Annual Alfresco Opera Event
In aid of the designated Arboretum Car Park redevelopment

Performance by New Chamber Opera and The Band of Instruments of

Baldassare Galuppi's 'Il mondo alla roversa'

In the Warden's Garden, New College
At 6.30pm on Wednesday, 15th July 2009

As foreshadowed in the last newsletter, the Bodleian was successful in acquiring the 1670s English translation of Cavalli's Erismena, but just too late for NCO to perform it this year. Instead, they are putting on the first British staging, with a new translation, of the sparkling 1750 comedy 'Il mondo alla roversa', or 'the world topsy-turvy with women in charge' by Galuppi and the great Venetian playwright Carlo Goldoni, who have been credited between them with 'inventing' opera buffa.

As usual, there will be a pre-performance talk at 5pm, followed by a welcoming glass of champagne in the Cloisters of New College Chapel. The Warden's Garden (off New College Lane) will open at 6pm. The Opera will begin at 6.30pm, in the Garden or in New College Chapel if wet, and end at around 10.30pm. Seating will be numbered – seats will be allocated on a 'first applied, first served' basis. There will be a 75 minute. interval for dinner - picnics will take place in the Cloisters, regardless of the weather. Tables and chairs will be provided.

We have 200 tickets (including a glass of champagne). Our opera evening is extremely popular, so it is advisable to book early. Please use the booking form below. **Tickets will be dispatched at the beginning of June**.

Some twenty parking spaces are available in the University Parks, at a cost of £7 per car, payable in advance. There is also generally parking available in Mansfield Road. A space in New College will be found where possible for those with mobility problems.

The proceeds of the Opera will go towards the Kim Wilkie designed redevelopment of the Arboretum car park, planning permission permitting.

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Please send ……..tickets for Wednesday 15 July 2009 @ £40.00 £…….
...…...parking permits @ £7 £…….
…….tickets for the pre-performance talk @ £2.50 £…….

(NB. Tickets will not be despatched until the beginning of June) Total due £…….

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