifer May* canal barge includes a commentary of the passing sights and going through a traditional lock.

To cater for different interests, half the group will take the short river trip on the River Avon followed by the walking tour. The second group will take the walking tour then the theatre tour.

Lunch will be in the Theatre's Rooftop Restaurant. Afterwards there is time to make a quick visit to Holy Trinity Church where Shakespeare is buried. On the return journey the bus will stop by Anne Hathaway's Cottage before heading back to Oxford.



INDUCTION CEREMONY

This most important of ceremonies in the life of the Chaîne will be held at the The University Church of St Mary the Virgin. The Church dates from medieval times. It stands in the centre of the old walled city and is the centre from which the University of Oxford grew. The oldest part of the church is the tower, begun in the 1270s. The decorated spire is one of Oxford's best-known landmarks and claimed by some church historians to be one of the most beautiful in England. It is also renowned for its Baroque porch. Up until the 17th century graduation and degree ceremonies took place here.

We are grateful to the Rev'd Dr William Lamb for agreeing to let us hold our ceremony here. Additionally, we are delighted that he will give us a welcome and historical background to the church on the day.

The ceremony will conclude with a drinks reception in the Church.



Inducting Officer Norbert Simon,
Bailli Délégué of Austria



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GALA DINNER KEBLE COLLEGE



First Oxford College of the modern era, Keble was founded in 1870 in memory of John Keble, well known for his best-selling Christian verse. The chosen architect was William Butterfield and, although controversial choice at the time of polychrome brick, it is today considered one of the finest examples of Victorian Gothic anywhere.

The Gothic Dining Hall where our dinner will take place is the largest Dining Hall in Oxford and will provide a magnificent setting for our Gala Dinner.

Be aware that there are steps leading up to the Hall but a lift is available if needed.

Bus transport provided



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The Clink is Chaîne GB’s chosen Charity and we support it through raffles at major events, donations, taking meals at Clink restaurants and through assistance provided by our professional members.

To find out more about making a donation to support The Clink Charity’s work, please visit:

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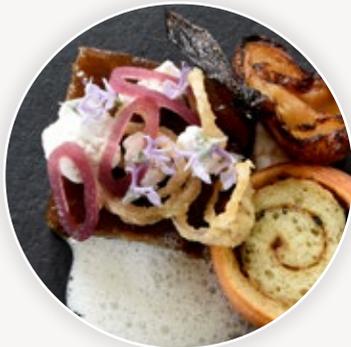
Sunday 2 October

FAREWELL LUNCH AT The Cherwell Boathouse & Restaurant

A tranquil riverside setting is the situation for our Farewell Lunch.

Established in 1904 as an authentic Victorian working boathouse on the bank of the river Cherwell, the Cherwell Boathouse is today an iconic Oxford punting station and restaurant. It is still family run with 80 handmade punts in the water which launch and return to the restaurant's terrace.

This is a popular destination for punters and diners alike to enjoy the setting and the exciting and inventive cooking of Head Chef, Nick Welford. A great atmosphere in which to say our Goodbye



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REGISTRATION (£30/person)

Please note ALL to check-in at the Welcome Desk in the Courtyard by Marriott Hotel Lobby

Thursday	15.00 – 17.00
Friday	09.00 – 17.30
Saturday	09.00 – 15.00

THURSDAY 29 SEPTEMBER

Arrival at your chosen hotel at your leisure

Dîner Amical – Old Bank Hotel

(£110/person)

Walk (or taxi) from hotels

19.15	Reception in courtyard
20.00	Dinner
22.30	Depart

Dress code: Jackets (ties optional) with Chaîne regalia



FRIDAY 30 SEPTEMBER

Blenheim Palace Tour & Lunch

(£90/person. Price inclusive of bus transport)

09.45	Bus leaves Old Bank Hotel, pick-up at Courtyard Hotel and Old Parsonage Hotel
10.30	Arrive at Blenheim
12.30	Lunch in Marlborough Room, followed by
14.00	Talk 'Churchill in Blenheim'
15.00	Time to explore gardens
16.00	Depart
16.45	Arrive at hotel

Dress code: Casual

Guided Walk of Oxford City Centre

(£20/person)

14.00	Meet at Old Bank Hotel
16.00	Return to Old Bank Hotel

Dress code: Casual

Welcome Dinner – St John's College

(£155/person)

Walk (or taxi) from hotels

19.00	Reception in gardens or Garden Quad Reception Room
20.00	Dinner
23.00	Depart

Dress code: Business suits with Chaîne ribbons

Recommended Taxi Services:

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SATURDAY 1 OCTOBER

Stratford-upon-Avon Tours and Lunch

(£90/person. Price inclusive of bus transport)

08.45	Bus departs Old Bank Hotel, pick-up at Courtyard Hotel and Old Parsonage Hotel
10.15	Arrive Stratford-upon-Avon
10.30	1. Guided tour of Shakespeare places in town and the Royal Shakespeare Theatre, or
10.30	2. River trip and then guided tour of Shakespeare places in the town
13.15	Lunch in RST Rooftop Restaurant
14.45	Free to visit Holy Trinity
15.15	Depart via Anne Hathaway's Cottage

Dress code: Smart casual

Induction Ceremony – The University Church of St Mary the Virgin

(£25/person)

Walk (or taxi) to Church

11.00	Induction Ceremony
12.30	Reception
13.15	Depart

Dress code: Business suits with full Chaîne ribbons

Guided Walk of Oxford City Centre

(£20/person)

14.00	Meet at Old Bank Hotel
16.00	Return to Old Bank Hotel

Dress code: Casual

Gala Dinner – Keble College

(£175/person. Price inclusive of bus transport)

18.45	Bus leaves Old Bank Hotel, pickup at Courtyard Hotel and Old Parsonage Hotel
19.15	Arrive at Keble – Reception in Dining Hall or Quad
20.00	Dinner
23.30	Depart by bus to hotels

Dress code: Black tie and evening dresses with Chaîne ribbons

SUNDAY 2 OCTOBER

Farewell Lunch – Cherwell Boat House & Restaurant

(£90/person. Price inclusive of transport)

12.00	Bus leaves Old Bank Hotel, pick-up at Courtyard Hotel and Old Parsonage Hotel
12.30	Drinks
13.00	Lunch
15.30	Bus returns to hotels

Dress code: Smart casual with Chaîne ribbons

End of the Grand Chapitre

We wish you a safe journey home
and look forward to seeing you next year,
28 September – 1 October 2023
in the City of Birmingham





OLD BANK HOTEL

Centrally located, this 5 star hotel was ranked 4th in Conde Nast Traveller top hotels in Britain. The Sunday Times says 'it is the place to stay in Oxford'. It is a breath-taking statement in design with many luxury bedrooms giving unrivalled views of the city's most famous landmarks.

Purchased in the 16th century by Christchurch College, the building was at first a drapers. During the Industrial Revolution, by the year 1808, this gave way to banking. The business was taken over by Barclays Bank in 1900. The building is Grade II listed and in 1998 was purchased and converted into a hotel by Jeremy Mogford. It is full of artwork collected by him over the years. At its heart is the Quod Restaurant, which is one of Oxford's most lively eating places. A hotel of timeless elegance which respects the history of the buildings, the hotel is now appreciated by people from all over the world.





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OLD PARSONAGE HOTEL

Sister hotel to Old Bank, this old hotel was built on the site of the house of the Priest in Charge of a medieval hospice linked to St Giles Church next door. The present building was constructed for Edward Sellwood, the prosperous chef of St John's College, in 1660. It now combines the original charm and character with all the luxury, amenities and technology available to an independently owned 5 star hotel.

Please note there is no lift in this building but some rooms are on the ground floor.

Enquire about access when making a reservation.



OLD PARSONAGE HOTEL
CHAÎNE ROOM RATES

Classic Double	£331
Deluxe King	£371
Superior Deluxe	£444
Junior Suite	£566
The Suite	£710

Room rates are based on doubles including breakfast and VAT at the prevailing rate of 20%. Applicable to any night including contiguous extensions before or after event.

The hotel has no lift. Apart from some rooms on the ground floor, steps need to be negotiated to all other rooms. Enquire about access when making your reservation.



LOCATION & BOOKINGS

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PARKING MUST BE RESERVED AT TIME OF BOOKING

Limited complimentary parking is available.

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IN OXFORD.**

Driving Directions

From the city centre take the right hand fork from St Giles and you will find the Old Parsonage on the left hand side at the very start of the Banbury Road. The hotel is perfectly situated for trips to Oxford's museums and colleges, only a few minutes away from the city centre. Our sister restaurant Gee's, is also a few minutes walk along the Banbury Road heading north, here you will find great Mediterranean food & wine served in the most beautiful restaurant in Oxford.





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COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT

Nestled in the heart of the Oxford city centre, this hotel provides easy access to local attractions.
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