

USE OF THE GARDENS

We hope you will agree that the Head Gardener and his team have done an excellent job in maintaining the gardens. We would be grateful for your support in helping them to maintain standards through sensible use of the College facilities. Please take particular care not to damage anything newly planted.

General Use of all Gardens

- a) Please do not play ball games or other games that involve throwing objects around the gardens, as this may cause damage even if the projectile is light. The *Student Guide* is explicit on this matter and the prohibition includes Cripps Lawn, Ann's Court lawns and the hostels. Please use the Sportsground on Barton Road for any team or organised games or training.
- b) If you take any food or drink into the gardens **please ensure that any debris is taken away when you leave.** Please do not take crockery, glasses etc from the cafeteria into the gardens.
- c) Fires, including barbecues, are **not permitted** in any College garden. This includes hostel gardens.
- d) **Examinations continue until the end of the Easter Term** and people may be trying to work until and beyond that date. Please keep noise down to a minimum; electronically amplified music is not permitted.
- e) Members of the College are requested to refrain from walking on the lawns when the grass is wet or covered in frost or snow. Please also avoid taking short cuts across borders and flowerbeds as apparently uncultivated areas may contain bulbs.

Garden Parties

The gardens may be booked for parties through the Catering & Conference Office; Junior Members are, in addition, required to consult with the Dean at least two weeks beforehand. Organisers are reminded of the recommendations regarding Alcohol Misuse (*Undergraduate Student Guide* 7.7) and of the rules governing the Quiet Periods (*Undergraduate Student Guide* 6.1.1 and *Graduate Student Guide* 4.12.3). **You should contact the Catering & Conference Office at least 7 days before your party if you require tables and other equipment. It will be necessary to leave a deposit cheque when hiring any equipment.**

The following guidelines have been developed over the years to help things run smoothly.

- a) The gardens are available primarily for members of College and College Societies.
- b) Parties in the main garden should fit into one of the following time slots: 12 noon to 3.00 pm, 3.00 pm to 6.00 pm, 6.00 pm to 9.00 pm. No party should exceed 2 hours' duration, and no party should coincide with Chapel services. The number of guests should not exceed 100.
- c) As with other bookings, any alcohol consumed must be purchased through the Catering & Conference Office.
- d) Organisers of parties should consult with the Head Porter over detailed arrangements at least a day before the party.
- e) **It is essential that party organisers take responsibility for clearing up at the end of their party,** especially corks and any glass.
- f) Organisers are responsible for all of their guests at the party; once it is over they remain responsible for out-of-College guests until they have left the premises.

These guidelines are not intended to prevent people from enjoying themselves. The idea is that if everyone applies them sensibly it will maximise the enjoyment of the whole College community.

Dr Daniel Beauregard, Chair of the Gardens Committee

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