On behalf of the Committee I invite you and your guests to join us on Thursday 8th November 2018 at the Taunton Campus of Bridgewater and Taunton College (BTC) when we will welcome as our speaker a return visit from Professor Emeritus John Bryant of Exeter University. Under the title “GM Crops: What's the Latest?” he will update us on scientific and ethical aspects of this important topic. On his previous visit to us John Bryant’s enthusiasm, humour and knowledge provoked a lively debate, and many members said at the time that it would be good to invite him again. We are delighted that he has accepted that invitation.

Prior to the talk, lunch will be served in the Quantock Restaurant, which is run by the college to give their catering and hospitality students hands-on experience. The result is excellent food provided at a modest cost, in recognition of the fact that the young people looking after us are still being trained. (Should you encounter any problems that cannot be readily resolved you are therefore asked to refer the matter to their supervisor, or to a committee member to sort out. Please don’t embarrass any of the students by challenging them as if we were in a fully-fledged restaurant!)

**Directions and Timings:**

The outline programme is:

12.15 – 12.30 Arrive and park. Proceed to college reception.
12.30 - Cash bar available in Quantock Restaurant.
12.45 – Lunch
14.00 – Adjourn to Lecture Theatre A on First Floor (lift available).

The College Campus is on Wellington Road, Taunton, TA1 5AX. The Campus is wheelchair accessible, with internal lifts. Entry/exit is easy via the main entrance with no steps.

**Parking** is available in the Visitors’ Car Park, where up to 15 places have been reserved for us. There will be a sign directing you to the parking spaces reserved for the Cambridge Society; to access them you may need to move the red and white bollards securing the spaces. But you can if you wish use any vacant space in the Visitors’ Car Park if you spot one. It is a pay-and-display car park (cost £1) so you will need to obtain a ticket from the on-site machine to put in your car. (There are a few disabled slots but these cannot be reserved in advance. Blue-badge holders can also use the disabled students’ car park on the other side of the main entrance if there are any spaces available.) Please indicate on the booking form if you require a parking slot and include your car registration number.

On arrival at the College go to the Main Entrance and report at the Reception desk on the left of the Atrium and sign in at the touch screen. Details of everyone booking by the closing date will have been pre-loaded, so you should only need to verify your name and have your photo taken. You will then be given a lanyard badge which you must wear throughout your visit. (Should your name not be pre-loaded you will have to type that in, as well as the group you are from – Cambridge Society of Somerset - and your car registration number.)

We have a number of members who now have difficulty attending meetings as they can no longer drive and would welcome being given a lift by others coming from the same direction. If you either need or can provide a lift please complete the relevant section of the booking form and I will hope to be able to match offers and requests.
Menu Choices:

Mains
Pork belly, Dauphinoise potatoes and seasonal greens and apple puree
Sautéed chicken in tomato sauce and Mediterranean vegetables inspired by our student Jade.
Ricotta, thyme and butternut squash tortellini served with tomato and onion sauce and winter leaf salad.
Beer battered fish with triple cooked chips and homemade tartare sauce.
Traditional shepherds pie with seasonal vegetables.

Desserts
Apple and pear fruit tart
Chocolate pudding soufflé with Chantilly cream
Steamed Sticky toffee pudding with toffee sauce
Raspberry bavarois with white chocolate crumb

Costs
The basic cost including lunch is £18 per head.

The closing date for return of booking forms (including menu choices and parking requirements) is Wednesday 31st October.
Please return the booking form (with cheque) to me at The North Wing, Crowcombe Court, Crowcombe, Taunton TA4 4AD.
If you wish to pay on-line, the Society’s bank account details are as follows:
The booking form details should then be emailed to me at katenorman.nwcc@btinternet.com

Kate Norman
Secretary
01984 618613
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**Parking:**

Parking place required for **vehicle registration number**: .................

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**Lifts:**

**Do you require a lift?** YES/NO **Could you offer a lift?** YES/NO

If YES to either, please give telephone number ................. and post code ...........

**Cost:** £18 per person

Cheque for Total Remittance £............... enclosed

[Cheques should be made payable to: THE CAMBRIDGE SOCIETY]

Name: .................................................. College & Matric Year ..................................

Name of Partner: .......................... College (if applicable) ..........................

Name(s) of Guest(s): ..................................................

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**Lunch Selection:** tick choice for each person attending (please copy additional sheets if more than 4 are included in your party)

OF SOMERSET and returned with the form to Kate Norman, The North Wing, Crowcombe Court, Crowcombe, Taunton TA4 4AD

or Please tick if **paying by Bank Transfer** ....... and email form to:

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