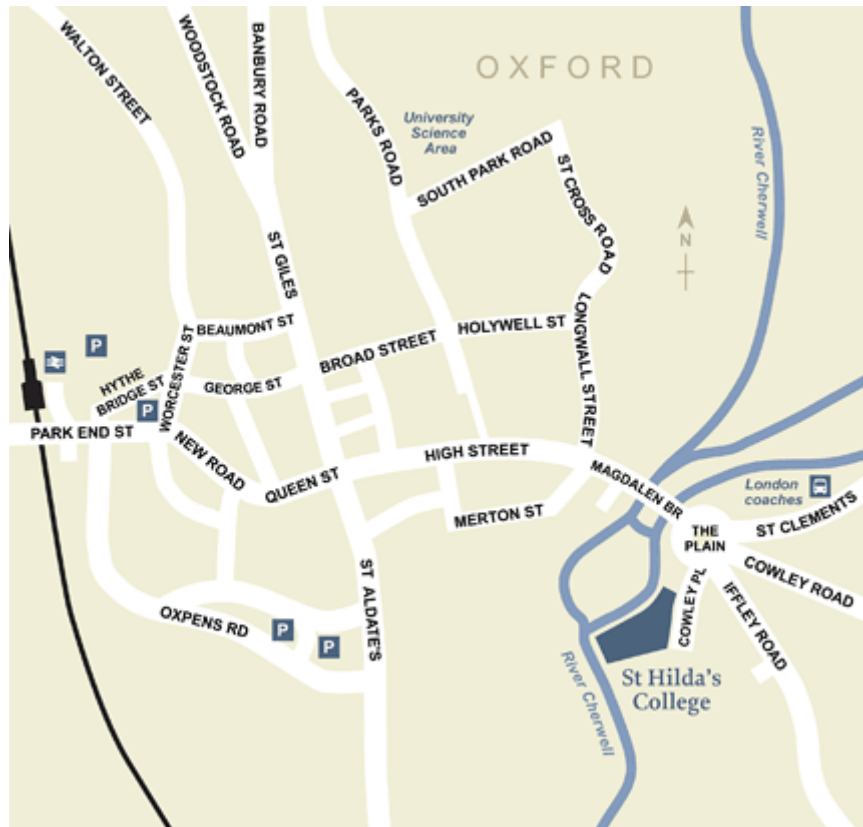


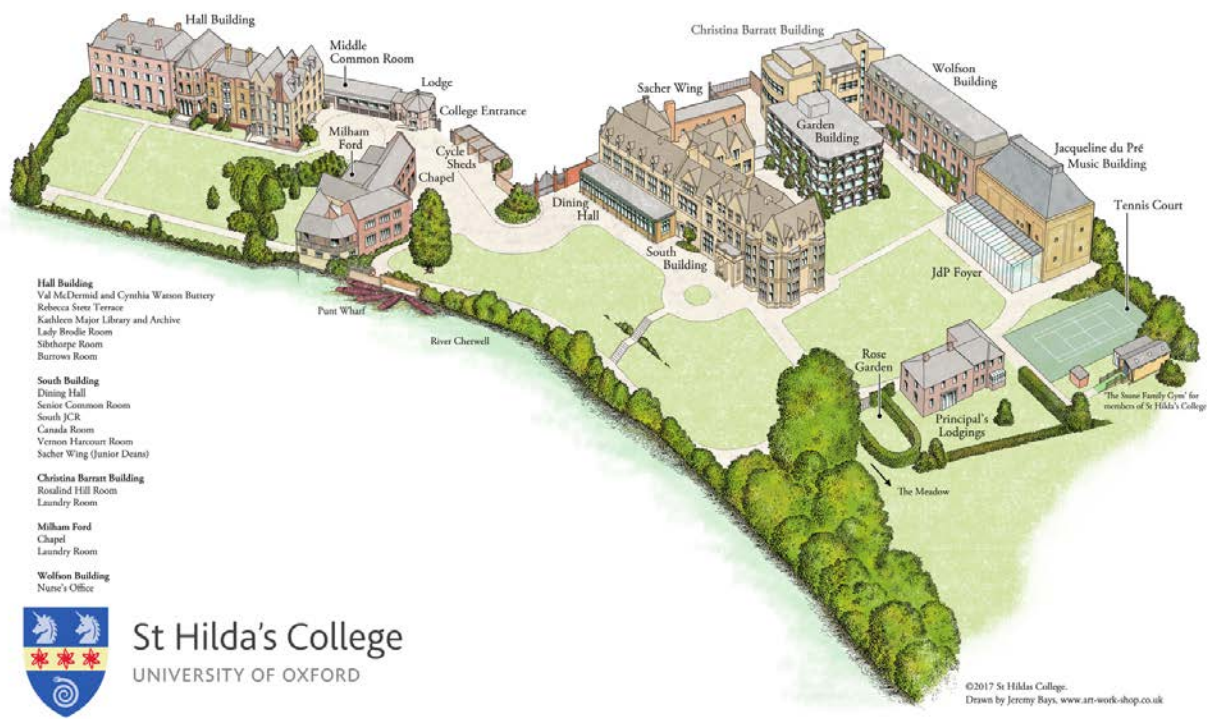
VALIDATE 1st Annual Meeting 2017 – Oxford

Venue

The VALIDATE annual meeting will be held at St Hilda's College, Oxford OX4 1DY, in the Jacqueline du Pre Music Building (Edward Boyle auditorium), from 12 noon on Tuesday 5th Sept to 2pm on Wed 6th Sept.

Please note that there is no parking at the college, and public parking in Oxford is both limited and expensive, so we would recommend using public transport to reach the meeting. St. Hilda's College is easily accessible by road, train, or bus. Buses from London and the airports stop a short distance from the college as do park and ride buses, local buses and buses from the [coach station](#) and [train station](#). Both the central train and coach stations are a short bus or taxi ride from the college, or 25 minutes' walk.





Getting to Oxford

Oxford is about an hour's drive from Heathrow, and 1.5hrs from Gatwick, so coming to Oxford by taxi is possible but expensive. Alternatives include:

Coach

Coaches run regularly between Heathrow/Gatwick and Oxford, or Central London and Oxford, and are the easiest and least expensive public transport to get to Oxford. You can book online, or buy a ticket from the driver on the day – prices and times can be found on the companies' websites:

London Heathrow - buses run approx. every 30 minutes. The journey takes 80-90 minutes. <https://airline.oxfordbus.co.uk/heathrow/>

London Gatwick - buses run approx. every hour. The journey takes 2 hours 30 minutes (depending on traffic). <https://airline.oxfordbus.co.uk/gatwick/>

London - Frequent 24 hour direct services connect Oxford with London (at peak times every 10-15 minutes) <http://airline.oxfordbus.co.uk/>, while **The Oxford Tube** service goes regularly from Victoria Station via Grosvenor Gardens, Marble Arch, Nottinghill Gate, Shepherd's Bush and Hillingdon to Oxford (tel: 01865 772250).

Train

From Gatwick you will need to take the overland train into London; from Heathrow you can take the London Underground (the 'Tube'). Once in London you will need to take the Tube to Paddington or Marylebone [[London Tube map.pdf](#)], from where trains depart to Oxford regularly (note, trains with fewer stops are *much* quicker getting to Oxford than the many-stop cross-country trains). Train tickets can be bought in advance or on arrival at the departure train station (for train route, times and prices see National Rail Enquiries: Telephone +44(0) 8457 48 49 50 www.nationalrail.co.uk).

St Hilda's is less than 1.5 miles away from [Oxford Central Station](#), which is serviced by frequent trains from London Paddington and many other parts of the country.

St Hilda's is 5 miles away from [Oxford Parkway Rail Station](#), which is serviced by frequent trains from London Marylebone to Oxford; the station lies to the north of Oxford City Centre.

From either station you will need to get a taxi or a local bus to St Hilda's or your hotel (you could also walk 25 minutes from Oxford Central Station to St Hilda's).

Buses within Oxford

There are frequent services from Oxford City Centre to St Hilda's. Services are provided primarily by the [Oxford Bus Company](#) and you would be best to get off at Iffley Road, Cowley Road or St Clements (near The Plain or Magdalen Bridge), from where it's a short walk to St Hilda's.

Taxis

Private taxis: There are a number of companies offering pre-bookable airport transfers:

- Oxicars – Tel: 01865 875900 www.oxicars.com/index.html
- Baldwins of Oxford Chauffeurs – Tel: 07768 583822
<http://www.baldwinschauffeursoxford.com/>
- CCB cars – Tel: 01865 876699, mobile: 0775 400 5644, www.ccbcars.com

Local Taxis: Taxi ranks are located at Oxford Railway Station, Gloucester Green Coach Station and St Giles in the City centre; it is safe in the UK to just hail a taxi from the rank. Alternatively you can book a taxi in advance by calling the telephone numbers below.

- ABC Taxis – Tel: 01865 770077 <http://www.abcradiotaxis.co.uk/>
- 001 Taxis – Tel: 01865 240000 <http://www.001taxis.com/>
- Royal Cars – Tel: 01865 777333 <http://www.royal-cars.com/>

Accommodation

Please find a few suggestions for accommodation in Oxford (unfortunately we have not stayed in them ourselves, so cannot guarantee their quality). Please liaise with your chosen guesthouse/hotel directly for your booking:

Listed by approximate price (lowest – highest)

Pickwicks Hotel

Distance from venue: 7 minutes car, 27 minute walk

Prices start at £50 per night

<http://www.pickwicksguesthouse.co.uk/>

Travel Lodge Pear Tree

Distance from venue: 15 minute car, not suitable to walk

Prices start at £55 per night

<https://www.travelodge.co.uk/hotels/60/Oxford-Peartree-hotel>

The Conifers Guest House

Distance from venue: 10 minutes car, 39 minute walk

Prices start at £55 per night

<http://www.conifersguesthouse.co.uk/>

Sandfield Guest House

Distance from venue: 7 minutes car, 27 minute walk

Prices start at £60 per night

sandfieldguesthouse.com

The Dial House Guest House

Distance from venue: 7 minutes car, 27 minute walk

Prices start at £70 per night

<http://www.dialhouseoxford.co.uk/>

Rewley House University of Oxford

Distance from venue: 10 minutes car, 25 minute walk

Prices start at £90 per night

<https://rewleyhouserrooms.conted.ox.ac.uk/>

The Cotswold Lodge Hotel

Distance from venue: 9 minutes car, 30 minute walk

Prices start at £100 per night

<http://www.cotswoldlodgehotel.co.uk/>

Tower House Guest House

Distance from venue: 8 minute car, 15 minute walk

Prices start at £115 per night

<https://www.towerhouseoxford.co.uk/>

Best Western Oxford Linton Lodge

Distance from venue: 10 minutes car, 30 minute walk

Prices start at £120

https://www.bestwestern.co.uk/hotels/best-western-linton-lodge-hotel-83647?utm_source=google_places&utm_medium=organic&utm_campaign=Oxford

The Coach and Horses

Distance from venue: 3 minutes car, 8 minute walk

Prices start at £125 per night

<http://www.oxfordcoachandhorses.co.uk/>

Mecure Eastgate Hotel

Distance from venue: 3 minutes car, 8 minute walk

Prices start at £130 per night

<http://www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-6668-mercure-oxford-eastgate-hotel/index.shtml>

Holiday Inn Oxford

Distance from venue: 15 minutes car, not suitable to walk

Prices start at £130 per night

<https://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/gb/en/oxford/ofduk/hoteldetail>

The Oxford Spires Hotel

Distance from venue: 10 minutes car, 30 minute walk

Prices start at £130 per night

<https://www.oxfordspireshotel.co.uk/partner/oxford->

spires/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=local&utm_campaign=localSEO

De Vere Oxford Thames

Distance from venue: 15 minutes car, not suitable for walking
Prices start at £170 per night
<https://www.phcompany.com/de-vere/oxford-thames/rooms-suites/>

Malmaison

Distance from venue: 14 minute car, 20 minute walk
Prices start at £180 per night
<https://www.malmaison.com>

Vanbrugh House Hotel

Distance from venue: 14 minute car, 20 minute walk
Prices start at £200 per night

<http://www.vanbrughhousehotel.co.uk/>

The Old Bank Hotel

Distance from venue: 3 minute car, 10 minute walk
Prices start at £200 per night
<https://www.oldbank-hotel.co.uk>

Randolph Hotel

Distance from venue: 10 minute car, 20 minute walk
Prices start at £250 per night
<http://www.macdonaldhotels.co.uk/our-hotels/macdonald-randolph-hotel/>

The Old Parsonage Hotel

Distance from venue: 8 minute car, 25 minute walk
Prices start at £350 per night
<https://www.oldparsonage-hotel.co.uk>

There may be some accommodation available within Oxford's colleges:
<http://www.universityrooms.com/>.

There are limited rooms available at St Hilda's college itself; if you are interested you will need to book these directly with the college (do mention you are attending this event). www.st-hildas.ox.ac.uk ; +44 (0) 1865 276888; Conference@st-hildas.ox.ac.uk.

Weather

September in the UK is technically the tail-end of Summer and start of Autumn, but be prepared for the UK's changeable weather - in September it is often sunny and warm, but we can get anything else, including non-stop rain! So we recommend keeping an eye on the weather forecast nearer to your visit. Similarly, despite being a small island, our weather can vary greatly from region to region on the same day, so check Oxford's weather specifically for your visit: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/weather/>

Contact Details

For any queries regarding the meeting, please contact Sam Vermaak (VALIDATE Network Manager) on:

- Email: Samantha.Vermaak@ndm.ox.ac.uk
- Tel: +44 (0) 1865 611428