



The Barbara Pym Society

25th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

30th August–1st September 2019

St Hilda's College, Oxford

Jane and Prudence

FRIDAY 30th AUGUST

2.00 pm **An Afternoon with Jilly Cooper** in the Lady Brodie Room, Hall Building
Cutting of the first BPS 25th Anniversary Cake

7.00 pm **Two-Course Evening Meal** in St Hilda's Dining Hall
followed by the annual pre-conference quiz in the Senior Common Room

SATURDAY 31st AUGUST

10.30 am **Coffee** in the foyer of the Jacqueline du Pré Music Building (JdP)

11.15 am **The Annual General Meeting** (for Barbara Pym Society members only)

12.30 pm **Lunch** in the Dining Hall

1.50 pm **Conference begins:** Opening comments & welcome by Deb Fisher, Chair (JdP)

2.00 pm **'Some strange comfort': Forms of Imagination in *Jane and Prudence*** – Emily Stockard

2.55 pm **The Lipstick Effect: The Changing Role of Cosmetics in Women's Self-Image Since the Second World War** – Alex Fisher

3.45 pm **Tea and cutting of the main BPS 25th Anniversary Cake** by Dan and Ann DiPietro

4.15 pm **A Look at Marriage in Pym's Early Novels** – Ann and Dan DiPietro

5.00 pm Free time

6.45 pm **Drinks reception**

7.15 pm **The Annual Dinner** (Dining Hall)

After-dinner speech by Jennifer Howarth followed by the **BPS Charity Tombola**

SUNDAY 1st SEPTEMBER

10.00 am **Optional discussion of *Jane and Prudence*** led by Lucia Costanzo (location TBA)

11.00 am **Coffee** (JdP)

11.30 am **Literary Societies** – Maggie Parsons

12.00 pm **College Gaudies** – Janet Howarth,
incorporating material supplied by the late Dr Margaret Rayner

12.30 pm **Discussion** and summing up of conference – Deb Fisher

1.00 pm **Sunday Lunch** (Dining Hall)

2.30 pm **Dramatised readings from *Jane and Prudence*** arranged by Yvonne Cocking

3.30 pm **Tea and biscuits;** conference adjourns

For those staying over Sunday evening:

6.05 pm **Choral evensong** at Christ Church Cathedral

7.30 pm Meet for **dinner at a local restaurant** (à la carte, location will be announced)