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The front cover shows the Tour de France 2014, stage 3, passing St Catharine’s, 7 July 2014.
Editorial

Roger Stratford writes…

A wide variety of information appears in the Magazine this year, from news of current sporting and academic achievements to grim tales of past bodysnatching and murder. We also mark the centenary of the outbreak of the Great War with an article about the recently-discovered role St Chads played at the time. And, as may be seen from the cover picture, the Tour de France rode past College. I have been assured that ‘Le Tour’ is the world’s second most popular international sporting event after the Olympics.

St Catharine’s won the Marconi Cup for the best overall college performance in the Lent Bumps (we won the Mitchell Cup corresponding to the May Bumps in 2012), and Catz brought home inter-college silverware in several sports including athletics, swimming, hockey (of course, though the men were annoyed to come second this year) and rugby; Catz ladies were particularly successful this year. We also have the current national student ladies champion at 10,000m. (For those of you unacquainted with this distance, it is a Mo Farah speciality – 25 times round the track.) See the Master’s Report and Sports Clubs reports. To counterbalance this, we currently have an outstanding science student; see the Senior Tutors’ Reports.

St Catharine’s thespians have been in the news this year, see Honours & Awards and News of Members. Everything from an Honorary Degree, through a BAFTA to a Dr Who villain. According to the Cambridge News in January 2014, Prince Edward played Sid the Swordseller in a pantomime called Captain Curious and his Incredible Quest staged at St Chad’s Octagon in November 1984. This seems not to be mentioned in any College documents, so perhaps an external organisation rented the Octagon to put on the performance.

My attention was drawn to a University news item about the Vice-Chancellor’s Court records. In 1603, allegations were made by John Dighton, MA of St Catharine’s Hall, against Francis Saville, the butler of the same college, for use of injurious words – ‘a turd in thy teeth’. It seems this was a relatively common insult of the period and is employed by the OED as an example of coarse abuse, the source cited being Ben Johnson’s Bartholomew Fayre. Though humorous to modern ears, such matters were deathly serious to the status-conscious society of the time, leading to defamation actions for insult to reputation. Although the language of the court records was predominantly Latin, the ‘injurious words’ were recorded in English.

Readers may recall that in 2012 the College pictures were all photographed for the Public Catalogue Foundation which then made the results available online. The PCF has now teamed up with the BBC under the byline Your Paintings. Via the Arts section of the BBC website, one can access all of the photographs as well as lists of the organisations involved in the project – it seems almost all the Cambridge colleges have taken part.

Former Master Professor Barry Supple appeared as ‘Barry Supply’ in a caption in the 2013 Magazine. In response to my apology, Barry wrote to say that it was marginally better than an early spell-checker which he regularly used and which persisted in correcting his name to ‘Barmy’. Professor Sir John Baker commented that Barmy Supply could be quite an appropriate name for a Professor of Economic History.

Following the announcement in the 2013 Editorial, Magazines are being made available online to the public after appropriate redaction of personal material which could contravene the Data Protection Act. Full unredacted versions will, of course, continue to be available to registered Society members – and registration is free via www.caths.cam.ac.uk/society/register). We will be working back gradually from recent issues to earlier ones.
Master’s Report

College life in 2013–4 has been busy and interesting as always, as we go about our core business (the education of our students) and the pursuit of excellence in all we do. There have been no exciting new buildings, new stained glass windows, refurbished boathouses this year (although there was a new boat, kindly provided by the Mabey family (Bevil Mabey, 1935) as reported elsewhere). The highlights this year have rather been some (continuing) notable achievements amongst students, Fellows and alumni – more of which below – and the successful execution of some rather unglamorous but necessary improvements to the estate. I’m grateful to all who have contributed over the past year to the success and wellbeing of our community, which remains generally a happy, supportive, encouraging and welcoming one.

As I write – with the memory of the June Graduation (this time on a Thursday for the first time) only just fading – we anticipate the arrival of the new Freshers, which brings with it the annual sense of renewal and refreshment (even if that means first surviving the first week of term – for undergraduates and Fellows alike!). They will be the second cohort to benefit from the hugely successful McGrath Centre, which has proved its worth many times over already (we are particularly grateful to Caroline Grover for working tirelessly to facilitate this). It has been used by Fellows, who have organised subject conferences; by student societies who have organised lectures, film shows etc; and by external clients who have held conferences and events during the vacations (see Development Director’s report), generating a very welcome revenue stream for the College. This new cohort of undergraduates will also benefit from an extensively refurbished Ramsden Room (with excellent audio-visual facilities and a special display case to house the library of John Addenbrooke (matriculated 1697, died 1719) and – perhaps of more immediate importance to students – a completely refurbished basement beneath it, with new bathroom facilities and laundry. These improvements, like all our building works, were (have to be) carried out over the summer. Returning second years will be happy to see that another phase of refurbishment of the flats at St Chad’s has been completed, leaving just the final phase for next summer. And we all appreciate the on-going stonework cleaning programme in Main Court, where only the Chapel side now remains to be done next year.

Our main preoccupation of course is the education of our students. They appear to be wonderfully engaged with the College and its history, and the esprit de corps amongst the student body is very heartening indeed. Some have achieved remarkable academic success, scooping up not only College Prizes for Firsts but also University Prizes for the best performance in the Tripos. One outstanding example is George Trenins, who topped Parts IA and IB in the Natural Sciences Tripos (circa 600 students, so no mean feat) – and in his second year also topped the lists in all three of his subjects! We look forward to great things
from him next year. However, overall, although 80 of our students achieved First Class degrees, and over three-quarters achieved Firsts or 2.1s – and although some subjects did spectacularly well (see Senior Tutors’ Reports) – overall we slipped disappointingly from our usual position in the top ten colleges (based on Mr Tompkins’ Tables, published in the Independent). We will hope/aim for a few more Firsts, and no unwelcome Thirds to pull us down next year, although the perceived wisdom is that it will take at least a couple of years to recover – a somewhat gloomy prospect.

Full accounts of the musical and sporting activities of our students appear elsewhere in this Magazine, so I’ll be fairly brief. Our musicians (by no means all reading Music) continue to contribute immensely to the richness of life in the College (and outside) – in choirs, orchestras and as soloists. Our organ scholars have been superb. The Senior (Burston) Organ Scholar, Alex Ying, graduated this year with a First in Economics and will leave us to pursue a Master’s course at LSE; Will Fairbairn, who was Junior Organ Scholar, assumes the Burston mantle. The Student Choir and the Girls’ Choir, founded six years ago, have gone from strength to strength thanks to the inspiring leadership of our Director of Music, Dr Edward Wickham – and have sung at home and away. The Girls’ Choir sang Evensong in Ely, Gloucester and Lichfield Cathedrals, ending the year with a visit to Hungary; the Student Choir sang at St Bartholomew the Great, Smithfield, and later in Croatia. The Kellaway Concert series included a stirring Mozart Requiem, but also maintained its reputation for wide repertoire by staging jazz, a viol consort and the Society of Strange and Ancient Instruments. See Choir and Kellaway Reports for details.

On the sporting side, where there was as usual a high level of enthusiastic participation across the whole gamut, there were many good performances. I hope I might be forgiven for making special mention of the success of the Catz women in intercollegiate athletics, hockey, rugby and swimming; Men’s hockey slipped from its prime position – although only to second place, so no major disasters; hopefully the resurfaced hockey pitch (for which, thanks again to Peter Boizot (1950)) will inspire them to regain their form. The men’s first boat performed well in the Lents and the College won the Marconi Cup for best overall college. Performances in cricket, tennis, soccer and rugby were passable. The College was well represented at University level in a whole range of sports including fencing, modern pentathlon, distance and cross-country running, triathlon and steeplechase – all excellent showings by the distaff side, as it happens – as well as in sailing (both the Varsity Match and BUSA events). Remarkably Catz rejoiced in at least a dozen each of Blues and Half-Blues this year! Further details of sporting achievements can be found later in this Magazine.

Our Graduate community (PhD students, Clinical Medical and Veterinary Students, Masters’ students of many flavours, and the occasional PGCE student) – comprising about a third of the total student body, all seriously engaged in postgraduate study – is flourishing. Graduate seminar presentations (30 minutes), covering all imaginable topics of study, on Monday lunchtimes are always interesting; and our highly sociable MCR has been judged the best in Cambridge! Although unable to claim any credit, we learned with some interest that a History PhD student, Jason Pack, won the 2014 All England Backgammon Championship and a prize of £10,000! – which will doubtless be used to offset his educational expenses in Cambridge.

Amongst the many individual achievements by Fellows (see the Honours & Awards section), I hope I will be forgiven for singling out those of two: Professor Chris Clark, who has won numerous international prizes for his book The Sleepwalkers: How Europe Went to War in 1914 and has also been appointed Regius Professor of History in the University; and Dr Peter Wothers, who was made MBE for his educational and public engagement work in Chemistry in the UK and overseas (and also rowed in the second men’s May boat). We were also delighted that four of our fellows (Drs Abi Brundin, Richard Dance, Katherine Dell and Geoffrey Kantaris) were promoted
to Readers in the University this year and that another (Dr Sriya Iyer) won a University Pilkington Prize for excellence in Economics teaching, continuing what seems to have become a ‘tradition’ of a Catz winner of one of these prizes, over a range of subjects, every year for the last four or five – a remarkable testimony to the quality of the teaching offered in College.

We continue to delight in the achievements of our Members too, whenever we learn of them. With apologies to many others, I’ll mention just four. Sir Ian McKellen (1958) was, to our great delight and pride, awarded an Honorary Degree (DLitt) by the University – its highest accolade. He spent three days at St Catharine’s in June, engaging with and entertaining students, Fellows and staff, and enjoying the May Ball (many congratulations to the Committee on an excellent event, by the way) on the night of the Ceremony. Rona Fairhead (1980) – in the second cohort of women admitted to St Catharine’s and now an Honorary Fellow – has recently been appointed Chair of the BBC Trust, this very high profile position following on from other prominent positions in the business world with the FT, Pearson’s etc. She is also a British Business Ambassador. George Nash, the College’s only undergraduate Olympian (bronze in the rowing pairs), who graduated in Engineering in 2013, continues to collect medals, the most recent being a gold in the World Coxless IVs in Amsterdam this year. Ian Metcalfe (1977) – a Rugby Blue – was recently appointed Chairman of Commonwealth Games England, again to our great delight.

There have been some changes in the Fellowship. We were very sad to learn of the death of Professor Peter Hall (1950, Honorary Fellow); and we were delighted to elect Professor Sir Chris Bayly (Emeritus Fellow) to an Honorary Fellowship in recognition of his distinction. Renewal and refreshment of the Fellowship continues as Junior Research Fellows (JRFs) come to the end of their tenure and others start, young Fellows move up the academic ladder to more senior positions in other Universities, and some Fellows retire and are replaced in the same general discipline to cover teaching needs. We traditionally thank leavers for their contributions and welcome joiners at a Fellows’ dinner right at the beginning of the new academic year. Further details of individuals leaving and joining may be found after the list of Fellows.

This year two of our Science JRFs appointed in 2011 leave, Dr Alexei Chepelianskii (Physics) to a research post at the CNRS in Paris and Dr Bernhard Staresina (Neuroscience) to a University Fellowship in Birmingham; and in this ‘Arts JRFs Year’ we welcome Dr Matthew Champion (History; also a singer!) who joins us from Queen Mary College, London, and David Waddilove (Law), from St John’s College, Cambridge, who will shortly submit his PhD thesis. Dr Livia Bartók Partáy (Chemistry) also comes to the (deferred) end of her tenure as a JRF and has been awarded a prestigious five-year Royal Society Dorothy Hodgkin Fellowship to continue her research. Likewise, Dr Gergana Yankova-Dimova comes to the (deferred) end of her JRF in Sociology/Politics and is working towards the completion of her book, at the same time holding a short-term research position at the Department of International Relations in Cambridge. It is most heartening to see all our JRFs doing so well, justifying their selection against extremely strong competition, and we wish them all well in their future academic careers.

Our only new Official Fellow this year is Dr Edmund Godfrey, a clinician (Consultant Gastrointestinal Radiologist) and medical educator from Addenbrooke’s Hospital; he effectively (albeit in a different medical discipline) replaces Professor Kevin Dalton, who retires (with our sincere thanks) after 17 years as an Official Fellow and teacher of medical students, and becomes Emeritus. In addition to Dr Alexei Onatski who moves to Churchill College (unfortunately Catz cannot match Churchill’s provision for family accommodation!), and the JRFs mentioned above, two others leave us. We shall miss them and their contributions to the College and Fellowship, and are sad to see them go, but delighted that in both cases the reason is academic promotion. Dr Gabriel Leon, College Teaching Officer in Economics and Newton Trust Affiliated Lecturer, has
been appointed to a Lectureship in the Department of Political Economy at King’s College, London, to start in October; and Dr Edward King, who is about to embark on the third year of his JRF (Latin American Studies), has been appointed to a Lectureship at Bristol University, to start in January 2015 – further evidence, if any were needed, of the calibre of our JRFs.

We will shortly be admitting two new Fellow Commoners, both alumni of the College: Professor Tony Watts (1960) and David Peace (1966). Both are past Presidents of the St Catharine’s College Society, of which David is currently Honorary Secretary, and both have been extremely helpful to our students by, inter alia, setting up and supporting the Career Link Scheme, which gives students access to alumni in various careers who are prepared to help and advise.

As always I have enjoyed meeting alumni of the College at various events in College and elsewhere – but this year as both President of the Society in its 90th year, which was a great honour, and as Master. The two ‘year Reunions’ in April and September, and the traditional Society Reunion at the end of September together brought back well over 400 of you and all three dinners were wonderful occasions. Combining presidential and magisterial duties made for a busy Society Reunion day – with a rather quirky ending when the President reported on Society activities and then toasted the College; the Master then thanked the President, reported on the College and toasted the Society.

I would like to have been able to attend more Society events than I was able to manage around the country, especially in my ‘Presidential Year’. One that I was delighted to be able to attend was the inaugural meeting of the Wales Branch of the Society, initiated by Andrew Jenkinson (1962) who now lives in Welshpool. A small but
enthusiastic and relaxed group met on 6 August in the S4C marquee (venue and hospitality courtesy of the Society Chair, David Sanders (1969), on the National Eisteddfod field (the ‘Maes’, to those in the know) on a bright, sunny, windy afternoon near the coast in Llanelli and there were soon willing volunteers to help Andrew as Chair with future events, which bodes well. I was very pleased that new Branches were also established in Ireland and in Yorkshire in my presidential year – although clearly I can claim no credit for these either! I also enjoyed a Presidential Dinner in London – a tradition started by David Peace – with many of my predecessors in this office. The non-appearance of Martin Taylor (1955) was puzzling; we later learned that he had been taken ill and very sadly died in May.

The events (apart from the Reunions) that I regularly attend and host as Master – the Woodlark Society Lunch in December, the Benefactors’ Garden Party, the now-traditional riverside hospitality at the Bumps in June, and of course the splendid 1473 Dinner in January (this year generously sponsored by Neil Ostrer (1978)) to honour major benefactors, are now standard fixtures and are always most enjoyable and sociable occasions where the warmth and support of our alumni, and their affection for, and interest in, the College is very evident and most encouraging. This was just as true of the inaugural Royal Society (London) event in October (in my last year as Biological Secretary and Vice-President of that Society) at which the work of three of our young past and present Junior Research Fellows was showcased in short presentations, in an otherwise purely social evening, with optional tours of the premises and some of the wonderful objects in the Royal Society. The second such event is just around the corner, with two presentations from more established Fellows this year: one Arts, one Science.

Alumni have continued to contribute seriously to our fundraising Campaign and I welcome this opportunity to offer my personal thanks and those of all the Fellows. The focus of the remainder of this phase of the Campaign (nearly £8M of the target £30M still to raise) is the endowment of our existing teaching posts, the establishment of funds for student bursaries and hardship and ‘uneарmarked’ strengthening of our Endowment, the return on which provides a sixth of the College’s operating budget.

Alongside my College duties, which continue to occupy the lion’s share of my time, to put it mildly, I have continued this year to run a (now very small) laboratory in the Biochemistry Department. I have also served on the University Council, and as a Deputy Vice-Chancellor for a second year, with the third about to begin. At a national level, my first few months as President of the (large) Society of Biology have been interesting, not least because of the breadth and scope of its activities, as has my first year as a Trustee of the Wolfson Foundation and a member of its Science and Medicine Panel.

So what of 2014–5? This is likely to be another year of consolidation and strengthening of the College so that we are well placed to attract high-quality undergraduate and graduate students, to support them during their time here, to provide an excellent all-round experience, and to provide first-rate teaching in the case of undergraduates. This time next year there may be something concrete to say about the Old Press Site, on the other side of Silver Street and beyond. The University is now minded to allow development of the site to include a large element of residential student accommodation, which will help colleges to meet the University’s target for steady growth in graduate student numbers; discussions are continuing between the University and the four ‘local’ interested colleges (including St Catharine’s) about the terms on which the project might be able to proceed. To some, over many decades, aspirations for acquiring the Old Press Site will sound all too familiar – but there is now a very real possibility that the College (with others) will be able to expand ‘across the road’ – but, even if all goes smoothly, this will probably not be for another four or five years. Meanwhile we have more than enough to keep us busy – if not to put us ahead of the game then to make sure we hold our own with the front-runners.
The Fellowship

As at 1 October 2013, in order of seniority (with year of appointment) following the Master and President. The latest year of appointment is given; note that additional years of seniority may be conferred by any previous period as a Fellow.

Official and Professorial Fellows

Professor Dame Jean Thomas ScD FRS FMedSci (2007) Emeritus Professor of Macromolecular Biochemistry; Master, DoS in Biochemistry

Dr John A Little (1980) President, DoS in Materials Science & Metallurgy, Senior Treasurer of the Amalgamated Clubs

Professor Ron L Martin FBA AcSS FeRSA (1974) Professor of Economic Geography; DoS in Geography, Wine Steward

Dr Paul N Hartle (1977) Senior Tutor, College Lecturer in English

Professor Peter Tyler AcSS FRICS (1983) Professor of Urban and Regional Economics; DoS in Land Economy


Professor John A Pyle ScD FRs (1986) 1920 Professor of Physical Chemistry and Co-Director of the Centre for Atmospheric Science (on leave Michaelmas)

Dr Patrick R Palmer (1987) Reader in Electrical Engineering; Dudley Robinson Fellow and DoS in Engineering

Professor Ellis V Ferran FBA (1987) Professor of Company & Securities Law; Tom Ivory Professorial Fellow in Law

Professor Hans van de Ven FBA (1988) Professor of Modern Chinese History; DoS in Asian & Middle Eastern Studies

Dr Philip Oliver (1988) Graduate Tutor, Admissions Tutor, DoS in Molecular Cell Biology & Genetics

Dr Ian C Willis (1989) University Senior Lecturer; Cousens Fellow, DoS in Geography

Professor Chris M Clark FBA (1990) Regius Professor of History and Professor of Modern European History

Dr E Geoffrey Kantaris (1990) Reader in Spanish & Portuguese and Director of the Centre of Latin American Studies; DoS in Modern & Medieval Languages (on leave Michaelmas & Lent)

Mr Michael F Kitson (1992) University Senior Lecturer; DoS in Management Studies

Dr Rose A Melikan (1993) College Lecturer in Law, Fellows’ Registrar

Dr Michael PF Sutcliffe (1993) Reader in Mechanics of Materials; Harold Ridgeon Fellow, DoS in Engineering

Dr John H Xuereb MD FRCP FRCPath (1994) University Senior Lecturer; DoS in Pathology

Dr Anthony P Davenport FBPharmacolS (1995) Reader in Cardiovascular Pharmacology; DoS in Preclinical Medicine & Pharmacology

Dr Katharine J Dell (1996) Reader in Divinity; DoS in Theology (on leave Lent)

Dr Caroline Gonda (1996) College Lecturer, DoS in English, Secretary to the Governing Body (on leave Easter)

Dr Nora Berend (1996) University Senior Lecturer; DoS in History

Dr David C Aldridge (1997) College Lecturer, DoS in Biological Natural Sciences, Fellows’ Steward

Dr Richard W Dance (1997) Reader in Anglo-Saxon, Norse & Celtic; Praelector, DoS in Anglo-Saxon, Norse & Celtic (on leave Lent)

Dr Peter D Wothers (1997) University Teaching Fellow; Rushton Fellow, DoS in Chemistry, Graduate Tutor

Dr Mark C Elliott (1998) Reader in Public Law; DoS in Law, Dean

Ms Irena Borzym (1999) Nicholas Handy College Lecturer and DoS in Mathematics, Tutor

Dr Abigail Brundin (2000) Reader in Italian; DoS in Modern & Medieval Languages
Dr Sriya Iyer  (2000) Bibby Teaching Fellow and College Lecturer, DoS in Economics (on leave Michaelmas)

Dr Matthew J Mason  (2001) University Physiologist; DoS in Physiology

Dr Sergei N Taraskin  (2002) Harvey McGrath College Lecturer, DoS in Mathematics for Natural Scientists, DoS in Computer Science; DoS in Physical Natural Sciences, Tutor

Dr Jonathan R Gair  (2003) Royal Society Research Fellow (Mathematics); Webmaster

Dr David Bainbridge  (2003) University Clinical Veterinary Anatomist; DoS in Veterinary Medicine, Tutor, Admissions Tutor

Dr Harald Wydra  (2003) Holden Fellow, College Lecturer, DoS in Human, Social & Political Sciences (Politics & International Relations), Tutor

Mr Simon Summers  MBA  (2005) Bursar and Steward

Dr Hester Lees-Jeffries  (2006) University Lecturer; DoS in English, Tutor

Dr Edward Wickham  (2006) Director of College Music, DoS in Music (on leave Lent)

Dr Gillian Carr  (2006) University Senior Lecturer; DoS in Human, Social & Political Sciences (Archaeology & Anthropology)

Dr Miranda Griffin  (2007) Dawson College Lecturer, DoS in Modern & Medieval Languages, Tutor


Dr Jeffrey Dalley  (2007) Reader in Molecular & Behavioural Neuroscience; DoS in Neuroscience, DoS in Psychology & Behavioural Sciences

Mrs Deborah Loveluck  (2007) Director of Development

Dr Ivan Scales  (2008) Harvey McGrath College Lecturer, DoS in Geography

Professor William Sutherland  (2008) Miriam Rothschild Professor of Conservation Biology

Dr Peter Turner  (2009) University Lecturer; Baker-Fellingham Fellow, DoS in Law

Dr Jerome Neufeld  (2009) University Lecturer and Royal Society Research Fellow (Geophysics); DoS in Physics

Dr Robert P Smith  (2013) Royal Society Research Fellow; DoS in Physics & Astrophysics

Professor Stuart Althorpe  (2010) Professor of Theoretical Chemistry (on leave Michaelmas & Lent)

Dr Matthew DeJong  (2010) University Lecturer; DoS in Engineering

Dr Fatima Santos  (2010) Senior Postdoc Scientist; DoS in Developmental Biology

Dr Stefan Marciniak  (2011) MRC Senior Clinical Research Fellow; DoS in Preclinical Medicine

Dr Hazem Kandil  (2012) University Lecturer; DoS in Human, Social & Political Sciences (Sociology)

Dr Michael D Hurley  (2012) University Lecturer; DoS in English

Revd David Neaum  (2013) Chaplain

Professor Nicholas Morrell FMedSci  (2013) Professor of Cardiopulmonary Medicine; DoS in Clinical Medicine

Dr Timothy Rogan  (2013) College Associate Teaching Officer, DoS in History, Tutor

Dr Simon Layton  (2013) University Lecturer (History); Warden of St Chad’s

*Dr Edmund Godfrey  (2014) (Radiology)

† Inducted 1999

Research Fellows

Dr Gert Van Dijck  (2012) Heller Research Fellow (Computer Science)

Dr Edward King  (2012) (Modern & Medieval Languages), Warden of Russell Street Hostel

Dr Alison Banwell  (2013) Bowring Research Fellow (Geography)

Dr Amanda Maycock  (2013) (Climate Science)

*Matthew Champion  (2014) (History)

*David Waddilove  (2014) (Law)
Honorary Fellows
Sir Peter Hall (Peter RF Hall) (1964)
Dr KT Erikson (1973)
The Rt Hon. Lord Briggs of Lewes (1977)
Sir Peter Hirsch (1982)
Dr RM Laws (1982)
Sir Ian McKellen (1982)
Professor Sir Peter Swinnerton-Dyer (Master 1973–83) (1983)
Professor Sir Graeme Davies (Fellow 1967–77) (1989)
Mr JRG Wright (Fellow 1978–91, Bursar 1979–87) (1992)
Professor BE Supple (Master 1984–93) (1993)
Dr Cham Tao Soon (1996)
Professor Sir Michael Peckham (1998)
Mr JD Paxman (2001)
Mr RG Smethurst (2001)
Professor DS Ingram (Master 2000–06) (2006)
Professor Sir Richard Gardner (2007)
Professor CFW Higham (2008)
Sir Emyr Jones Parry (2008)
Dr NB Penny (2009)
Professor H Bedelian (2010)
Professor PJ Barnes (2011)
Professor A Blix (2012)
Mrs R Fairhead (2012)
Mrs J Harris (2012)
Mr H McGrath (Fellow Commoner 2004) (2013)
Mr D Harding (2013)
Professor Sir Christopher Bayly (Fellow 1970, Emeritus 2012) (2014)

Emeritus Fellows
Professor AF Beardon (Fellow 1968) (1987)
Professor MDI Chisholm (Fellow 1976) (1996)
Dr JR Shakeshaft (Fellow 1961) (1997)
Dr DE Keeble (Fellow 1964) (2000)
Professor PR Raithby (Fellow 1983) (2000)
Dr MA Message (Fellow 1962) (2002)
Dr CJR Thorne (Fellow 1963) (2002)
Dr JA Thompson (Fellow 1971) (2006)
Dr DM Pyle (Fellow 1989) (2006)
Professor DM Broom (Fellow 1987) (2009)
Professor H Elderfield (Fellow 1984) (2010)
Professor RJ Bennett (Fellow 1996) (2011)
Dr RSK Barnes (Fellow 1978) (2011)
Professor RP Gordon (Fellow 1995) (2012)
Professor JD Pickard (Fellow 1990) (2013)
Professor KJ Dalton (Fellow 1997) (2014)

Fellow Commoners
Dr GT Cavaliero (1986)
The Revd JSTH Mullett (1989)
Mr R Stratford (1992)
Mr JB Bibby (1996)
Mr PJ Boizot (1996)
Mr M Heller (2003)
Mrs M Heller (2003)
Mr NF Haynes (2005)
Mr RJ Chapman (2005)
Mr GG Beringer (2008)
The Revd Canon HD Searle (2008)
Mr HW Bate (2009)
Mr PA Bowring (2009)
Mr MD Richer (2009)
Mrs GO Richer (2009)
Lord Horam (2010)
Mr T Adams (2011)
*Mr DW Peace (2014)
*Professor AG Watts (2014)

*New and returning Fellows etc: see biographical notes below. DoS: Director of Studies.
New Fellows

Professor Sir Christopher Bayly (Fellow 1970, Emeritus Fellow 2012) has been made an Honorary Fellow.

Matthew Champion works on the cultural history of late medieval and early modern Europe, with a particular interest in the history of time. His research spans the history of liturgy and emotions, early witchcraft theory, calendars and chronology, civic ritual, and relationships between time and visual and musical cultures. Matthew holds a BA, BMus, and MA from the University of Melbourne, and comes to St Catharine’s from Queen Mary, University of London, where he recently completed a PhD on perceptions and experiences of time in the fifteenth-century Low Countries.

Edmund Godfrey was appointed as a Consultant Gastrointestinal Radiologist at Addenbrooke’s Hospital in 2013. He studied Medicine at Trinity College, Oxford, and trained in Radiology at Addenbrooke’s prior to a spell as a Consultant in Leeds. He has an interest in endoscopic ultrasound, a technique that enables the biopsy of places that other doctors can’t reach. He is also involved in the imaging of patients undergoing multivisceral transplantation (Addenbrooke’s is one of only two sites in the UK to carry out these challenging procedures). His research interests include magnetic resonance elastography, a non-invasive technique for assessing the degree of fibrosis in the liver. He has previously been a supervisor at Girton, Selwyn and Emmanuel Colleges.

David Peace (1966) was President of the St Catharine’s College Society in 2010 and is currently the Secretary. For a vignette, see the President’s entry in the 2010 Magazine at the start of the Society section.

David Waddilove read theology as an undergraduate at St John’s College, Cambridge, before completing a master’s degree at the Yale University Divinity School. He then switched fields, earning a law degree at the University of Michigan where he was introduced to English legal history by Professor AWB Simpson, who was briefly a fellow of St Catharine’s during his year as the Arthur Goodhart Visiting Professor in Legal Science. After law school, David worked for a judge on the United States Court of Appeals and then practised law. He returned to Cambridge to read for a PhD in English legal history with Dr Neil Jones of Magdalene College as his supervisor and Professor Sir John Baker of St Catharine’s as his advisor. David’s research focuses on equity and the Court of Chancery in the early-modern period (ca. 1500–1700).

Tony Watts (1960) was President of the St Catharine’s College Society in 2012 and a vignette appears in the Magazine of that year at the start of the Society section.
Livia Bartók-Pártay left St Catharine’s in September 2014 at the end of her Research Fellowship, but she will be staying in Cambridge as she has been awarded a Royal Society Dorothy Hodgkin Fellowship in the Department of Chemistry. During her time at St Catharine’s Livia worked on a new computational technique – Nested Sampling – to study the potential energy landscape of atomistic systems. She writes ‘The Fellowship at Catz gave me the unique opportunity to focus on this long-term project and develop the new method into a powerful tool. The work required a lot of testing and investigation of model systems to demonstrate the capabilities of the technique, but its success is confirmed by several other research groups adopting the method. Owing to family commitments, I couldn’t participate very much in College life, but I always enjoyed the friendly atmosphere, and regret that the years passed so quickly.’

Alexei Chepelianskii secured a CNRS (the French National Centre for Scientific Research) research position in Paris which officially started in January 2014. For the last nine months of his Research Fellowship he oscillated between Cambridge and Paris, keeping his work and collaborations going at the Cavendish Laboratory while setting up his own laboratory in Paris.

Professor Kevin Dalton has moved smoothly to Emeritus status after 34 years of university teaching. Kevin retired from clinical practice in 2006, but since then he has continued working full time in advising on the medico-legal aspects of clinical obstetrics and gynaecology, in teaching in College and in the Clinical School, and in chairing GMC Fitness to Practise hearings. Following this latest ‘retirement’ he will continue working full time medico-legally, but he hopes to find sufficient time to improve his Spanish and Russian, and to continue flying small airplanes over Cambridge and even over St Catharine’s. Travel plans over the next three years include returning with his wife to South America, Russia, and China.

Gabriel Leon left St Catharine’s in September 2014 to take up a tenured Lectureship in Economics at King’s College, London. He says that he misses the College very much.

Alexei Onatski left St Catharine’s in September 2014. He writes ‘I would like to thank all Fellows and College personnel for the help and support that I experienced during my four years at St Catharine’s.’

Bernhard Staresina left St Catharine’s in August 2014 to take up a prestigious ‘Birmingham Fellowship’ at the University of Birmingham’s School of Psychology. These fellowships are at lectureship level, but without teaching or administrative responsibilities, thus allowing concentration on research. During his time as a St Catharine’s Research Fellow, Bernhard worked at the MRC Cognition and Brain Sciences Unit investigating the mechanisms underlying human memory.
Professor Sir Peter Hall (1932–2014)


Peter Geoffrey Hall was an outstanding man in his generation, known for his work and ideas on urban planning for the future, of Britain and also for countries around the globe. Peter has long been regarded as Britain’s foremost intellectual in the planning field. He was a prolific academic and popular writer and also an important adviser at the highest levels of government. He had an extraordinary capacity for work and set high standards of scholarship. Crucially, he was a man of imagination with the confidence and ability to present those imaginings to the public, professionals, officials and politicians, achieving a remarkable degree of success. Whether one agreed with him or not, he was a constant and fruitful challenge: we are the poorer for his passing.

On account of his pensions service work, Peter’s father, Arthur, removed his wife Bertha (née Keefe) and son from Hampstead to Blackpool in 1940. Peter attended Blackpool Grammar School and then read geography at St Catharine’s, going on to write a PhD. He was appointed lecturer in geography at Birkbeck College (1957) and then reader at the London School of Economics (1966), moving to Reading as Professor of Geography (1968–89). At Reading, he served as Head of the Geography Department, Chairman of the School of Planning Studies and Dean of Urban and Regional Studies. During the 1980s until 1992, Peter was also Professor in the Department of City and Regional Planning at the University of California, Berkeley. In 1992, he took up the Chair of Planning at the Bartlett School of Architecture and Planning, University College, London, where he remained active until his death.

Peter was a Fellow of the British Academy and received many awards, including: fourteen honorary doctorates from universities in Britain, Canada and Sweden; the Founder’s Medal of the Royal Geographical Society; the Gold Medal of the Royal Town Planning Institute; and a knighthood in 1998.

Peter’s political and social views were founded in the Fabian socialism embraced by Clement Attlee’s Labour government from 1945. This persuasion, together with the new town ideas of Ebenezer Howard, provided enduring inspiration. However, in the light of experience, he became critical of top-down planning. He was equally critical of developer-led projects and the low standards he believed resulted therefrom.

His legacy is considerable. He wrote or edited some fifty books; his earliest, London 2000 (1963), imagined a re-constructed metropolis; his last, Good Cities, Better Lives (2013) asked why Britain has failed to build enough houses and failed to create good new urban environments, whereas continental countries have been much more successful. Peter was the founding editor of the journal Regional Studies, a journal intended to complement the highly abstract and mathematical regional science school in the United States led by Walter Isard.
A few examples demonstrate the scale and variety of his contribution to actual developments and policies. The M25 motorway is the realisation of an orbital road that Peter advocated in 1963 for London. He was the progenitor of the enterprise zone concept for encouraging development in disadvantaged areas, a concept applied in many countries, and he also proposed the urban development corporation established to create Canary Wharf. His hand can be seen in what is now known as the Thames Gateway in east London, the Channel Tunnel rail link (HS1), London’s Crossrail and the (controversial) HS2 railway to link London with the Midlands.

Peter was president of the Town and Country Planning Association and also of the Regional Studies Association. Despite these and his many other commitments, he continued to teach to the end of his life, sharing his enthusiasm and knowledge to enrich the studies of successive cohorts of students.

In a short appreciation, it is impossible to do full justice to Peter’s long and distinguished career. See also obituaries in the Guardian 31 July 2014, Financial Times 1 August 2014, Daily Telegraph 4 August 2014, Times 4 August 2014 etc.

He married Carla Wartenberg in 1962 but the marriage was dissolved in 1966. A year later, he married Magdalena Mróz, who survives him.

Michael Chisholm

Senior Tutors’ Reports

While Paul Hartle was packing for his sabbatical I was preparing to step in for two terms. I was fortunate in being provided with a well-annotated script. There are as many different management styles among Senior Tutors as there are colleges in Cambridge and, left to my own devices, there are some things which I would do in a different way. Perhaps the hardest part of any understudy role is the requirement to remain true to the actual role; to respect the spirit of the Actual Senior Tutor’s management style, while also allowing Paul Hartle the freedom to relax and make the best use of precious sabbatical time. In practical terms this meant the following three things:

- Avoid bothering Paul Hartle unless it was essential – keep him informed about important matters but not ephemeral matters.
- Confirm with him any decision which had long-term implications or large cost implications before going ahead.
- Steady as she goes from day to day.

As always the year began with welcoming both new students and new Fellows to the College.

The use of the McGrath Centre for some of the sessions in Freshers’ Week was a huge improvement on previous arrangements. It is always interesting to see the difference each new cohort makes to the atmosphere around the College, JCR and MCR. Inevitably student welfare and finances were matters which generated much discussion during the year. These have resulted in some changes both to documented guidelines and tutorial arrangements. Driven partly by a legal need for clarity there is also a desire to be as inclusive and tolerant of differences as possible while keeping the lid on some of the wilder antics of youth. The College main site is geographically very small but socially very cosmopolitan and it is a credit to the whole community that it functions so well. Some students do struggle with the diversity around them when they first arrive at St Catharine’s, but it is a valuable part of the Cambridge experience.

The amalgamated societies were much more active this year with some dormant groups re-emerging. The College has been rewarded with a much more active student body. The plans to revive the College Lecture Series are also under way now that St Catharine’s has a lecture room with good facilities. The College found funds
to supply the medics with skeletons which they promptly dismembered and shared amongst different years.

The McGrath Centre really came into its own during the revision period. For quiet study the students have the library, which has also enjoyed a revival since its refurbishment, but they badly needed a more relaxed study space where they could work in groups and chat.

There has been more emphasis on employment and further study this year and I believe that this will be a continuing trend in the future.

Irena Borzym (acting Senior Tutor, Michaelmas and Lent Terms)

Assiduous readers may recall that, in last year’s Report, I wrote of my impending sabbatical visit to Doshisha University in Kyoto, where I (and my wife Wendy) spent six happy months from September 2013 until late March 2014. In teaching Shakespeare to large classes of undergraduates and a small graduate seminar, it was an enormous advantage to have access to a Doshisha colleague’s collection of DVD versions by the great Japanese director Yukio Ninagawa, whose productions sometimes come briefly to this country (the last was Cymbeline in 2012). Screening parts of these alongside my own collection of UK/US/European versions made for an eclectic mix, one of the undergraduates shrewdly querying what exactly her sensei (‘teacher’, i.e. me, whose Japanese is alas minimal) could gain from watching Ninagawa productions in Japanese without subtitles. To my surprise, the answer was an enormous amount and, at the end of my time in Japan, I invested in all the Ninagawa versions yet released – some 24 plays. Just let me know if you’d like a loan.

I also visited Hirado and Nikko, pursuing my planned research project on early modern cross-currents between Japan and Britain: Hirado, in the far South-West, is where the first English ‘factory’ [trading-post] was founded under the aegis of the famous Will Adams (the subject of James Clavell’s Shogun), whilst Nikko is the site of the extraordinary funeral shrine of the Tokugawa Shogun whom he served.

It was a pleasure to attend alumni events in Singapore and Hong Kong (twice, the second visit inaugurating what I hope will be a regular series of lectures), and, whilst returning home circuitously via New Zealand, to have dinner with my old colleague Dean Sutcliffe, once our Director of Music and now Professor at the University of Auckland.

Returning to College, the Easter Term was the usual flurry of anxiety, exhilaration, triumph and disaster (though thankfully without tragedy). Our Tripos performance was, I regret to report (with incorruptible scrupulosity) well below par, with very disappointing showings in several subjects, the only really bright spots being Chemical Engineering, English and Natural Sciences. There were remarkable individual efforts, with five students topping their Tripos, in subjects as various as MML and Geology. I don’t usually mention names, but George Trenins deserves to disrupt my convention because of his achievement in not only coming top of NST IB (560 students), but also topping all three subjects (very unusual indeed); he also topped his Tripos of over 600 students the previous year.

This year has been the first in which the new Annual Fund St Catharine’s Entrance Bursaries have been awarded, benefiting more than 20 freshers in financial need; these will continue into the future, so that we estimate that up to 100 will be receiving this provision in another three years’ time. Not only does this help this particular group of students, but it also releases pressure on our other discretionary hardship bursary funds. Meanwhile, the Annual Fund is also supporting academic-related travel for undergraduates, elective placements for our medics and vets and, in response to a near-collapse of central funding for postgraduate work (especially – but not exclusively – in the Humanities), from next year we will be able each year to provide very substantial bursaries for six
St Catharine’s graduate students (four taking a Master’s and two working towards a PhD). See also Notes from the Admissions Tutor.

And, last of all, there was the visit of Sir Ian McKellen, ostensibly to collect an Honorary Degree from the University (causing the Orator to break into an unearthly – or rather, middle-earthly – shriek of command), but really to warm the hearts of members of his College, young and old, to spend large amounts of time with everyone, to eat, drink and talk with energy and spirit defying his years, and to demonstrate why he is the greatest Shakespearean actor of his generation (if not of any generation). As the students who wrote the College’s entry for the Varsity Yearbook so eloquently put it:

Oh – and we’ve also got Gandalf. Just sayin’.

Paul Hartle

Notes from the Admissions Tutor

Undergraduates

Students who want to study at either of the two oldest English universities, affectionately known by the portmanteau name of Oxbridge, find that they can apply only to one, and that the selection process in each case is different. This is unsurprising as punting, small-group teaching, names of terms and the green spaces enclosed by buildings are all different at these institutions. They are but vain attempts to gain individual identities.

Offers from Oxford would be AAA for the arts and humanities whereas Cambridge require A*AA. In the sciences Oxford uses A*AA but Cambridge has adopted A*A*A; in the exact sciences, St Catharine’s uses A*A*A*. These differences affect applications. Obviously there are more applications to Oxford for the arts and humanities, but the strength and reputation of Cambridge science still attracts strong candidates in large numbers.

Most of the applicants have gained GCSEs and so have the uniform mark scale (UMS) of the year-12 modules and coursework. Cambridge admissions tutors use these data together with the context, average performance for the school, school attainment nationally, economic profile and participation in higher education. This information generates a 96-column Excel spreadsheet, the depth being the number of candidates applying to Cambridge. For example, in medicine there are 1600 candidates. These can be rank ordered using algorithms that select the most appropriate subjects for the course of study. The interviews add yet another column of data.

Oxford use only GCSE results, not UMS, and ask applicants to sit examinations in school. Then 30% of the candidates are invited for several interviews in Oxford. Candidates may be offered a place to the college they wanted, or another college or a place with a college identified only when A-level results are known. There is no use of the performance in year 12. Our own research shows that the UMS data are a better indicator of Tripos results than GCSE results.

Those of you who have children approaching A-level may have realized that Michael Gove is no longer responsible for the schools. He planned to abolish the examinations at the end of year 12 – those that give us the UMS data. However his beliefs are now ideology in his party, so we may yet have to devise new hoops and hurdles, for example 7th-term examinations and entrance exams. We already place some weight upon extracurricular academic attainment, and national and international Olympiads.

So the qualification bar is raised a little more. Another cloud also appears – Mr Willetts wishes to permit this University to raise its fees to £16,000 a year from £9,000.

Postgraduates

Members of the Society patiently receive phone calls from students at Easter and make pledges
of money to the Annual Fund. Generously some of this has been given to help graduate students in the arts and humanities. Jo Harper received a bursary for his MPhil in English Literature. He is a Senior Scholar of the College. Ellie Chan is studying for a PhD in the History of Art. She is also a Senior Scholar of the College. Jerome Greenfield is a historian reading for a PhD; his bursary has enabled him to get a research grant from the Arts and Humanities Research Council. Such generosity is needed in these subjects where studentships are fewer in number than those who administer them.

Philip Oliver

Development Director’s Report

I am very pleased to say that our Campaign total, as of 30 August 2014, has climbed to £22.2 million. The designations for these many and varied gifts are shown in the pie chart, but include a very generous recent gift to fund the College’s access work with school students, to encourage them to apply to St Catharine’s and Cambridge. Our Annual Fund, a pool of donations allocated to bring immediate benefit to students, has also had its most successful year yet, with over £225,000 pledged or donated during our Telephone Campaign in the Easter vacation. This takes our cumulative total from six Annual Funds to over £1 million, a wonderful milestone and a clear endorsement of the College’s priorities by our Members. Of this, £215,500 has so far been allocated, mostly (around 66%) towards bursaries and awards for students, and the Senior Tutors’ Reports contain more information on how this will benefit our undergraduates and graduates. Around £20,000 will also be allocated towards conservation and archival work for the Library (complementing a large gift to cover improvements to the Library’s working environment), and £3,000 to bicycle maintenance facilities for students.

I am also pleased to be able to report on the McGrath Centre’s first year since its opening in June 2013. The Centre has been almost continually in use by students, staff, alumni, Fellows and external conference guests. It has served as the...
venue for events ranging from music and movie nights, to alumni receptions and celebrations, to corporate events by IBM, LinkedIn, Jaguar and UNICEF. In addition, the Centre has attracted design plaudits in recent months. It won its category at the recent Cambridge Design and Construction Awards, winning the prize for ‘Best Alteration or Extension of an Existing Building’, and was shortlisted for the 2014 AJ Retrofit Awards in the ‘Higher Education over £5m’ category. These successes are entirely a result of the generosity of our Members in funding the costs of building the Centre, and once again I offer my warm thanks on behalf of the whole of St Catharine’s.

Alumni event highlights this year have included a return to the Royal Society, hosted by the Master, a former Vice President of the Royal Society. For next year, I would particularly like to draw your attention to our Members’ Reunions (28 March for 1963–6 matriculands, and 19 September for 1996–8), a Society Reception at the House of Lords (18 June 2015), and the Acheson-Gray Day and Dinner (20 June 2015). More details of these, as well as all our other events, will be published on our website and sent to our Members without email nearer the time.

Below are the slightly-changed dates and cohorts for our Members’ Reunions until 2017 (asterisks indicate changes from those published before June 2014):

- 28 March 2015 (1963–6*)
- 19 September 2015 (1996–8)
- 2 April 2016 (1982–4)
- 17 September 2016 (1967–70*)
- 25 March 2017 (1999–2001*)
- 16 September 2017 (1975–8)

To complement the annual Magazine, produced by the Society, the Alumni Office now produces one issue of The Wheel (our alumni newsletter published in Easter Term) and termly e-newsletters and events updates, which are sent to all our Members for whom we have email addresses. If you are not receiving our electronic publications, do get in touch to make sure we have the correct email address for you. You can, of course, opt out of these communications and update your mailing preferences with us at any time.

In addition, we have increased our social media presence in the last twelve months, and now post regularly on Facebook and Twitter; the Boat Club and Director of Music also have their own Facebook accounts. If you have the means, do follow us for news about College alumni, students, Fellows and staff.

Please do call into the Alumni and Development Office (in A1, next to the Porters’ Lodge) if you are in Cambridge. For any enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact us by telephone (+44 1223 338337), email (development.director@caths.cam.ac.uk) or post.

Deborah Loveluck

Chapel and Chaplaincy Report

‘Thou crownest the year with thy goodness and thy clouds drop fatness’ says the psalmist in the old version taken from Book of Common Prayer that we use at Evensongs. The academic year has now drawn to a close and it feels indeed that it was crowned with God’s goodness. I am less sure about whether the clouds dropped fatness but I know there was plenty of joy and delight, laughter and celebration. Starting at St Catharine’s at the beginning of the 2013–14 academic year I found the chapel community in good spirits and have enjoyed raising them further. The highlight of the year, depending on whom you talk to, was either the surfeit of sticky buns or the Easter morning Vigil. I will get to the buns in due course. Easter fell unusually late this year and so was actually within the period of residence for undergraduates and many were back diligently revising for their
exams. We decided to celebrate this occurrence by having a dawn Easter morning service starting with the Easter fire in Main Court (permission for which was begged and received), baptisms, the eucharist, and a champagne breakfast. The chapel was full despite the 6am start and so Easter was celebrated with fire, water, bread, wine, chocolate and champagne – in roughly that order. We have been blessed with baptisms from among the students, staff and fellowship this year, a lovely reminder that the chapel is here for the whole College community. First-year students Kate Massey, Octavia McGill and Grant Addison were all baptised and then confirmed, Kate and Octavia with the University confirmation and Grant back home in Northern Ireland. Also baptised were Isobel Cullum, the daughter of our Hall Manager Martin Cullum and his wife Abigail, and Elise Ermgairsen, the daughter of Jonathan Gair (1995, Fellow 2004) and his wife Philine zu Ermgassen (2001). This summer we married Johannnah Alltimes and Adrian Ball, who currently sings in the student choir, and also Dominic Beecher (1991) and Cathy Bolton. We also held a memorial service for the late Michael Farrant (1962) who died this past year.

We have continued with the practice of celebrating one mid-week communion service a term followed by a Chapel Supper and they have provided a great chance to worship and eat together in a less formal way than on Sunday evenings after evensong with Formal Hall. The conviviality lasts long into the evenings and the very idea that the Chaplain could leave before midnight is as much of an anathema as any heresy was to the great councils of the Church. Commensality is fundamental to Christianity as one of the most common names for Christianity’s central rite and sacrament indicates. It is the Lord’s Supper and our Holy Communion both with one another and with God. But the other common name, the Eucharist, derives from the Greek to rejoice or be grateful. As such we tend to enjoy eating together as we have done on Monday evenings with the finest pizza the kitchens can produce and discussions with a mixed group of those who come to chapel and those who don’t about the whys and wherefores of faith, its difficulties and its rewards. And this leads back to sticky buns, which have paved the way to calm amidst the turmoil and anxieties of term with the Chaplain’s Teas, where sugar and a moment’s respite and possibly the climb up four flights of stairs to my rooms have steadied even the shakiest of nerves. Amidst all this eating and talking we have of course worshipped God, prayed, praised, sung, heard the Word preached with the variety and vim that our guest preachers have provided and proclaimed the presence of the risen Christ. I have prayed daily for the College community present and absent, and always with a sense of my own gratitude for God’s grace in bringing me here, for I have greatly enjoyed getting to know the community, from its staff and fellowship to both the undergraduate and graduate students – not to mention the pleasure of meeting many of the members who return for reunions or other reasons. I have found that Chaplaincy is often best done on the steps of the Chapel (metaphorically at least) when I am half in and half out and can meet people where they happen to be. It is on those steps, so to speak, that I am able to serve the whole community; from being an advocate for those of any faith to being available to those of none. Here is the unsung work and the un-trumpeted presence, but here too is where the historical privilege of an Anglican Chaplaincy offers service to a common good beyond confessional boundaries.

David Neaum
If ever one wanted confirmation of the breadth of musical ability at St Catharine’s, then one need only consider a Saturday evening in mid-March 2014; while our Student Choir sang elaborate 16th-century polyphony in the fine surroundings of St Bartholomew the Great in Smithfield, our Girls’ Choir, back in Cambridge, were contributing to Mahler’s massive, joyous Third Symphony.

For the Girls’ Choir, now six years old, this has felt like a year when we have come of age. Concerts and other engagements outside the usual weekly chapel schedule no longer feel like one-off adventures – exciting though they still are to fulfil. This year included evensong in Ely, Gloucester and Lichfield Cathedrals, a prestigious lunchtime recital in St David’s Hall, Cardiff, and, at Easter, a six-day tour to Hungary.

This last expedition came about thanks to the Cambridge-Szeged Society, which has been responsible for over 25 years for the twinning arrangements between the two University cities. As guests of the Piarist School and Folk Ensemble in Szeged, the Girls’ Choir rehearsed and performed English and Hungarian music for four performances; including a mass in the splendid Cathedral, and a recital at the Kodály Institute in Kecskemét. The return leg of this exchange is scheduled for March 2015, and will involve concerts in Cambridge, Oxford and London.

For children leaving the Girls’ Choir at the age of fifteen, the final concert and party in July is no longer their last involvement with music at St Catharine’s. ‘Graduates’ from the Girls’ Choir are now welcome to join the student choir; an innovation which has resulted in an expanded and supremely confident soprano and alto line in the student choir.

Indeed, the student choir has never been bigger – thirty members at full stretch – which has enabled us to take on repertoire not always within the reach of a smaller ensemble. As well as the Mozart Requiem in November, the choir took on some large-scale Renaissance repertoire for its Lenten concert, such as the Stabat Mater of John Browne – a motet on a symphonic scale which, gratifyingly for a Renaissance enthusiast such as myself, became a firm favourite of the choir.

We took this, amongst other things, to London for a performance for the London Society at the Church of St Bartholomew the Great in Smithfield: an intimate, atmospheric affair which, if nothing else, tested the choir’s ability to process lots of notes in dwindling light. But for the Choir tour the music was necessarily less intricate – outdoor concerts in the centres of historic Croatian towns are not the best environments for our more subtle chapel repertoire. So for these performances in historic Pula and Poreč, we pulled out the big guns: Stanford, Holst, Bruckner and the like.

In an increasingly busy student timetable, it is
a sign that something is going right that we have such healthy choral numbers. None of this could happen without a willingness on the part of hard-pressed students not only to turn up, but to work hard. And this is particularly so for the two organ scholars – we have been excellently served this year by Alex Ying and Will Fairbairn – the librarian, David Young, and choir secretary, Frances Leith. To all of them, sincere thanks.

Edward Wickham

Kellaway Concerts

The post-modern world, we are told, is shrinking, and our sense of historical time collapsing. If this is the case, then the Kellaway Concert series is a thoroughly post-modern phenomenon; with concerts last year featuring hurdy-gurdies and santurs, massed choirs and digital electronics.

Headlining in Michaelmas Term was Mozart’s Requiem, for which St Catharine’s Choir was joined by the choir of our neighbour Queens’ College, directed by Silas Wollston, and the Hong Kong Polytechnic University Orchestra, in the UK for its first international expedition. Mozart is always a crowd-puller; but the Requiem on All Soul’s Day is a sure-fire winner, and Emmanuel United Reform Church was fit to burst, perhaps the Kellaway’s greatest commercial success to date.

The other thing sure to bring in a healthy audience is the participation of many students; so even though the programme was as contemporary and challenging as you might ever want your classical music to be, the January concert of new student compositions – curated by St Catharine’s music student and prolific composer, Gregor Forbes – was another busy fixture. Gregor deserves great credit for putting together such a diverse programme – and great thanks for assisting with the management of the Kellaway concerts over the past two years.

The past, as we all know, is a foreign country, so it should be no surprise that the programmes which demonstrated the greatest affinities were those given by Peyman Heydaraian and guests,
featuring music from Persia and Armenia; and that of The Society of Strange and Ancient Instruments, during which the players improvised on medieval tunes in much the same way that Middle Eastern melodies are elaborated. The former occasion was distinguished also for being the first Kellaway concert to make use of the new McGrath Centre, complete with sound system and state-of-the-art lighting. A steep learning curve having been negotiated in the lead-up to this concert, the results were hugely gratifying, and we are looking forward to many more dates in the Centre in future seasons.

The versatility of the space was also on show for an evening of jazz given by St Catharine’s alumna, Sara Mitra (1999), and the Acrobat Trio; an evening of two halves, the first upstairs in ‘cabaret’ style, the second in the more-lively environment of the bar. But the acoustics of the Chapel, the envy of many a Director of Music around the colleges, cannot be beaten for particular repertoires, not least the Renaissance polyphony which furnished the Choir’s Lenten programme; nor the Dowland programme offered on Valentine’s Day by the young, professional Chelys Viol Consort.

The Kellaway name thus lives on in this exuberantly eclectic mix of programming. It lives on also in the Kellaway instrumental scholarships, introduced two years ago, and whose holders are contributing to a variety of musical functions throughout the year. It was thus a particular pleasure to welcome in June two of Donald Kellaway’s closest living relatives, cousins Michael and Emma Kellaway and pass on news of all the rich and diverse projects which Donald’s generous bequest has made possible.

Edward Wickham

A Royal Visit

Honorary Fellow Professor Sir Alan Battersby writes

I have known HRH Princess Chulabhorn of Thailand since the early 1970s, a friendship based on our mutual fondness for organic chemistry. For many years, HRH carried out her own research leading to her doctorate but now she heads the Chulabhorn Research Institute in Bangkok. Her scientific distinction has been recognised by many international awards and honours including, from the UK, appointment as Dame Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order and Honorary Fellowship of the Royal Society of Chemistry. She visited the UK in April 2014 to explore joint research interests with the University of Wales, but, in addition, she expressed to the Thai Embassy her wish to visit me to renew our contact. This meeting to discuss her recent work and mine was held on 8 April when HRH came to Cambridge together with a large entourage including the Ambassador, the Minister for Science, several senior chemists and lots of ladies in waiting. It was a happy occasion and, as is customary, gifts were exchanged before and after our discussions. I am sure our contact will continue strongly over the coming years.
Staff News

Heather Green, the Graduate Student Administrator, left in October 2013 after nearly eight years in the post. Many graduate students will remember fondly her friendly help and her Scottish accent.

Mike Brown, the Maintenance man at St Chad’s for the last 15 years, retired in March 2014, to devote more time to his beloved angling. To help him with the winter weather, he was given a large vacuum flask inscribed ‘To Mike. Happy retirement from all at Catz’.

John Hipkiss, the College Bar Manager for some 24 years, retired in August 2014. John’s sense of humour is legendary and he saw generations of students, Fellows and staff pass through the College over the years. He will be greatly missed. In a heartwarming speech at his retirement party, Dr Oliver announced that John had been made an honorary Kitten.

Lynne Bushell, Caroline Grover and Alicja Duma completed their goal of cycling 300 miles from London to Paris to raise money for charity. They comment that it was an amazing experience which left them with many good memories (and bad ones of giant hills in 37-degree heat!). ‘The victory lap with all our fellow fundraisers from the Louvre, up the Champs Elysées to the Eiffel Tower made it all worthwhile.’
Graduate Seminars

The Graduate Research Seminar provides an opportunity for our graduate students and research fellows to discuss their work before an astute and very friendly audience. The diverse audience of expert insiders and interested outsiders also gives speakers an opportunity to hone their communication skills, and for the rest of us to be exposed to unfamiliar problems, methodologies and theories.

Michaelmas Term

- The Revd David Neaum (Chaplain): How to Recognise God – and what happens when you do
- Nial Peters (PhD in Geography): Fire, Ice and Nonlinear Time Series Analysis
- Oliver Squire (PhD in Chemistry): Cropland expansion – a choice of starve or choke? Exploring sensitivities of future air quality to anthropogenically-driven changes in climate, emissions and vegetation
- Jason Pack (PhD in History): Libya’s post-Qadhafi Fissures: Federalists, Islamists, Berbers and the Militias

Lent Term

- Aleksandra Kotwica (PhD in Physiology, Development and Neuroscience): Xtreme Everest 2: High and Mighty, Mitochondria at Altitude
- Joana Flores (PhD in Physiology, Development and Neuroscience): Rescuing Intellectual Disability
- Simon Layton (Fellow): Piratical States: British Imperialism in the Indian Ocean world
- Glenn Masson (PhD in Biological Science): Quis custodiet ipsos custodes? Untangling the regulation of one of the cell’s watchmen – the tumour suppressor ‘PTEN’

Easter Term

- Aaron Critch (PhD in Archaeology): How are princely gifts repaid? The Politics of Ring-Giving in the Viking West
- Dr Amanda Maycock (Research Fellow): Come rain or shine: the role of the stratosphere in surface climate variability and change

Photography competition

A College Photography Competition was held in the Lent Term. There were two categories, Unusual Angles and Winter; there were 32 entries in the first and 19 in the second. Entries were, of course, anonymised for judging purposes and were judged by the Master. A shortlist of seven images was selected in each category. In the end, Alexander Dodd won both.
It saddens us to think that this will be our last year at Catz, having been on the JCR committee for two years each already. This year has been challenging for the JCR, but both overlapping committees have moved things on in leaps and bounds. Highlights include JCR President Jamil Hussain making an impromptu appearance at the ‘Miss Catz’ charity fundraiser, organised by our fabulous charities officer Amelia Schofield. Furthermore our illustrious welfare sub-committee burst into life, supporting our two dedicated welfare officers Phillip and Eli in their valuable work. On the leadership side, the President and Vice-President Jamil Hussain and Scott Warin negotiated freezers in the second-year accommodation at St Chads and the re-opening of the Lower Octagon to be used as a second-year common room.

Other highlights include the rent negotiations led by Jamil and Scott, the publishing of the JCR accounts led by Treasurer Ed Stuart-Bourne, and the fabulous bulletins and distribution work by our Catz-obsessed communications officer Saliha Shariff. She has also been tirelessly managing the brand-new JCR website created and developed by the outgoing JCR committee. Alongside this the mindfulness sessions run by the welfare team were a blissful escape in Easter Term, and inspired meditation and reflectiveness throughout the JCR.

On a facilities front, the JCR have loved the use of the McGrath Centre, new bar, and JCR, with the newly refurbished Ramsden room and laundry facilities to look forward to next academic year. Everyone who has visited the Centre has commented on its immaculate finish and popular use; the bar is now open in the daytime as a working and relaxing venue. And our facilities officer, Belinda Saunders, has purchased air mattresses to aid students when friends visit overnight.

Charities and Ents have been busy with Harry Potter formals, and an increase in College charity giving (see below). Iona and Harry organised our first ever intercollegiate BOP with Downing and maximised our speaker and entertainment systems. Catz has also become greener, with Mollie and Oli working on our brilliant green team and recycling efforts. Our Sports and Societies officer Leah Grace has encouraged the support of the Catz teams and also improved the quality of the gym. Moreover, Beth C Pike has orchestrated a flawless ballot system; once again, hats off Beth.

With the excitement of Freshers’ Week, the Freshers’ reps Gina and Sam have been working tirelessly to produce a slick and welcoming week for the new first-years, as they embark upon their journey at Catz. They will, however, be gutted to have missed what many are calling the ‘night of the year’ which saw St Catharine’s May Ball 2014 take Cambridge by storm. Sir Ian McKellen’s flying visit rounded off a superb evening, and thanks must be given to the dedicated May Ball Committee who worked tirelessly to ensure the ball’s success.

We would also like to take this opportunity on behalf of the entire JCR to thank the Master, Dean, and Fellows for their support throughout the year as well as Head Porter, Dom.

Jamil Hussain (President) and Scott Warin (Vice-President)

Charities
This year has been a very exciting one for Catz charities, with double the number of events run in previous years! The year began with enthusiasm; over ten different charities and volunteering organisations attended the Catz freshers’ fair, aiming to capture the attention of the incoming freshers with multiple opportunities for raising money, volunteering and overseas projects. Shortly after this the Catz RAG representatives held a social in order to whet the appetites of those who had shown interest in becoming involved. One of the major events of the year was the fancy-dress Harry Potter formal, which took place over three evenings in October. As the first Catz fancy-dress formal in living memory, this was met with great excitement, reinforced by the decorations and atmosphere created within the hall. This almost-full event raised over £500 for the numerous ‘Raising
and Giving’ (RAG) charities, setting Catz apart from many other colleges who later asked for assistance with their own Harry Potter fancy dress formals! Similarly Michaelmas Term brought a family formal, where students were encouraged to invite their families to Cambridge to experience a formal dinner. This year Catz hosted over 100 people for this, again raising over £500. The JCR also decided in Michaelmas Term, through a poll, to donate money which had been accumulating from College bills to Macmillan Cancer Support and WaterAid – a grand total of £1464.50 each. This was gratefully received by both charities. In the month of love (February), the freshers celebrated their College ‘marriages’ with another themed charity dinner – accompanied by love hearts and disposable cameras! The annual ‘Miss Catz’, the College’s very own drag event, the first charity event to make use of the bar, brought in the crowds as usual! Many thanks to all of the Catz charities team for co-ordinating and organising such a successful year, in terms of fun events, awareness and fund-raising!

Sophie Shall (Charities Officer and RAG rep)

Fairtrade
The Fairtrade Society has been organising events throughout the year to maintain the Fairtrade status of the College and the first of the year took place in Michaelmas, near Christmas. It involved the give-away of five Fairtrade hampers including goodies like jam and chutney, mulled wine sachets, Fairtrade dried fruit as well as the obligatory chocolate! The winners of the hampers were decided by the committee from around 20 candidates who were nominated by their peers. These nominations were anonymous and could be for anything – from good works to just a hug when someone needed it most. The aim was to bring the College together whilst promoting Fairtrade and the event proved to be a great success. During Lent Term the Fairtrade Society commandeered a Sunday evening formal hall with a special menu which promoted locally-sourced and Fairtrade produce. The event was a sell-out and even enjoyed by a visiting choir from Hong Kong! In Easter Term, our final event took advantage of the good weather and being allowed on the grass by way of a May Week garden party in Sherlock Court. Lots of students turned up to sample the delights that were on offer. The committee had prepared local fruit dipped in Fairtrade chocolate and there were also a number of fancy-tasting chocolates, which were served alongside Pimms and a selection of Fairtrade teas. The event was a great way to round off the year and was enjoyed by all.

Sarah Hess

May Ball
A great May Ball entails a sense of discovery mingled with re-discovery; we wander around a completely familiar place made unfamiliar, transformed or subverted into beautiful or uncanny spaces. We wanted to play on this idea of subversion and other-worldliness in a tradition spanning millennia and continents – including the ancient Greek festival of ‘Dionysia’. This Athenian event was a celebration of fertility and life, but also of spirituality and mystery.
On Wednesday 18 June a transformed St Catharine’s opened its gates to more than 1,000 guests for the 2014 May Ball, titled ‘Dionysia’. The 17-strong committee, consisting of both undergraduate and graduate students, spent the best part of a year preparing a programme of events beginning at 9pm and finishing with the Survivor’s Photo at 6am. Entertainments included chart-topping group ‘Sigma’ on the main stage, a roller disco in Hall, some talented student acts (including many Catz students), a silent cinema and a troupe of performance artists paying homage to the Dionysian procession that was a key feature of the ancient festival. A wide variety of food and drink was provided for all, with a menu for dining guests specially prepared by Robert Jonas the head chef.

As a committee we would once again like to thank all of the people inside and outside College who helped us along the way. Finally, being involved in the preparations for the ball was a hugely rewarding experience – one I will certainly not forget in a hurry – and so I would like to thank the Fellowship for continuing to allow the ball to take place at all.

James Wagstaff (May Ball President)

News from the MCR

The MCR welcomed a large year group of enthusiastic freshers at the beginning of Michaelmas Term. Freshers’ Week took a similar form to previous years, facilitating another very successful integration of new members into the MCR. A Re-Freshers’ Week at the beginning of Lent welcomed them back to Cambridge before another busy term. A new cohort of students also joined the MCR at this time. We wanted to bridge the gap between the JCR and MCR. In previous years, medics and vets moved up to the MCR after three years of study, while the rest of their year group who stayed for a fourth year (engineers, mathmos, and MML students) did not. Rather than maintaining this divide, we consulted with senior members of College and rewrote sections of the MCR constitution, which allowed us to invite fourth year undergraduate members of Catz into the MCR for the first time this year. Thus, at the start of Lent Term we welcomed 40 JCR members into the MCR as ‘fourth year members’ on a trial basis, where they had rights equal to the general membership, but could not stand for, or vote in, elections. This has been a success that we hope will continue; feedback has been very positive. The fourth years are still able to be involved in JCR activities but also get an insight into postgraduate life, which has in some cases tempted them to stay on for further studies. The general membership is also content with this arrangement.

Formal Hall remains one of the most important aspects of MCR life, and has benefitted greatly from the new bar. Since it opened in Easter Term last year (2013), the bar has proved to be a fantastic venue for social gatherings and bops! It is a great place to go and have a few drinks after a regular formal and to show off to guests who are often stunned, making such comments as ‘it’s the chicest bar in Cambridge!’ Throughout the year the MCR has decorated the bar for several bops, after special formals held on Halloween, Christmas and Midsummer. Burns Night was a highlight of the year, with haggis, whisky, traditional addresses and a raucous ceilidh taking place in hall. Our last formal hall this year was preceded by Graduate Evensong, which was the first time that the service accommodated graduates’ schedules. We hope that this will not be a one off event.

An incredible effort has gone into organising college swaps this year, and we have been treated to only the best! Over the past 12 months we have gone to King’s Superhall, Trinity, John’s, and Caius Superhall just to name a few. The cherry on top was a formal swap to Worcester College, Oxford. In May, 15 MCR members were warmly received at our sister college in Oxford for pre-dinner drinks on the lawn, a dinner, a night out...
in Oxford, and a floor to sleep on. The following month, in June, 10 Worcester students came to Catz, enjoyed a Catz formal and a night in Cambridge, before returning to Oxford the following day. These were such enjoyable occasions that we hope that they will be the start of an annual swap.

Two new weekly events were added into the MCR calendar this year: ‘Treats in the MCR’ and ‘Film Nights’. Treats happened every Sunday after brunch in our newly refurbished MCR. Cake and tea were provided and created a relaxed atmosphere for members to chill out and catch up with each other. The new McGrath Centre Auditorium offers a purpose-built cinema on the Main Site and we decided we couldn’t miss the opportunity to host weekly film nights. Blockbusters on the big screen and popcorn were always going to be appreciated! The Catz Mini Seminars, where every couple of weeks two students give an informal talk to other grads, remained very popular this year, providing a casual environment for grads to find out what their colleagues really get up to when they are not at formal hall or eating cake!

As in previous years, we have worked closely with senior members of College to obtain valuable resources for the graduate students. We were consulted and contributed to the planning of the Old Lodge refurbishment, from measures to minimise any disruption in accessing the MCR, to resources that need to be included in the basement. We secured a Graduate Locker Room which will provide us with a dedicated space (instead of the top of the stairs above Hall) and more lockers to accommodate further graduate needs. In conjunction with the JCR and the Domestic Staff, we have implemented a recycling system on Main Site, which has since been rolled out to the graduate residences. We have worked with the Alumni & Development Office to secure funding for cycle repair equipment at the individual graduate residences. Further to this, we would like to thank all the alumni who donated to the Annual Fund.

This has been a great year for the MCR and the general student community in Catz. We feel that there has been much more integration between the MCR and the JCR which culminated in a very successful May Ball that was enjoyed by all! The MCR would like to thank the Graduate Tutors, the Master, the Bursar, the Dean, the Porters, Martin and his catering staff, Sharon and the domestic staff, Howard Cole, Phil Dean, Richard Malley and the ADO for all their support throughout the year. On a personal note, Jomanda would like to thank the MCR Committee for what has been a fabulous year that all our members have appreciated; our nomination and winning of ‘best MCR Committee’ at the CUSU Student Awards 2014 is testament to that!

Josh McTigue and Amanda Kennedy – aka ‘Jomanda’ (MCR Co-Presidents)
Societies

Catz Careers
The Catz Careers and Entrepreneurs Society continues to build on previous successes, this year organising a CV Skills session with Teach First and helping students utilise the Career Link resource. The annual Careers Dinner was the highlight of the year — amidst a variety of presentations and over dinner, Catz alumni from many career sectors kindly returned to College to share their knowledge and experience of life after leaving the ‘Cambridge bubble’. The evening was thoroughly enjoyable with many students leaving with a more informed view of the ranging career options available to them. Building on this platform, an enthusiastic committee led by Laura Spenceley have a variety of promising speakers and events planned for next year and I wish them every success.

President: Ian Doughty

Christian Union
Catz Christian Union is a group of Christians from different backgrounds and churches, who aim to share the good news and love of Jesus with our College. We put on events for students to explore, question and examine Christianity for themselves. This year, these events have included talks, testimonies and a ‘Text-a-Toastie’ event where people ordered a toastie of their choice and asked a question about Christianity. We also ran our first eight-week Alpha Course in Lent Term, giving students a chance to discuss the claims of the Christian faith with friends over a meal. We meet weekly for prayer, worship and Bible study, encouraging one another and organising College events.

We have had a wonderful year and look forward to seeing even more people explore and engage with Christianity!

Presidents: Samara Linton and David Ashman

Engineering Society
A stereotypical engineer apparently struggles in social situations and is really rather dull. On current evidence, a stereotypical Catz engineer is neither socially awkward nor dull. Indeed, Catz engineers have not just excelled academically, but also successfully represented the College and University in a multitude of sports, particularly hockey, sailing and rowing. Yet again the SCCES social calendar has been the envy of other subjects, from the pub crawl and meal at Sesame (Mahal’s replacement) during Freshers’ Week through to the traditional black-tie dinner at the end of Lent Term, where Amy Chodorowski was democratically elected as the new president through the traditional method of ‘Bear, Ninja, Cowboy’. I look forward to her 12-month reign as she leads our glorious society to new heights.

President: Ian Doughty

Fairtrade Society
See JCR report.

John Ray Society
We started the year with the ‘Artificial Intelligence’ NatSci pub crawl in Freshers’ Week. The streets were filled with Catz students dressed in cardboard boxes adorned with tin foil. Other outfits included the TARDIS, R2-D2 and HAL 9000. A key event was the Boat Race held outside the Bathhouse Pub – the bio natscis won!

The annual book sale introduced the freshers to more conventional John Ray Society events, with the usual vast amounts of food, wine and Catz apple juice. The internship evening at the end of Michaelmas Term was a chance for the second-years to hear about the research projects and internships carried out by the third-years to find out what they could experience over the summer.

One of the highlights of the year was the John Ray Society dinner held in the middle of Lent Term. This began with a champagne reception and the annual JRS photograph in the SCR. The food was delicious, including duck pastrami with orange for a starter, a main of grilled pork fillet with braised cheek and tasty vegetables, followed by a double chocolate chip fondant. Of course this had to be followed by a cheese course, or it wouldn’t be a proper Catz formal! It was at this meal that Cara Eldridge and Emily Grader handed over presidency of the John Ray Society to us.

Throughout the year we have held a number of well-attended lectures from speakers in departments from Physics to History & Philosophy of Science. Talks included: Proteins behaving badly by Dr Sophie Jackson, based upon the subject of protein folding, Zero Degrees of Empathy by the controversial Professor Simon Baron-Cohen, raising some thought-provoking points on issues relating to psychopaths, Ultracold atoms: the coldest place in the universe by Dr Robert Smith – new physics Fellow at St Catharine’s, When physics, psychology and physiology meet: Reconsidering the work of Ernst Mach by Dr Richard Staley – a History & Philosophy of Science talk relevant to both phys and bio natscis.

The final talk of the year was a lecture from Nobel Prize winner, Professor Sir John Gurdon, which everyone really enjoyed. This was the most anticipated and well-attended talk. Professor Gurdon gave a lecture entitled Nuclear reprogramming and the prospect of cell replacement therapy. The lecture started with a general description of the methods for cell reprogramming. He then focussed on the work from his own lab, which uses Xenopus oocytes to reprogram somatic nuclei. Finally he talked about the therapeutic application of nuclear reprogramming of somatic cells; induced embryonic stem cells have been utilised to produce autografts. One of the most promising
treatments is replacement of the retinal pigmented epithelium – the support cells of the photoreceptors – as a treatment for macula degeneration.

Also in Easter Term were the Part IB and Part II subject evenings. This was an opportunity for different years to get together to advise younger years on subject choices. Everyone found this really helpful as it’s nice to get advice from friendly unbiased sources.

The events of the year finished with the annual garden party on Sherlock Court. There was a copious amount of food in the style of Afternoon Tea, along with Catz apple juice, prosecco and Pimm’s. It was a pleasant, relaxed few hours for people to sit around and enjoy post-exam freedom with other natscis. Luckily the weather held up and it was great fun.

We would like to thank Emily Grader and Cara Eldridge (2013–4 John Ray Presidents) for all their hard work, which has meant this year has been really successful; we are really excited to continue their work.

Presidents (2014–5) Bethany Christian-Edwards, Maddie Winder and Rob Trivasse

Medsoc
An outsider might assume that medical students, as well as their veterinary counterparts, would have little time left over after study, sport and social affairs to dedicate to a College medical society. This should be especially true at our own College, where a particularly robust collegiate community already exists. The medics and vets of Catz would surprise them.

Our new series of College medical seminars have been attended with vim, perhaps partially thanks to generous bar tabs and the mildly passive-aggressive emails of benevolent Fellows. The Annual Dinner at the end of Lent Term was also a success, with particular thanks going to speakers Professor John Cunningham, the physician to the Royal Family, and Kate Shervell, international project director at Mission Rabies. This year was rounded off with a barbecue on Coe Fen – copious amounts of food were provided, personally charred by the presidents, and enough cider to wash it down with.

Thanks must be extended to the many supportive Fellows, not least Professor Morrell. Best of luck to presidents for next year James and Ronneil. May the relentless emails continue.

Presidents: Alan Mitchell and Kaz Strycharczyk

Music Society
During the last year the Catz Music Society has continued to build on the successes of its tried-and-tested Christmas and May Week concerts as well as introducing new exciting projects. The new academic year saw a fresh stock of young faces added to the ranks of the society. Amazingly this now brought our quota of ‘endangered-species’ instruments to include four bassoonists, four horns and three trombones – which boded well for the year to come.

One of the first ideas to come out of the 2013–4 administration was to put on a Jazz Night in the new College bar. The event would provide an evening of high quality jazz music, which had hitherto been absent from the music society calendar, and in particular would make the use of 3rd-year Gregor Forbes’ quartet, ‘Devil Amiss’, who would form the house band for the series. The first night was held in November and proved a great success with ‘Devil Amiss’ and the guest band Harry Morgan Quintet playing to a packed bar. The Catz Jazz Night ran again in Lent and was just as popular – we have high hopes that it will continue to play a part in the College social scene next year. The idea of a Bebop Bop is still in discussion.

Only a week after the inaugural Catz Jazz the society had its collective hands full with the Christmas Concert. With the orchestra looking particularly strong we were able to build the programme around a few more ambitious pieces such as Grieg’s Peer Gynt suite and the Vaughan-Williams Fantasia on Christmas Carols. Ed Hughes, a former member of Catz Chapel Choir, returned to conduct the well-known latter work for chorus and orchestra, with Adrian Ball making an impressive appearance as the baritone soloist. The evening ended, true to tradition, with congregational singing of carols, and mince pies served with mulled wine in the antechapel. The concert was also the first to make use of the music society’s investment in new stands which proved a valuable asset to the event.
Easter Term began with Frances Leith and myself stepping down and the voting-in of the new President, music first-year, James Bartlett. His first task was the May Week concert. With the usual large quantities of Pimm’s and strawberries ordered and free rein on the normally-out-of-bounds grass on Main Court, the event was bound to be a success before music was even considered. However, pooling resources from the College and inviting players from elsewhere, the programme of light classics – which included the Finale from Haydn’s Symphony No. 104, Vaughan-Williams’s English Folk Song Suite from the orchestra and songs from Catz’s choirs (with a notable cameo from a certain Dr Wickham) – was delivered with gusto. The Catz musical year ended on a high.

Aside from these main events, the music society has continued to provide opportunities for music making of a more informal kind. Chill in the Chapel has flourished under Michael Zervos and Colette Howarth’s leadership providing regular doses of relaxed, open-mic-style music in the Chapel followed by hot chocolate and biscuits. Scatz, conducted by James Bartlett, has also had a successful year, giving anyone who has a taste for it an opportunity to sing in a vocal ensemble and showcase their talents in concerts throughout the year.

President: Jon Venvell

Shirley Society
From our charmingly fun and flattering large crop of new members to the most withered and decrepit among us, the Shirley Society has had a marvellous year. The society’s creative writing magazine Volta was re-launched with the theme of ‘Voyage’ on the anniversary of the death of our namesake, James Shirley. It was a bittersweet and suitably mournful evening, eliciting musings on the cycle of life and death, the immortality of poetry and the truly remarkable skill of society members when it comes to dressing for an occasion. We received a flurry of submissions, multitudinous in quantity and sterling in quality, and compiled these along with illustrations by Ellie Chan and Adele Broccardo, for distribution at our end-of-year event in May Week. (A pdf copy is available for alumni who would like one.) We welcomed two speakers, novelist Sarah Rees Brennan in the Michaelmas Term and poet Tara Bergin in Lent. Ms Rees Brennan gave a witty account of her experiences with the modern Gothic novel, while Ms Bergin gave a beautiful reading of some of her poetry and an engaging discussion of the ever-elusive ‘process’, which so fascinated Shirley members that half the society went home with copies of her new book. The co-presidents would like to express their gratitude to Shirley members for plunging unflinchingly into the rather fantastical waters of our weekly meetings (with such themes as ‘whimsy’ and ‘green spaces’ proving particularly inspiring) and for making the society such a delight to run – with special thanks to Helen Spence-Jones and Becky Watson, whose artwork was used to advertise our talks, and Mr Joe Harper for his wisdom, wit and sheer force of charm, all of which have proved instrumental to society machinations.

Co-Presidents: Angharad Brewer Gillham and Georgina Wadham

Steers Society
The Steers Society had another great year with a number of events for the College geographers.

At the beginning of Michaelmas Term, we replaced the traditional bowling trip with a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. This lively event was a great way for the first-year students to get to know the other geographers well. Later in the term we had a second meal before leaving for Christmas.

For the dissertation advice evening, we were fortunate enough to make use of the excellent facilities in the new McGrath Centre. After hearing from the Fellows, the undergraduates listened to presentations from third-year students on their summer fieldwork experiences. This year, topics included urban beautification in Mexico City and the impact of volcanic deposits on surface melting at an Icelandic glacier.

In February 2014 we were pleased to invite back Professor Philip Rees to our annual black-tie dinner held in the OCR. Currently Emeritus Professor of Population Geography at the University of Leeds, Professor Rees graduated from St Catharine’s in 1966 and has since been awarded a CBE. During the dinner, he delivered a detailed speech on the different career paths taken by his geography undergraduates.

Rhiannon and I also had the pleasure of announcing the winners of the Steers Society election. Rob Pellow and Tom Elliot are the new President and Social Secretary respectively. Having already organised a couple of well-attended events, we are sure that the society will continue to be a success under their leadership. We wish them well and thank both the fellows and students for an excellent year.

As has become customary, we celebrated the end of the 2013–4 academic year with a garden party on the St Chad’s lawn on a May Week afternoon.

President: Alexander Gimblett; Social Secretary: Rhiannon Cogbill
Sports Clubs

Association Football (Men)
The football club had a mixed season this year, with the hope of a first XI bringing a first Catz title for many years quickly shattered with an early defeat by Kings. Mid-table then seemed a reasonable target, but we were left to rue mistakes which meant that a bitter fight against relegation was inevitable. Commitment and a big win against Homerton in the league resulted in the first XI remaining in the top division for another year. The cup run started strongly, beating a two-year undefeated Fitz team in Cuppers, and then winning on penalties against Christ's. Unfortunately in the quarter-final Caius just pipped us to the post with a lucky goal during extra time.

The second XI had a very consistent season, losing almost every game they played, meaning that they will scrap it out in a lower league next year. The third XI had a similar season to the seconds but managed to avoid relegation with a few good performances. Despite this, both teams had some enjoyable memories, with football showing potential for promotion again next season.

Socials were again a highlight of the year with some strong performances from Shan, Cenan, Abz and Charlie in the Champions league resulting in an unexpected victory for Cenan Djenen in a closely contested final. The knowledge of Turkish football was increased considerably over the season, which I am sure will be very useful in future football trivia. The end-of-year dinner as always was a success allowing us to finish the (official) season with a bang.

However, post-season in June, and in reaction to soccer being omitted from the Acheson-Gray programme, a large contingent of old boys descended on Cambridge to compete with the College 1st XI. The College team earned a first-half lead of 2–1, after two long range goals from Andy Lowson, but an inspired second-half performance from the old boys, including George Hill and captain Joe Kirk, left the old boys firmly in charge of the game, running riot towards the end of the match as players on both sides tired. 7–2 was the final score, and the College team will be out for revenge next year. After the match was a chance for members of both teams to catch up over a social, centering around the England game in the World Cup which, despite the result, didn’t stop all from having a thoroughly enjoyable day.

Captain: Andrew Lowson

Athletics

The University Athletics Cuppers competition, being held less than a fortnight after the start of the academic year, is an excellent test of a college’s enthusiasm. And in this, Catz is seldom lacking. Captains Tom and Emma raised teams of 18 men and 15 women (six of these last reading veterinary medicine) to do battle on 20 October.

The weather on that day was very unpleasant, with strong wind and heavy rain at both the start and finish of the competition. The pole vault was cancelled and the shot putters were restricted to a single throw each. The Catz women were their usual dominant selves, and won the Cuppers competition (for the sixth time in the last seven years), scoring almost twice as many points (161) as the next college (Emmanuel with 88). Emma Cullen (100m), Rebecca Mclean (400m), Rebecca Moore (1500m) and Catriona Cox (hurdles) all won events, while Emily Goodband (400m), Anni Bates (high jump) and Hettie Cust (triple jump) all placed highly. The men were less successful, placing fifth overall, with only Tom Neill (100m) winning an event, although James Lamming (200m), James Digby (400m), Charlie Stoneham (800m), Tim Calliarias (distances), Elliott Cooper (hurdles), Owen Drage (high jump), Jake Neilan (triple jump), James Thompson, James Wagstaff and Robbie Dennison (throws) all performed valiantly.

These successes encouraged several to continue training, with University competitions, both indoors and out, available during the winter. Only Anni Bates (high jump) this year represented Cambridge in the Freshers Varsity Match; but a larger number figured in the Field Events and Relays match against Oxford in early March. Here Emma Cullen (as usual for her, without starting blocks!) broke the match record in the 60m dash; she also contributed to a Cambridge record-breaking time in the 60m team race, as did Emily Goodband (4x400m) and Rebecca Moore (3x1500m).

During the Easter Vacation, training continued (see article later in this Magazine by Emily Brady and Emma Cullen), and this was followed by early Easter Term events, the highlight being Rebecca Moore’s victory in the British Universities and Colleges championship 10,000m race. By the time of the full Athletics Varsity Match on 17 May – this year a ‘gala event’ as it was the 150th anniversary (the first Varsity Match had been held in 1864) – the Catz men and women, Phillip Crout ran excellently to win the Alverstone-Centipedes (second team) mile. But ten Caths women represented Cambridge in their competitions: for the Blues team, Emma Cullen (100m), Rebecca Moore (5000m), Emily Brady (pole vault) and Priya Crosby (steeplechase – her first ever effort at this event) all winning their events, while Rebecca Mclean (800m), Anni Bates (high jump), Rebecca Hulbert (pole vault) and Emily Goodband (relay) all contributed valuable points for an outstanding Cambridge victory. Additionally Charlotte Frost (in several events) and Rhianne Lockwood (discus) represented the Alligators (second team) in their equally clear-cut victory over Oxford.
2014, being midway between Olympic Games, was also the occasion of a quadrennial visit to Oxford and Cambridge by the combined Athletics teams of the Universities of Pennsylvania and Cornell. An Oxbridge team is selected to compete against these Americans and again Catz was well represented. Sadly, the match being held after the end of the Academic Year, some invitations had to be turned down. Those who competed were Tom Neill, Priya Crosby, Emily Goodband, Emily Brady and Phillip Crout. Phillip had run some very fast races after the Varsity Match (hence his selection); extrapolating from his present form, he bids fair to become the first ever Catz to run a 4-minute mile.

Captains: Tom Neill and Emma Cullen

Badminton (Men)
Much like Manchester United, Catz I Men were in transition this year, with a team made up of ageing stars and raw new recruits. The team were forced to resort to radical measures such as replacing last year’s outgoing star player with a teenage girl. We even put an arts student on the team, who, despite his heavy lecture schedule, managed to squeeze in a few games. Thankfully, the new recruits were more Januzaj than Fellaini, with freshers combining with our suspiciously good 2nd-team captain and the creaking washed-out grad students, to achieve 2nd place in the league in both terms – this was despite disruption due to girlfriends in London, skiing, football captancy, University badminton matches, getting lost and having a baby. In Cuppers, Catz Mens and Mixed teams both managed to get to the semis before crashing out to Girton as usual. Seriously, if next year’s captain is reading this, avoid them at all costs.

Aided and abetted by numerous females, sub ups, sub downs and random bystanders, Catz II managed an unbeaten run in Michaelmas to get out of Division 4 – their lowest position for a decade. However, in a massive anti-climax, they managed to get relegated again in Lent.

Catz once again proved one of the most enthusiastic badminton clubs in Cambridge, fielding four men’s teams and giving everyone a chance to play often, have fun and freeze to death at our wonderfully free-and-available College court – for the wheel.

Captain: Ben Lindley

Badminton (Women)
After a very successful 2012–3 when the ladies first badminton team ended top of the League thanks to last year’s captain Rebecca McLean, this year we were not quite so successful but still had an enjoyable year.

We had a lot of injuries amongst the team, meaning we were players short for most of the year, and we also had two of our Catz players unable to play in the League because of their success with the University Blues team, namely Steph Potten and Jennifer Ko, so congratulations to them. We also lost two very dedicated players on graduation – Hannah Woodcock and Hannah Willet. Finally, Sarah Case, another very committed badminton player, was not available for all matches due to the various clinical school medical placements. Despite this, we still managed to have a wonderful year of badminton.

At the end of Michaelmas Term after many tight matches, we were demoted to the second division, but we made up for that in Lent Term, when we re-gained our place in the first division, winning four out of our five matches. In Cuppers we reached the semi-finals after comfortably beating Girton, but then got knocked out 23–21 on the last of three matches against Queens’, our long-standing rivals, after a very hard-fought match. The second team have played steadily this year and kept their place near the top of the fourth division, under the captaincy of Victoria Bellamy.

I would like to say a massive thank you to my team for their dedication to this brilliant sport, and will be very sad to see some of them leave, including Rebecca McLean and Danice Ng. Rebecca has had to put up with my constant questions about captaincy, but has always been ready to play even if she has spent the whole day at an athletics competition and is completely knackered! I am delighted to pass on the joy of joint captaincy (first and second teams) to Rachel Marshall, a very enthusiastic first year who will do a very good job.

Captain: Emma Tarrant

Boat Club (overall)
It’s fair to say it’s been another strong year for SCCBC. I was delighted (if somewhat overwhelmed by the logistics) that the club was able to field so many crews this year: we had eight crews on the river in the May Bumps, all of whom had trained well throughout the term. The successes in the Lent Bumps were truly special, and it was a personal highlight for me to be able to go live on air at Cam FM to collect the Marconi Cup for the club’s overall performance in the Lents. As well as the strong performances from all bumps crews, particular credit for this goes to Sarah Lucas, who this year dominated the Small Boats Regatta, accruing many valuable points!

Aside from the racing, the club has had successes elsewhere. The annual Cardinals’ Regatta struck its usual perfect balance of organised mayhem, rife with fancy dress, bribes and spinning. The Alumni day and dinner at the end of Lent Term was also a great day, with over thirty boat club alumni attending the dinner, several of whom ventured out onto the water earlier in the day. As always we are enormously grateful for the support we receive from the alumni, without which we would be able to maintain nowhere near the same presence on the river. We are particularly thankful to the Bevil Mabey Trust, who donated a brand new Janousek VIII to the Women’s squad this year.
Two members of the club represented the University in rowing this year. Will Hayes rowed in the six seat in the Men’s Lightweight Boat Race, annihilating the dark blues at Henley. Priya Crosby meanwhile coxed the Women’s Lightweights, who unfortunately were less successful. We were very grateful to see both Will and Priya return to the M1 for the May Bumps.

**Overall Captain: Chris Quarton**

**Boat Club (Men)**

James Wagstaff’s captaincy was always going to be a hard act to follow, but I have to thank him for leaving the club in such a healthy state (despite all the challenges that handling the extra crews presented). The results speak for themselves. The first boat more or less held its own as 7th fastest college boat, finishing there in Michaelmas and May Bumps (and would probably have reached 7th at least in Lents had there been more days). The second boat went from strength to strength, totalling up seven for the year. The double blades in Lent Term helped SCCBC to a Marconi cup victory, and Small Boats’ Regatta victories gave us a good showing in the Mitchell Cup. While the results of the lower boats may not have headlined, the first Catz M6 on the river since 1981 (and the only college M6 this year) speaks volumes about the strength of the club.

In Michaelmas, the senior squad consisted of three crews. The first boat decided to shun University IVs, and concentrated on the VIII from the start, which paid dividends with a 10th place in Fairbairns – the 7th fastest college boat. The second boat enjoyed similar success, coming 6th of the second boats, and with SCCBC one of the few clubs able to field an M3, I was very proud to see them crowned the fastest M3 on the river. The novice squad, led ably by James Bywater and Alistair Nelson fielded two crews, coming 11th and 26th in Fairbairns, and perhaps more importantly, almost 90% of them were still rowing by the end of the year.

Lent Term was extraordinary in many ways. With restoration work closing Chesterton footbridge to cyclists and halving the river’s width, CUCBC enforced river restrictions cutting morning outings to effectively one a week per crew. As a result of the works, the bumps course was also shortened, and the number of divisions cut to three and a half for the men. Unfortunately this meant that our M3 didn’t get on this year, and even M2 were forced to row in the Getting-On Race. After last year’s M1 and M2 miss-out on blades by only one or two heart-breaking strokes, both were avenged on day one, M2 with a spectacular over-bump. Both boats continued to rise at a steadier pace, until the final day, where both crews claimed their blades, and M2 deserve another mention for finally winning a titanic tussle with the much vaunted Hughes Hall M1 200m from the finish, amid cries of ‘not again’ and ‘remember last year’.

Easter Term brought the increased challenge of dealing with an unprecedented number of boats. With five men’s boats training ‘seriously’, and the Pugwash VIII returning to the river to train – if not seriously then at least regularly – the third Women’s shell had to be pressed into service. In the Getting-On Race, M4 and the Pugwash VIII both got on by right, but M6 were denied initially, only to be saved at the eleventh hour by a scratching crew, initiating a last-minute scramble to get a crew and shell together. The results were not as good as the Lent results, but the performances were if anything even better. M2, M3 and M4 all had to row over ahead of a crew which had got inside a canvas, and the moments they broke their respective opponents were beautiful to watch. M1 proved on day four that they can hold their own at the top of the division. And M6 who, despite being nominally the slowest boat on the river, never stopped pushing, and came heartbreakingly close (feet) on the final day to getting the bump they deserved.

All in all, it’s been a roller-coaster of a year. From the highs of Fairbairns results, to the lows of the Lent Term restrictions, back up to the double blades in Lents, the one constant has been the Catz spirit (cliché though it sounds) and not just on the water. This year could so easily have descended into a nightmarish pit of administration for me, but it’s been made so easy by the willingness of the entire squad. My thanks and admiration go to the captains – Simon Wright for M2, Dan Potter for M3, Josh Gibson for M4 and Alex Abbott for M6 in the Easter Term as well as Matt Temple and David Edey from Lent and Michaelmas, who each shouldered the burden of administering an entire crew, and the coaches – Lianne Stanford, Tash Watts, Simon Wright, Alistair Nelson, Chris Quarton, Sarah Lucas and James Bywater. Without them, none of this year would’ve been possible, but the final thank you has to go to the entire squad – it’s been an immense pleasure to row with you all. I’m incredibly proud of everything we’ve achieved, and I hope you are too.

**Men’s Captain: Chris Eddy**

**Boat Club (Women)**

All in all, this has been a good year to be Women’s Captain at Catz. 2013 brought a bumper crop of novices and, thanks to the generosity of the Mabey family, a new W1 VIII, the ‘Lady Penny’.

Michaelmas was not the most auspicious start for the senior squad. Within the first two weeks our senior VIII had dwindled to just five, prompting the decision to split into a IV and a single. We made the most of it however. Easter Term began with the Small Boats Regatta. This year we had four entries into the women and mixed events, evidence of a burgeoning Catz sculling scene which I hope will continue to grow. Sarah Lucas won both the Fairbairn Junior Sculls and the Delafield Champion Sculls, defending her title from last year. The main
event was, of course, the May Bumps. This year W2 went down four, gaining their spoons. Despite the result, however, the crew, largely this year’s novices, have a lot to be proud of. Watching from the bank on the first day as they pushed Trinity Hall 2 away from two whistles back to station before being eventually reeled back in (no mean feat), I can say that W2 never lost focus or faith in one another this Mays.

It was a similar story in W1, who went down two. Despite strong rows on every day on two of the days the boats behind us were faster than we were. We’ll be hoping next year to come back with a bit more fitness and experience to ensure that, when we row our best, it’s faster than the people around us.

Women’s Captain: Sarah Lucas

Cricket
After a promising start made in the Acheson-Gray Day match, SCCCC were to face two strong sides in their opening two Cuppers games in the form of Fitzwilliam and Caius, both of whom had substantial numbers of University-level players. Both games saw Catz put out a strong effort in fielding and bowling that limited both Fitz and Caius scores to very beatable ones. However SCCCC fell short of the target on both occasions, bringing the Cuppers run to a premature end. The final Cuppers qualification match was to be against Clare. After Clare failed to organise a team, the result went to a controversial toss of the coin which also went against Catz.

The final match of the season saw Catz take part in a more informal game against a Law Firm XI that saw SCCCC take a fairly comprehensive win. This was followed by an enjoyable meal with the opposition that brought the Catz official, rather mixed, cricket season to an end. But with the retention of many players from last season and the introduction of a good cohort of cricketers amongst the first-years, hopes are high for summer 2015.

As a ‘cricket addendum’, on graduation eve the Fellows played a game against the graduating class. Special ‘one-day fellowships’ were conferred upon Simo, Martin, Jason and Craig. This motley crew played a limited-overs match, limited to allow the Chaplain to officiate at the graduation evensong. The Fellows scored 70 and, in an incident reportable to the Dean, Tom Neil bowling at full pace hit Professor Broom twice with short pitched balls. The graduating class won in the last over. Jason Pack brought a new dynamic to batting and the Chaplain was oh-so competitive. It was a thoroughly good afternoon in that idyll of our playing field.


Cross Country
St Catharine’s College Cross Country Club, or SCCCCC as it is affectionately known, has gone from strength to strength this year. Our twice-weekly runs have proved popular with many members of College, especially the Tea Runs with home-baked cake thanks to the Chads ovens. The competitive season began promisingly with Philip Crout coming second in the ‘Freshers fun run’, while Captains Simon and Iona also placed well in this race and

Fellows vs Graduating Class 2014
and all of the virgin racers moving up at least one racing
category. In the National Team Time Trial championships we
narrowly missed the podium, following an accident, and Edmund Bradbury (Jesus, 2011) represented the
team individually as an Under 23. Felix Barker (Trinity
Hall, 2013) has partly moved onto the next step already,
transferring to an Italian team for the summer to train and
race in the Dolomites.

Moving very sharply on to this year’s Cuppers results,
Sonja Bamford and Natasha Watts represented the Col-
lege in the Women’s event, resulting in a very creditable
4th team placing. In the Men’s event James Dixon fin-
ished in 4th individually, leading home Owen Drage. Josh
Gibson, Oscar Hardy and Joe Shreeves to a collective
College position of 5th. For the University Club, Dixon
was part of the winning Cambridge team for the BUCS
Team Time Trial and rode in support of Edmund Bradbury
(Jesus, 2011) at the road race with the pair finishing 2nd
and 14th respectively. This will be my last year of full in-
volvement in racing with the University, and representing
the College. I strongly hope that the club continues to
move from strength to strength, building on the momen-
tum cycling has developed, and, of course, continuing to
crush Oxford at the annual meetings.

Captain: James Dixon

Fencing

It is several years since St Catharine’s contributed to the
University’s fencing team, but last year saw the arrival of
two junior internationals: Harriet Hall, who was the Uni-
versity Captain in 2013–4, and Alex Craig, to be Univer-
sity Captain in 2014–5. Both earned their second Blues,
with a resounding Varsity win and appearance in the
BUCS National finals, although Cambridge lost there by
four hits to Edinburgh. Cambridge also won the Women’s
Southern Premier league.

Also from Catz were Rima Dodd (masters), who was
part of the University women’s second team who won
Varsity and the Midlands Conference 1A league for
BUCS. Jacob Spurrell was part of our novice Varsity team
and pulled out an outstanding personal performance to
help win the Novice Varsity match in May this year.

Captain: Harriet Hall

Hockey (Men)

The start of the year looked promising for Catz hockey
with a good crop of freshers making up a large part of the
1st team. The season started well with a string of high
scoring wins against everyone we faced, including Jesus.
Our first obstacle came in a match against a very strong
Old Leysians side, seemingly Cambridge City 2s stepping
off the pitch on Saturday and stepping back on to face
us on Sunday! However they didn’t have a keeper; this
meant our tactic of ‘win short corner, score short corner’
was very successful for our first two short corners and
goals. Although two incredible and lucky stick saves for

Co-Captains: Simon Sowerby and Iona Charlton

Cycling

I’m writing this report as the largest race in the world pre-
paroes to visit Cambridge; the Tour de France is coming to
Britain and racing will be visible from St Catharine’s Main
Court as the riders roll out of the city. Cycling has always
been a popular method of transport in Cambridge but in-
creasingly students and staff are making the leap from ‘bike
rider’ to ‘cyclist’. The University Cycling Club has boomed
in recent years, now boasting almost 200 members, and
hosts a mixture of different riders. Would you like to ride to
the ‘Crocodile Farm Cafe’ in the sun, go mountain biking in
Thisford Forest, or even ride a solo 100 miles as fast as you
can? Great, we can cater to all these and more.

For many, the purpose of the club has been simple, to
beat Oxford in the annual Varsity race. The recent history
shows remarkable success, winning six out of the previ-
uous seven meetings on the road and all Mountain Bike
competitions, but the unbounded enthusiasm for beating
the dark blues has strongly contrasted with indifference
for other events and a lacklustre approach to the rest of
the season. I’ve won three Varsity matches but other re-
results have been few and far between. Some individual
riders have gone on to great things but a lack of team
focus has let talent slip away.

However this year is the first in a very exciting project,
the formation of the ‘Cambridge University Racing Team’ –
a semi-professional team, commercially backed, has op-
erated in parallel with the University Club with the aim of
developing riders beyond the bubble into Road Racing.
It’s the brainchild of Professor Tony Purnell, Fellow of Trin-
ity Hall, Royal Academy of Engineering Visiting Professor,
and, most notably in this context, Head of Technical De-
velopment for British Cycling. The result is a team of nine,
led on the road by local ex-pro David McLean and Dr Wo-
jciech Szlachta (Girton, 2005), and run behind the scenes
by team manager Dr Mark Holt (Caius, 2003).

Results so far have been strong with multiple wins
and all of the virgin racers moving up at least one racing
the next two meant the match ended 3–2. This didn’t de-
ter us as wins in the rest of our games would lead us to
Super Cuppers. Despite this we lost an unfortunate game
to Downing after a phantom whistle by the umpire allow-
ing them to score the only goal of the game.

Having missed out on Super Cuppers we began the
second term league and the rest of our Cuppers cam-
paign still to play. The second half of the season took
a similar line, winning most games comfortably but this
time losing to Jesus and to Downing due to keeper un-
availability. Despite not winning the league, our Cuppers
campaign continued into the Easter Term where we dis-
patched Christs 16–0 in the semi-final. Later that day
we played the mixed final against Jesus, and having won
that, we prepared for the next day where we would face
Jesus again, this time in the men’s final. We warmed up
for our match against a Jesus side which was made up of
almost entirely Blues and Wanderers. We took the first
strike scoring from a short corner however this was soon
equalised by Jesus, the score line remained the same un-
til halftime, 1–1. After the break it was obvious that the
two games the day before had taken its toll on us and
we struggled to keep up with a fresher Jesus side. A few
short corners converted by Jesus let the score slip to 4–1,
tiredness crept in and Jesus kept scoring. It ended 7–1,
not representative of the closeness and intensity of the
game, but with a relatively young team and many play-
ers staying, we hope that next year will show a return to
past glories.

Particular mentions this year go to Sam Cole and his
golden stick, scoring 7 against Christs and taking on the
role of men’s captain; Keiran Gilmore for his particularly
strong performances in both mixed and men’s Cuppers,
and finally to all of our leaving players for their years of
service to Catz Hockey.

Captain: Will Fulwood

Hockey (Women)

After a relatively disappointing campaign last year, the
Catz hockey girls were keen to prove that we’re still the
college to beat on the hockey pitch! The team remained
mainly unchanged from last year, with the addition of
a strong contingent of enthusiastic freshers giving the
squad real depth. Few colleges are able to match Catz in
terms of sheer participation in sporting events, so it was
good to see so many players so enthusiastic. The team
this year boasted a number of University hockey players,
including one Blue, three members of the third team and
no less than four members of the all-conquering Univer-
sity second team.

The team had a very good run in Michaelmas, with only
a single draw to mar an otherwise perfect list of results.
After Christmas, we were similarly dominant, winning all
of our matches (with the exception of one match which
unfortunately coincided with the University hockey side’s
varsity matches, rather depleting the Catz team’s num-
bers!). We thus emerged as victorious in the league (or so
I assume. The league secretaries haven’t actually told us
the results officially).

In Cuppers, the 18–1 victory we enjoyed over a com-
bined Homerton/Girton side has to be one of the most
emphatic in Cuppers history. Buoyed by a fanatical crowd,
the team produced a stunning performance to cement
Catz’s place as the dominant force in college hockey.
With few players leaving this year, next season looks to
be similarly successful: ‘may the wheel keep rolling on.’

Captain: Caitleena Cox

Hockey (Mixed)

The mixed hockey team started the season with high ex-
pectations having held the Trophy two years running. The
first match in the first round was against the pink peril
(Corpus Christi). Due to poor light conditions the playing
time was limited to 30 minutes each half. The Corpus side
started hard and fast hoping to force us onto the back
foot with some rhythmic passing moves and a series of
well timed shots putting us onto the back foot, but a back-
bone of stellar defenders Matt ‘the engine’ Diesel, Juliet
stick wielder’ Michel, Mike ‘the hammer’ Woodford and
Hettie ‘freewheeling’ Cust held off the onslaught. After
the first ten minutes the Catz team started returning to
the old liquid playing style, soon lubricating the rusty
wheel back into action. Lightning passing and furious
execution upfront, displaying the team’s potential, soon
put Catz 1–0 up. Once Catz had the momentum there
was no way that the wheel would stop rolling and, as the
score reached 6–1, the clock chimed an apocalyptically
early end to the Corpus title run.

This momentum was maintained throughout the fol-
lowing games as we steamrolled through to the final
against our ancient rival Jesus. The team had gelled into
an effective unit and we were ready to roll into our final
match. Jesus presented us with a strong line up led by
Wes Howles, former national league midfielder and cur-
current Blue. The match kicked off at a fast pace with strong
passing displays from both sides and tireless action from
the central backbone of the team, Will Fulwood, Kieran
Gilmore and Matt Diesel. Elegant hockey and a sharp fin-
ish from Gilmore put us ahead; however Jesus struck back
quickly with a deadly strike past keeper Graeme Morri-
son. In the second half Catz kept up the pressure, while
the inferior Jesus fitness led to some mistakes from their
side. Jesus appeared able to counter, and with ten min-
utes left the score was stuck at 2–2. But the steely nerve
of our strike force, led by Blue Victoria Mascetti, ensured
that Catz gained the victory with a well deserved 3–2
score. The season proved that, although every wheel is
only as strong as its weakest spoke, every spoke in our
wheel was strong, well-tested and reliable.

Captain: Louis Williams
Lacrosse (mixed)
Mixed lacrosse is a young sport in intercollegiate competitions; however as it grows and expands the Catz contingent has grown and developed to enable continued competition at the highest level. Our chances did not seem high this season, after the graduation of 2/3 of the starting line up the previous year, relegation to the second division, the loss of co-captain and lacrosse superstar Jonny Hyman to early retirement in order to focus on University Tennis (a clear poor prioritisation of activities), yet we ensured that plenty of fresh blood was recruited in order to build for future years. The core of the team bonded quickly, with special mention of Lucy Gimson, Tom Markham and Matt Diesel for outstanding commitment. The season was a battle to avoid relegation to the third division and to overcome the declinist rhetoric which had spread across Catz. The team put in some outstanding performances, tearing apart a Trinity Hall team 5–1 despite the fact they had been reinforced by five of the University men’s team. Despite the many challenges, the mixed lacrosse team maintained its position in the second division and, by not losing a single player to graduation this year, the future looks bright.

Captain: Louis Williams

Modern Pentathlon
After many years during which Catz has contributed several team members to the twelve who represent Cambridge in the Modern Pentathlon Varsity Match, this year Henrietta Dillon was the sole representative. However, Henny as the Club President was a major force driving both the ladies’ and men’s teams to victory over Oxford. Both teams achieved the second highest ever score in a Varsity Match so the standard of competition was very high. There were three GB internationals in the match, all from Oxford. All six men in the Cambridge team achieved the Full Blue score of 4640 points, the first time that any team has done this. Henny had won the ladies’ individual competition for the previous two years and scored an impressive 4836 points this year in second place. She won the fencing event, with 18 victories out of a possible 22 (1120 points), and in the swimming event she broke her own match record with a time of 2 minutes 7 seconds (1276 points) for the 200 metres. As a 5th-year vet, Henny had decided to concentrate on modern pentathlon this year and did not swim for the University as in previous years. She came 4th in the inter-university BUCS modern pentathlon championships and was part of the bronze-medal-winning Cambridge team. Performance in university sports often owes a lot to the determination engendered by those who organize the training for the sport. Henny Dillon manages to inspire all in the modern pentathlon club, as she had also inspired the University swimming team when she was ladies’ captain, and she was very pleased by the large number of personal best performances in this year’s Varsity Match and by the Club’s achievements in national competitions.

Senior member: Donald Broom

Netball (Women)
After losing a few key players from the first team last year, we were not sure what the 2013–4 season would bring for SCCLNC. But thanks to the dedication and talent of our girls we had one of the most impressive seasons to date. We welcomed the arrival of several new first-year players including our star shooter Izzy Bell, who has had great success representing the University first team and earned a Half-Blue.

We stormed through Michaelmas Term winning (almost) every match and as a result finished top of Division 2. Lent Term brought our promotion into the top flight and after years of yo-yoing between divisions, our expectations were low. However our first match was a huge victory over Murray Edwards, who last year beat us by over 40 goals. This match was my personal highlight, as the determination and ferocity of our team who were trailing until the last eight minutes paid off and we took the unexpected victory with a rallying final quarter! After this we had tough matches against the likes of Newnham and Jesus and, despite the stiff competition and our initial expectations of relegation, we finished third in Division 1!

Sadly we will be losing some of the most familiar faces of Catz netball next year; Lexi Boreham, our gracious Goal Attack and former captain, and Lara May, whose talent and boundless energy at Centre will leave a huge gap in the team. Sad farewells also to Genna, India, Sarah and Kate, without whom the season would not have been the same. The future, however, does look bright for SCCLNC under the watchful eye of next year’s captain Tasha Pinnington. I have great faith that the team will flourish under her leadership and we will be staying in the top flight for years to come!

Captain: Alice Skupski

Netball (Mixed)
This year was another great year for Catz Mixed Netball. Although we were unable to recreate the glory of last year’s title-winning season, we remained in the top flight and finished a comfortable fourth place at the end of both Michaelmas and Lent. With last year’s captain and Catz netball beacon Oscar Hardy struggling with injury, and declining numbers as term progressed and workloads increased, it was a great effort to win as many games as we did and finish so consistently high. Cuppers this year saw Catz Mixed Netball dominate the court, including a 20–0 victory over a Medics side in just a five-minute match. This impressive streak continued and we reached the quarter finals only to miss out narrowly on a place in the semis. This was a disappointment as the liquid netball
displayed on the day, had we not slipped up, was enough to beat even the strongest of teams. It has been an absolute honour to lead this fantastic side, and the future looks even brighter with next year’s captain Maeve Healy set to take charge.

Captain: Alice Skupski

Rugby (Men)

SCCRUFC have had an very successful season this year. The retention of much of our squad and the addition of several newcomers, both freshers and older years – spurred on to re-continue their rugby careers by our recent success, meant we had the largest squad in recent years. Having made several pushes for promotion in the past two seasons, narrowly missing out last year due to the cancellation of games, expectations were high.

While our first scheduled game was postponed because Magdelen were unable to field a team, the resulting extra training time to gel as a team before our first run out away at Emmanuel proved vital in a tightly fought contest ending 16–17 – our first win of the season. Our next game against Churchill was a more one-sided affair – a 29–0 thumping with Churchill offering very little resistance. Our game against Christs was another tense match. Having built a comprehensive lead and dominating the opposition in the first half, the loss of many players to supervisions allowed Christs to get back into the game and we ended up drawing 24–24. This was followed by a 35–13 loss away at Girton in a very disappointing match where we lost concentration. However, we bounced back in a cold and windy game against Magdelene to finish the Michaelmas Term with a 32–10 victory. Due to weather our match against Christs was moved to the first week of Lent Term. This was going to be a highly contested game with either side gaining access to the promotion play-offs if it won. We led with five minutes to go, but a try in the final play of the game by Fitz meant we drew 16–17 – our first win of the season. Our next game against Churchill was a more one-sided affair – a 29–0 thumping with Churchill offering very little resistance. Our game against Christs was another tense match. Having built a comprehensive lead and dominating the opposition in the first half, the loss of many players to supervisions allowed Christs to get back into the game and we ended up drawing 24–24. This was followed by a 35–13 loss away at Girton in a very disappointing match where we lost concentration. However, we bounced back in a cold and windy game against Magdelene to finish the Michaelmas Term with a 32–10 victory. Due to weather our match against Christs was moved to the first week of Lent Term. This was going to be a highly contested game with either side gaining access to the promotion play-offs if it won. We led with five minutes to go, but a try in the final play of the game by Fitz meant we drew 12–12 and the outcome of the league was beyond our control. Fortunately other results went our way and we were able to claim a walk-over against a Sidney side that had pulled out of our game twice, to finish in the play-offs and have a shot at promotion.

It was still undecided whether one or two teams would be promoted from Division 3 and, whilst the captains voted on the matter, we played our semi-final against Christs. Though our previous encounter was a tough draw where we had let the lead slip, there was no contest this time as we stormed to a 41–0 dominating victory. Following the win, it was later announced that two teams would be promoted from Division 3, meaning ourselves and Emmanuel had both achieved the season’s aims.

We were unable to play a final competitive play-off against Emma as Cuppers began (though we did organise a 7s friendly for the end of Lent). Our first opponents were Queens’, bottom of Division 2. Having just achieved promotion we were perhaps a little arrogant and, although we finally ground out the win in wet and windy conditions, it does highlight the challenges we face next season. However, we were through to the second round and faced giants of Division 1, Robinson. This was always going to be a tough challenge and while we rose to the test and put in one of the best performances of the season, we sadly saw some lapses in concentration to let them score and couldn’t quite convert the intense pressure we put their defences under, never quite getting that final pass away. Final score was 13–0. A good result considering some of the score lines in Division 1.

As we had been knocked out of the Cup in the second round, we were entered into the Plate contest, automatically reaching the quarter-finals. Here we faced Homerton. Having suffered a bad defeat last season, we were keen to make amends and won 23–14 meaning we were to face Fitzwilliam for the second time in a month. Sadly this wasn’t as closely contested with Fitz – the eventual winners of the competition – running in numerous tries to win 44–12.

The Dudley Robinson Memorial match at the Acheson-Gray sports day was organised very late this year due to a miscommunication with College implying we would not be allowed to play. However, this was fortunately not the case and the match went ahead incredibly smoothly given the circumstances. Alex Fries did a great job in managing the experiment, which was enjoyed by both teams.

The social side of Catz rugby continues to thrive. In addition to a number of dinners and social events, we took a trip to Leicester to watch a Heineken cup game against Ulster. We also organised a game with St Catherine’s College, Oxford, who came over to Cambridge for the match during January. Although we lost the game this was a very good-natured event and a social at a local restaurant was enjoyed by both teams.

As usual we held the annual dinner in the OCR. This year the Player of the Season award went to Ben Cottam; the Best Newcomer Award to Andy Rees; Most Improved to Sebastian Damrich; and the Dudley Robinson Award to Jonny Hyman. The job of leading our promotion to
Division 1 lies with the newly-elected captain, Ben Cot-tam. Again we are retaining a lot of the squad and with a few freshers coming next year we have a promising sea-son ahead to follow on from our success this year.

Captain: James Lamming

Rugby (Women)
This year there was a big push for women’s rugby within the University, which helped to reignite the St Catharine’s team. Many girls were very keen to get involved, almost none of whom had had any previous experience at all. So the year began slowly with lots of coaching from both professional coaches and from the men’s rugby team which was a great success; halfway through Michaelmas Term we had over fifteen girls playing. We turned up to the first tournament of term with the largest, and keen-est, team of any participating college and the team photo made it into the Official RFU newspaper of December 2013 with the caption ‘Cambridge Developing Women’s Rugby’. In Lent Term the league was started. The Catz team beat Emmanuel 20–0 in our initial match which started the term on a high note. We were then narrowly defeated by the Hill Colleges (a joint team composed of those whose colleges or sports fields are at the top of Castle Hill) 20–25 but we were not disheartened as this team consisted of many University players.

We entered the 7s tournament at the end of Lent which was played on the University pitches with numerous spectators. St Catharine’s won the tournament, defeating the Hill Colleges (22–7) and then Emmanuel (22–0) in the final. Charlotte Frost and Jemima Lane played university rugby this year with Charlotte playing in the firsts match against Oxford. The St Catharine’s team were asked if members would be available to play at University level, and two other members of Catz, Iona Charlton and Kate MacLeod, played for the second team. Captainancy will be taken over by Harriet Hall and Iona Charlton.

Captain: Cara Eldridge

Sailing
Competing as a helmsman for the University first team, Tim Gratton contributed to the University’s victory in the BUSA/BUCS team championships, Cambridge’s first overall win since 2006. He also competed as one of the helms in the Varsity Match at Cowes in July, which Cam-bridge won 4–1.

Swimming
Although there is no formal Catz swimming team, we enter swimming Cuppers every year, and trials are held at the beginning of Easter term to select swimmers from the College. We entered this year’s competition with strong men’s and women’s teams and a determination to live up to the Catz tradition of swimming prowess, bringing back the trophy for another year. The competition took place over a single weekend, with heats and finals pressed up close against each other, adding a new challenge for those racing. Over 60% of swimmers made it through to the finals in their respective events and, of those, approximately a quarter improved on their times achieved of the piste was a highlight, despite the ski down in the dark afterwards being almost as treacherous as the vin de table. Once again the trip provided many opportuni-ties for disparate groups of students to get to know one another, and an invaluable chance for first-year students to spend time together outside College. Best of luck to next year’s committee.

It was my privilege this year to lead the College Ski Team into Cuppers during the Varsity Ski Trip. The Catz team had plenty of years of skiing experience, although not of much prior racing. Strong debut performances by Charlie Stoneham, Jonny Hyman and Hettie Cust put the race team two gates into the lead for the last racer. Un-fortunately due to poor control we were knocked out by a crash by Louis Williams. A later Cuppers competition in Milton Keynes was an opportunity to return to former glory, but unfortunately both Catz ski teams failed to perform, yet overall this was another fun day.

Captain: Louis Williams

The Women’s Rugby team.
Tennis (Men)
This season was a period of transition for St Catharine’s College Lawn Tennis Club. After losing loyal servant Henry Delacave to the rigours of a medical conversion course at Warwick, a repeat of last season’s Cuppers semi-final run was always going to be difficult. The season began with the winter league, where we battled gamely in Division 1, finishing a respectable 5th to maintain our top-division status for next year. Captain Jonny Hyman selfishly lowered himself down the order regularly to secure personal victories, elevating the likes of Leah Grace, Nikhil Joshi, Jack Hollywood, and Charlie Stoneham to play higher up, where they performed generally well. Lower down the order, Robbie Denison played some good matches, but is yet to record his maiden competitive singles victory, which will surely come soon. Fin Allen produced a memorable win at Jesus College, while Dan Hanna’s enthusiasm can hardly be doubted.

The Acheson-Gray Sports Day Fixture was a success as usual. Played on a lovely day at the College grass courts, excellently prepared by Chris Tovey, the students (not helped by captain Hyman being sidelined due to a cricket match) fought hard against a skilful alumni team. Not even a guest appearance from Owen Williams could help the students as we went down fairly convincingly to the alumni. Next season will provide an opportunity to avenge.

The Cuppers campaign was brutally cut short at the first hurdle with a tough draw against Trinity Hall. Time constraints meant that we could not field our strongest team, and what could have been a lengthy run in the competition ended up failing early. I’m sure the team can rebuild the pride in Catz Cuppers tennis next summer.

It has been a pleasure to captain the men’s tennis this year. What the squad lacked in natural tennis ability, they made up for in willingness and spirit, Dan Hanna being the embodiment of both such characteristics. My best wishes go to Nikhil Joshi, next year’s men’s captain, who will surely restore the club’s reputation in the top echelons of the college sporting system.

Captain: Jonny Hyman

Tennis (Women)
The summer tennis season kicked off well with the annual Acheson-Gray match against the alumni. Despite the threat of rain we managed to take advantage of a surprisingly sunny afternoon and make use of the well-prepared grass courts, even if we did keep losing balls into the neighbour’s garden. The alumni gave a strong performance as ever, providing our team the perfect warm up match to prepare us for the coming Cuppers matches.

With a bye in the first round, Catz ladies put up a great performance against Corpus, and with only three players we managed to win 6–4 to reach the semi-finals. With the stakes raised, the semi-final was a much closer match against the Emmanuel team. A strong performance by fresher Leah Grace saw a singles win against their Blues player. But narrow losses in both of the doubles matches and a couple of singles matches saw a narrow loss overall. Star players include Leah Grace, Alice Skupski, Rebecca Moore, Charlotte Frost, Emily Brady and Rebecca McLean. It has been a pleasure to captain this team this year, let’s aim for the final next year!

Captain: Rebecca McLean

Triathlon
Although it is a relatively recent sport, Cambridge University has had a big impact on Triathlon. Current Olympic (Alistair Brownlee, Girton), World (Emma Pooley, Trinity Hall) and Ironman (Lucy Gossage, Peterhouse) champions all studied, or still study, at Cambridge. And, well before serious University Triathlon competitions were established, Sarah Springman (1983) and Henrietta Freeman (2002) had pioneered the sport from St Catharine’s (see earlier Magazines). But with Triathlon not then recognised by the Blues Committees, both Sarah and Henny had to all studied, or still study, at Cambridge. And, well before serious University Triathlon competitions were established, Sarah Springman (1983) and Henrietta Freeman (2002) had pioneered the sport from St Catharine’s (see earlier Magazines). But with Triathlon not then recognised by the Blues Committees, both Sarah and Henny had to earn their Blues in other sports, and this they did with a vengeance. Triathlon, consisting of swimming, cycling and running, is obviously a sport for the talented all-rounder, and this year Priya Crosby, who won a Blue (Triathlon now holds a bona-fide Varsity Match and has Blues status) also won Half-Blues for both rowing and athletics.

Water Polo
Precise details of the College’s Water Polo in 2013–4 seem not to have been committed to memory, but the belief is that there were four matches in the League, resulting in wins against Magdalene and Leys “B”, but losses to Emmanuel and Caius; and a short Cuppers run, with a win against Christ’s, but then a loss to Robinson. So very much a 50:50 season.

Captain (2014–5): Emma Tarrant

Alley-Catz
We are extremely proud and humbled to have been the presidents of the Alley-Catz this year. They have been an absolutely fantastic group of young women, representing
both their strength and friendship on and off the field/pitch/track etc! Alley-Catz members have represented the University in more than ten different sports, to an extremely impressive level and have shown insurmountable keenness to get involved at all levels for the Wheel. Some highlights of the year include: SCCWRUFC winning the Cuppers 7s tournament; SCCWBC going up two in Lent Bumps; SC-CWHC winning the Cuppers final; the huge representation we had winning the Varsity fencing competition.

Outside of sport we have been wined and dined by some of Cambridge’s finest bachelors (hmmm), the cream of course being the Kittens at the Christmas dinner. We had a lot of fun auctioning off the right to shave the Kit-tens’ beards in aid of Movember.

Next year three young women are taking over the leadership of the Alley-Catz – Cara Eldridge, Hettie Cust and Iona Charlton. We would like to wish them the best of luck. So keep running, keep drinking (water) and keep in touch. To any alumni Alley-Catz out there please get in touch at caths-alleycatz@lists.cam.ac.uk. We would love to organize some alumni events and can only do this if we have your details!

Presidents: Sonia Joy Bamford and Alexandra Boreham

Kittens

It has been a wonderful honour to be Head Kitten over this past academic year. It has been a year in which The Kitten Club has achieved much, both individually and as a group. We have been represented at the University level in a number of sports including Hockey, Rugby, Cycling, Kickboxing, Triathlon, Athletics, Cricket and Lacrosse. Many of the individuals in these teams have taken on leadership roles either through captaining or coaching these University teams. I think it is plain from these facts that the sporting stock of The Kitten Club has maintained the high standard seen in past years. The Kitten Club has also played a pivotal role within College sport. The Kittens have been represented in almost every Cuppers event including the unusually high turnout for Croquet Cuppers. Particularly strong performances in the competition were seen in football, badminton and rugby.

We were successful in putting together a Kitten’s Boat for Cambridge’s May Bumps. We were proud to be, for an admittedly brief time, included as part of the St Catharine’s College Boat Club. Eight boats made it onto the river across the club and we were glad to be able to follow up individual success in a boat with a strong team effort. The Kittens were able to build on the past success of The Kitten’s Garden Party and entertained many members of College with music, Pimms, a BBQ, candy floss and much conviviality. I’m happy in the knowledge that, in the hands of incoming HK James Lamming and Secretary Michael Carbonell, the Garden Party will continue to be a success next year.

It has been a joy to preside over The Kitten Club this year and spend time with such a lovely group of gentle-

men. I would like to wish good luck to those students moving on to new challenges outside Cambridge in the coming year. To those members remaining at College, I wish you a productive and fun year and I will no doubt see you soon – perhaps at the impending Reunion Dinner.

Head Kitten: Oscar Hardy

After the Alley-Catz and Kittens dinner.
Blues and Colours 2013–14

Full Blues
Athletics: Emma G Cullen, T Neill, Rebecca SA Moore
Cricket: BA Wylie
Cruising: Fiona Hampshire (for 2012–3)
Cross-country: Rebecca SA Moore
Fencing: Alexandra Craig (also for 2012–3), Harriet Hall (also for 2012–3)
Golf: P Schoenbergher (for 2012–3)
Hockey: K Gilmore
Modern Pentathlon: Henrietta Dillon
Sailing: T Gratton
Squash: Anna Drummond (also for 2012–3)
Triathlon: Priya Crosby (also for 2012–3)

Half Blues
Archery: Eleanor Brug (for 2012–3), J Glover (for 2012–3)
Athletics: Emily Brady, Annabelle Bates, Priya Crosby, S Kiara de Kremer, Emily L Goodband, Rebecca Hulbert, Rebecca E McLean
Badminton: Jennifer Ko (also for 2012–3), Steph Potten

Cruising: T Palmer (for 2012–3)
Ice Hockey: Kirsty Brain (for 2012–3)
Lightweight Rowing: Priya Crosby, W Hayes
Netball: Elizabeth Bell
Revolver: Aline Simon (for 2012–3), H Yan (for 2012–3)
Rugby Fives: J Lane (for 2012–3)
Rugby Union: Charlotte E Frost

Colours
Athletics (Alligators): Charlotte E Frost
Athletics (Alverstone): P Crout
Cross-country (Spartans): P Crout
Hockey (Nomads): Charlotte Frost
Hockey (Wanderers): W Fulwood, G Morrison
Hockey (Squanderers): A Argyle, M Woodford
Lacrosse: Amelia Duncanson, L Williams
Lawn Tennis (2nd team): Leah Grace
Rugby Union (under 21’s): BA Wylie
Rugby Union (Tigers): Iona Charlton, Kate McLeod
Triathlon: Sonia Bamford (for 2012–3), C Preece (for 2012–3)

Undergraduate Matriculands 2013

Addison, Grant William (Antrim Grammar School) Law
Aho, Kaarina (St Paul’s Girls’ School) Natural Sciences
Akthar, Mumina (Charnwood College (Upper)) Medical & Veterinary Sciences
Allison, Conrad Richard Godwin (St Olave’s & St Saviour’s Grammar School, Southwark) Economics
Ash, Simon (The Castle School Sixth Form, Thornbury) Law
Ashman, Nazim (Marlborough College) Engineering
Austin, Madeleine Margaret (St George’s School, Harpenden) History
Badenach-Nicolson, Bramble Alice (Cheltenham Ladies’ College) Modern & Medieval Languages
Balmer, Rachel (Roundhay School, Leeds) Modern & Medieval Languages
Bartlett, James (Sir Thomas Picton School, Haverfordwest) Music
Beaupre, Suzanna Claire (Wellington School, Somerset) History
Bell, Elizabeth (The King’s School, Macclesfield) Natural Sciences
Bird, Marcus (Wilson’s School, Wallington) English
Bird, Natalie (Oxford High School GDST) English
Bock, Pete (York College) Human, Social & Political Sciences
Bolgar, Peter (Eötvös József Secondary Grammar School, Hungary) Natural Sciences
Bond, Eilanor Charlotte Jane (Reigate Grammar School) Philosophy
Brook, Emma Frances (Sir William Perkins’s School, Chertsey) Engineering
Brotherston, James Alexander (Tapton School, Sheffield) Mathematics
Burr, Samuel John (King Alfred’s Academy, Wantage) Mathematics
Butterworth, Adam (Harrow School) Natural Sciences
Calliafas, Laurence (Brighton College) Modern & Medieval Languages
Chen, Jinxi (Mill Hill School, London) Geography
Chen, Yichen (Badminton School) Natural Sciences
Chodorowski, Amy (Holt School, Wokingham) Engineering
Chow, Jia Rui (Cardiff Sixth Form College) Engineering
Church, Cecily (Oxford High School GDST) Geography
Cole, Samuel James (Pate’s Grammar School, Cheltenham) Engineering
Copley, Emma Elizabeth Hope (Alexandra Park School) Natural Sciences
Crease, Jonathan Edward (Havant Sixth Form College) Engineering
Crout, Phillip (Dame Alice Owen’s School, Potters Bar) Natural Sciences
Curtis, Freya (Channing School, Highgate) Natural Sciences
Dai, Jingwen (The British School Al Khubarait, UAE) Land Economy
Damrich, Sebastian (Heidelberg University) Mathematics
Darling, Nathaniel Thomas (Abbey Grange Church of England Academy, Leeds) Economics
Denniff, Jessica (Sheffield High School for Girls) Geography
Diesel, Matthew (Balcarras School, Cheltenham) Engineering
Digby, James (Magdalen College School, Oxford) Theological & Religious Studies
Fairbairn, William (King’s School, Canterbury) Music
French, Michael (The Judd School, Tonbridge) Computer Science
Gilmore, Kieran (Simon Langton School for Boys, Canterbury) Natural Sciences
Gimson, Lucy Jane Stanford (St Swithun’s School, Winchester) Medical & Veterinary Sciences
Goodall, Emma (Uppingham School) Modern & Medieval Languages
Gooderham, Thomas Willoughby (Simon Langton School for Boys, Canterbury) Land Economy
Grace, Leah (St Bede’s College, Manchester) Modern & Medieval Languages
Gratton, Tim (Royal Grammar School, Guildford) Engineering
Gribbin, Harriet (Redborne Upper School & Community College) Medical & Veterinary Sciences
Hampshire, Duncan (Royal Grammar School, Guildford) Natural Sciences
Healy, Maeve (Tonbridge Grammar School) Law
Hess, Sarah Jane Louise (Hull Collegiate School) History
Hollywood, Jack (Davenant Foundation School, Loughton) Natural Sciences
Huang, Zhixing (Mander Portman Woodward, Cambridge) Chemical Engineering via Natural Sciences
Hubble, Rebecca (King Edward VII School, Kings Lynn) Natural Sciences
Huskinson, Roisin Elise (Kesteven & Grantham Girls’ School) Medical & Veterinary Sciences
Hutchinson, Bryony (Parkside Sixth Form College, Cambridge) Classical
Johnston, Christopher (Southend High School for Boys Trust) Mathematics
Jones, Rosalind Margaret (Alton College) Medical & Veterinary Sciences
Joshi, Nikhil David (Haberdashers’ Aske’s Boys’ School, Borehamwood) Medical & Veterinary Sciences
Judge, Matthew Charles (Richmond upon Thames College) Engineering
Kalmar, Anna (ELTE Radnóti Miklós School, Budapest) History
Kaur, Verrin (North Bristol Post-16 Centre) Modern & Medieval Languages
Kemp, Matthew (Calday Grange Grammar School, West Kirby) Natural Sciences
Kendrick, Max William (Bromsgrove School) Human, Social & Political Sciences
Khan, Amy (The Skegness Grammar School) Medical & Veterinary Sciences
Khoo, Shi Yin (Concord College, Shrewsbury) Law
Kovacsics, Robert Mark (The Judd School, Tonbridge) Computer Science
Kratt, Frederick Alexander James (Godalming College) Geography
Lam, Jonathan (Manchester Grammar School) Natural Sciences
Lane, Michael (The Windsor Boys’ School) Medical & Veterinary Sciences
Le, Elizabeth Phuong Vi (Aquinas College, Stockport) Medical & Veterinary Sciences
Leung, Daniel Sek Meng (Princethorpe College, Rugby) Modern & Medieval Languages
Loveday, Annabel Victoria Louise (The Bishop’s Stortford High School) History
Macleod, Harriet Kate Donaldson (Withington Girls’ School) Human, Social & Political Sciences
Mailles, Jonathan William (Truro School) Natural Sciences
Malley, Charlotte Elizabeth (Loreto Grammar School, Altrincham) Natural Sciences
Mariner, Simon Thomas (Bourne Grammar School) Modern & Medieval Languages
Markham, Thomas Henry (Calday Grange Grammar School, West Kirby) Engineering
Marshall, Rachel Kate (Aylesbury High School) Geography
Martin, Rebecca (Rosebery School, Epsom) Natural Sciences
McGill, Octavia Ellen Julia (The John Henry Newman Catholic School, Stevenage) Law
McNeill, Heather Catherine (St Nicholas Catholic High School, Hartford, Cheshire) Natural Sciences
Michel, Juliet (Latymer Upper School, Hammersmith) Geography
Mikutis, Sigitas (Vilnius University, Lithuania) Natural Sciences
Mills, Timothy James (Lomond School, Helensburgh) Economics
Mituzaitė, Jurga (Siauliai Simonas Daukantas Gymnasium, Lithuania) Natural Sciences
Mookerjee, Souradip (Manchester Grammar School) Medical & Veterinary Sciences
Moquee, Komal (Wallington County Grammar School) Medical & Veterinary Sciences
Moran, Harry (Denstone College, Staffordshire) Human, Social & Political Sciences
Morley, Benjamin Sam (Wells Cathedral School) Mathematics
Nanda, Shreya (The Latymer School, Edmonton) Economics
Nelson, Alexander (King’s College School, Wimbledon) Classical
Nevin, Alexander James (Westcliff High School for Girls, Westcliff-on-Sea) Natural Sciences
Ng, Alvin (Anglo-Chinese School (Independent), Singapore) Human, Social & Political Sciences
Ng, Sheung Hei (St Paul’s Co-Educational College, Hong Kong) Natural Sciences
Paterson, Laura Elizabeth (The Kings of Wessex Academy, Cheddar) Modern & Medieval Languages
Phillips, Jonathan (St Alban’s School) Natural Sciences
Pinnington, Natasha Pentney (Wimbledon High School) English
Platt, Benjamin John (Wimbledon High School) Modern & Medieval Languages
Potten, Stephanie (Talbot Heath School, Bourneemouth) Medical & Veterinary Sciences
Radzevicius, Antanas (Kaunas University of Technology, Lithuania) Natural Sciences
Raison, Andrew (Reading School) Natural Sciences
Rees, Andrew (St Paul’s School, London) Economics
Reubens, Curtis (Rooks Heath College, Harrow) Mathematics
Rinkel, Bernardine Lucia Deborah (Stedelijk Gymnasium Leiden, Netherlands) Natural Sciences
Rosen, Asher Stewart (University College School, Hampstead) History
Saunders, Belinda Jane Muriel (Stratford Girls’ Grammar School) Geography
Schofield, Amelia (Cheney School, Oxford) History
Selman, Robert James (Coleg Cambria, Yale Campus, Wrexham) Medical & Veterinary Sciences
Sergi, Georgina (Wolverhampton Girls’ High School) Psychological & Behavioural Sciences
Shariff, Saliha (Henrietta Barnett School, Hampstead Garden Suburb) Economics
Smith, Katherine Elizabeth P (Joseph Wright Centre, Derby) Medical & Veterinary Sciences
Smith, Peter Adam (Stockport Grammar School) Law
Stevens, Luke Richard (Christ’s Hospital School, Horsham) Natural Sciences
Stoneham, Charles (St Olave’s & St Saviour’s Grammar School, Southwark) Land Economy
Tait, Emily (St George’s School for Girls, Edinburgh) English
Talbot, Rosemary (Tiffin Girls’ School, Kingston-upon-Thames) Mathematics
Temple, Matthew John (The King’s School, Chester) Mathematics
Tezhik, Gregory (Charterhouse School, Godalming) Economics
Thomas, Catherine Elizabeth (St Mary’s School, Cambridge) Human, Social & Political Sciences
Thompson, Scott (Luton VI Form College) Economics
Tipos, Konstantinos (St Lawrence College, Athens) Engineering
Titheridge-Stone, Oliver Charles (Queen Elizabeth’s School, Barnet) Asian & Middle Eastern Studies

New Graduates 2012

Aberman, Eleanor Jane (St Catharine’s) Real Estate Finance
Aitken, Alex (St Catharine’s) Music
Apalkov, Ievgen (Kyiv National Economic University, Ukraine) Law
Bartley, Michael James (St Catharine’s) Research in Second Language Education
Bell Webb, Catherine (St Catharine’s) Medicine
Bennett, Maxine Sarah (Keele) Pure Mathematics at the MRC Biostatistics Unit
Busiakiewicz, Robert (King’s College, London) Music Studies
Campion-Awwad, Oliver (Bristol) Public Policy
Carpenter, Asha Annie Margaret (Durham) Clinical Biochemistry
Case, Sarah Josephine (St Catharine’s) Medicine
Chan, Eleanor (St Catharine’s) History of Art
Christy, Jill Chantal (St Catharine’s) Medicine
Crawford, Joseph (University of Auckland, New Zealand) Management Studies
Crosby, Priya (St Catharine’s) Biological Science (Molecular Biology)
Curtis, Jonathan Robert (Manchester School of Architecture) Architecture and Urban Design
Dent, Richard (Hughes Hall, Cambridge) Sociology

Townend, Emma Caitlin (Home educated) Theological & Religious Studies
Van Slobbe, Pieter Willem Maurits (Erasmus University, Rotterdam) Law
Vimalanathan, Kavimeela (Seven Kings High School, Ilford) Medical & Veterinary Sciences
Walsh, Lucy (Tiffin Girls’ School, Kingston-upon-Thames) Philosophy
Walshe, Sophie (Newstead Wood School, Orpington) English
Warren, Louise Amelia (Queens’ School, Bushey) Medical & Veterinary Sciences
Weber, Benjamin (Sir Joseph Williamson’s Mathematics School, Rochester) Mathematics
Wilkinson, Henry John (Twynham School, Dorset) Anglo-Saxon, Norse & Celtic
Worth, Susanna Catherine (King James’s School, Knaresborough) English
Xiao, Yao (Ulking College of Suzhou Industrial Park, China) Natural Sciences
Young, Marco (The Perse School, Cambridge) English
Zhou, Tony (Magdalen College School, Oxford) Natural Sciences

Dodd, Alexander (St Catharine’s) Medicine
Dodd, Rima Grace (Warwick) Education
Drage, Owen Thomas (St Catharine’s) Veterinary Medicine
Duncumb, Joseph William (St Catharine’s) Medicine
Ebrahimi Afrouzi, Amin (University of California, Berkeley, USA) Classics
Elderfield, James Alexander David (St Catharine’s) Biological Sciences (BBSRC Doctoral Training Programme)
Farnon-Turner, Elffin (University of the West of England, Bristol) Law
Foerster, Sarah (Heidelberg, Germany) Stem Cell Biology
Ganzberger, Geoffrey Michael (University of California, San Diego, USA) Pure Mathematics
Gibson, Joshua George (Leeds) History
Hague, Matthew (St Catharine’s) Medicine
Hallinan, Emily Sarah (St Catharine’s) Archaeology
Harper, Joseph (St Catharine’s) Modern & Contemporary Literature
Hill, Stephanie Lorraine (Griffith University, Australia) Education
Hocking, Katherine Christine (St Catharine’s) Medicine
Horner, Emma Elizabeth (Trinity College, Dublin) Law
Igwe, Adannaya (St Catharine’s) Medicine
Jackson, Joshua James (Warwick) Pure Mathematics
Jarvie, Stephen Paul (St Andrews) International Relations & Politics
Jent, Karen Ingeborg (Zurich, Switzerland) Sociology
Kelly, Jessica Alice (St Catharine’s) Criminology
Kent, Anna Justine (St Catharine’s) Early Years Education
Kiskin, Fedir (University College London) Cardiovascular Research
Knipe, Clive (Durham) Archaeology
Krishnan, Kartik (Nottingham) Management
Krol, Lukasz Antoni (St Andrews) International Relations & Politics
Laars, Philipp (Sciences Po Paris, France) Political Thought and Intellectual History
Lando, Massimo Fabio (Università Degli Studi di Milano, Italy) Law
Lane, Jemima Catharine (St Catharine’s) Veterinary Medicine
Lau, Jacqueline Denise (Australian National University) Environment, Society & Development
Levi, Peter Gerard (Bristol) Engineering for Sustainable Development
Lewis, Richard Peter Idris (St Catharine’s) Chemistry
Liesner, Mollie Joanne (York) Development Studies
Lim, Jia Wei (Hughes Hall, Cambridge) Education
Lineberger, Matthew Thomas (Gardner-Webb University, USA) Choral Studies
Loizou, Kyriacos (Southampton) Management
Lopez-Paz, David (Universidad Autonoma de Madrid (Spain)) Engineering
Mai, Laura Anna (University College London) Law
May, Lara (St Catharine’s) Modern European History
Mellor, Thomas Michael Benjamin (Kingston University, London) Education
Miller, Michelle Elizabeth (Cape Town, South Africa) Education
Mobbs, Helene Elisabeth Margaret (Greenwich) Biochemistry
Modarressi, Matin (Princeton University, USA) Archaeology
Morelli, Nicolo (Università di Bologna, Italy) European Literature & Culture
Murray, Lauren Anne (Nottingham) Cardiovascular Research
Ng, Rudolph (Heidelberg, Germany) Asian & Middle Eastern Studies
Noack, Janine (Cologne, Germany) Modern European History
Otsuka, Aiko (University of Arizona, USA) Asian & Mid-Eastern Studies
Patel, Vruti (Imperial College London) Medicine (Cambridge Institute for Medical Research)
Rivera, Michael Benjamin C (Kent) Biological Anthropological Science
Rosten, Jonatan Hans Niclas (Edinburgh) Physics
Savill, Andrew (St Catharine’s) Medicine
Scott, Peter Malcolm (Oxford) Earth Sciences
Serban, Anca (Edinburgh) Geography
Sheffield, Melanie Louise (Kingston University, London) Modern European History
Siaulys, Kestutis (St Catharine’s) Engineering
Snow, Renata Maria Hansford (St Catharine’s) Veterinary Medicine
Steingass, Sebastian Dionysius (Glasgow) Politics and International Studies
Stouffer, Kaitlin Marie (Princeton University, USA) Medical Science (Medical Genetics)
Tan, Tze Wei (Clare Hall, Cambridge) Management Studies
Timmins, Elizabeth (University College London) Cambridge Institute for Medical Research Non-Clinical Programme
Tycz, Katherine Marie (Bard College, New York, USA) Italian
Walters, Yasmin Leigh (St Catharine’s) Medicine
Watts, Natasha Alice (St Catharine’s) Geographical Research
Whitty, Ciara Jade (Imperial College London) Surgery
Wilson, Jonathan James (St Catharine’s) Veterinary Medicine
Yap, Chin Hua (Imperial College London) Biological Science
Yoon, Ji Wei (Imperial College London) Scientific Computing
Zardilis, Argyris (Southampton) Computational Biology
Zhou, Zilin (University College London) Finance and Economics

University Scholarships and Prizes

Late awards for 2013
Elderfield, James: PW Brian Award for Plant Sciences
Nagdy, Mohammed: Gladstone Memorial Prize for Economics
Lucas, Sarah: Wiltshire Prize for Geology

2014 awards
Bolgar, Peter: BP Prize for the most outstanding result in Chemistry Part IA
Boreham, Alexandra: Philip Lake Prize for Geography
Cox, Caitriona: Gordon Wigan Prize for Biological and Biomedical Sciences
Crease, Jonathan: Accenture 1st Year Computing Prize
Diesel, Matthew: Accenture 1st Year Computing Prize
Flynn, Patrick: Sir Alan Cottrell Prize in Materials Science
Gilford, Edward: Mott MacDonald 1st Year Structural Design Prize
Gratton, Tim: Mott MacDonald 1st Year Structural Design Prize
Lu, Meichen: TRC Fox Prize for Chemical Engineering
Niblett, Samuel: Norrish Prize for distinction in Physical Chemistry Part III
Niblett, Samuel: Norrish Prize for the best Theoretical Project in Part III Chemistry
Shall, Sophie: William Vaughan Lewis Prize for Geography
Trenins, George: BP Prize for the most outstanding result in Chemistry Part IA: A
Trenins, George: BP Prize for the most outstanding result in Chemistry Part IA: B

College Prizes

All those obtaining First Class Honours are awarded a scholarship to the value of £100 and a book prize to the value of £100. The College Prizes are given as a further honour.

The Higham Prize in Archaeology: Brewer Gillham AK
The Bruno Laurent Memorial Prize in Chemical Engineering: Lu M
The Lacey Prize in Classics: Magee WF
The Sayers Prize in Economics: Nguyen DK
The Arthur Andersen Prizes: Ying AYL and Young DTM

The Alexandria Prize in Engineering: Hutchings JE
The Birfield Memorial Scholarships in Engineering: Blair P, Carter J, Podgornoy C
The Engineering Members’ Prize: Haria S
The TR Henn Prizes in English: Brooker MC, Lello JAEH and Wadham G
The William Balchin Prizes in Geography: Cogbill RL and Nielen J
The Gus Caesar Prizes in Geography: Boreham A
The Stephen Hinchcliffe Dissertation Prize in Geography: Shall SL
The Ivo Forde Prize(s) in History: Kenealy CJ and Tribe E
The Kemp-Gooderson Prizes in Law: Horner EE and Lando MF
The Lauterpacht Prize in International Law: Lando MF
The Drury-Johns Prizes in Mathematics: Morley BS and Jackson JJ
The Jeremy Haworth Prize in Mathematics or in Engineering: Kubiesa A
The John Addenbrooke Medical Prizes: Cox CL and Mir Mohammad Sadeghi A
The Sean Mulherin Prize in Modern & Medieval Languages: Eyre R
The Posener Memorial Prize in Modern & Medieval Languages: Sinnett-Smith J
The Tasker Prize in Modern & Medieval Languages: Papworth A
The John Spencer Wilson Prize in Natural Sciences: Trenins G
The Belfield Clarke Prize in Biological Sciences: Spence-Jones H C
The James Brimlow Prize in Chemistry: Bolgar P

The Alan Battersby Prize in Chemistry or in Biochemistry: Niblett S
The VLM Lairmore Prizes in Physics: Abbott ACJ and Kongsuwan N
The Cuthbert Casson Prize in Theology: Donaldson B
The Stephane Francis Prize in Veterinary Science: Tarrant E
The Daniel Owen Morgan Prize in Veterinary Medicine: Frost C
The RS Briggs Prize for Outstanding Tripos Performance: Lu M
The Hutcherson Prizes for Outstanding Tripos Performance: Matthews S and Eyre R
The DW Morgan Prize for Academic Excellence: Cox CL
The St Catharine’s Prizes for Distinction in Research: Lindley BA and Masson GR

The Palmer Prize for Classics, The Figgis Memorial Prize in History, The Jacobson Prize in Law, The Peter Le Huray Prize in Music, The Robert Comline Prize in Systems Physiology, The Corrie Prize in Theology, The Jarrett Prize in Theology or in Asian & Middle Eastern Studies and The Mennell Prize in Politics, Psychology & Sociology were not awarded.

College Scholarships

Senior Scholars
Baker, David: Mathematical Tripos, Pt II (John Cartwright (1674))
Blair, Peter: Engineering Tripos, Pt IIB (Gostlin (1626))
Blukis, Roberts: NST Pt III: Chemistry (Skerne (1745))
Brewer Gillham, Angharad: Arch and Anth Tripos, Pt IIB: Bio Anth (Lady Cocket (c.1635))
Bruzas, Emilis: NST Pt II: Biochemistry (Skerne (1745))
Carter, James: Engineering Tripos, Pt IIB (Gostlin (1626))
Cox, Caithiona: [Med] NST Pt II: Biological & Biomed (Moses Holway (1695))
Gandhi, Siddharth: NST Pt II: Physics (Skerne (1745))
Glover, Harry: Chemical Engineering Tripos, Pt IIA (Gostlin (1626))
Hovan, Ladislav: NST Pt II: Chemistry (Skerne (1745))
Hung, Johnathan: NST Pt II: Physics (Skerne (1745))
Kongsuwan, Nuttawut: NST Pt II: Physics (Skerne (1745))
Lu, Meichen: Chemical Engineering Tripos, Pt IIB (Gostlin (1626))
Matthews, Simon: NST Pt II: Geol Sciences (Thomas Hobbes (1631))
Mir M Sadeghi, Abtin: Final MB Pt III (Moses Holway (1695))
Nesaratnam, Nisha: Final MB Pt I Pathology (Moses Holway (1695))

Niblett, Samuel: NST Pt III: Chemistry (Skerne (1745))
Papworth, Amelia: Mod & Med Langs Tripos, Pt II (Henry Chaytor (1954))
Podgorney, Christopher: Engineering Tripos, Pt IIB (Gostlin (1626))
Robertson, Rachel: Philosophy Tripos, Pt II (Mrs Julian Stafford (1627))
Sinnett-Smith, Jane: Mod & Med Langs Tripos, Pt II (Henry Chaytor (1954))
Siroki, Gleb: NST Pt III: Physics (Skerne (1745))
Spence-Jones, Helen: NST Pt II: Zoology (Thomas Hobbes (1631))
Wade, David: NST Pt III: Chemistry (Skerne (1745))
Wright, Adam: NST Pt III: Physics (Skerne (1745))
Young, David: Economics Tripos, Pt IIB (Robert Skerne (1661))

Scholars
Abbott, Alexander: NST Pt IB (Skerne (1745))
Allison, Conrad: Economics Tripos, Pt IA (Robert Skerne (1661))
Ashman, David: NST Pt IB (Skerne (1745))
Badenach-Nicolson, Bramble: Mod & Med Langs Tripos, Pt IA (Henry Chaytor (1954))
Bell, Izzy: NST Pt IA (Thomas Hobbes (1631))
Bentley, Laura: NST Pt IB (Thomas Hobbes (1631))
Bleakley, Joshua: Final Vet Pt II (Moses Holway (1695))
Bolgar, Peter: NST Pt IA (Skerne (1745))
Boreham, Alexandra: Geographical Tripos, Pt II (AAL Caesar (1980))
Brooker, Marianne: English Tripos, Pt II (Sir John Cleypoole (1613))
Caplin, Daniel: Mod & Med Langs Tripos, Pt II (Henry Chaytor (1954))
Chen, Kelly: NST Pt IA (Thomas Hobbes (1631))
Chillingworth, Ciaran: English Tripos, Pt I (Sir John Cleypoole (1613))
Chlebikova, Andrea: NST Pt II: Chemistry (Skerne (1745))
Cogbill, Rhiannon: Geographical Tripos, Pt II (Sir John Cleypoole (1613))
Condlyffe, Michael: Land Economy Tripos, Pt II (Robert Skerne (1661))
Cooper, Jonathan: NST Pt II: Chemistry (Skerne (1745))
Darling, Nathaniel: Economics Tripos, Pt IA (Robert Skerne (1661))
Davidson, Jonathan: NST Pt IB (Skerne (1745))
Denison, Robert: Law Tripos, Pt IB (Mr Spurstow (1646))
Donaldson, Ben: Theol & Relig Stud Tripos, Pt IIB (Mrs Julian Stafford (1627))
Eyre, Rosie: Mod & Med Langs Tripos, Pt IB (Henry Chaytor (1954))
Flynn, Patrick: NST Pt IB (Skerne (1745))
Frost, Joe: NST Pt IB (Thomas Hobbes (1631))
Frost, Charlotte: [Vet] NST Pt II: Pathology (Moses Holway (1695))
Haria, Savan: Engineering Tripos, Pt IIA (Gostlin (1626))
Hobley, Ruth: English Tripos, Pt I (Sir John Cleypoole (1613))
Hodge, Rachael: English Tripos, Pt I (Sir John Cleypoole (1613))
Horner, Emma: Master of Law (Mrs Payne (1610))
Houston, Louise: Land Economy Tripos, Pt IB (Robert Skerne (1661))
Hutchings, James: Manufacturing Engineering Tripos, Pt IIB (Robert Skerne (1661))
Jackson, Joshua: Master of Adv Study in Mathematics (John Cartwright (1674))
Jooma, Zishan: Chemical Engineering Tripos, Pt IIB (Gostlin (1626))
Kemp, Matthew: NST Pt IA (Skerne (1745))
Kenealy, Charlotte: Historical Tripos, Pt II (Lady Katharine Barnardiston (1633))
Kerridge, Lydia: Final Vet Pt III (Moses Holway (1695))
Kilda, Dainius: NST Pt II: Physics (Skerne (1745))
Kubiesa, Alexander: Mathematical Tripos, Pt IB (John Cartwright (1674))
Lam, Jonathan: NST Pt IA (Thomas Hobbes (1631))
Lando, Massimo: Master of Law (Mrs Payne (1610))
Lau, Jacqueline: MPphil in Environment, Society and Development (Sir John Cleypoole (1613))
Lello, James: English Tripos, Pt II (Sir John Cleypoole (1613))
Leung, Daniel: Mod & Med Langs Tripos, Pt IA (Henry Chaytor (1954))
Magee, William: Classical Tripos, Pt II (Lady Katharine Barnardiston (1633))
Mailes, Jon: NST Pt IA (Skerne (1745))
McLeod, Laura: Final Vet Pt II (Moses Holway (1695))
Morelli, Nicolo: MPphil in European Literature and Culture (Sir John Cleypoole (1613))
Morley, Benjamin: Mathematical Tripos, Pt IA (John Cartwright (1674))
Nanda, Shreya: Economics Tripos, Pt IA (Robert Skerne (1661))
Neville, Joanna: Mod & Med Langs Tripos, Pt IB (Henry Chaytor (1954))
Ng, Sheung: NST Pt IA (Skerne (1745))
Nguyen, Dat: Economics Tripos, Pt IIA (Robert Skerne (1661))
Nielen, Jake: Geographical Tripos, Pt II (Sir John Cleypoole (1613))
Paterson, Laura: Mod & Med Langs Tripos, Pt IIA (Sir John Cleypoole (1613))
Phillips, Jon: NST Pt IA (Thomas Hobbes (1631))
Platt, Benjamin: Mod & Med Langs Tripos, Pt IA (Henry Chaytor (1954))
Schwikkard, Graham: MBA (Thomas Hobbes (1631))
Stedman, Joshua: NST Pt II: Chemistry (Skerne (1745))
Stevens, Elizabeth: Final Vet Pt III (Moses Holway (1695))
Tarrant, Emma: [Vet] MVST, Pt IB (Moses Holway (1695))
Tezhik, Gregory: Economics Tripos, Pt IA (Robert Skerne (1661))
Thompson, James: NST Pt IB (Skerne (1745))
Trenins, Georgijs: NST Pt IB (Skerne (1745))
Tribe, Emma: Historical Tripos, Pt II (Lady Katharine Barnardiston (1633))
Wadham, Georgina: English Tripos, Pt II (Sir John Cleypoole (1613))
Wagstaff, James: NST Pt II: Biochemistry (Skerne (1745))
Winder, Madeleine: NST Pt IB (Thomas Hobbes (1631))
Wootten, Matthew: NST Pt IB (Skerne (1745))
Yelverton, Ben: NST Pt IB (Skerne (1745))

(NST: Natural Sciences Tripos)
PhDs approved 2013–14

Ashmore, T: Dietary nitrate and the integrated control of oxygen delivery and consumption
Atkinson, K: Fluorinated bimesogenic liquid crystals for flexoelectric applications
Atkinson, SR: Engineering design adaptation fitness in complex adaptive systems
Budohoski, KP: Cerebral autoregulation and subarachnoid haemorrhage
Chorafakis, G: The knowledge plexus and the systemic paradigm in economic geography
Fernando, A: The neural mechanisms of relief: the role of safety signals in avoidance learning
Freitag, DF: Inflammatory pathways and coronary heart disease risk
Gibb, JN: The completing reactions of polyurethane foam formation: a computational and experimental study
Goverts, DE: A linguistic and stylistic analysis of the Borama
Hamilton, AB: Immune functions and mechanisms of regulatory T cells
Handford, TP: Two-state models of heterogeneity on tree-like topologies
Kennedy, PR: Looking beyond cytotoxic responses of NK cells: pregnancy as a paradigm
Koh, CT: Fracture of fibrous tissue membranes and biomimetic scaffolds
Landis, B: The psychology of social networks: power, emotion and personality
Larocque, R: Penal practices, values and habits in Canada: Liberal humanitarian or punitive?
Ng, YL: Using repeated contact attempts to move beyond the missing at random assumption
Ott, S: Studies on the aspects of Aβ toxicity in Drosophila melanogaster
Phillips, JR: Probation’s artefacts, values and assumptions in a culture of control
Puddy, RK: Transport spectroscopy of graphene quantum dots fabricated by atomic force microscope nano-lithography
Purushotham, S: Sovereignty, violence, and the making of the postcolonial state in India
Ratschbacher, L: Investigation of an atom-ion quantum hybrid system
Robinson, JLL: Exploration of the interplay between androgen receptor and FoxA1 in breast and prostate cancer
Sandifer, DJ: Public morality and the ‘ethic of innocence’ in early nineteenth-century Britain (1790–1840)
Stephens, LE: Interaction of immunoglobulins with primate FcyRIIIa
Stevenson, HE: The French and neo-Latin epigram (1530–60)
Society Committee 2013–14

President: Lord Horam (John Horam, 1957, Fellow Commoner 2010)
Vice-President and President-Elect: Guy Beringer QC (1973, Fellow Commoner 2008)
Immediate Past President: Professor Dame Jean Thomas DBE ScD FRS FMedSci (2007) Master of the College
Chairman: David Sanders (1969)
Hon Secretary: David Peace (1966)
Hon Treasurer: Dr John Little (1972, Fellow 1980)
Editor, Society Magazine: Roger Stratford (1960, Fellow Commoner 1992)
Society Webmaster: Howard Cole, College Computer Office

Elected (Ordinary) Members
Elected 2014: Dr Ivan Scales (Fellow 2008)
Elected 2011: Dr Anthony Davenport (Fellow 1995)
Re-Elected 2012: Dr Chris Thorne (Fellow 1963, Emeritus Fellow 2002), Keith Cocker (1972)
Re-Elected 2013: Dr Abigail Brundin (Fellow), Dr John Wells (1976), Hugh McNeill (1996)


Tenure: President-Elect, President, Immediate Past President – one year in each position;
Chairman – eight years maximum; Secretary, Treasurer – eligible for re-election annually.
Elected (Ordinary) Members – four years with the option to stand for one further four-year term; Branch Chairmen, Magazine Editor, Society Webmaster – ex-officio. All elections at the AGM other than Branch Chairmen (elected locally).

The Society President

John Horam was born near Preston in Lancashire, went to Silcoates School in Wakefield, and in 1957 won Exhibitions to both Hertford College, Oxford, and St Catharine’s. Sensibly he chose Cats and was one of a strong group of economists whose Director of Studies was the late Sir Kenneth Berrill.

On graduating John became a trainee manager with Rowntrees and then went to work for The Financial Times and The Economist. He left The Economist to start a business consultancy specialising in minerals and metals with Robert Perlman (1962), which is still going strong.

In 1970 he was elected Labour MP for Gateshead West and was appointed a Minister of Transport in the Callaghan Government. He subsequently became a founding member of the Social Democratic Party. In 1987 John joined the Conservatives as he believed they were doing the right things economically. He was then elected as the Conservative MP for Orpington in 1992 and was appointed a Minister again, first at the Cabinet Office and then at Health.

John retired from the Commons in 2010, was appointed an Electoral Commissioner in 2012, and the next year was created a life peer as Lord Horam of Grimsargh in the County of Lancashire. He is one of four members of the Society at present in the Lords, the others being Lords Naseby, Temple Morris and Glasman.

A committed supporter of St Catharine’s, John began an eight-year term as Chairman of the Society in 2005. He was elected a Fellow Commoner in 2010.
To mark his year as President, he is holding an evening reception for Society members at the House of Lords on Thursday, 18 June 2015 (see Notes and Dates at the back of this Magazine). The Master has accepted. Members are welcome to bring a partner or guest, and a tour of the Palace is available. June 18 is also the bicentenary of the battle of Waterloo and the Royal Gallery contains the famous painting by Daniel Maclise of the meeting of Wellington and Blucher after the victory.

Ancient and Modern – Nine Decades

We have just finished our 90th year as the Alumni Society of St Catharine’s. I’m not sure whether other Colleges still retain active associations run entirely by volunteers all elected by the alumni themselves, but I suspect that we are pretty unique. Our organisation thrives, the traditions survive, and we’re enthusiastically renewing and revitalising the Society not only with new services to members and students but also through the willing support of younger alumni who, we trust, will take us through the next decade and into our second century.

Ancient
It was 1923 and Frederick Rushmore, some Fellows and a number of Old Boys were having dinner in Oddenino’s Restaurant next to the Café Royal in Regent Street – the London one – when they decided to form the College’s St Catharine’s Society. The aim was to provide our men worldwide with a social Club run by the old boys themselves, to foster camaraderie and mutual support, and to maintain an interest in the College. Within the College it joined the John Ray and Shirley Societies; all started about the same time – the renaissance of club activities after the horrors of The Great War.

Modern
Still run by old boys and now, thankfully, old girls, the Society includes everyone worldwide who has been admitted to St Catharine’s. We have 11 branches throughout the UK and Ireland, and contacts worldwide. Membership is free; our branches organised over two dozen events last year; we have funds donated to the Society over the years, and these days we use almost all the proceeds to help needy students; and we also produce this Magazine (the first edition was 1927) as a service to our members and to the College – all major undertakings. You can read more about our work throughout this Society section. Do read it and above all, if you haven’t already done so, do register at www.caths.cam.ac.uk/society/register to get the full benefits of membership.

David Peace (1966), Society Secretary

Report of 86th AGM

The President of the Society and Master of the College Professor Dame Jean Thomas (2007) took the Chair at the 86th Annual General Meeting of the Society on 27 September 2014, with about 50 members in attendance.

The Minutes of the 85th meeting were approved. Proposer Lord Horam (1957), seconder Richard Whitwell (1984).

President’s Report
The President welcomed members to our second AGM in the McGrath Centre and summarised the work of the Branches and of the central Committee during the year: walks, lunches, talks, meetings, parties, steam rail journeys, theatre visits, dinners and so on had taken place, all managed by alumni, in Bury St Edmunds, Lincoln, Whitley Bay, Carlisle, Newcastle, Newmarket, Birmingham, London, Edinburgh, Liverpool, Manchester, Exeter,
Dartmoor, Andover, Winchester, Ribble Valley, Newbury and the College; and she made special mention of the new volunteers who had set up inaugural meetings and had organised get-togethers in Ireland, in Wales and in the Yorkshire area.

Centrally the Committee had been busy in supporting these initiatives and also in using its funds to provide grants to students: £450 to help with learning about theatre lighting; £340 for violin and clarinet lessons; £470 for piano and clarinet lessons; £500 to support a rugby club tour; £450 for a hockey club tour; £1050 to help a College Christian Union tour; £1485 for work experience (four internships in cataloguing, anatomy and charity work in India and Ghana); and a total of £4506 to 61 students to help with Athletics, Badminton, Cricket, Women’s Cricket, Fencing, Football, Hockey, Lacrosse, Mixed Lacrosse, Mountain Biking, Pentathlon, Polo, Rowing, Rugby, Women’s Rugby, Sailing, Squash, Swimming, Team Racing, Tennis, Triathlon, Volleyball and Water Polo. Further, Committee members had continued their work with the Careers Society by bringing alumni and students together, by supporting the now annual Careers Dinner in February, and by encouraging students to use our Career Link service. There had also been regular liaison with the JCR and MCR.

In April she had attended the fourth Presidents’ Dinner. Nine Presidents had met in London to discuss anything and everything to do with the Society and the College, although sadly a tenth chair was empty. A short report can be found below.

The President reminded members that the Society is for all who have been admitted to the College in an academic capacity and so she was particularly pleased that the Society gives so much recognition to the needs of its Junior Members, the current students. She thanked the Alumni and Development Office for its help and finally she paid tribute to the hard work of the Committee members themselves, who give so much of their time to running this alumni-led Society.

Webmaster’s Report
In the absence of webmaster Howard Cole the report was delivered by the Deputy Magazine Editor Dr Chris Thorne. He reported steady progress on support for the Branches and preparation for public availability of appropriately redacted Magazines. Howard was also involved in detailed input into plans for the new website design, representing the Society on the College’s website committee.

Earlier in the day at a meeting of Society Branch Chairs, it had been confirmed that arrangements would be made for Society members to opt in to correspondence from neighbouring branches so that they could learn of and attend events in those branches if they wished. See Notes and Dates at the end of the Magazine.

Editor’s Report
In the absence of Roger Stratford, the Editor, the report was delivered by the Deputy Editor Dr Chris Thorne. There had been no problems with production of the 2013 Magazine and some VAT had been saved by taking advantage of the College’s charitable status.

After consultation with the College Data Protection Officer, work was in progress on redacting Magazines so that they could be made available to the public online; years 2003 to 2013 were now ready.

Preparation of the 2014 edition was on schedule. He gave thanks particularly to Chris Thorne for pestering student society and club secretaries for their reports, and for editing and collating the results. He also thanked John Shakeshaft for the Book Reviews and for help with proof-reading.

College Development
In the absence of the Development Director, Hannah Williamson the Deputy Director brought members up to date with the work of the department over the previous 12 months. A full report is available in the College Report section of this Magazine.

Accounts
In proposing the adoption of the Accounts for 2013–4 the Treasurer Dr John Little reported as follows:
Income and Expenditure: The Accounts show that income was broadly in line with last year but expenditure increased by approximately £2000. Expenditure was higher than last year as there was one particular extra item of expenditure: in 2013–4 we had paid for the new board and sign-writing in the refurbished Boathouse which commemorates all those who contributed to the funding, at a cost of c. £1500. Dividend income from the Charities Property Fund (CPF) was slightly higher, representing market price and the late addition of a further 4900 units in the Fund. This, combined with a small increase in the unit price combined to give us a gain of £11,197 on the year. Grants to our students had increased by almost £1000 which he was sure would be a great pleasure for the Society and certainly very much appreciated by the recipients! The Old Members Sports Fund continued to allocate grants to students representing the College in a large range of sports and, again, was very much appreciated. The current balance in the Fund stood at over £114,000 and allowing for a rate of return of 4% would allow us to distribute nearly £5000 this year.

Balance sheet: this showed an increase in our total assets as represented by our increased CPF holding and our cash at bank. Although there was a large cash-at-bank figure this had arisen because at accounting year end the College Finance Office had not yet transferred the £5000 for new purchases in the CPF account from our Accounts. This had now been done.

The Accounts were adopted nem con: proposer Brian Woodham (1961), seconder Alan Pardoe (1961); Dr Ivan Scales as Ordinary Member – proposer Dr Chris Thorne (1963), seconder David Sanders (1969). There were two candidates for Treasurer, Dr John Little (1972, Fellow 1980) – proposer Herb Bate (1963), seconder John Oakes (1961) – and Anthony Engel (1961), who had nominated himself as an alternative candidate. Following a vote Dr Little was elected.

Lord Horam, our newly-elected President (de jure and de facto from the following morning) took the opportunity to tell members that he would do everything possible to support the Society and particularly the Branches during his year of office, and he drew members’ attention to the Society Reception that he would be holding in the House of Lords on Thursday 18 June 2015, to which all were welcome (see Notes and Dates at the back of this Magazine).

The Reunion Weekend Seminar
During the afternoon members congregated in the McGrath Centre to hear a talk by our Society Committee Member and Fellow of the College Dr Abigail Brundin entitled How Lord Brownlow read his Petrarch: the Italian books in an English Country House. Reminding us that many National Trust country houses contain libraries collected from Grand Tours, still intact but unconsulted for many decades, she focused on Belton House in Lincolnshire, built in the 1680s by a wealthy lawyer, John Brownlow, later Viscount Tyrconnel (1690–1754). His collection was complemented later by his great-great nephew, John Cust, second Baron and first Earl Brownlow (1779–1853), the total being over 11000 volumes. Dr Brundin’s interests included: How did they get there? Who used them and how? What was their impact, culturally, linguistically, on the household and beyond it? What was the connection between books and travel? How and where did English travellers learn their languages, what foreign books did they buy on tour, and what happened to those language interests once they got home again? Her research showed that the men collected them in their travels to Geneva, Turin, Genoa, Venice, Rome,
St Petersburg, Moscow, Dresden, Vienna, Salzburg and Munich. Detailing their financial accounts, from board and lodging to the liveries bought for foreign servants, she showed that the bulk of the expenditure was on travel and accommodation, sums of money spent on books were small, about 1% of the total. Nevertheless the collection was a unique record of the role played by books in the Grand Tour, which had been consistently underestimated. It was clear – reverting to the title of her talk – that both Lord Brownlows read their Petrarch in the original language. There was much further fascinating information and observations, elaborating on her article on the same topic in the 2014 edition of The Wheel, which may be found in full on the College website.

The questions and comments that followed concerned the collection of books other than Italian ones, the extent to which other nations undertook the Grand Tour, whether non-aristocrats were able to collect such books, the price and value of them, mention by members of other Houses that might offer up their treasures, and so on. Dr Brundin’s enthusiasm for her work was infectious, and members left with an increased interest in this fascinating topic, for further discussion over Tea in the SCR and with the accompaniment of our own members’ Southside Jazz Band in Main Court.

Evensong

Those who attended Evensong that evening – and it was a full house – benefited not only from spiritual balm to their souls in the words and prayers of our Chaplain the Revd David Neaum, from memories of similar services in years and decades past, and from the voices of our Presidents outgoing (the Master) and incoming (Lord Horam) reading the Lessons, but also from the wonderful singing of the Girls’ Choir – young girls from local schools in this the only college-based girls’ choir in the UK – who continue from strength to strength under the tutelage of Dr Edward Wickham, Director of Music. Singing in Ancient Greek fazed them not one iota, while their Sumson and Wesley were sterling. Organ scholars Will Fairbairn (2013) and Alex Coplan (yet to matriculate for 2014 and so his first performance, even before coming up to College) provided glorious sounds, and the final stirring hymn Guide me, O thou great Redeemer, sung so lustily by the whole congregation, was surely not unconnected with our feeling of gratitude to our departing President for all her good works in support of the Society.

Annual Dinner 2014

Gathering in the McGrath Centre for rehydration, or for many of us much-needed revinification, some 170 members and guests passed a most happy half hour meeting old friends and making new ones before moving to the Hall for Dinner. As always at our Reunion the mood was buoyant and cheerful and we were all conscious that this was a momentous evening for the Society – the end of our 90th year and the start of our tenth decade. First Grace, starter and white wine, main course and red wine, dessert and dessert wine, Second Grace and the Loyal Toast – the most familiar of traditions and all provided to the highest quality – filled the next hour or so until the cheese, port and madeira arrived and our President, Professor Dame Jean Thomas, stood up wearing the most fetching and stylish of Presidential hats. Summarising the manifold activities of the Society during her year – the more than two dozen branch events throughout the UK, the opening of three new branches, our work helping students with their careers, and the giving of over £9000 in student grants (see the details of all of this in her AGM Report above) – she noted with appreciation the work done by the Branches and by the central Committee members, all volunteers. Our founding fathers Frederick Rushmore, the Fellows of 1923 and the alumni who agreed to form the Society that year would, she said, have been proud. She herself had much enjoyed attending the Presidents’ Dinner in London (see below) and also the inaugural meeting of the Wales Branch at the National Eisteddfod. In accordance with tradition, on her last day as Society President she toasted the College and then sat down to much applause. A moment later the Master of the College, Professor Dame Jean Thomas, stood up wearing the most fetching and stylish
of mortar boards, and to much amusement gave her speech on behalf of this remarkable College, summarising its academic, sporting, musical and other achievements (see her full report in the early pages of this Magazine) and noting how much the Society does to support the College’s work, before proposing a toast to the Society. Further applause and much laughter brought the Dinner to an end but not before the President – or was it the Master? – stood up again and handed the emblem of office to Lord Horam (John Horam 1957) wishing him much pleasure as Society President in the year ahead. Members were then invited to adjourn for further refreshments in the McGrath Centre and in the College Bar, where the South Side Jazz band was to play until curfew at 0100.

accounts for the year to 30 June 2014

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The Old Members’ Sports Fund, a separate Society Fund, sits administratively with College Funds, but all awards are made by the Society. They amounted to £4,131 during the year ended 30 June 2014 (30 June 2013: £3,830). The total amount in the Fund at 30 June 2014 was £114,326 (30 June 2013: £110,667). The investment income available to spend during 2013–14 was £4,426.
During each year the Society does what it can from its accumulated funds to help students with special financial needs. We make sure that we do not duplicate funding available from other sources – from the College or from the University for example – and so we currently offer grants in the following areas, with each annual sum shared between eligible students or groups:

- **The Music Tuition Fund**, for those not reading Music as a degree subject: up to £1000 per year available.
- **The Performing Arts Fund**, for students wanting to improve their personal skills in theatre, dance etc. (but not for funding specific productions): up to £1000 per year available.
- **The Travel Grants Fund**, for College Clubs and Societies to support UK and overseas tours, with priority given to applicants who will link up with alumni in the areas visited: up to £2000 per year available.
- **The Old Members’ Sports Fund**, for extra or unusual expenditure for students chosen to represent the College or University at any competitive sport: up to £4000 per year available.
- **The Internship Bursaries Fund**, for students already in receipt of Cambridge bursaries and who have acquired a Long Vacation work experience project, unpaid, with an approved not-for-profit organisation (charity, media, arts, heritage, etc.): each bursary limited to £500; approval only after the results of other funding applications are known; 50% of grant paid in advance and 50% after a report at the end of the project. This scheme, started in the Easter term 2012, has been trialled for three years. Following a review the Committee has decided to continue the scheme and will determine the funds and numbers of awards available annually, taking into account the Society’s resources and the perceived demand.

During 2013–4 the Society, through its award panels consisting of Society and College Officers, was pleased to make:

- two awards totalling £810 to support piano, clarinet and violin tuition
- one award of £450 to help with a theatrical lighting project
- three awards totalling £2000 to support a rugby, hockey and Christian Union tours
- four awards for work experience (internships in cataloguing, anatomy and charity work in India and Ghana) totalling £1485.
- 61 awards totalling £4506 to individuals to help with sports activities – athletics, badminton, cricket, women’s cricket, fencing, football, hockey, lacrosse, mixed lacrosse, mountain biking, pentathlon, polo, rowing, rugby, women’s rugby, sailing, squash, swimming, team racing, tennis, triathlon, volleyball and water polo.

Many recipients wrote in to express their thanks to the Society, including one whose fascinating experience in the dissection of cadavers left little to the imagination; her report is not reproduced here out of consideration for those of a nervous disposition!

*David Peace (1966) Society Secretary*

**Society Presidents’ Dinner**

Our fourth Society Presidents’ Dinner took place in the Edward VII Room of the Oxford and Cambridge Club in London on 14 April. It fulfilled its aim: a convivial evening of merriment and, naturally, highly intelligent conversation during which most of the world’s problems were analysed and fully resolved with clarity of vision that seemed to increase as the evening progressed – not the first time that we had experienced that. Society and College matters were naturally to the fore and those attending again felt that their combined experience and insight provided a useful forum for taking the long view. We were particularly honoured by the presence of our President, Professor Dame Jean
Thomas, Master of the College, who was enjoy-
able, she said, off duty for the evening. Attending
were: Peter Boizot (1950, President in 1988), Brian
Sweeney (1963, President in 1997), Donald Broom
(1961, Fellow, President in 2005), John Oakes
(1961, President in 2007), David Peace (1966,
President in 2010), Reavley Gair (1959, President
in 2011), Tony Watts (1960, President in 2012),
Jean Thomas (Master 2007, President in 2013) and
the President-Elect, Lord (John) Horam (1957).

Unaccountably one chair was vacant – a no
show. It was days later that we learned that our
colleague and friend Martin Taylor (1955, Presi-
dent in 1999) had been taken ill while driving to
the Dinner. It was thought at first that he would
recover but, very sadly, he died some two weeks
later; a great shock to his family and to all who
knew him. We remember him with great affection
and we will honour him at our Dinner next year.

David Peace (1966), Society Secretary

The Acheson Gray Sports Day 2014

Traditionally this event falls on the first Saturday
of the Easter Term when the ground will still take a
short stud but the grass is not too moist for tennis
and the cricket square can be shaved and rolled.
This year the event was preceded by torrential
overnight rain. Chris Tovey and Rhys Nightingale
were out at 7am to dry off the cricket square,
give it a final cut, paint the creases and roll the
outfield. Cricket ambitiously started at 11am with
completion by 6pm. There were stragglers, as
late for the match as they were for supervisions.
The old boys elected to bat first, a decision made
not due to the state of the wicket but because so
many members were missing that fielding would
have been unwise. The damp wicket saw more
lift and movement than we have seen in recent
years and the old boys had problems troubling the
scorers. After an early collapse to 27–7, a finish
before lunch seemed possible, but a partnership
of 70 for the eighth wicket saw the alumni reach
104 all out. The students’ wickets were shared
among Denison, Wylie and Mills. Captain Cum-
ings and fellow opening batsman Fulwood were
given some trouble by the moving ball early on.
However, they emerged unscathed from this dif-
cult period and dealt brutally with the spinners –
Fulwood in particular launched a couple of fan-
tastic strikes over the bowler’s head for six – and
the students reached the target without the loss
of a wicket.

Whilst the cricket was maturing rugby was be-
ing played on the Downing pitch. The old boys
included Chris Judge (2003), Alex Fries (2001),
The old boys won 61–25. It was good to see Ben
tackling everywhere, the NHS has not got to him
yet. The College rugby pitch may be relocated to
be next to the hockey pitch, hopefully blessed by
the chaplain beforehand.

Field hockey was played on our original mat
which was replaced later in 2014. The AG hockey
matches this year were closely contested, with
a high number of old boys and girls making the
journey back to Cambridge. In the men’s match,
the current students put up a good fight, but were
beaten by a strong old boys team. In the mixed
match, the current students came out victorious,
in spite of some very dubious fouls committed by
both sides. The women’s match, a high-scoring
game, ended in a draw; the current students did,
however, have to lend the old girls a number of
players, so laid some claim to a moral victory. Not
only was some great hockey played, but it provided
a great opportunity to catch up with the alumni!

The AG tennis matches were a great success
this year with six students taking on six alumni.
The matches were all doubles matches and, after
a fierce battle, the alumni triumphed winning six
of the nine matches. Great fun was had all round
and the alumni even stopped off in College the
next day to reminisce about their times spent in
Hobsons. We hope to see the teams returning
next year for another day of competitive and en-
joyable tennis.
AG netball was great fun with such a wide range of ages and a large audience to please. We had the ‘current’ girls playing the ‘old’ girls, and the match was very close with the current students only winning by four goals (22–18)! With low numbers on the alumni team, the College kindly gave them two 4th year students – this added to the excitement of the game and slight confusion on court with accidental passes between supposedly opposing teams. It was lovely hearing stories of netball successes in the past and a good laugh comparing kit, we are all really excited for the rematch next year!

There was a dinner for about 100 of the contestants followed by drinks around town. My last memory was the arrival of John Oakes (1961) on a bicycle.

Philip Oliver

Branch News

East Anglian Branch

On 11 October 2013 a party of 18 went to a performance of the Magic Flute at the Theatre Royal in Bury St Edmunds. We had an excellent meal in Maison Bleue before the performance and then went on to the recently-renovated Regency Theatre which operates under a lease from the National Trust. The music was a virtual reality orchestra, which was a new experience for most of us. The music is pre-recorded but operated from a console rather like a flight deck of a plane where the person operating the system can adjust timing, volume, dynamics etc. to the singer and the stage requirements. While not as good as a full orchestra it worked well and allows smaller companies to stage more ambitious productions. In the light of this visit we have planned a visit to Glyndebourne-on-tour in Norwich this November to see La Traviata; and at time of writing 29 members have booked for that.

In November the College kindly hosted a visit to the new McGrath Centre and we had wine and canapés before a tour of the centre and the new library facility.

In January Professor Martin hosted our annual wine tasting and this time he dealt with Australian wines. Such is the extent and variety of Australian wines produced that one could spend several
evenings on this topic. We had an excellent sample of the range that evening, all from the College wine cellar.

Our AGM and dinner were held on 23 March 2014, preceded by a most interesting lecture from Professor Donald Broom, Fellow, on the subject of animal welfare, which made us all realise how much more animals understand than most people realise.

Other events this year included a visit to Roman and medieval Lincoln organised by Ralph Timms (1961) on 10 May. Lincoln has a wealth of history and was the second city in Roman Britain, where the Fosse Way and Ermine Street joined. Lincoln was initially a forward base for the Legion XI Hispana, and subsequently a place whither legionaries would retire. In this context the Cathedral is a relatively new building, started in 1088. Few of us knew that, before the spire was taken down in 1549, it was the tallest building in Europe, topping out at 525 feet. We only scratched the surface of this fascinating city and are planning a re-visit next year when the city’s Magna Carta will be back for the 800th anniversary.

Our most recent visit on 25 June 2014 was to Newmarket. During the day we visited the gallops on Newmarket Heath, a working stable, the museum and, in the afternoon, the National Stud. We had excellent guides morning and afternoon; our morning guide was Johnny Wraith, who rode almost as many winners as his illustrious father, and regaled us with anecdotes of the turf.

Jonathan Dossetor (1962)
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Ireland Branch
Stephen Mennell (1963) and Andrew Clarke (1967) have been discussing possible events, and the logistics, for the new Branch of the Society in Ireland. In autumn 2014 they plan to hold a cocktail party at the Kildare Street and University Club on St Stephen’s Green, Dublin, of which Andrew is chairman. As about four-fifths of Catzpeople on the island of Ireland live in Northern Ireland rather than the Republic they also envisage hosting a lunch in Belfast. There is plenty to play for! A couple of events a year – or more, with your help – could be a lot of fun! Anyone with good ideas and who is interested in supporting this initiative, from either jurisdiction, is asked to contact me.

Stephen Mennell (1963)
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London Branch
On 24 February 2014 members of the London Branch were given a unique opportunity to join a meeting at the Reform Club as part of the Cryptos at the Reform series of lectures entitled The First World War in Retrospect: No Heroes, No Villains.

In the magnificent surroundings of the recently restored library of Sir Charles Barry’s Grade 1 listed building on Pall Mall, Professor Chris Clark, Fellow, gave a fascinating talk on The View from Berlin. Professor Clark drew on material from his world-acclaimed book The Sleepwalkers: How Europe went to War in 1914 to give a compelling summary of the complex conjunction of factors that led to the outbreak of the First World War, with particular focus on the role of Germany. His central theme was that Germany, contrary to widely held belief, was probably no more responsible than a number of other parties and that the rulers of Europe, who prided themselves on their modernity and rationalism, behaved like sleepwalkers, stumbling through crisis after crisis and finally convincing themselves that war was the only answer. Professor Clark is a very engaging speaker and the combination of his compelling

Members of the East Anglian Branch at the gallops on Newmarket Heath.
the proposed aerodrome at King’s Cross.

subject matter and masterful delivery held the audience enthralled.

The talk was preceded by drinks in the Strangers’ Room of the Reform Club, where members were given a warm welcome and brief history of the Reform Club by the Chairman, Jonathan Blanchard Smith (1989), a St Catharine’s alumnus.

After the talk, members were served a light supper in the library, at which they mingled with each other and with members of Cryptos at the Reform.

We met again on Saturday, 15 March 2014 when we were delighted to welcome the College Choir to London. As in 2013 members were treated to a wonderful performance of choral music and another really memorable evening, this time in St Bartholomew-the-Great in Smithfields, London. Led by Dr Edward Wickham, Director of Music, the choir entertained us in the beautiful and atmospheric surroundings of the Lady Chapel of the historic Church. In a virtuoso performance of unaccompanied choral singing, they again covered an amazing range of music, both ancient and modern, singing pieces from the 15th century by John Browne, from the 16th century by Orlando Gibbons and Johannes Eccard, from the 17th century by Henry Purcell and William Byrd right through to the 19th century and Johannes Brahms, Sir Charles Hubert Parry and Charles Villiers Stanford. The 20th century was represented, with works by Gustav Holst, Max Wohlberg and Kenneth Leighton.

Throughout the concert, the Choir sang with great feeling and clarity but, above all, with obvious confidence and enthusiasm. It was a real joy to hear high-quality choral music in such surroundings and those who attended the concert were grateful to the talented young choristers and their director for giving up their Saturday evening to entertain us so brilliantly.

Before the concert there were drinks and nibbles in the church refectory, which gave members a good opportunity to chat together and with the choristers.

In July 2014 we visited The Globe, where a group of 30 members and their guests met for drinks in The Swan before sitting down to enjoy a stirring performance of Julius Caesar – directed by another Catsman – Dominic Dromgoole (1982). Such was the success of the evening that we hope to repeat this next year – it’s a marvellous way to be introduced to a very special theatre.

A month later, on 20 August, Lester Hilman (1970) led a Battlefield Tour of Kings Cross. Lester
led the group in an exploration of two millennia of history at this military crossroads, where close attention reveals fragments of Roman remains and links spanning Agincourt peace negotiations, English Calais, revolutions at home and abroad, Waterloo and World Wars. He also found references to Cold Wars, Home Fronts, aerial attacks, espionage, colourful individuals, literature and films from Henry V to the 39 Steps. The tour concluded at Old St Pancras Church and was followed by refreshments, before the detachment fell out ‘in good order’.

Lester writes ‘In the 1930s there were proposals for an aerodrome elevated above King’s Cross, the giant catharine-wheel configuration would have measured some 2000 feet across. Perched on a viewing platform at the aerodrome-that-never-was are Steve Braine (1972), Richard Mascall (1968), Laura Wellburn (née Cusick, 1988), John Oakes (1961), Robert Home (1965), Martyn Hallett (1975), Denis Potter (1961), Ian Williamson (1967), Hedley Sutton (1976), pictured (above) with family and guests. Lester Hillman took the picture and Lord Horam (1958) also helped reinforce the platoon (light) detachment on its evening patrol.’

Heather Powell (1981)
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Midlands Branch

On 8 March we visited Winterbourne House in Birmingham followed by lunch at nearby Hornton Grange. A total of 26 attended and it was both an informative and very enjoyable event. We were delighted to be joined by the Society Secretary, David Peace (1966), who spoke to us prior to lunch with an update on Society and College activities.

Winterbourne is located at Edgbaston in Birmingham and is a rare surviving example of an early 20th-century suburban villa and garden. The house was built in 1903 for John and Margaret Nettlefold, of Guest, Keen & Nettlefold. Designed as a small country estate, the house boasted rustic outbuildings and large gardens. Both the house and garden follow the style of the Arts & Crafts movement with examples of local craftsmanship throughout. The house has large airy corridors and south-facing rooms designed to make maximum use of the sunlight.

Margaret Nettlefold designed the garden, inspired by the books and garden designs of Gertrude Jekyll. After a period of restoration, the garden was Grade II listed by English Heritage in 2008. John MacDonald Nicolson was the last private owner of the house and a keen gardener. He developed many new areas, including a scree garden and small alpine features around the garden. Nicolson died in 1944 and bequeathed the house and garden to the University. The garden became the University’s Botanic Garden and new areas for teaching and plant conservation were developed within the historic layout.

Restored to its Edwardian Arts and Craft splendour, Winterbourne House is a unique heritage attraction – set within seven acres of beautiful botanic gardens. Not far from Birmingham city centre, Winterbourne is a hidden gem – home to beautiful antiques and over 6,000 plant species from around the world. Attractions include the woodland walk, strolling through the hazelnut tunnel, crossing the 1930’s Japanese Bridge or simply soaking up the tranquillity of this perfectly English Edwardian home.
Lunch at Hornton Grange was taken in the Conservatory Building. The Grange is an Edwardian-style residence which stands in attractive and peaceful gardens and retains a wealth of features, from its impressive oak-panelled reception and bar to its ornate ceilings and archways.

It was good to see a number of new faces and we are already making plans for a similar event in 2015, albeit at a different location of course!

The Branch had to postpone a lunchtime event at Wragge & Co in Birmingham, to be kindly hosted by Ian Metcalfe (1977) and with Professor Peter Tyler (Fellow) as guest speaker. We hope to arrange it at a later date.

North-East Branch
The North-East branch held its inaugural gathering for members at Beverley Races on a glorious Sunday in April and it was attended by members Jerry Wallwork (1968) the branch secretary and me with our Cambridge-graduate wives, plus a good friend from Christ’s and his wife. It was a wonderful day’s racing and entertainment for the whole group – and clearly there is room for far more St Catharine’s members at future events.

Our Society Branch was also represented at the globally-advertised Grand Tour (de France), which passed through the region in July: the contingent consisted of my daughter, Sarah and me on the A628 at the Woodhead Pass. No doubt other Catspeople were around also, and hopefully we’ll make contact on such occasions in future.

The second advertised Branch meeting was due to take place on 17 August 2014 at the Yorkshire Sculpture Park but it proved to be an inconvenient date so we hope to resurrect it next year.

This is our first year of Branch activity and we are enthusiastic about bringing people together, so we ask members in the region for suggestions of venues to meet, or interesting speakers or other activities, for next year. Do contact me.

Malcolm Bailey (1970)
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North-West Branch
Following on from last year’s successful revival I am pleased to say that we have had another good year in the North-West Branch.

Having been to the Hallé last year it seemed only fair to head across to Liverpool for a lovely concert by the RLPO in December where thanks to their CEO, Catsman Michael Eakin (1976), we also enjoyed hospitality in the Corporate Bar as well as some superb music.

In April, despite rain, we had a most enjoyable afternoon in Manchester, with a lunch followed by an excellent guided walk around the city’s Northern Quarter and Ancoats (the world’s oldest industrial ‘suburb’). Wet weather also failed to dampen spirits at our final event, another convivial lunch in Whalley in the Ribble Valley, which was followed by a walk, a trip to the Abbey, or shopping depending on inclination.

It has been particularly good to welcome family members to some of our events this year, and to have new faces to North-West gatherings at each one. Plans are of course being made for next year and I hope the branch will continue to grow in strength. Do contact me with ideas or to offer help for events.

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Northern Branch
A group of us attended The Royal Shakespeare Company’s performance of All’s Well That
Ends Well at the Theatre Royal, Newcastle, on 9 November 2013. After the play we all repaired to a local hostelry for a drink. This proved to be a very enjoyable event.

We had an outing to the Settle-to-Carlisle Railway on 10 June 2014. This is probably the most scenic railway in England. It was good that one or two members that we don’t see very often came along, as well as the usual suspects. Most of us caught the train at Langwathby, but some people started at Carlisle. We had a couple of hours in Settle, which was long enough for lunch and a walk round the town. We were treated to a spectacular thunderstorm at Settle, with torrential rain and thunder rolling round the hills.

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Scotland Branch

The branch held two events during this period – an informal Social Event in November 2013, and a lecture and dinner in May 2014.

By the time you read this, the referendum on the constitutional future of Scotland will be over and the wishes of the Scottish electorate known. Back in May, though, the issue was very much being debated, and we were grateful to Professor Gavin McCrone (1954), former Chief Economic Adviser to the Scottish Office and former senior civil servant in the Scottish Government, for his excellent lecture Weighing up the Economics of Scottish Independence. Held at the New Club in Edinburgh, and followed by dinner, Professor McCrone’s talk was very interesting and informative, and also comprehensive, covering issues such as:

• the current comparative economic performance of Scotland in the UK;
• the pros and cons of the various currency options which an independent Scotland might pursue;
• the likelihood of an Independent Scotland remaining as (or becoming) a member of the EU;
• the consequences of Scottish independence for the banking and energy sectors; and
• the impact of Scottish independence on mortgages and pensions.

Speaking with such gravitas and with occasional humour thrown in, he was also very impressive in responding to a wide variety of questions. Professor McCrone contributes regularly on economic matters, and has published two editions of Scottish Independence: Weighing up the Economics, a concise and very readable account of the economic issues likely to impact on an independent Scotland.

Back in November 2013 a small number of Society members met for a ‘major sporting challenge’ followed by a very pleasant meal at First Coast in Edinburgh. ‘The Master’s Quaich’ had been presented to the Scottish branch by Sir Terence English when he was Master, and was to be played for at any sport – at the choice of the challenger. Brian Duffin (1973), former Branch Chairman, won the quaich at a game of golf in 2007 and had been the holder of the quaich ever since.

On that dark Scottish winter evening, ten-pin bowling seemed a suitable sport to form the battleground for the 2013 challenge, and a high level of enthusiasm and a wide variety of techniques were demonstrated by all participants, none of whom were regular bowlers. Richard Scothorne (1972), with superb technique and a number of good strikes, vanquished all opponents and romped home by eight points to win the quaich. Congratulations to Richard, and we hope the quaich looks good in your trophy cabinet. As the anniversary of Richard’s victory approaches, I would encourage Scottish branch members to challenge Richard for the quaich at their chosen sport.

Many thanks to the Society members who attended these events – and also to those who contacted me to say they would have liked to attend but couldn’t.

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South-West Branch
During this year the South-West branch has held two events.

In March about 30 members and guests enjoyed a buffet lunch in the splendid setting of the Chapter House of Exeter Cathedral. This was followed by an illustrated talk by Geoff Pogson (1953) entitled I want to sing in Op-er-a. He described how he had achieved a second career as an operatic tenor following an early career in International Marketing. He illustrated his talk with several delightful arias and humorous songs and captivated his audience with many amusing anecdotes from the world of opera. Throughout he was accompanied with great virtuosity at the piano by Denis Rothwell (1948). They were renewing a partnership established in College in ‘The Midnight Howlers’ fondly remembered by many of those attending this most successful event, which was a re-run of one held earlier in the year by the Wessex branch.

In early September we held our annual garden party on the edge of Dartmoor. Fine late summer weather was enjoyed by those attending along with the Pimm’s and cream teas. Reminiscences, anecdotes and email addresses were exchanged and requests made for a repeat next year. This event is particularly welcomed by those who are unable to travel to the Society’s Annual Reunion in Cambridge.

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Wales Branch
Byddan tyfu derw mawr o mês bach
(Great oaks from little acorns grow)
We are pleased to announce that a Wales Branch of the Society was successfully inaugurated at an informal drinks reception at this year’s National Eisteddfod in Llanelli on 6 August. Particular thanks are due to our Society Chairman, David Sanders (1969), who arranged for the use of the S4C marquee as a venue.

A small group of seven alumni, ranging from matriculation years of 1948 to 2007, plus guests, including Jean Thomas, Master of the College and herself of Welsh origins, spent a pleasant hour or so off from the hurly-burly of the Eisteddfod events, to discuss the way ahead for a Wales Branch. I was delighted with the ready response from alumni to assist with future arrangements and we thereby constituted an informal committee. David Sanders welcomed us with a few words about Society branches and formally declared me to be elected Chairman of the Wales Branch; a role that had come my way by default for providing the first response to the Secretary’s plea last year. The Master, in one of her final acts as the current Society President, kindly expressed her pleasure in seeing the formation of this new Wales Branch and thanked the assembled company for their support.

As for the future, Julie James AM, wife of David Flatt (1978) kindly offered to host an appropriate occasion at the Welsh Assembly; Dafydd Johnston (1974), Professor of Welsh and Celtic Studies at Aberystwyth University has offered an historical talk, possibly at the more central location of Aberystwyth University; whilst Owain James (2007) expressed willingness to be involved with a social event in the capital.
We appreciate the limitations of choosing venues in Wales that would satisfy all alumni. The main concentrations are in the south, to a lesser extent in the north. My own home in the vast, thinly populated uplands of Powys is not the ideal spot from which to arrange venues or come up with ideas for meetings. We would therefore welcome suggestions from those in other parts as to what they would like to see by way of Branch meetings or activities.

This very modest start was influenced by timing, travelling distance and the extent of attraction of an extremely Welsh event. I was grateful for the responses from several alumni who were unable to attend on this occasion but expressed interest in future activities. Please continue to offer any further suggestions as we plan the way ahead, both in other parts of the Country and for events of a different nature. Meanwhile we are looking ahead 12 months to the next National Eisteddfod at Meifod, just a few miles down the road from my house, and hope that I will be able to report on the success of a few other gatherings in the meantime. Do get in touch.

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Wessex Branch

On 20 October 2013 some 48 Members and guests enjoyed a pleasant lunch at Esseborne Manor – a charming Country Hotel. This was followed by an illustrated talk by Geoff Pogson (1953.) Geoff started by singing an old Music hall song I want to sing in Op-er-a – the title of his talk. He then took a light-hearted look at how he achieved this in a second career as an operatic tenor. Next he sang Core ‘Ngrato by Salvatore Cardillo and made famous by Pavarotti. The second part of his talk was about what can go wrong during an opera and he illustrated this with many humorous examples from his own experience. He ended by singing Rossini’s well known La Danza first with the original lyrics in the Neapolitan dialect and then by a very funny version in English, about what the singer in a disastrous opera might actually be thinking about his fellows, the conductor and the whole abysmal mess he is in. Geoff was in very fine voice and Denis Rothwell (1948) provided an accomplished accompaniment at the piano at a most enjoyable event.

On 22 March 2014, 36 members attended a lunch at the Quality Hotel in Andover. After lunch Ron Pont (1949) gave a talk 50 Years an Expat. Ron and his wife, Molly, both qualified surgeons, spent over 50 years working in and running hospitals for the Church Mission Society in Iran and Pakistan. He showed photographs of the country they passed through and the hospitals they ran and spoke of a fulfilling and, at times, dangerous life. Latterly, in Pakistan, colleagues were kidnapped or, even worse, disappeared without trace with no closure for their widows. At times they faced rebellions and angry mobs. It was a fascinating story. We were again very fortunate to find such an excellent speaker from within our own Branch.

38 Members and friends visited the Gurkha Museum followed by a Gurkha Curry lunch in Winchester on 17 May 2014. After morning coffee Eli Dawson, Keeper of the Museum Collection gave a lecture and film presentation about the history of Nepal and the Gurkhas’ history with the British army. This was very interesting and led to a large number of questions. An excellent Nepalese curry lunch followed in the elegant dining room, with Regimental Silver on the tables. This was prepared by the Gurkhas’ wives and included four different types of curry along with dal, poppadums and chutney, a fruit salad and coffee. The party then
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New Zealand
A small gathering of St Catharine’s members was held in Auckland on 16 December 2013. In the newly-renovated dock area, close to Auckland’s famous fish market, a good repast and cheery conversation were enjoyed. Amongst those spread around New Zealand who sent greetings were Brian Wilson (1946), who was singing in The Messiah that evening, Charlie Higham (1959), Paul Williams (1961), Alison O’Connell (1982), David Howes (1988) and Charlotte Reed (2001).

Honours and Awards


Dr Richard Barnes (Fellow 1978, Emeritus Fellow 2011) has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of South Africa. He thinks he may be the first St Catharine’s Fellow to be elected to such a Fellowship.

Professor Donald Broom (1961, Fellow 1987, Emeritus Fellow 2010) won the 2014 Patrick Moore award from the RSPCA for his outstanding contribution to animal welfare science.

Dr Harriett Bulkeley (Fellow 1998–2003), who currently holds a Lectureship and an ESRC Climate Change Leadership Fellowship at Durham University, was asked to give the 2014 annual King Gustav lecture to His Highness in Lund, Sweden. Her lecture was entitled Climate Changed Cities? She also gave a presentation on ‘Sustainable cities and climate change’ to the UN General Assembly on 6 January 2014 in New York.

Professor Chris Clark (Fellow 1990), Professor of Modern European History at Cambridge, won the 2014 Bruno Kreisky Prize for Political Literature from the Karl Renner Institute in Austria. The prize recognizes the impact of his book The Sleepwalkers: how Europe went to war in 1914 which was reviewed in the 2013 Magazine. See also below for his appointment as the Cambridge Regius Professor of History.

Professor Giles Harrison (1985), Head of Department of Meteorology and Professor of Atmospheric Physics at Reading University, has been awarded an Honorary ScD by the University of Cambridge.

Dr Sriya Iyer (Fellow 2000) College Teaching Officer and Bibby Teaching Fellow in Economics, was awarded a 2014 Pilkington Prize for excellence in teaching.

Professor Ron Martin (Fellow 1974) has been awarded an Honorary ScD by the University of Cambridge.
Sir Ian McKellen (1958, Honorary Fellow 1982) has been awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Letters by the University of Cambridge. The degree was conferred in June 2014 and Sir Ian stayed in College for a few days. He gave a presentation for College students, Fellows and staff consisting of some Shakespeare speeches, some reminiscences and a question and answer session (the College flew the Rainbow Flag in his honour). He also attended the May Ball on the evening of the day his Honorary Degree was conferred.

James Pereira (1990) of Taylor Francis Building has been appointed a Queen’s Counsel.

Professor Sarah Springman (1983), Professor of Geotechnical Engineering at ETH Zurich, has been appointed Rector there. She will help shape the future of ETH Zurich as part of the Executive Board from January 2015. Sarah has also been awarded an Honorary DSc by the University of Bath.

Professor Bill Sutherland (Fellow 2008), Miriam Rothschild Professor of Conservation Biology in the Department of Zoology, has been appointed President of the British Ecological Society. The BES celebrated its centenary in 2013 and is the oldest ecological society in the world.

Andrew Thompson (1986) of Erskine Chambers has been appointed a Queen’s Counsel.

Dr Peter Wothers (1988, Fellow 1997) was awarded an MBE in the 2014 Queen’s Birthday Honours ‘for services to Chemistry’. Peter is Chair of the Steering Committee for the International Chemistry Olympiad, run by the Royal Society of Chemistry, of which he is a Fellow. Peter also appears in the list of 100 leading UK practising scientists published by the Science Council. The citation says that he is ‘recognised for his role in helping to bridge the transition between sixth-form and university through his leadership in developing the syllabus for the Chemistry Pre-University qualification’.

University posts
Congratulations to four of the humanities Fellows in College who were awarded Readerships ‘in one go’. We think this may be a record. The appointments are Abigail Brundin, Reader in the Department of Italian; Richard Dance, Reader in the Department of Anglo-Saxon, Norse & Celtic; Katherine Dell, Reader in the Faculty of Divinity; and Geoffrey Kantaris, Reader in the Department of Spanish & Portuguese.

In addition, the Vice-Chancellor has given notice that, on the recommendation of the Prime Minister, Her Majesty The Queen has approved the appointment of Professor Christopher Munro Clark, Professor of Modern European History, as the Regius Professor of History from 1 October 2014.
Publications

Recent publications by or about College Members, donated to the College Library


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A novel written in memory of Tom Henn:
Green, Peter [i.e. Cedric Watts]. Final exam: A novel. London: PublishNation, 2013 (Members Shelves)

Reviews

Military Miscellany: the combined wit and wisdom of the armed forces
Jeremy Archer
Elliott and Thompson, 2013

Here is another entertaining compendium from Jeremy Archer, this time based on his own experiences with three infantry regiments and his research as a military historian. The book has six main sections: Language and Lore, Advice, In Their Own Words, Music and Songs, Prayers, and Things to Remember. The first of these includes acronyms, Sergeant-Majors’ Cries to Officer Cadets, confidential reports (‘He has the wisdom of youth and the energy of old age’, ‘This young man has delusions of adequacy’) and borrowed words, most of them from Hindustani. In the second, we can read the advice from a Rear-Admiral to his eldest son taking up command of his first ship, to a soldier from John Wesley, maxims for a Subaltern (dated 1 April 1899), guidance to Officer Cadets at the German School of Artillery (April 1943), to American Servicemen in Britain, and to land girls. Section three contains quotations and words on war. Section four discusses military songs and gives their full words, for example, The British Grenadiers and Lili Marleen. This book would make an excellent gift, especially for anyone with a military background.

In the Shadow of the Abbey: Crowland
Michael Chisholm

Crowland is a small fenland town about seven miles to the north of Peterborough. Its principal features of interest are the 10th-century Abbey, and the remarkable three-way Trinity Bridge which stands at the central crossroads with no water in sight. In this book, the author, an economic geographer and former professor in the Department of Geography, tells the fascinating story of the town over the past millennium, largely based on his own research. Water turns out to be a dominating influence. In the medieval period, Crowland, with its abbey, was an important centre of water transport between Stamford and the Fen towns of Cambridgeshire and Norfolk, via the river Welland. In later centuries, however, with the draining of the Fens and the building of turnpikes and railways, the town lost its significance and became dependent on agriculture. Chisholm shows throughout how the history of Crowland is intimately related to its changing physical environment. The evidence he has discovered clarifies many matters previously uncertain, so making this book an important contribution to the field of local history.
The Kombi Trail: across three continents in a VW van
Roger Cox, Roger Sherwin and Anthony Thompson
I.B.Tauris, 2013
This is the story, written fifty years after the event, of an epic drive in 1961-2 by eight Cambridge students through Europe to the Soviet Union, Turkey, Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, and back home via Africa, 21 countries in all. Four of them were from St Catharine’s, and a brief account of the trip was published in the 2013 Magazine. Here you will find the full details of the pleasures and pains of the journey, the sights seen and the people met, besides the inevitable mechanical and bureaucratic problems. It is well illustrated and makes an excellent read.

The Invention of Jesus: How the Church Rewrote the New Testament
A social anthropologist by training, Peter Cresswell here turns his hand (and not for the first time) to the New Testament. This book has aspects that are technical in relation to translation of ancient documents from Greek, but yet is accessible to a wider audience and written in that vein. Early Greek manuscripts of the New Testament are closely examined to reinforce the author’s theory that translation decisions are dictated by a developing and changing faith perspective. The most exciting discoveries of the book, in Cresswell’s opinion, are those made deep in the pages of the Codex Sinaiticus and Codex Vaticanus (the two most authoritative medieval ‘versions’ of scripture) in that, by the deployment of textual analysis of a fresh kind, he finds an essential relationship between them. He looks at how doctrines have evolved within these Codices and how what he calls ‘inconvenient’ facts have been ‘masked or covered up’. He argues that an essentially Jewish popular messianic movement in opposition to Rome, with alternative kingship claims, was transformed into a new sect that evolved from Saul/Paul onwards. This is, of course, not a new claim. He describes this process of transformation from the point of view of textual tradition and variant, and how theology evolved out of these variants in that the editing was doctrinally motivated. This leads him on to argue that the Jesus of the New Testament was almost entirely ‘invented’ by these tradents.

There is, however, another way of viewing this process. The original movement that grew out of the life and claims of Jesus may have looked quite different from how it evolved, but essentially those who wrote and then later disseminated the writings of the New Testament believed that they were passing on a true record of events. Texts were changed, and translation always changes nuances of the original meaning, but theological shaping and distillation does not make something untrue. Indeed, the evidence from Qumran of biblical texts that are essentially the same as these Codices indicates that those who copied and translated scripture were very faithful to the texts of the past. Ideas and beliefs adapt over time, and if they did not they would become stagnant and die. The beliefs and doctrines of the church have similarly evolved over time, not just in the pages of the New Testament but well beyond into the early church, the Reformation and up to the present day. And this is not only a process within Christianity; texts were subjected to the same process within Judaism with the development of the Mishnah and Talmud which became lenses through which scripture had to be read. So, whilst there is much of interest in this book, I find its polemical edge of trying to undermine the process of the biblical witness to Jesus deeply problematic.

Public Law, 2nd ed.
Mark Elliott and Robert Thomas Oxford University Press, 2014
Over the last century or so, English lawyers have come to adopt a division of subjects previously only recognized by their counterparts in continental Europe, namely systems of civil law. The division is reflected by the title of this work, the second edition of a conspicuously clear, stimulating and much admired textbook. On the one hand sits ‘private law’, which comprises the laws that make up the legal relations between the citizens of a nation. On the other hand sits the subject of this volume: ‘public law’, which concerns the legal relations between citizens and the state. The authors are eminent in their field. And their field is wide. In it falls the law of the constitution, including the several branches of national government, local government and aspects of governance by the European Union. It also includes topics which are the tools for maintaining the rule of law. The scrutiny of government is one. The review and, where necessary, the correction of defective actions and processes of government, is another. The authors neatly call this ‘administrative justice’. A third is the domestic law of human rights, a new area of law the settling of whose boundaries the authors are likely tangibly to affect. For their book is the model of a textbook for students: and those students shall be the custodians not only of human rights law, but of public law more generally, for themselves and each other, and for their successors.
The West Yorkshire Moors: a hand-drawn guide to walking and exploring the county’s open access moorland
Christopher Goddard
North Heritage Publications, 2013
The author works as a professional surveyor of rights of way and national trails, but this guide is clearly a labour of love. After an introduction to the geology and history of the area, there follow chapters, each based on one of the 21 high points above 400 m, from Black Hill to Wolf Stones. A typical chapter, for example chapter 14, Rombalds Moor, contains a plan of the whole moor and notes on its general topography; three double-page large-scale maps of its separate sections; a double-page account of the stone circles and burial cairns of the Moor; and, finally, double-page maps of three walking routes. Each map is surrounded by blocks of tiny print answering all of the questions that an enquiring wayfarer might ask about the features shown, a total of more than 65 detailed vignettes for this chapter. The book would fit into the map pocket of your walking jacket, and would greatly enhance the pleasure of a visit to the area.

Final Exam: a novel
Peter Green
PublishNation, 2nd edition, 2013
This novel will particularly interest anyone who was reading for the Cambridge English Tripos fifty years ago: it must be the only one to use extracts from the exam papers of that year as chapter headings. In the first and longest part the narrator records the tensions between himself and two male friends as they prepare for Finals. The cynical mood of the period is exactly caught, as is the emerging sense of sexual freedom. The three subsequent sections show him, an academic himself now, reflecting on the changes in English studies from the various idealisms of Leavis, Lewis and ‘Tom Henn from St Cats’ to the preoccupations with continental literary theorists, and the commercialization of university affairs. The author is both witty and, when his protagonist develops cancer, somberly realistic. This is a book to make you think.

Shakespeare and Memory
Hester Lees-Jeffries
Oxford University Press, 2013
This is a deeply thoughtful, deeply personal, deeply memorable book. Central to its argument is that memory, albeit often painful, is the shield which Thomas North claims ‘preserves us from the death of forgetfulness’. This is in many ways a book of remembrance, whose author writes of her childhood, her schooling, her play-going, her late father’s theatre designs, her former students and her devastated home in Christchurch, New Zealand.

In a series of lucid chapters, she describes how Shakespeare and we (sometimes through him) remember Rome, England, the Dead and Love, concluding with material reflections on ‘The Memory of Things’ and a Proustian ‘Remembrance of Things Past’. An eclectic range of reference takes us from the medieval Doom in Stratford’s Guild Chapel: ‘Shakespeare was born a few months after the Doom was whitewashed [an act of Protestant iconoclasm]. Visitors to the Chapel today look at the wall that he would have looked at on an almost daily basis as a schoolboy, but see something that he never saw. Yet he would have known that there was something behind its whitewashed surface...’ to early modern flower-lore: ‘[Othello’s] handkerchief... is embroidered with strawberries. Because the strawberry could bear flowers and fruit at the same time, it was a symbol of both chastity and fertility... however, the strawberry plant could also signify hidden evil, concealing a snake’ to contemporary neuroscience: ‘there are direct neural pathways from the olfactory bulbs to the hippocampus, a region of the more evolved neocortex that appears to be central to the workings of memory... in Enobarbus’ description of Cleopatra when, long ago, she first met Antony... “From the barge/A strange invisible perfume hits the sense”... the mention of perfume helps to establish it as the memory of an intensely emotional, sensual experience’.

But nothing is here for show, everything for use. As well as understanding of Shakespeare’s words both heard and read, there is love of them too, and a combination of textual alertness and theatrical imagination which are rarely bedfellows in Shakespearean criticism.

Perhaps the author is right to believe that her witty Greater Shakespeare tea-towel for the RSC will be owned by more people ‘than will ever read a single word that I write’; but that will be their loss, because (to paraphrase a moment from Henry VIII) this book’s virtues are not ‘written in water’.

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Forsythia: a memoir of lost generations
Peter Hovenden Longley
iUniverse: 2013
The word ‘Forsythia’ provides a key to this intriguing book, which is part family history and part literary and social commentary. Peter Longley has used the settings, characters, and themes of John Galsworthy’s The Forsyte Saga to frame an account of his own family from the 1880s to the 1960s, and thereby to explore the experiences of the English upper-middle-class during the age of Empire. Longley draws particularly on his childhood in the ‘last generation of Forsytes’, his extensive knowledge of many of the countries that made up the British Empire, and his training as an historian, to construct a multi-layered portrayal of a vanished era. Forsythia might seem like a challenging read for those not familiar with Galsworthy’s novels, but the compilation can also be ‘dipped into’ and enjoyed read without reference to the entire Forsyte narrative. The success of Downton Abbey, moreover, bears witness to our interest in the Longleys, Hovendens, and others of their totem.

Houghton revisited: the Walpole masterpieces from Catherine the Great’s Hermitage
Andrew Moore and others
Royal Academy of Arts, 2013
Houghton Hall, in Norfolk, was built in the eighteenth century by Sir Robert Walpole, Britain’s first Prime Minister, to house his magnificent art collection. Sadly, on his death, the estate was left with large debts and, in 1779, 204 paintings by many masters such as Rubens, Rembrandt and Velázquez were sold to Catherine the Great for her Hermitage Gallery. By the efforts of very many people, including the staff of the State Hermitage Museum, and the support of sponsors and patrons, about 70 of these paintings were returned on loan from Russia for a few months last summer and reinstated in their original places in Houghton Hall among the well-preserved baroque decorations and furniture designed by William Kent. The exhibition was widely acclaimed and this exemplary catalogue illustrates, with stunning photographs, both the paintings and their setting in the Hall.

Libya’s Faustian Bargains: breaking the appeasement cycle
Jason Pack, Karim Mezran and Mohamed Eljarh
Atlantic Council, 2014
This report provides a detailed account of the turbulent situation in Libya in the aftermath of the popular uprising and NATO intervention of 2011. It describes the political factions and state institutions competing over the shaping and control of the still emerging new regime. The report lays particular emphasis on the security sector, political economy, and constitutional governance. It attributes the current deterioration in the Libyan situation to the unwarranted willingness of the elected authorities to appease rather than confront and isolate their opponents. The aim is to blame the roots of the present troubles on the behavior of government officials instead of flogging the dead horse of Qaddafi and his legacy of authoritarianism. The report ends on an optimistic note by indicating that a change in immediate policies could bring stability and prosperity. A fundamental change in the tribal and regional structures should remain on the agenda, but it does not hold Libya’s future hostage.

Great Britain’s Great War
Jeremy Paxman
Oxford University Press, 2013
The anniversary of its outbreak has led to a welcome re-evaluation of Britain’s experience in the First World War, amplifying and correcting the stereotyped picture created by satirical caricatures like Oh! What a Lovely War and Blackadder, images of the Somme, and the eloquent but particular perspective of disillusioned war poets. To this process, Jeremy Paxman’s excellent book makes a notable contribution. His highly readable narrative covers all aspects of the war – political, military and the home front – and contains many fascinating facts and quotations, derived from a wide variety of sources, and often retailed with the author’s characteristically sardonic humour. It delves below the surface of events in imaginatively seeking to re-capture the state of mind of the people involved – from the crowds in the London streets at its outbreak, and the authority figures who had to come to terms with the new power of the press, to the men and their officers who endured the horrors of the trenches and Gallipoli, where the author’s great-uncle was among the 50,000 Allied soldiers who lost their lives. (A portrait of this twenty-three-year-old...
old Yorkshire lad is among the well-chosen photographs.) What comes through is Paxman's great respect for these people, and for the values by which they were motivated, which the war did so much to weaken and discredit. As he says, 'it is precisely because it changed so much that we understand it so little.'

A history of foreign students in Britain
Hilary Perraton
Palgrave Macmillan, 2014
The author is a historian based at the Institute of Education in the University of London who has served on the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission. He is therefore well qualified to write this book which examines who, between 1185 and the present, came to Britain to study, why they came, and what they experienced when here. Perhaps the most extreme example was Srinivasa Ramanujan, born in an Indian village in 1887, who taught himself mathematics and by 1918 was a Fellow of Trinity and of the Royal Society; Bill Clinton was another, as a Rhodes Scholar. Over the years, many of these students have remained in Britain and have enriched its life. In 2010, one in five full-time university students was from abroad, and more than half of all postgraduates. Besides these, there were over 400,000 attending language and private-sector schools. It is obvious that both the finances and the research outputs of our universities are heavily dependent on foreign students. This being so, more consistent and helpful policies on the matter from successive governments are urgently needed.

All My Days Are Saturdays
Sam Pickering
University of Missouri Press, 2014
The title suggests a book written by a retired man and a contented one at that. As Professor Emeritus of English at the University of Connecticut, Pickering is one academic free from scholarly concerns, writing with the lucidity of the various no-longer-fashionable authors he regularly quotes here. His bibliography lists three literary studies and four travel books as against seventeen collections of essays — a literary form rarely practised today. His range is wide and often witty, aiming to describe life as it is and indeed celebrate that 'it is as it is', a heartening ambition which this book most enjoyably fulfils.

Conservation and Environmental Management in Madagascar
Ivan R. Scales, ed.
Earthscan, 2014
Although famous for its animals and plants, Madagascar is not especially diverse for its size. But, like an ancient university gradually acquiring its own terminology and quirks, Madagascar has evolved a remarkable range of species whilst drifting away from Africa during the past 160 million years, four-fifths of the species being found nowhere else. The combination of importance for global conservation, crushing poverty, high population growth and tumultuous politics, means that the island has attracted an army of organisations, each with different plans for improving matters.

This book is a review of the environmental history, the environmental problems, the politics of conservation and the options for making conservation economically attractive. The authors repeatedly unravel simplistic interpretations and approaches, and reveal the true complexities of the situation. They show how current practice shifts due to changes in the philosophy of the practitioners. The critical point, made very convincingly, is that any interventions have to be considered in relation to the historical, social, cultural, political and economic conditions, so a failure to understand the context fully is likely to result in ineffective action.

Besides being an important text, this book is poignant since it is dedicated to the memory of Robert Dewar, who was based in Cambridge for seven years, with his erudite chapter completed after his death by Alison Richards.

God — I’ve Got Cancer / Christians in the Firing Line
Richard Scott
These books have their origin in the author's Christian faith. The first describes his experience of being diagnosed and treated for rectal cancer, and his recovery, but he contextualises this within a broader argument for the health benefits of faith, and particularly the Christian faith. Scott moves from the statistical differences between the health of faith practitioners and non-practitioners to the miraculous healing power of God. His aim is to provide encouragement and hope for those diagnosed with cancer.

The second book is also based on experience, in this case of his telling a non-Christian about Jesus Christ within
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Marriages


**Bullock:Romer-Lee** On 27 April 2013, Thomas Bullock (2002) married Katherine Romer-Lee (2003) at All Saints Church, Whiteparish, Wiltshire. Sixteen St Catharine’s alumni were amongst the guests, and Susan Gelder (2003) was one of the bridesmaids.


**Coppin:Walker** On 14 December 2013, James Coppin (2001) married Beth Walker at St John the Baptist Church, Harrietsham, Kent.

**Cullum:Cook** On 7 September 2013, Martin Cullum (the College Hall Manager) married Abigail Cook in the College Chapel.

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Catz people at the wedding of Peter Bullock and Becky Ollerenshaw.


Goldsmith:Fitchie On 21 September 2012 in the Gemeindehaus in Zermatt, Switzerland, Erica Goldsmith (1999) married Martin Fitchie. A blessing service was held the following day at St Peter’s (known as ‘the English Church’) in Zermatt. The reception was on 13 October at the Roman Baths in Bath, Somerset. There were a number of Catz people attending: Nicholas Edwards (1999), Dickon Balmforth (1997) and Rebecca Balmforth (née Hayhurst, 1999), Christina Larkin (née Breaden, 1999), Deepa Devani (née Shah, 1999), Victoria Roper (1999), Belita Amlot (née Debenham, 1999).

Richardson-Goodman On 3 May 2014 Jean Richardson (1999) married Dr Alexander Goodman at St Christopher’s Church, Haslemere. The bride was given away by her father Stephen Richardson (1969). Philippa Wood (née Harrison, 1999) sang a solo then a duet with her husband Malcolm (Gonville & Caius). Also in attendance were Sophie Hucker (née Otter, 1999) and Jenny Matthewson (née Gould, 1999).

Golden Wedding Thornton: Nutbeam On 21 September 1963 Geoffrey Thornton (1957) married Fay Nutbeam (Newnham, 1956) at Caxton Hall. Geoffrey writes ‘At a celebratory lunch, our health was proposed by my best man, Rod Bowman (1957) and grace said by Canon John Ayling (1957). Also present were Michael Morris (1957) – now Lord Naseby, Patrick Holden (1957) and our son Simon (1982)’.


70th Wedding Anniversary Haybittle:Holland On 2 October 1943 at Salfords Church, Surrey, John Haybittle (1940) married Mary Holland. They had met on the dance floor of the canteen run by Mary’s father for locally-stationed troops. Married life started with John as a radar officer in the RAF and Mary teaching at the local school. The picture shows John and Mary cutting their 70th Anniversary cake at a celebration in their local church at North Mundham, Chichester.
**Deaths**

**Adderley (1947)** On 19 September 2012, the Hon. Paul Lawrence Adderley of the Bahamas. Paul came to St Catharine’s from the Bahamas Government High School and read Law. After attending the Middle Temple, he was called to the Bar in 1953 and then returned to the Bahamas where he worked in private practice until 1972. Between 1972 and 1992 he served in successive Bahamian cabinets as Attorney General, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Minister of Education, Minister of National Security and Minister of Finance. In 1992 he returned to his private law practice, but served as Acting Governor-General briefly in 2005–6. His daughter Paula Adderley (1993) is an alumna.

**Amos (1951)** On 28 May 2014, Richard William Thomas Amos of Great Shelford, Cambridge, and Sudbury, Suffolk. His son Mark (1979) writes ‘Richard came to St Catharine’s from Sudbury Grammar School (after National Service). He read Natural Sciences then Chemical Engineering, a relatively new subject at the University. He spent most of his career as Technical Manager of Fisons/Schering in Haughton near Cambridge. In 1957, through College friend Brian Jackson (1952), he met Janet who was teaching at a local school. They married in 1958 and had two children, Mark and Clare. They remained together near Cambridge after retirement until Janet’s death in 2012. Living near Cambridge allowed Richard to attend many College events, particularly after retirement. While at College Richard developed wide interests in the arts alongside his engineering, in particular English literature – inherited from his father Thomas (1926), architecture and especially classical music. It is as a result of the latter that he has bequeathed the College Library a collection of Bach scores.’

**Astbury (1949)** In June 2012, Michael Henry Richardson Astbury of Sevenoaks, Kent. Michael came to St Catharine’s from the Perse School, Cambridge, and read Law. After working briefly for the Manchester Ship Canal Company, he was appointed Deputy Secretary of the Federation of Ceylon in Colombo for five years before returning to the UK as Prosecuting Solicitor at the Department of Trade and Industry. In 1967 he became Deputy Secretary at the Senate of the Four Inns of Court and from 1977 to 1989 he was Secretary of the Society of Valuers and Auctioneers. He was a Freeman of the City of London (Glovers Company). He had several trusteeships and directorships including Kent Medical Services and was Chairman of the Maidstone MENCAP Charitable Trust. His brother John (1942) who died in 1998 was also an alumnus.

**Barclay (1949)** The College has learned of the death many years ago of Alexander Ian Barclay. Ian came to St Catharine’s from St Mary’s College, Crosby, Liverpool, and read Mathematics and Physics.

**Bartram (1949)** On 18 October 2013, George Christopher (Kit) Bartram of Newton Aycliffe, County Durham. Kit came to St Catharine’s from Rugby School and read Economics. He served in the Durham Light Infantry 1945–8 before Cambridge and, after obtaining his degree, he joined their TA branch in parallel with working at the family shipyard Bartram & Sons. He was made an Honorary Colonel 7th Battalion DLI in 1989. His widow Jo writes ‘Kit was High Sheriff of County Durham in 1982, then a few years later Vice Lord Lieutenant. But more importantly he was chairman of County Durham Litter group. He took this job very seriously, picking up litter once a month. He was a modest man and always willing to help people in any way, assisting particularly with Church affairs. He was President and Treasurer of the Durham Light Infantry Newton Aycliffe Association. The DLI meant a lot to him. After leaving the family shipyard he started and ran a Housing Association in Middlesborough for many years.’

**Bates (1948)** On 5 April 2014, (Martin) Colin Bates of Guildford, Surrey. Colin came to St Catharine’s from Uppingham School after war service in India, mainly on the Northwest Frontier with the 9th Gurkha Rifles. He read Economics and played hockey for the College. His son Anthony writes ‘After Cambridge Colin joined Price Waterhouse. He married my mother, Patricia Jane Simon, in 1955 and they moved to Calcutta for three years, returning to England in 1959 when he joined Fairey Aviation. In 1962 he joined Getty Oil Company where he worked for the rest of his career, rising to be Managing Director of Getty Marine Services, which managed the Getty tanker fleet. He was on the boards of a number of other Getty subsidiaries and associated companies including Mitsubishi Oil, for which he worked in Yokohama for a few months in the summer of 1979. He was a keen amateur dramatist and performed in at least fifteen plays with the Peaslake Players. (Acting ran in the family – his brother was the actor Michael Bates.) He was a very tidy man and had a tremendous sense of humour. As a Chartered Accountant, I’m sure it would have amused him that he died on the last day of the tax year.’

**Beith (1951)** On 20 December 2013, Robert Michael Victor Beith of Felixstowe, Suffolk. His widow Margaret writes ‘Rob/Bob, was born in Malaya in 1931 where his father ran rubber plantations. During the war he was schooled in Australia and South Africa before attending King’s School, Canterbury, where he swam, played hockey and captained the school rugby team. At St Catharine’s he read Engineering and played in the rugby team which won the 1954 inter-college cup. After national service in the Navy on HMS Urchin (F196) as a sub-Lt in charge of the engine room, he joined global power products group Foster Wheeler where he progressed to Director of Research & Development. Engineering was his hobby as well as his job – he continued
in consultancy roles throughout his life and wrote various books and papers. We married in 1963 and lived in Henley-on-Thames until we moved to Suffolk in 1994.’

**Biddulph (1944)** On 23 January 2014, Nicholas Osborne John Biddulph of Egham, Surrey. Nicholas came to St Catharine’s as an Army cadet on the Short Course in Engineering. He joined the Royal Engineers as a Captain, but was soon promoted to Major. According to College records, he considered returning to St Catharine’s after his time in the Army, but instead, his widow Elizabeth informs us, he studied at the Slade School of Fine Art and became a Graphic Designer.

**Bird (1946)** On 23 April 2014, Donald (Dicky) William Kemp Bird of Hesket Newmarket, Cumbria. Dicky came to St Catharine’s from St Edward’s School, Oxford, and read Natural Sciences and Medicine. Dicky’s widow Pen writes ‘After Cambridge, Dicky went to University College Hospital in 1949 whence he graduated as a doctor in 1952. He joined a general practice in Maidstone where he became interested in mental health and, in 1963, he moved to London with his family to retrain as a psychiatrist and psychoanalyst. In 1971, he became a consultant at the Tavistock Clinic and then Chairman of the Adolescent Department and Dean of Postgraduate Studies. Having always taken part in amateur dramatics, he continued this interest when he retired to Cumbria in 1990, performing with the Calbeck Players. He also supported various local voluntary organisations like Meals on Wheels and the Village Hall Committee. At Potts Ghyll he had a garden big enough to grow old-fashioned roses and to keep a dog. He was able to die at home as he wished.’ Dicky and Pen were staunch supporters of the range of friendships he established through his life.’

**Bovling (1955)** On 2 January 2014, John Egerton Boulding of Tonbridge, Kent. Michael Dillon Weston (1955) writes ‘John came to St Catharine’s from Tonbridge School and read Law. He never practised law as, after getting his degree, he qualified as an accountant and spent much of his life working for Tolley’s, editing several editions of their Official Tax Statements. At Cambridge he became fascinated with genealogy and re-founded the Cambridge Genealogical Society. Genealogy remained his chief hobby and he traced his own family back to the 17th century. John performed no great heroics in the sporting arena nor shone brilliantly in the academic world of Cambridge, but he was a deeply thoughtful, kind and considerate fellow-undergraduate who remained loyal to the friends he made at Cats throughout his life’. College contemporaries John (Algy) Bates (1955) and Ian Roberts (1955) were also present at his funeral at Tonbridge School.

**Bradley (1953)** The College has heard that John Hinton Bradley died some years ago. He came to St Catharine’s from Chislehurst & Sidcup School and read Geography.

**Bullough (1935)** On 17 June 2014, Major Stanley Hewlett Bullough of Hook, Hampshire. Stanley came to St Catharine’s from Felsted School and read Natural Sciences. He played hockey for the University and athletics, squash and golf for the College. He joined the Army in 1939 and served in the Royal Army Services Corps until 1960 when he transferred to the Royal Army Pay Corps. He retired in 1975.

**Cadman (1978)** On 5 January 2014, Colin James Cadman of Bromsgrove, Worcestershire. Colin came to St Catharine’s from King’s School, Chester, and read Law. He spent his career as a solicitor. Charles Farquharson (1978) writes ‘Colin arrived at Cambridge from Chester to read law in preference to his first love, French, and made a substantial contribution to the life of the College. He thrived as a law student, but my strongest memories of him are of laughter and sport. He played in the successful Cuppers football team and captained the tennis team. A final year in Old Lodge 6 aided the development of his table football skills too. Always able to see the funny side, he was a great friend with a strong sense of what was fair and right; it was no surprise that he became a successful litigator and subsequently gained even greater satisfaction from teaching aspiring solicitors. Away from work he was a proud husband and father, a lover of France and Scotland, and a keen supporter of his sons on the rugby field. It was very moving to see so many people, including many of his College and University friends, at his funeral, showing the range of friendships he established through his life.’

**Calver (1986)** The College has learned of the death of Andrew Robert Calver of Highbury, London. Andy came to St Catharine’s from Cranleigh School, Surrey, and read Natural Sciences.

**Chambers (1940)** The College has learned of the death some 20 years ago of Henry Christopher Chambers. Henry came to St Catharine’s from King William’s College, Isle of Man, and initially read Mathematics. He switched to Mechanical Sciences in 1941, obtained a first and was awarded a College prize of £4. He left for War Service in 1942, but was allowed the extra terms necessary for his degree. His godson Bill Ellis writes that he recalls only that Henry ran all the power stations in northern Nigeria for a while and later drove an old Jaguar car which he took to the Isle of Man where there was no MoT testing.
Chauhan (1954) The College has learned of the death in 2000 of Nand Kumar Singh Chauhan of New Delhi. Nand Kumar came to St Catharine’s from Allahabad University and read Mechanical Sciences. His widow and daughter visited the College in 2014 and informed us of his death.

Cibula (1940) On 23 June 2013, Alec Cibula of Kings Langley, Hertfordshire. Alec came to St Catharine’s from Ilford County High School, Essex, and read Natural Sciences and Metallurgy. He spent his career as a Materials Engineer and in 1966 was awarded the Rosenhain Medal by the Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining. He published several books on magnesium and aluminium casting.

Clemens (1942) On 2 August 2013, Clive Carruthers Clemens of Salisbury. Clive won a Scholarship to St Catharine’s from Blundell’s School, Tiverton, Devon, and read Modern & Medieval Languages. He was called for War Service in 1943, but returned in 1946 to complete his degree. His career was in the Diplomatic Service. His son Simon (1969) is also an alumnus.

Collinson (1941) On 19 November 2013, Ralph Collinson of Saffron Walden, Essex. Ralph won a Scholarship to St Catharine’s from Blackpool Grammar School and started reading Geography until his studies were interrupted by the war. His daughter Mrs Evelyn Pick writes ‘While on army exercise in Kent, an incident necessitated the removal of part of his lung. After convalescence, he resumed his degree studies. He truly appreciated what the College and University did for him, recalling his student days with great fondness. After graduating, he taught briefly in a preparatory school in the North of England, before becoming a Geography Master at Bacup & Rawtenstall Grammar School, where he met his wife. During this time, he also began to teach Economics, in which he took an extra-mural degree at Manchester University. Eventually he became Careers Master as well as Head of Geography & Economics. He subsequently moved to Cheltenham, where he occupied similar posts at Whitefriars School. He began caring for his father-in-law, as well as coping with a full professional workload and a large garden. This regime eventually took its toll on him and he retired early. He later moved closer to Cambridge, after which he enjoyed attending College reunions.’

Cooper (1961) On 17 March 2014, Simon William Darrell Cooper. Simon came to St Catharine’s from Solihull School and read Law. The College had lost contact with Simon and was informed of his death by his contemporary Richard Strickland (1961).

Cowie (1982) On 28 January 2014 in a car crash, Alan George Cowie of Eaglescliffe, Stockton-on-Tees. Alan came to St Catharine’s as a research student in Chemistry having graduated from Selwyn. According to local news, he was an NHS Director at Bradford and was driving home when the accident occurred.

Curry (1946) On 17 August 2013, Stephen James Curry of Perth, Western Australia. Stephen won a Scholarship to St Catharine’s from Rendcombe College, Cirencester, but came up after his War Service to read Natural Sciences followed by the Diploma in Agricultural Science. According to news he sent to Magazine editors in years past, he married in 1950 and joined the Colonial Service as an entomologist. He was in Cyprus for two periods working on anti-locust research and early in 1953 went out to Kenya with his wife to do insect work on forests. His relative Janet Fairweather writes that his early work was done at Kew Gardens and most of his career was concerned with pest control, at first in Kenya, later in New Zealand and Australia.

Denham (1962) In 2013, David Allen Denham of Sixpenny Handley, Dorset. David came to St Catharine’s as a Zoology research student after a BSc from King’s College, London. College records indicate that he spent three years at the Ministry of Agriculture Fisheries and Food in Weybridge before moving in 1968 to the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. In 1978 he joined the External Staff at the Medical Research Council and in 1992 he was appointed a Reader at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine where he had previously been a researcher.

Dodge (1948) On 26 June 2014, James Sydney Dodge of Lutterworth, Leicestershire. Jim won an Exhibition to St Catharine’s from Kettering Grammar School. According to his son Nick, Jim himself wrote the following with the Magazine in mind ‘Jim Dodge (1948) was the older of two brothers who arrived successively at the College from Kettering Grammar School shortly after the war. Reading English at first, Jim finally read History Part II. He gained 1st May and Henley colours in the meantime. He spent ten years teaching English at Cheltenham Grammar School and was appointed Headmaster of Lutterworth Grammar School in 1962, retiring in 1984.’ Nick writes ‘I actually live in Cambridge and whenever I walk by St Catharine’s it makes me think of my father which is all the more poignant now after his death. I know he had a very happy and rewarding time while at the College.’ Jim’s brother John (1950) died in 1985.

Ede (1947) On 13 December 2013, Ainslie Neville Ede of Cambridge. Ainslie came to St Catharine’s from Bloxham School and read Mechanical Sciences. After graduating he continued his studies for an MSc in Agricultural Engineering and a PhD in Soil Physics. His widow Eeva writes ‘Before coming to Cats, Ainslie was in the Navy/Fleet Air Arm as a pilot protecting UK convoys from enemy submarines
in the Atlantic. In College he was very active in the Music Society and was the producer for the 1950 May Week opera, Tom Jones by Edward German. Ainsley worked for 19 years as Head of the Agricultural Research Council Government Research Unit. This involved technical visits to USA, Canada, USSR, Australia and most European countries. In 1966 he founded Land and Water Management Ltd, a multi-disciplinary UK/overseas agricultural and development consultancy. He was awarded the Queen’s and Royal Agricultural Society medal in 1972 for his patented method of trenchless pipelaying. His recreations were an 18-ton ketch and restoring a Devon watermill. Ainslie was a staunch supporter of the local branch of the Society.

Fairclough (1942) On 9 February 2014, Anthony John Fairclough of Richmond, Surrey. Anthony won a Scholarship to St Catharine’s from St Phillip’s Grammar School. Birmingham and read Mechanical Sciences. He was in the first Lent and May boats in 1943–4, winning his oar in 1943. He spent his career as a Civil Servant, first in the Ministry of Aircraft Production and then in the Colonial Office where he was secretary of the Nyasaland Commission of Enquiry in 1959. He was appointed Private Secretary to the Minister for Commonwealth Relations in the early 1960s and then was Head of the West Indian department. He moved to the Department of the Environment in 1970, serving as an under-secretary and heading various planning directorates there including Minerals, Sport and the Central Unit on Environmental Pollution. By the 1980s he was acting Director General for the Environment, Consumer Protection and Nuclear Safety at the Commission for Environmental Cooperation, eventually becoming the Deputy Director-General for Development there. He was awarded a CMG in 1990.

Farmer (1944) On 26 December 2013, Edward Farmer. Ted originally came to St Catharine’s for an RAF short course, but returned after his war service in 1948 to read Modern & Medieval Languages and win a soccer Blue. Ted served on the Society Committee in the 1970s and 1980s, but more recently was out of touch with the College. His son Simon (1973) is also an alumnus.

Farrant (1962) On 23 April 2014, Michael Anthony Farrant of Cupertino, California, USA. His widow Janet writes ‘Mike came to St Catharine’s from Palmer’s School, Grays, Essex. After taking a first in Mechanical Sciences, he became interested in the nascent field of computers, and began a long career as a software engineer, including a stint helping newly independent Zimbabwe into the computer age. The lure of Silicon Valley drew him to California, where he was prominent in development of non-stop systems for banks, airlines and stock markets, as well as being an enthusiastic girls’ soccer coach and a mean shogi player. In 2005, already suffering from Parkinson’s disease, he completed a Lands End to John O’Groats walk, covering 1,200 miles of footpaths and lanes in 100 days. Mike’s last years battling Parkinson’s and dementia were very hard, but he never complained and continued to find joy in life’s simple pleasures, most notably buns and traditional English puddings.’ A memorial service for Mike was held in the College Chapel.

Gately (1960) On 9 August 2013, John Frederick Gately of Burlington, Canada. John came to St Catharine’s from Tiffin School and read Medical Sciences. His friend Keith Goodwin writes ‘After his degree at Cambridge and further study at St Bartholomew’s in London, John qualified as a doctor in 1966. House jobs followed at Barts and in Norwich, followed by a year in A&E at Charing Cross Hospital. John, by then married, moved to Scotland at the end of 1968 and spent a year at the Astley Ainslie Hospital in Edinburgh whilst studying for the surgical fellowship examinations. John decided to try his hand as a GP in Canada and in late 1969 emigrated with his family to Bradford, Ontario. After four years there he returned with his family to Scotland where he obtained a posting in Dundee. However, the life and career prospects in Canada drew him back there in 1978 and he obtained a posting in general surgery at McMaster University’s Faculty of Health Sciences in Hamilton. There he was much respected both as a general surgeon and a teacher, ending his career as Professor of Surgery. John retired from surgery in 2005 but continued teaching until health problems caused him to retire fully in 2009.’

Goodrich (1961) The College has heard of the death of Chauncey S Goodrich of Santa Barbara, USA. Chauncey was elected a member of St Catharine’s when he worked at the Faculty of Oriental Studies in the early 1960s.

Gray (1948) In April 2014, Robert Cuthbert Birrell Gray of Horsham, Sussex. Bobby came to St Catharine’s from Taunton School and read Economics and History. He was awarded a scholarship in 1950–1. He rowed in the Mays and played rugby and water polo for the College. His widow Mollie (Homerton, 1948) writes ‘Bobby sang in the College choir and took part in college reviews (a revival of the 1951 Review took place in the College chapel in June 2012, when Barney Miller remarked of Bobby “He sings better than he walks!”). After graduating with a first he joined the Colonial Service where he served in Uganda until self-government in 1962, rising to the post of District Commissioner. Returning to the UK, he developed a career in University administration, first in the Faculty of Medicine at Birmingham and then as Deputy Academic Registrar and Secretary to the Collegiate Council at London. In 1971 he moved to the General Medical Council as Deputy Registrar working in both the disciplinary and overseas registration sections until his retirement in 1988. His enthusiasm for life, singing in choirs and shows, was much appreciated in South
Holmwood and Mannings Heath where he lived from 1980 until he died in 2014. This enthusiasm was coupled with a sense of humour, strong values, ethics and faith.’

Greigh (1955) The College has learned that John Frederick Law Greigh died in the late 1980s. John came to St Catharine’s from Uppingham School and read English.

Hall (1942) On 8 November 2013, Peter Dalton Hall of Woughton-on-the-Green, Buckinghamshire. Peter won an Exhibition to St Catharine’s from Rishworth School, Yorkshire and read Law. His studies were interrupted by war service and, after a crash course in Japanese, he served with the Australian Imperial Forces in New Guinea as decoder and interpreter. He demobilised as a Major after stints in India and Singapore. He returned to Cats in 1947 to complete his degree – his Director of Studies, Dick Gooderson, was also DoS to his sons Nicholas (1972) and Simon (1973). Peter was surprised to find his cricket gear, abandoned in the Cats pavilion in 1943, still there in 1947. After Cambridge and a spell in Lincoln’s Inn, he joined the Government Legal Service attached to the Inland Revenue at Somerset House and remained there until he was 65. He rose through the ranks via Clerk to the City of London Commissioners, Lord Chancellor’s Department, to Under Secretary (Legal). He was awarded the Freedom of the City of London in 1993 but was most proud of his Companion of the Order of the Bath which enabled him to design his own coat of arms. Peter served on his local Parish Council for over 40 years, many of them as Treasurer or Chairman, and had the village green declared an ancient monument to prevent unsightly building development.


Hartwell (1966) In May 2014, Clive Richard Hartwell of Waternish, Isle of Skye. Clive came to St Catharine’s from Solihull School and the Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, and read English. According to the 1968 Magazine, he enjoyed performing for Cats in the colleges’ Drama Festival run at the ADC that year. Clive and his wife ran a long-established family business Skyeskins, a sheepskin tannery on the Isle of Skye, which became a well-respected tourist attraction on the island.

Haslam (1944) On 25 October 2011, James Eastwood Haslam of Rochdale, Lancashire. James came to St Catharine’s from Blackpool Grammar School and read Geography. He was an active member of the University Labour Club. After graduating, he became Head of Geography at Counthill Grammar School, Oldham, but his main interests were in Economics and Politics and he took a further degree in these subjects at Manchester University in the 1950s. In 1961 he moved to Whitehaven Grammar School and also served as a local Labour Councillor. In 1965 he was appointed Head of Sixth Form Studies at Greenhill School, Rochdale, and remained there until retirement in 1985. He continued to work for the Labour Party in retirement and received an award for 70 years of service in 2011. His son Thomas Mark says his father’s aim was ‘to afford all students, from whatever background, an equal opportunity to the best UK education.’

Hill (1955) On 17 September 2013, Charles Donald Hill of London. Don won a Scholarship to St Catharine’s from Saltley Grammar School. Geoffrey Strachan (1955) writes ‘Don Hill, my lifelong friend, had an existentially dry wit and a strong sense of justice. He read Geography and Moral Sciences, later teaching Geology at North London Polytechnic and Environmental Philosophy at King’s College, London. There he ran postgraduate courses in medical ethics, as he did for the Ethox Centre in Oxford and the Society of Apothecaries (who made him an honorary fellow). A founding editor of The Journal of Applied Philosophy, a stalwart cyclist and passionate gardener, he campaigned to save the allotments in Hampstead, his home for decades. Grievous family losses only strengthened his steadfast courage and caring nature. In 2008 he joined Singapore’s Centre for Biomedical Ethics, as Director of Undergraduates at the National University’s Medical School, becoming, in one colleague’s words “a self-denying giant in the ethics department.” A true stoic, who relished Shakespeare and the novels of Beckett and Saramago, he told deadpan Yorkshire jokes impeccably.’
Hird (1986) On 23 June 2014, Gary Jason Hird of London. Gary came to St Catharine's from the Sir Frederic Osborn School, Hertfordshire, and read Natural Sciences. According to College records, he ran the student Record Library. We have no information about his subsequent career.

Hollingworth (1951) On 17 January 2014, Hugh Caudwell Hollingworth of Redrut, Cornwall. Hugh came to St Catharine's from Kingswood School, Bath, and read Natural Sciences and Medicine. He was a lifetime Methodist. After qualifying and National Service, Hugh served two tours of medical missionary work in Nigeria before returning to England as a GP in Coleshill, Warwickshire, and then Redrut, Cornwall, where he spent the rest of his career. He represented Cornwall for the British Medical Association. Besides his Methodist preaching, he was also a strong supporter of local Industrial Archaeology, particularly the Trevithick Society and the Carn Brea Mining Society.

Hoskings (1947) On 7 May 2012, Peter Huthnance Hoskins of Bristol. Peter came to St Catharine's from St Bartholomew's Grammar School, Newbury, and read Geography followed by a Diploma in Education at Bristol. He then spent two years as Senior Geography Master at Badingham College, Surrey, before moving in 1954 to Powers-Samas (subsequently ICT) as a systems advisor. In 1965 he was appointed Chief Systems Analyst at RTZ Computer Services and ten years later Computer Manager at Bristol Erickson. From 1980 until his retirement in 1989 he was a Business Systems Consultant for ICL. He had a strong recreational interest in music, particularly choral and orchestral activities, and in 1993 received a BA (Mus) from Bristol.

Hughes (1954) On 14 January 2013, Richard leuan Garth (RIG) Hughes of Columbia, South Carolina, USA. Geoffrey Strachan (1955) writes ‘Rig read Engineering and was my close contemporary and lifelong friend. He played a leading role in the then-flourishing College revive club, the Midnight Howlers. In the 1960s he combined teaching physics at his alma mater, Highgate School, with cabaret performances at the Edinburgh Fringe and elsewhere before emigrating to Canada with his family. He obtained a PhD in Philosophy from the University of British Columbia and his subsequent distinguished career in the Philosophy of Science included teaching at Toronto, Princeton, Yale and, for over 24 years, as Professor at the University of South Carolina. The specialist press hailed his last published book The Theoretical Practices of Physics as “highly original, beautifully creative”. Musically gifted and a charismatic guitarist, over five decades Rig wrote (and often performed with friends) scores of pithy songs, matching elegant and poetic lyrics to sparkling and subtle tunes.’

Ingram (1953) On 24 January 2014, John Garry Kenton Ingram of Northwood, Middlesex. John came to St Catharine's from Merchant Taylors' School, Northwood, and read Natural Sciences. He was awarded a Rugby Fives Blue in 1955–6 and was captain of College rugby. He taught science at Fettes College until 1959 when he moved to Harrow School as Assistant Master (Natural Science). He was House Master of The Park 1974–89 and officer commanding the school's Combined Cadet Force 1964–74.

Jeans (1944) In 2014, John Victor Henry Jeans of Southport, Merseyside. John came to St Catharine's for the RAF war-time cadet science course, but was re-admitted in 1948 to complete his degree in Natural Sciences. His daughter Rosemary writes ‘While he was at St Catharine's John learned to fly a Tiger Moth with the University Air Squadron. After National Service, he became an industrial chemist with British Drug Houses. John married Jeannie in 1952, settled in Southport and had two daughters. Following redundancy, John became a sub-postmaster and shopkeeper. He wasn't just a business and family man, doting on his four grandchildren, but was also a keen amateur astronomer and pet lover, adopting several which otherwise would have been put down; he also enjoyed listening to jazz. In retirement John was a voluntary literacy and numeracy tutor for adults. Jeannie pre-deceased him by 11 months. John is survived by his sister Mary, a teacher trained at Homerton College and his daughters, Vanessa and Rosemary.’

Jones (1955) On 21 August 2013, Trevor Arthur Jones of Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire. Trevor won a Scholarship to St Catharine's from Stretford Grammar School and read Geography. He won a College Prize in 1957 and changed to History for Part II, winning the Figgins Prize for History in 1958. He was caught climbing in after hours with Don Hill (1955) and taken to the Dean's study to drink whisky until dawn (he was not clear whether the Dean was Gus Caesar or Stanley Aston). He was an active participant in CND marches in the 1950s. He won a Fulbright Scholarship to Seattle and then returned to the UK to work at the Foreign & Commonwealth Office before obtaining a post at the University of Accra in Ghana where he wrote the well-received book Ghana's First Republic. In 1964 he returned to the UK to become a lecturer in Modern History at Keele. He retired in 1994.

Kauffmann (1943) On 12 February 2014, Edgar Alexander Kauffmann of Yardley Gobion, Northamptonshire. College records indicate that he was known as Sascha and was a German refugee who came to St Catharine's after studying at several German schools, St Paul's School in London and some private tuition. He read Medicine.
Laurie (1958) On 26 April 2013, George Maxwell Laurie of Bishop Auckland, County Durham. Max came to St Catharine’s after National Service from Queen Elizabeth School, Wakefield, and read Modern & Medieval Languages. He was Editor of the University student magazine Broadsheet. He worked initially in hospital administration, but left in 1966 to join a recruitment agency. He was also a regular film critic for various publications. In the 1970s he became an expert on the wine trade and in 1994 was awarded the Freedom of the City of London and the Chevalier du Mérite Agricole for his 20 years of ‘service to French wines’. He was a Councillor for the London Borough of Harrow 1968–71 and a prison visitor through the 1980s and early 1990s. See also News of Members in this Magazine.

Longley (1946) On 1 May 2014, James Baird Longley of Louisville, Kentucky, USA. James came to St Catharine’s to research for his PhD in Zoology after a BS in Biology from Haverford College, USA, followed by war service. He worked at the National Institute for Health, Bethesda, Maryland, from 1950–60 and then took a teaching post at Georgetown University Medical School for two years before being appointed Professor and Chairman of the Anatomy Department of the University of Louisville School of Medicine. He retired in 1989. He served as editor for several scientific journals including the Journal of Histochemistry and Cytochemistry.

Lonsdale (1931) The College has learned of the death on 3 April 2003 of Major-General Errol Henry Gerrard Lonsdale. He came to St Catharine’s from Westminster School and read Classics. After graduating he joined the Army as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Royal Army Service Corps and spent his career there, rising to Major General by 1965. He served in the Sudan Defence Force in the war and was mentioned in despatches. After the war he was Chief Instructor at the RASC Training Centre and then served in the Airborne Division before a spell at the War Office in the early 1950s. He then served in Korea and Malaya, again being mentioned in despatches. He was Commandant of the RASC Training Centre 1962–4 and ADC to the Queen 1964–6. In retirement, he was active in the International Union for Modern Pentathlon and Biathlon, and President of the Modern Pentathlon Association of Great Britain 1977–88. He was also Chairman of the Institute of Advanced Motorists and Honorary President from 1988.

Macartney (1957) On 31 December 2013, John Carroll Macartney of Richmond, Surrey. John came to St Catharine’s from the Methodist College, Belfast, for the Diploma in Agriculture. He went on to study at Imperial College and the University of East Anglia from which he received his PhD. According to College records, he described himself as a self-employed Agronomist.

MacEwen (1952) On 28 August 2013, Robert (Bob) Kenneth Gillespie MacEwen of Oxford. Bob came to St Catharine’s from Clifton College, Bristol, and Bristol Grammar School after National Service in the RAF and teacher training at Loughborough College (where he captained their 1st XV). He read Natural Sciences (Psychology and Statistics), won a rugby Blue and was Treasurer of CURUFC. After a year teaching at King’s College School, Wimbledon, Bob left for a career as a management consultant, working for various companies in Ireland and the Irish Milk Marketing Board, but his main career was rugby. He played for Scotland in the 1950s and in 1960 joined the RFU Coaching Advisory Panel. He published several books on the sport including the RFU’s Guide for Players and Guide for Coaches. See also obituaries in The Scotsman 5 September 2013 and The Glasgow Herald 6 September 2013.

Martin (1963) On 25 September 2013, Richard Charles Martin of London. His widow Kate writes ‘Dick was at St Catharine’s for only one year, following his physics degree at Queen Mary College, London. He was more interested in the philosophy of science rather than practical physics, so obtained a place in order to take the Diploma in the History & Philosophy of Science. However, although he enjoyed the course, he was far more active as a reporter and feature writer on Varsity which he joined in October 1963 until June 1964. After Cambridge he obtained a job he really enjoyed with Metra Consulting under the guidance of Stafford Beer. Later, after working abroad in various countries, he changed to an academic life until retirement. He was working on two books when he died – one on religion and one on mathematics for adults. In 1980 he married Kate and, although they did not have children, he became the step-father of two boys, and had a very happy life with them.’

Merttens (1949) On 24 May 2008, Peter Mervyn Merttens of Great Yarmouth, Norfolk. Peter came to St Catharine’s from Malvern College and read Economics and Law. He was initially a solicitor working for Hamilton Harrison Matthews, but in 1957 he joined the East African Power & Lighting Co Ltd for five years before returning to the UK as Solicitor and Director of Colmans of Norwich. In 1984 he became a Partner at Eversheds (formerly Daynes Hill & Perks) until retiring in 1992. At one time or another Peter was Chairman of the Board of Governors of Norwich City College of Further & Higher Education and a Member of
Council of the University of East Anglia. He was also President of the Norwich Rotary Club. His father Victor (1919) was an alumnus as is his son Robin (1978).

**Norman** (1938) On 28 November 2013, Dr Thomas Norman of Blandford Forum, Dorset. Thomas came to St Catharine’s from Sherborne School and read Medicine. According to College records he served in the Royal Army Medical Corps in the war. He was also involved in wildlife conservation and wrote articles on European Orchids for the Alpine Garden Society.

**Norris** (1949) On 6 January 2014, James Alfred Norris of Thetford, Norfolk. James won an Exhibition in 1947 to St Catharine’s from St Austell County Grammar School, Cornwall, and William Ellis School, London, and came up after National Service to read English. He won the Charles Oldham Shakespeare Scholarship in 1951. He was an oarsman and President of the JCR in 1952. He was a Reuters correspondent for six years before joining the BBC, initially as a correspondent, but later as Head of their Eastern Service and then the Arabic Service. He submitted his book *The First Afghan War 1938–42* for a PhD. His widow Jo writes ‘His book on the First Afghan War was published in 1967 and Jim was later awarded a PhD in History for it – in 2010 CUP published it in paperback much to his surprise! We retired to Norfolk in 1985 – at least we thought we had. He became non-executive Director of the West Norfolk Health Authority 1990–6, a Norfolk County Councillor (serving as Chairman 2001–2), and Chairman of the Norfolk Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee. He finally retired in 2005.’ James was President of the St Catharine’s Society in 1987.

**Pirkis** (1947) On 27 January 2014, Donovan Howard Burridge Pirkis of Battle, Sussex. Don came to St Catharine’s from Beckenham and Penge Grammar School after his war service and read Geography. It seems he played first XI hockey for Glasgow University during his war service! Don was allowed the 1946–7 year for war service and so was allowed to graduate in 1949 after only two years. However, he stayed on (playing rugby for the College first XV in 1950) for a further year for his postgraduate Certificate in Education which he took in 1951. He taught Geography and Geology at St Paul’s School from the 1960s and was Undermaster there from 1975. Don’s brother Brian (1956) was also a Catsman – Brian died in 1991. Don was delighted that both his son, David (1975), and grandson, Max (2007), followed him to St Catharine’s.


**Preece** (1962) On 6 January 2014, Professor Donald Arthur Preece of Aylesford, Kent. Donald came to St Catharine’s with an MA from St Andrew’s to take the Diploma in Mathematical Statistics. His brother Robert writes ‘He worked for the Statistics Department at Rothamsted Experimental Station 1963–1969 and the Mathematical Institute at the University of Kent (Canterbury) 1969–1978. He returned to Rothamsted as a Principal Scientific Officer 1978–1985 and was then Head of Statistics at East Malling Research Station 1985–1990. He was lecturer, Honorary Professor and, more recently, Emeritus Professor back at the University of Kent from 1990 until his death. He was also (Emeritus) Professor of Combinatorial Mathematics at Queen Mary College, University of London.’

**Preston** (1943) On 12 January 2014, the Revd William Preston of Tonbridge, Kent. William came to St Catharine’s from Adam’s Grammar School in Shropshire to read Natural Sciences. His son David writes ‘He became a committed Christian through CICCU. After initially being sent by the government to a compulsory war job helping to purify penicillin he decided to enter the ministry. He trained for ordination at Oak Hill Theological College and worked as a missionary in Kenya. At Maseno School he was chaplain and chemistry master, many of his pupils going on to become leaders of their country after independence. Returning to the UK for family reasons, he ended his career as Head of Science at Cranbrook School. Throughout his teaching career and after retirement William continued to take services in dozens of Kent parishes, including numerous interregnums. Many wrote after his death remembering his strong faith and kindness.’

**Pullan** (1955) On 4 December 2013, George Brian Pullan of Dollar, Clackmannanshire. His daughter Lindsey Young writes ‘After St Peter’s School, York, George arrived at St Catharine’s in 1955 to read Mechanical Sciences “in the time left over”, he said, “from captaining the College cricket team” (and playing for the Crusaders). His working life was spent as a plant engineer at ICI Grangemouth and latterly as a management consultant. Settling in Dollar in 1962, George and Diana spent over 50 years reconciling the demands of a career – and wicket-keeping for Clackmannanshire CCC – with devoted commitment to family – Alistair, Rosemary, Lindsey and Victoria – and church, where George was a pivotal figure in the life of St James’s. George was a dignified, gentle man who played his last innings with Yorkshire grit and a self-effacing Christian sensitivity. How appropriate that his memorial service, in a church full of white roses, included a quotation from the Book of Wisden, extolling the merits of Yorkshire CCC; George would have liked that.’
Reed (1948) On 14 February 2014, Peter Reed of Darlington. Peter came to St Catharine’s from Merchant Taylors’ School, Northwood, and read Estate Management. He was a great sportsman and was involved in College rowing, rugby, athletics and cricket. His son Andrew writes ‘He was Captain of Boats from 1950 to 1951, one of his proudest achievements. He treasured his memories of those days as is evidenced by his box full of mementoes including photographs and autographed Boat Club dinners.’ He won the National Coxed IVs Championship in 1954. He started his career as a Land Agent at the War Office and then became a partner in a firm of chartered surveyors until his retirement.

Richmond-Coggan (1931) On 7 November 2013, Colonel Francis Emile Richmond-Coggan of Hove, Sussex. His son David writes ‘Francis came to St Catharine’s and read Mathematics and Modern Languages, followed by a Certificate in Education. He played in the College first XV and won his athletics colours. He taught briefly at Birkenhead School before joining the army in 1939. He was in the King David Hotel in Jerusalem when it was blown up by the Irgun and later Port Commandant in Liverpool and Hong Kong, ending his military career at Paris SHAPE. He returned to teaching for ten years, ending as Deputy Headmaster at Haberdashers' Aske's Boys' School. In Jerusalem he met his wife Vida. They had two sons. After Vida died in 1963 he married Jo and they lived in Farningham, Kent for 40 years. On her death he moved to Hove.’

Roberts (1940) On 8 July 2014, Hugh James Roberts of Narrabeen, New South Wales, Australia. Hugh came to St Catharine’s from Monmouth School and read Geography. His studies were interrupted by war service and he is in College records as playing rugby 1941–2 and 1947–8. He joined Tootal Broadhurst Lee on graduating and spent his career in the textile industry as Australia Sales and Export Manager. His daughter Catharine notes that she was his career in the textile industry as Australia Sales and Export Manager. His daughter Catharine notes that she was named after her father's College.

Saunders (1941) On 12 February 2013, John Michael Tavener Saunders of Macclesfield, Cheshire. John came to St Catharine’s from Nottingham High School to read History; his studies were interrupted by war service and he returned in 1947 to read Part I History and Part II Geography. According to his daughter, he rowed and was a member of CUMS, also singing tenor in the College choir. He worked for ICI Pharmaceuticals Division in overseas sales, travelling particularly to Africa, but took early retirement and spent a year obtaining a Certificate in Education from Manchester University. He then spent ten years teaching and acting as the sixth-form tutor at Bramhall High School, Stockport. He was a Parish Councillor and representative on the association of local Parish Councils, and a member of the local police Division Consultative Committee.

Seddon (1981) On 17 January 2014, Thomas Andrew Seddon of Bolton, Lancashire. Tom came to St Catharine's from Lancaster Royal Grammar School and read Medicine. His widow Barbara writes ‘After graduating from Cats in 1984, Tom completed his medical training at The London Hospital and thereafter settled in Bolton. He worked as a General Practitioner in Aspull, Wigan, for over twenty years, but became acutely unwell in November 2013 with symptoms of advanced cancer and died only two months later. We have two boys, one of who graduated in 2014 with a Master in Mathematics from Sidney Sussex. It is very sad Tom did not live to see his graduation day but I know he was extremely proud of both boys. I have very fond memories, as did Tom, of Cambridge days. He played rugby for Cats Cuppers team and made some great friends along the way.’

Shaw (1949) The College has learned that Rodney Shaw died recently. He came to St Catharine’s from Huddersfield College and read Mathematics.

Shiress (1946) On 9 December 2013, the Revd Canon David Henry Faithfull Shiress of Wimborne, Dorset. David came to St Catharine’s from Marlborough College and read Classics followed by Theology at Ridley Hall. He was President of College athletics 1947–8 and won an athletics Half-Blue for the mile in 1948 and a Blue for hockey in 1952. After curacies in Liverpool and St Helens, he was vicar of St Julian’s, Shrewsbury 1958–67 and vicar of St Michael’s, Southwark, from 1967 until his retirement in 1993. He was an Honorary Canon of Southwark Cathedral 1989–93.

Shorter (1951) On 16 February 2014, Crispin Anthony Shorter of Needham Market, Suffolk. Crispin won a Scholarship to St Catharine's from Downside School, Bath, and read Classics. He won a boxing Blue and was Captain of University Boxing 1953–4. After graduating, he was commissioned as Acting Sub-Lieutenant in the Fleet Air Arm and awarded Observer Wings in 1955, winning the individual award. He completed his National Service in 1956 and joined the Metal Box Co. (Overseas) Ltd. as a graduate trainee. He was Assistant Manager and later Manager in Malaysia/Singapore with Harrisons and Crosfield 1959–74 and then Director and Deputy Managing Director of Barwil Agencies PTE Ltd. 1974–93. He was also Director of several other shipping and warehousing companies in Singapore. He was the Republic of Singapore representative on the International Chamber of Commerce Commission on Sea Transport 1989–93.

at Cats, Ray taught in three public schools, Bradfield College as assistant musical director, King’s School, Rochester, as musical director and then Wycliffe College, Stonehouse, also as musical director. He ended his teaching career at Hockerill College of Education, Bishops Stortford. He was a Music Examiner for the Associated Board for many years, travelling to more than forty countries. Following his death, I received many accolades not only about his musical ability but about him as a true gentleman with unfailing patience as a teacher, and an inspiration to all who worked with him.' She comments that he leaves five musical grandchildren.

Smith (1964) On 17 December 2013, Edward George Ryland Smith of West Malling, Kent. Ted won a Birkfield Exhibition and an ICI Scholarship to come to St Catharine’s from Soham Grammar School, Cambridgeshire, to read Engineering. His widow Sue writes ‘While at St Catharine’s, Ted enjoyed tiddlywinks and rowing, gaining his oar in the 3rd Lent Boat, 1965. After completing his PhD in 1975 Ted took a position as an Avionics Systems Engineer with Marconi-Elliott Avionic Systems Ltd, Rochester. He worked on the first head-up display system for the Lockheed F-16A fighter plane and on subsequent display systems. In 1988 he moved to the company’s Texas office, providing local support to American defence contractors. On return to the UK in 1994 he continued to work on display technology with the company (now BAE Systems) until early retirement in 2005. During retirement he exercised his mechanical engineering skills on a clock repair course. He bore his final long illness with characteristic grace and humour.’

Speake (1938) On 1 January 2014, (George) David Speake of Brentwood, Essex. David came to St Catharine’s from Adams Grammar School, Newport, Shropshire, and obtained a double first in Mathematics and Natural Sciences (Physics). He worked for the Ministry of Aircraft Production 1941–2 and then the Royal Air Force 1942–6. He then worked for ICI for three years before joining the Marconi Company 1950–86 where he held various appointments from radar research engineer to Director of Research and Technical Director of the GEC/Marconi Electronics Group of Companies. In parallel he was Chairman of Eddystone Radio Ltd 1968–70 and Chairman or a serving member of various Ministry of Defence Advisory Committees (1964–84). He was a Member of the Institution of Electrical Engineers Council and Professional Boards during 1970–84. He was a Visiting Professor at City University in the 1980s.

Spencer (1951) In 2014, Michael Spencer of Sevenoaks, Kent. Michael came to St Catharine’s after his BSc from London University to research for a PhD in Physics at the Cavendish Laboratory. After his PhD on winds in the ionosphere was approved, he stayed on for another year at the Cavendish, but we have no information about his subsequent career.

Sutton (1947) On 8 March 2014, (Stanley) Grahame Sutton of Wallington, Surrey. Grahame came to St Catharine’s from Malvern College and read Medicine. In 1950 he won the Fuller Cup (inter-college sculling race). His widow Sheila writes ‘After qualifying as a doctor, National Service with the Norfolk Regiment saw him as a medical officer in Cyprus during the troubles. It was here that he was caught up in a forest fire in the Troodos Mountains. He showed enormous bravery, courage and resourcefulness; although suffering burns himself, he battled through the fire to save lives and treat casualties. For this action he was awarded a military MBE. He became a GP and added diplomas in Child Health, Obstetrics & Gynaecology and Anaesthetics as well as writing medical research papers. Rowing was his great hobby and his many trophies reflect wins when sculling around England. He returned to Cats after retirement to help coach College boats. He had great zest for life and would always help and support those who needed it.’

Sutton (1954) On 30 April 2014, John David Sutton of Reading, Berkshire. John came to St Catharine’s from King Edward VI School, Norwich, and read Natural Sciences followed by the Diploma in Agriculture. His widow Eva writes ‘John earned a PhD from Iowa State University in the USA and returned to the UK to work at the National Institute for Research in Dairying in Shinfield, just outside Reading, the Institute of Grassland and Environmental Research at Hurley near Maidenhead, and then the University of Reading until his retirement. He received numerous awards and recognition for his contributions to research in ruminant nutrition, particularly from the Nutrition Society and the British Society of Animal Science. He was made an Honorary Life Member of BSAS in 1999. John was also highly respected by members of the American Dairy Science Association throughout his career.’

Taylor (1955) On 1 May 2014, Martin Gibbeson Taylor of Hampton, Middlesex. Roy Chapman (1955), who is married to Martin’s sister Janet, writes ‘Martin came to St Catharine’s from Haileybury via National Service, where he was commissioned in the Royal Artillery. He read Economics and Law, and later qualified in the City as a Chartered Accountant. He joined Dow Chemical and subsequently Hanson, where he spent most of his career, becoming Vice-Chairman in due course. He was also on the boards of several other companies including Vickers and Nat-West Bank. During his distinguished career he served on the Council of the Confederation of British Industry, the Takeover Panel, the Cadbury Committee and the Industrial Development Advisory Board. In 1993 (not 1995 as in an earlier Magazine) he was awarded the CBE for services to industry. He was an active member of the St Catharine’s Society and was President in 1999. He met his Swedish wife, Gunilla, whilst at Cambridge. Among Martin’s many interests were art, modern literature and sport (particularly
golf and cricket – he served on the finance sub-committee of the MCC. He was always an enthusiastic supporter of the College and was a member of the 1473 Foundation.

Thackray (1950) On 3 January 2014, Gordon Thackray of East Grinstead, Sussex. Gordon won an Exhibition to St Catharine's from West Leeds High School and read Mathematics followed by the Diploma in Mathematical Statistics. He won a Half-Blue for lacrosse. We have no information about his subsequent career.

Thomas (1952) On 6 February 2014, Gareth Thomas of Orinda, California, USA, and Cassis, France. Gareth came to St Catharine's to research for his PhD after a BSc in Metallurgy at the University of Wales, Cardiff. He played rugby for College and supervised while an ICI Fellow 1956–9. He was awarded an ScD by Cambridge in 1969. Gareth spent his career with the University of California at Berkeley, USA, and served in various capacities through the years. He was Graduate Studies Associate Dean in 1968, Assistant to the Chancellor 1969–72, Academic Affairs Acting Vice Chancellor 1971–2, and Chairman of the Faculty of Engineering 1972–3. In 1981 he was the founder and Scientific Director of the National Center for Electron Microscopy in Lawrence National Laboratory and in 1993 he became the Technology Director of the Technology Transfer Centre at Hong Kong University. He was also the Editor in Chief of Acta/Scripta Materialia and a member of both the US National Academy of Science and the US National Academy of Engineering.

Thornberry (1954) On 6 May 2014, Cedric Henry Reid Thornberry of London. Cedric won an Exhibition to St Catharine's from Belfast Methodist College and read Law. His brother Jeremy (1954) – see below – wrote 'Cedric taught at Cambridge University and the London School of Economics, was a foreign correspondent for the Guardian in Greece and was a practising human-rights lawyer. Originally from Northern Ireland, he was one of the founders of the Northern Ireland Civil Rights Association in 1968. In the 1970s he represented many applicants at the European Court of Human Rights. He was for four years director of administration at the UN but he spent most of his UN service in international peace-keeping in Cyprus, the Middle-East, ex-Yugoslavia, and Somalia. In 1992–4, he was head of civil affairs and deputy chief of the 50,000-person UN operation in ex-Yugoslavia as well as senior negotiator with all the Balkan parties. He was a consultant to NATO in the exercises it conducted with the Partnership for Peace countries and a visiting professor at King's College, London. He was responsible for negotiating the humanitarian relief of the sieges of Sarajevo and Mostar, and participated in the Vance-Owen negotiations on the future of the region.' See also the Guardian 1 June 2014.

Thornberry (1964) In 2014, Jeremy John Thornberry of Taunton, Somerset. Jeremy, like his brother Cedric (1954) above, also came to St Catharine's from Belfast Methodist College and read Law. His somewhat less-distinguished career was as a solicitor and General Manager of Taunton Deane Borough Council. Jeremy wrote the obituary above for his brother and then sadly passed away himself.

Threlfall (1940) On 3 December 2013, Henry Richard Threlfall of King's Lynn, Norfolk. Harry came to St Catharine's from Scunthorpe Grammar School and read Geography. After his first year he volunteered for war service in the RAF working with radar, and was an instructor during the last two of his four years. He was readmitted to College in 1945 to complete his degree. His widow Barbara writes 'We married in 1946 and Harry became one of the first married undergraduates. He accepted the post of Land Surveyor in Tanganyika and fourteen happy years followed. During this period he used triangulation and histograms to measure the height of Mount Kilimanjaro – result: a reduction of some 250 feet. Tanganyika became independent in 1961 and we left the following year. Back in England, Harry taught Geography at Banbury Grammar School then Oxford High School until he retired.' Harry was a regular donor to College funds.

Threlkeld (1958) On 10 January 2014, Professor Stephen Francis Hilary Threlkeld of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. Stephen came to St Catharine's after an MSc in Agriculture from the University of Alberta, Canada, to research for a PhD in Biology. Before Alberta he had been to Newquay Grammar School, Wales, and then served in the Home Guard and the RAF. After receiving his PhD in 1961 he was appointed Assistant Professor in the Biology Department at McMaster University in Hamilton. He rose in seniority there via Associate Professor (1965) to full Professor (1971). He was Chair of the Biology Department 1978–84 and again from 1987 until his retirement in 1990. In retirement he was Founder and President of the Great Lakes Sea Kayaking Association and ran a farm raising Chianina cattle. He was a regular donor to College funds.

Toogood (1953) On 8 September 2013, Philip John Frank Toogood of Galashiels and formerly Derby. Philip won an Exhibition to St Catharine's from Aldenham School and read History. After teaching at Uppingham School and Wyndham Comprehensive, Cumberland, in 1971 Philip was appointed Warden of Swavesey Village College, Cambridgeshire. He led the Village College through its move to become comprehensive and to include youth and adult education, and was appointed the first chairman of the National Community Education Association. In 1977, he was appointed Head of Madeley Court School, Telford, where he developed 'mini-schooling' to break up large schools into smaller learning communities (schools within schools),
but he resigned this post in protest against the policy of the local education authority. He and his wife Annabel then worked at the Small School, Hartland, Devon, where Philip developed Human School Education. Philip was a trustee and director of the Centre for Personalised Education having spent a lifetime as an educational pioneer – he wrote *The Head’s Tale*, co-authored the *Anatomy of Choice in Education*, founded *Education Now* and edited *Small Schools*.

**Turner** (1953) On 21 October 2013, John Wilson Rodway Turner of Evesham, Worcestershire. John came to St Catharine’s for the Postgraduate Certificate in Education from the University of London. We have no information about his subsequent career.

**Vafeas** (1974) On 25 January 2014, Harold Sofronios Vafeas of Margate, Kent. Harold won an Exhibition to St Catharine’s from Hastings Grammar School and read History. He played hockey for the College. After graduating he went to Durham for his Postgraduate Certificate in Education and then taught at Gillingham Technical High School for three years before being appointed Head of History at St Wilfred’s Comprehensive School, Crawley. In 1986 he moved to Highsted Grammar School, Sittingbourne, as Senior Teacher and Head of Sixth Form, and then in 1992 he was appointed Deputy Head of Dane Court Grammar School, Broadstairs and in 2004 Head of Borden Grammar School back in Sittingbourne. He retired in July 2013 due to ill-health.

**Wainstead** (1938) On 30 June 2013, Leslie Isadore Wainstead of Barcelona, Spain. Leslie came to St Catharine’s from St Paul’s School, London, to read History, but was called up for war service in his second year. He returned after the war in 1947 and changed to Law. We have no information about his subsequent career.

**Walker** (1956) On 14 February 2014, John Grier Walker of Dunfries. John came to St Catharine’s to read Part III Mathematics after a BSc (Mathematics) from London University and a Diploma in Numerical Analysis & Computing from Glasgow. He played cricket for the College. He spent over 30 years in the computer industry, partly in management and partly technical with interests in software engineering and software quality. He was a regular donor to College funds and named one of his daughters Catharine. His son Allan (1984) was also an alumnus; he died in 2006.

**Wallace** (1952) On 26 November 2013, Harry Graham Wallace of Liverpool. Harry came to St Catharine’s from St Mary’s College, Crosby, Liverpool, and read Natural Sciences followed by the Postgraduate Certificate in Education. His daughter Helen Carey writes ‘He had a long and successful career in education before retiring in 1992. For fifteen years immediately before retiring, he was Head Teacher at Sacred Heart Catholic College, Crosby. As a teacher, he was an inspiration to many pupils with his relentless determination and positive attitude to life. After retiring, Harry gained an MA in Philosophy and, along with a group of friends, opened a shop for the CAFOD charity; the shop has raised in excess of £500,000. He was a lifelong committed member of the Labour Party and supporter of Liverpool FC. Harry strongly believed in free education and health care, and acceptance of people regardless of their race, religion, ethnicity or gender.’

**Westcombe** (1956) On 1 March 2014, John Bertram Westcombe of Broxbourne, Hertfordshire. John came to St Catharine’s as a Choral Scholar from Bedford Modern School and read Music followed by the Postgraduate Certificate in Education. He was awarded colours for athletics in 1957. He was Assistant Conductor of CUMS in 1958 and Musical Director of the CU Opera Group in 1960. He spent his career until retirement in 1993 teaching and inspecting/advising for local education authorities (first in Leicestershire and later as County Music Advisor for Hertfordshire). However, in addition, from 1960 he was for seven years a journalist for the *Times Educational Supplement* and *The Gramophone* and during 1967–73 he was conducting in major London concert halls for the BBC and other organisations. From 1987 to 1994 John was a Governor of the National Youth Orchestra and in 1993–4 he was on the Consultancy Team at the Trinity College of Music, London. He was also chief writer for the *Handbook on Music Careers* published in 1986 and wrote several books on music and dyslexia. His hobby was collecting early Dinky toys (he was an expert on pre-war models).

**White** (1942) On 31 July 2013, Jon Manchip White of Knoxville, Tennessee, USA. Jon won an Exhibition to St Catharine’s from the Royal Masonic School, Bushey, Hertfordshire, to read English. However, he was called up for war service, spent initially on naval convoys and later with the Welsh Guards. He returned to College in 1946 and changed to Archaeology & Anthropology followed by a Diploma in Archaeology. After working briefly for the British Museum, he joined the BBC as a story editor. In 1960 he left the BBC to become a full-time writer. Jon moved to the United States in 1965 and became a US citizen in the 1970s. Among his most famous titles are *Nightcimber* (1968) and *The Game of Troy* (1971). According to an obituary in the *Independent* (17 September 2013) he was ‘primarily a narrator of extraordinary events which take place in exotic settings.’

in Education from London, John taught at King’s College School, Wimbledon, before returning to the Cavendish in 1964 for a PhD in the Physics and Chemistry of Solids. He made ground-breaking discoveries concerning phase transitions during this early part of his career and has been called the father of the charge density wave phenomenon. He went on to work for the Bell Telephone Laboratories, New Jersey, in the 1970s, but returned to the UK in 1979 to take up a Royal Society Research Fellowship at Bristol. For the next two decades he worked on high-temperature superconductivity. He was awarded a DSc by Cambridge University in 1999 in recognition of his work. After retirement in 2003, he continued to work at the HH Wills Physics Laboratory at Bristol as the George Wills Senior Research Fellow.

News of Members

The following Members are mentioned in the News pages. As has become customary by the request of Members, the news items themselves are printed in date order of Society Membership rather than alphabetical order.

Rob Atenstaedt (1988); Richard Ayoade (1995); John Baker (Fellow 1971–2011, Honorary Fellow); Alan Bain (1957); Diana Baumann (née Henderson, 1979); Paul Baumann (1981); Ian Beer (1951); David Benger (1977); John Bennett (1949); Arnoldus Blix (Honorary Fellow 2012); David Boothroyd (1991); Clemency Britton (2012); Henry Chaytor (Master 1933–46); Richard Chesser (1978); Chris Clark (Fellow 1990); Jack Cohen (1961); Michael Copp (2000); David Cruttenden (1967); Richard Dales (1961); Katherine Dell (Fellow 1996); Richard Dent (2013); Matthias Egeler (Research Fellow 2010–13); Terence English (Master 1993–2000, Honorary Fellow); Rona Fairhead (née Haig, 1980, Honorary Fellow); Syd Fox (1941); Gary Freer (1979); David Gregson (1975); David Green (1972); Robert Gullifer (1977); (John) Randal Haigh (1938); Peter Hall (1950); David Harding (1979, Honorary Fellow); Philip Harris (1941); David Harrison (1952); John Harvey (1958); John Haynes (1944); John Hazleton (1953); John Hudson (1946); Tony Hurrell (1945); Mairead Kelly (2007); William Knocke (1972); Max Laurie (1958); Dick Laws (1944, Honorary Fellow 1992); Arthur Lee (1939); Roland Leeson (1944); Sidney Leeson (1944); Andrew Lenox-Conyngham (1967, Chaplain 1986–91); Jon Lewis (1962); Khalid Mahgoub (1991); Arthur Mansfield (1944); Neil Marshall (1964); Patrick McCahill (1971); Ian McKellen (1958, Honorary Fellow 1982); John Maplet (Fellow 1564); Stephen Mennell (1963); Frank Merrett (1946); Ian Metcalfe (1977); Barney Miller (1949); Ben Miller (1985); Jay Miller (2003); Anthony Moore (Chaplain 2007, Dean of Chapel 2012); Fred Mulley (Fellow 1948–50); George Nash (2008); Nigel Orchard (1978); Jeremy Paxman (1969, Honorary Fellow 2001); Nicholas Penny (1982, Honorary Fellow 2009); Alistair Phillips-Davies (1985); Murray Phillipson (1926); Bill Pile (1938); Steve Punt (1981); Martyn Rawles (2001); Juliet Rix (1980); Robert Saxton (1972); Richard Scott (1981); Desmond Seward (1954); Peter Smith (1976); Stuart Smith (1964); Sydney Smith (1929, Fellow 1939, Emeritus Fellow 1978–88); Sarah Springer (1983); Geoffrey Stokell (1950); Emma Tarrant (2012); Chris Taylor (1968); Fred Thompson (1932); Chris Thorne (Fellow 1963, Emeritus Fellow); Derek Thornton (1944); Samuel Trizuljak (2012); John Trundle (1976); Shirley Trundle (1979); John Turner (1949); Tim Twardowski (1981); Tim Venvell (1977); Harvie Walford (1949); Alan Wallace (1944); John Waterhouse (1950); Richard Wenninger (1979); Martin West (1979); Gareth Williams (2000); Peter Williams (1944); Mark Winsey (1975); Peter Wolton (1974); Rob Wyke (1972)

John Maplet (Fellow 1564) wrote an early treatise on natural history with the rather long title ‘A greene forest, or A naturall historie wherein may bee seene first the most sufferaigne vertues in all the whole kinde of stones & metals: next of plants, as of herbes, trees, [and] shrubs, lastly of brute beasts, foules, fishes, creeping wormes [and] serpents, and that alphabetically: so that a table shall not neede. Compiled by John Maplet, M. of Arte, and student in Cambridge: entending hereby yt God might especially be glorified: and the people furdered. Anno 1567.’ It was only recently brought to my attention that Maplet was briefly a Fellow at St Catharine’s between being a student at Queens’ and a Fellow at Caius. From the date of publication (1567) it seems likely that he was working on the treatise while at Cats.

Murray Phillipson (1926) was a staunch member of the Boat Club and Captain of Boats in 1928. The College received the following note in May 2014: ‘I was recently clearing out my loft and found an original photo of the St Catharine’s 1st May men’s boat from 1927. As I have no personal connection to either the picture or the College I am trying to find it a safe home. The picture appears to have originally belonged to JMY Phillipson who rowed at 3 in 1927. If at all possible it would be great to reunite the Phillipson family with this picture.’ Sadly, Murray died in 1950 and the College no longer has any contact with the family.
Congratulations to Fred Thompson (1932) on his hundredth birthday in October 2013. A family birthday lunch was held in College and the St Catharine’s flag was flown by way of celebration.

Henry Chaytor (Master 1933–46) married Mary Rashleigh Pinwill in 1900 – their Golden Wedding was reported in the 1950 Magazine. The Chaplain received an enquiry in February 2014 about a piece of ecclesiastical furniture (see photograph) apparently carved for the College by Violet Pinwill, Mary’s sister; the enquirer was researching Violet’s life and work. The College Archivist discovered the Chair and the base of the Prie Dieu under an old rug in the cellar of the Master’s Lodge. The top of the Prie Dieu was presumably removed to be used as a desk-top lectern, but has since become lost.

The College has learned that Associate Member Mrs Zara Haigh has died. She was the widow of John Randal Haigh (1938) who died in 2006.

Associate Member Alison Harris has died. She was the widow of Philip Harris (1941) who died in 1989. Alison’s daughter Rosemary Goodridge writes that her mother was always associated with St Catharine’s and married in the College Chapel (as Alison Ingle). A memorial lunch was held for her in College.


The College has learned of the death of Mrs Marilyn Hudson, the widow of John Hudson (1946) who died in 2001. John was an active member of the Society and its President in 1955.

Fred Mulley (Fellow 1948–50) See David Boothroyd (1991)

John Bennett (1949) See Richard Dales (1961)

Barney Miller (1949) was a member of a veterans’ mixed swimming relay team (four swimmers, two men, two women, with a combined age of 320+) which established British records in 4x50m free style, 4x100m free style and 4x50m medley at the British Nationals in June 2014. Barney comments that it was more about age than speed. See also Notices in this Magazine.

Harvie Walford (1949) writes ‘What wonderful memories flood back when I open the St Catharine’s Magazine each fall! The benefits to me of exposure to Cats cannot be counted. Among them were the guidance I received from (to mention only a few) Tom Henn, who admitted me, tutor Teddy Rich and supervisors Ken Berrill and Fred Mulley – an unparalleled team. And to think that my fee for supervision from Ken and Fred was only one pound per hour. I still can’t believe it.’

Professor Peter Hall (1950) has written Good Cities, Better Lives, How Europe Discovered the Lost Art of Urbanism. The Guardian devoted the best part of a page to reviewing this book in January 2014. Peter believes there is something wrong with the way we plan our city environment in Britain – we don’t build enough, and what we build is often ugly. In an email to the reviewer, Peter notes that over his lifetime he has written around 2100 articles, features etc., and some 50 books. Sadly, Peter died in July 2014; see obituary in the College Report in this Magazine.

Geoffrey Stokell (1950) wrote to say that he attended and enjoyed the 2014 British Red Cross Lecture which

The Prie Dieu, carved by Violet Pinwill.
See Henry Chaytor.
was given in Oxford by Professor Robert Saxton (1972) and was illustrated by several recorded extracts of Robert's works, notably his opera The Wandering Jew. Robert is currently Professor of Composition at Oxford and a Tutorial Fellow at Worcester College.

The Revd John Waterhouse (1950) died in 2012 and his death was reported in the 2013 Magazine using information provided by his contemporary Revd John Turner (1949). His widow Ann writes ‘We are aware of how constraints on space make their own demands on what can be published in so small a space; John would have been far more pleased to have been remembered in print as having been born in Halifax (than for dying in Norwich) and for having been moulded by his five years at Manchester Grammar School (rather than by his two years in the Sixth Form at Plymouth College). He would have a wry smile at the thought that the selected facts had left the impression that he was other than northern and glad of it.’

Ian Beer (1951) See Dick Laws (1944)

David Harrison (1952) was editor of Varsity in Michaelmas 1954 and wrote to that newspaper on the 60th anniversary to ask how it was doing. David writes ‘Michael Winner (Downing, 1953) worked for me and succeeded me as editor (some stories about that)’. Do tell the Magazine editor, David!

The Revd John Hazelton (1953) is living in New Zealand and his wife Margaret sent an email to say that the Catz magazine had arrived. John is now blind, but his son Martin reads to him from it. John is, of course, particularly interested in matters to do with the Chapel. After a brief résumé of John's life, Margaret writes ‘We married in 1958 and celebrated our 55th wedding anniversary with a short service to renew our marriage vows. John is content and well looked after, but can no longer read, write or join in conversation. In his second year at Catz he was in a first-floor room of the Bull Hostel and in the next year in what was then K9. He rowed in a fairly lowly VIII and was treasurer of the University Opera group in the year that they premiered Vaughan Williams's Sir John in Love. The composer, a great hulk of a man, came to a rehearsal where I remember him inquiring in a bear-like growl 'Where are the fairies?’ (Not a politically incorrect question but caused by the singers playing the parts of said fairies doubling up in other roles and so not immediately able to come on stage!)

Desmond Seward (1954) has recently published The Demon's Brood: the Plantagenet Dynasty that Forged the English Nation. In a single volume he brings each one of the Plantagenets to vivid life, recreating the dramatic history of medieval England. It is a readable and easily accessible account of the longest-reigning dynasty in English history. Desmond is known for his popular history books, including The Monks of War and The Wars of the Roses.

Alan Bain (1957) is Chairman of the American-Scottish Foundation. He was instrumental in getting 15-foot models of the Kelpies displayed in Bryant Park, New York City, as part of Scotland Week in April 2014. The American Kelpies are scale models of Scottish artist Andy Scott's original 100-foot-tall sculptures in Falkirk, Central Scotland, which are the largest equine sculptures in the world and were inspired by the famous Clydesdale breed.

Max Laurie (1958) died in April 2013 (see Deaths in this Magazine). His contemporary John Harvey (1958) writes ‘As my next door neighbour on G staircase, Max seemed rather an exotic character. I was still fresh from school and reading English whereas he, two years older, had done national service overseas, sported a bow tie and was studying Russian. He was involved in College Drama and the Film Society and he played bridge both for the College and once for charity when he played for 73 hours 45 minutes in a shop window on King's Parade, a world record at the time. He stayed with me for a while in London soon after graduating, but it was almost forty years until we were to meet up again. By then very large ('portly' was the word he preferred) he was living in Middleton-in-Teesdale, but he spent his last years in Cockfield, an ex-mining village near Bishop Auckland. Late at night over port or, more usually, good malt whisky he would try, for his own benefit as much as for mine, to untangle the complex mesh of his life; so many separate strands – prison visitor, hospital administrator, film publicist, advertising copywriter, film critic, publisher's copy editor, market researcher, wine writer, Hungary's first wine marketing director in the UK. In his last years he was a stickler for old fashioned values, a great reader of History, a regular thorn in the side of the Yorkshire Post (almost a ‘disgusted’of Cockfield) and a dear friend.’

Sir Ian McKellen (1958, Honorary Fellow 1982) featured in the Sunday Telegraph Magazine in December 2013, together with his picture on the front page. The item covers his late entry to films following on from his early career as a Shakespearian actor. Apparently he had always wanted to be in films, but turned down the first offer (to play opposite Tom Cruise) because he was refused advanced sight of the script. This turned out to be fortunate, as shooting of that film was delayed and so clashed with filming of the Lord of the Rings – had he accepted the first offer we might never have seen the McKellen Gandalf. In July 2014 it was announced that Sir Ian will star as an aged Sherlock Holmes in a film adaptation of Mitch Cullen's novel A Slight Trick of the Mind. See also Honours & Awards in this Magazine.
Professor Jack Cohen (1961) writes to say that he has published *Antisense – a story of discovery and intrigue in science*. The book tells the story of his work on the development of genetic drugs against AIDS and cancer at the NCI, NIH in Bethesda MD, USA, and of the human interactions involved in such a research project.

On a Swan Hellenic cruise to northern Norway in July 2014, one of the distinguished guest speakers was Sir Richard Dales (1961), the former British Ambassador to Norway. The passengers numbered only about 300 but, surprisingly, included three more Catsmen (and their respective wives) – John Bennett (1949), Chris Thorne (Fellow 1963, Emeritus Fellow) and Neil Marshall (1964). An on-board ‘gathering’ was organised, in the form of an excellent dinner. In a further ‘Cats connection’ at Tromsø, Richard and Chris were entertained by Professor Arnoldus Blix (Honorary Fellow 2012), and shown round his impressive Department of Arctic Biology at the University there. And this is not all – the passengers on the ship also included the mother of Mark Winsey (1975) and an aunt of Katherine Dell (Fellow 1996), although Katherine claims that this must have been one of her ‘honorary’, rather than genuine, aunts.

Jon Lewis (1962) writes ‘I have just finished writing *On Tour with Caravaggio*, an account of visiting all the works of Caravaggio on public display in the world, covering not only the paintings but the places – towns, churches, galleries – where they are to be found. A book on art needs photos of the paintings, and the costs of publication and then printing will probably make the project totally uneconomic, but anyway I enjoyed writing it! At the moment I am working on my grandfather’s diary of his experiences on the Macedonian Front in the First World War. This calls for a whole lot of research on an extremely complex series of campaigns conducted against a truly byzantine political background.’

Stephen Mennell (1963) writes ‘In May 2014, I finished the enormous task of editing the eighteen-volume Collected Works of the sociologist Norbert Elias (1897–1990), which were published by University College Dublin Press. Their completion was celebrated with a very successful major conference at the University of Leicester, where Elias taught, in June 2014. I had very much hoped to hold the conference in the new McGrath Centre in Catz, but the timing meant that not enough rooms would be available in College. In the end, Leicester and its Vice-Chancellor Sir Robert Burgess, himself a sociologist, bagged the event for their own new conference centre.’

Chris Thorne (Fellow 1963, Emeritus Fellow) and Neil Marshall (1964) See Richard Dales (1961)

Two St Catharine’s alumni hold relatively exalted positions in the Lawn Tennis world. Stuart Smith (1964) has been a Director of the All England Lawn Tennis Club (Wimbledon) since 2003 and was President of the LTA in 2006. Since 2009 he has been the GB Representative on the Board of Directors of the International Tennis Federation. In addition, David Gregson (1975) was appointed Chairman of the LTA Board in 2013. On the LTA website, the current President, Peter Bretherton, remarks ‘David brings a wealth of experience as a leader in the fields of business, the voluntary sector, sport and government. His appointment as independent Chairman of the LTA Board is a significant step in the modernisation of governance of British tennis.’

David Cruttenden (1967) writes from Zimbabwe ‘We were saddened by the death of Nelson Mandela even though it had been obvious for quite a while that he was fading away. Whilst all the news channels were devoting almost all of their time to reports and comments on the great man, our local station relegated the announcement of his death to the second half of the nightly news programme and there was no comment from Mugabe or the government which reflects how jealous Mugabe was of Mandela.’

The Revd Canon Andrew Lenox-Conyngham (1967, Chaplain 1986–91) wrote to The Times in August 2014 lamenting the absence of any language in the top ten A-level subjects – ‘What has happened to Latin, Greek, French and German?’

Chris Taylor (1968) writes with news of a website that he and his wife have launched with the support of the Bishop of Coventry. ‘The Bible Journey was originally conceived 20 years ago as a book, but, as it took over 15 years of research to complete, it seemed more sensible today to publish it as a website (www.thebiblejourney.org). Our research took us to many different countries around the Eastern Mediterranean including Israel, Palestine, Turkey, Greece and Italy. Our aim is that the website will help people all over the world to develop a better understanding of the New Testament, and we are pleased that we have already had a good response from 29 different countries. The New Testament is full of journeys – by Jesus, Peter, Paul and other disciples. As professional geographers, we believe this is the first time that a Biblical study of the New Testament has been published from a geographical perspective, focussing on the geographical (and historical) significance of the many places visited by Jesus and his followers.’

Jeremy Paxman (1969, Honorary Fellow 2001) announced in April 2014 that he is to give up hosting BBC’s late-evening politics programme *Newsnight* ‘in order to be able to get to bed at the same time as most other people.’ Several newspapers thought that politicians would be
relieved that they would no longer have to face such a tough questioner. He turned stand-up comic when he took his show Paxo to the Edinburgh Fringe.

Judge Patrick McCahill (1971) has been elected a bencher of Gray’s Inn. Sir John Baker (Fellow 1971–2011, Honorary Fellow) comments ‘Since we took silk on the same day it is fitting that Patrick and I became benchers of Gray’s Inn within twelve months of each other.’ (Sir John became an Honorary Bencher in 2013).

David Green (1972) has been Director of the Serious Fraud Office since 2012. The Times had a whole-page article devoted to him and SFO activities in May 2014.

William Knocker (1972) was installed as Renter Warden of the Worshipful Company of Glass Sellers in December 2013 having been clothed in the Livery in 1989.


Rob Wyke (1972) is the current Chairman of the Laurence Sterne Trust based at Shandy Hall near York. He knew of the gruesome end met by Sterne, but not of the St Catharine’s connection mentioned in A Grim Almanac of Cambridgeshire by Neil Storey (published 2009). It seems that, in 1768, the Cambridge Professor of Anatomy, Charles Collignon, was giving a lecture in the Anatomy School amphitheatre when he (and his students) realised that the body on the table was that of Laurence Sterne, the famed author of The Life and Opinions of Tristram Shandy, who had died of consumption and been buried at St George’s, Hanover Square, only a couple of days previously. The Anatomy School of that time stood roughly in the position of the current Fellows’ Car Park – see illustration. Collignon, concerned lest he be revealed as a lecturer who used the services of bodysnatchers, sent the body back for discreet reburial – but only after he had completed his anatomisation. It seems that, besides the many whose careers were launched from St Catharine’s, there were some whose careers ended ignominiously on this site.

Peter Wolton (1974) was ordained a Deacon at St Paul’s Cathedral by the Bishop of London in June 2014. He is serving as a Self-Supporting Curate (SSM) at the United Benefice of Holland Park and continues his roles at New Model School where he is executive vice-chairman and as a director of Dunedin Income and Growth Investment Trust plc. The Diocese of London’s pre-ordination retreat was held at the Royal Foundation of St Katharine in Limehouse, which helped underline to Peter the debt he owes to foundations dedicated to St Katharine. The photograph is of Peter by the St Katharine Royal Foundation Chapel.


Mark Winsey (1975) See Richard Dales (1961)
Ian Metcalfe (1977), the Chairman of the Professional Game Board of the Rugby Football Union (RFU) has been appointed Chairman of Commonwealth Games England (CGE).

Nigel Orchard (1978) conducted a performance of the Bach St Matthew Passion by the BBC Staff Choirs and CMAS Orchestra (see below) at All Souls Church, Langham Place, London, in April 2014. Also performing (shown from left to right) were Gary Freer (1979) Bass and Counter Tenor Soloist, Martin West (1979) Bass, Diana Baumann (née Henderson, 1979) Soprano, Nigel Orchard (1978) Conductor, Richard Chesser (1978) Oboe, and Rose Hadfield (CCAT and Catz Choir Member) Soprano Soloist. The concert was given free of charge at two separate venues, the other being St Simon’s Church in Shepherds Bush (CMAS is Classical Music at St Simon’s).

David Harding (1979, Honorary Fellow) featured in a full-page interview in the Financial Times in June 2014. The interviewer seemed to find it strange that David, the founder of Winton Capital, was such a likeable person – surely it was axiomatic that hedge fund managers should be objectionable people!

Richard Wenninger (1979) writes ‘The Ex Collegio singers continue to meet for a week each summer. This year we were singing the services in Lichfield Cathedral where, incidentally, the Vice-Dean is the Revd Canon Dr Anthony Moore (Chaplain at St Catharine’s 2007–12 and Dean of Chapel) and the organist is Martyn Rawles (2001). The choir, which started as a reunion of members of the College chapel choir, also still includes Peter Smith (1976), John Trundle (1976), David Benger (1977), Robert Gulifer (1977), Shirley Trundle (1979), Diana Baumann (née Henderson, 1979) and Paul Baumann (1981), under the direction of Tim Venvell (organ scholar 1977).’

Rona Fairhead (née Haig, 1980, Honorary Fellow) has been selected for appointment as the chairman of the BBC Trust to take over from Lord Patten. At the time of writing, the appointment has yet to be confirmed.

Juliet Rix (1980) is still working as a freelance journalist and broadcaster and has just had her first children’s book published, a picture book called A-Mazing Minotaur (Frances Lincoln) which was selected for the primary schools’ Summer Reading Challenge and so should be being read (and hopefully enjoyed) by lots of kids over the 2014 summer holidays.

Steve Punt (1981) was in Cambridge in February 2014 with his comedy companion Hugh Dennis (St Johns) for their stand-up show Ploughing on Regardless at the Corn Exchange. In an article in the Cambridge News, Steve reminisces about writing revues for the Footlights in his first year and ending up as its President. He wonders what his career would have been had he not joined the Footlights – not screenwriting and starring in sketch shows he suspects.

Richard Scott (1981) writes that he has had two books published recently, both written as a result of major life experiences since 2010. They are entitled Christians in the Firing Line and God – I’ve got Cancer. See Book Reviews.

Tim Twardowski (1981) wrote to criticise the Editor’s Polish grammar: ‘Just thought you might like to know that the Polish choir that performed with the Girls’ Choir at Wilanow Palace (2013 Magazine) is called Wilanowski Chór Kameralny. The photo caption “The Girls’ Choir performing at the Wilanow Palace, Warsaw, with members of the Wilanowskiego Choru Kameralnego” has the genitive form of the name, so to a Polish speaker the caption looks like “… with members of the of the Wilanowski Chór Kameralny”. Anyway, if nothing else this proves that after all these years (I matriculated in 1981) I still look forward to receiving the Magazine and read it cover to cover.’

Nicholas Penny (1982, Honorary Fellow 2009), the Director of the National Gallery, featured in a full-page article in the Financial Times in January 2014 under the heading ‘Renaissance Man’.

Professor Sarah Springman (1983) writes that she has been appointed to the UK Sports Council. See also Honours & Awards in this Magazine.

Ben Miller (1985) was in Cambridge in November 2013 as the lead in The Duck House at the Arts Theatre. As one might guess, the play is a comedy based around the 2009

At the performance of the Bach St Matthew Passion. See Orchard.
MPs’ expenses scandal. In a review in the local paper Ben commented that science was still a major passion and his view is that both science and comedy share a sceptical attitude to the world. ‘They both want to find out what is real and they both want to cut things down to size.’ Ben found time between performances to call in to College. Then, the following month, there was a double page spread in the Times marking the launch of the play in the West End. Ben also appears in the 2014 Dr Who series as one of the villains.

Alistair Phillips-Davies (1985) featured in a full-page article in the Times in April 2014. Alistair is chief executive of energy supplier SSE and the article was pointing out that supermarkets proudly advertise the fact that they collude on prices (‘Our price is the same as Tesco and Asda’), but energy companies are loathed for doing the same thing.

Rob Atenstaedt (1988) has recently been appointed Visiting Professor in Public Health Medicine at Glyndŵr University. He lives in North Wales with his wife Aida and three-year-old son, Steffan, and works as a consultant in public health medicine and Associate Director of Public Health for North Wales.

The Sleepwalkers: How Europe went to War in 1914 by Chris Clark (Fellow 1990) topped the non-fiction best-seller list for seven consecutive weeks after the German edition was published in September 2013 according to reviews in the national newspapers. See also our own review in the 2013 Magazine. Until recently, the First World War was blamed mainly on a German bid for domination. In an interview on German radio Chris said his book ‘aims to integrate German foreign policy in a pan-European picture. If you do that, you see that there was aggression, paranoia and brinkmanship on all sides, not just in Berlin’.

David Boothroyd (1991) writes ‘In May 2014 I was elected to my fourth term as a member of Westminster City Council for Westbourne Ward. At the annual council meeting, I was nominated by the Labour group for the role of Lord Mayor of Westminster; but as the Conservatives have the majority, the Conservative nominee was chosen. There is a St Catharine’s connection to the ward, as Joan Mulley (who was a councillor in the ward 1978–82) was the wife of Fred Mulley (Fellow 1948–50).’

Khalid Mahgoub (1991), who works in Beirut for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, writes with typical understatement ‘I am quite busy. There are more than 312,000 Syrian refugees under the responsibility of my field office and more than 1,300,000 registered Syrian refugees in Lebanon (population four million). I have an apartment right at the city centre next to the Prime Minister’s office and next to the complex of embassies including the British, Japanese, Danish, Brazilian and Norwegian. So my area is very sensitive and over-protected. Recently former prime minister Saad Hariri (son of even-former prime minister Rafik Hariri, assassinated in 2006) arrived back in the country after three years of self-imposed exile in Paris. Hariri stationed himself just next door to our building and so now our area is even more over-over-protected. In addition to the two check points I have to cross to enter my road, an armoured vehicle and a tank have been installed.’

Sir Terence English (Master 1993–2000, Honorary Fellow) might be enjoying retirement, but instead is working in Gaza. Sir Terence is a past president of the Royal College of Surgeons and in August 2014 was on his ninth trip to Gaza since 2008. This latest war, he wrote in August 2014, is ‘of a different dimension altogether. The numbers of people killed and injured, the amount of destruction – recovery will take years.’

Richard Ayoade (1995) was in the news in 2014 with the appearance of the second film he has directed. Following Submarine in 2010, Richard has directed The Double based on Dostoevsky’s novella of the same name. Richard still takes part in various TV comedy shows such as Never Mind the Buzzcocks and 8 out of 10 Cats, but seems to be most well-known as Moss in The IT Crowd series – see also Honours & Awards in this Magazine.

Katherine Dell (Fellow 1996) See Richard Dales (1961)


Gareth Williams (2000) was found dead in his flat in Pimlico in 2010. His body was in a locked holdall in the bath and an inquest found that he was unlawfully killed. In November 2013, Scotland Yard reported that, after a three-year investigation, police had concluded that it was probable that he had died as a result of an accident, though there were several unexplained features of the case – not least how he had locked himself into the holdall leaving no DNA traces on the rim of the bath or the padlock. Gareth’s family still believe he was murdered. See Daily Telegraph of 14 November 2013.

Jay Miller (2003) is the founder of the successful Yard Theatre. Miller’s vision was to transform a Hackney Wick warehouse into a classic-style amphitheatre with artist-led programming to offer mentoring and coaching. Jay was in the 2013 Hospital Club 100 list run jointly with the Guardian. The list is the result of a search for the most innovative and influential people in the creative industries and Jay featured under the Creative Entrepreneurship heading.

Mairead Kelly (2007) has launched her first business, Merlesque Mermaids, with a contemporary from Newnham – they both read Anglo-Saxon, Norse & Celtic. They perform as mermaids dressed in glittery bikini tops and fishtails at events ranging from children’s swimming parties through corporate functions to burlesque shows.

The Revd Dr Anthony Moore (Chaplain 2007, Dean of Chapel 2012), who left St Catharine’s to become Canon Chancellor at Lichfield Cathedral at the end of 2012, has been appointed Vice-Dean of Lichfield.

George Nash (2008) was a member of the winning men’s four at the European Rowing Championships in Belgrade in the Spring of 2014. He was also a member of the coxless IV which won gold at the World Rowing Championships in Amsterdam in September that year. George was in the Blue boat and won an Olympic Bronze medal for rowing while a student at Catz.

Matthias Egeler (Research Fellow 2010–13) has been awarded a Marie Curie Intra-European Fellowship by the European Commission to work on the Islands in the West project. This is a study of mythical islands of immortality in European religious history and is based at the Institute for Scandinavian Studies of the Ludwig-Maximilians-University in Munich. He writes ‘Greetings from the North Atlantic. Before officially starting my EU Fellowship in October 2014, I am working in Iceland, collecting material for a historical/literary/archaeological guidebook.’

Arnoldus Blix (Honorary Fellow 2012) See Richard Dales (1961)

Clemency Britton (2012) and Emma Tarrant (2012) swam in the first Varsity Open Water swimming event at Henley in June 2014. Clemency writes ‘There were four men and four women in each team. Men and women raced separately against each other (men setting off about five minutes before the women) The exact same course as the Royal Henley Regatta was used (2.1km) and it took place the same week so the course was all set up – the race started at about 3am to avoid using the river when boats were on it. I am afraid Oxford won.’

Samuel Trizuljak (2012) wrote to thank the Society for a grant which helped him participate in running Summer Camps for children in Slovakia. ‘One of the objectives was to present aspects of both the natural and cultural heritage of Slovakia. A highlight, for the children as well as for myself, was visiting Kremnica, a town in Central Slovakia, recently aspiring to UNESCO recognition. Here we attended a guided tour through the seven-hundred-year-old Slovak National Mint, which now mints Slovak Euros since the entry of Slovakia into the European Monetary Union in 2009. The numerous hill-walking trips in the mountain ranges surrounding Kremnica succeeded in bringing city kids closer to the natural heritage Slovakia offers.’

Richard Dent (2013), a PhD student in Sociology, sent us this picture which shows actress Lily Cole (King’s) on her visit to the College in November 2013 to help with a hackathon in the Ramsden Room. Richard is working on the project as part of his PhD. For those not familiar with the term, a hackathon is an event in which computer programmers and others collaborate to produce a particular piece of software – in this case an outcome was the website www.impossible.com which encourages people to do things for others without charge.
The St Catharine's Guild

Celebrating St Catharine's Day wherever you are.

The Guild was formed in 1969 on the initiative of the then Master, Professor Rich, and was originally based entirely upon alumni taking Christian communion. In 2007 the Governing Body agreed that, in order to embrace other faiths and beliefs, the original purpose of the Guild be redefined ‘to encourage members of the College, wherever they may be, to remember the College according to the tradition and spirituality of their faith, on or around 25 November (St Catharine’s Day) and to inform the Chaplain that they have done so’.

This year we will pray by name for the following who remembered the College last year at the places listed:

- Charles V Betts (1960) St Michael’s Without, Bath, Somerset
- David Brown (1958) St Wulfram’s Grantham, Lincolnshire
- Sally and Don Broom (1961) Hong Kong International Airport
- Elizabeth Collison (née Jennings, 1988) Our Lady & St Joseph R.C. Lymington, Hampshire
- Ian D Corbett (1961) St Leonard’s, The Beauchamp Community, Malvern, Worcestershire
- David Cruttenden (1967) Christchurch Borrowdale, Harare, Zimbabwe
- Bevis Cubey (1956) St Cuthbert’s Lorton, Cumbria
- Ian Goodfellow (1958) St Andrew’s Whitchurch, Devon
- Alan F Griggs (1952) Clarence Road Baptist Church, Southend-on-Sea, Essex
- Peter Hartley (1964) Binham Priory, Norfolk
- Charles Hill (1968) Local Nursing Home

- Graham B Jones (1952) St Andrew’s Colyton, East Devon
- Cassells Kenahan (1948) Transitional Cathedral, Christchurch, New Zealand
- SJB Langdale (1956) St Mary’s Church, Culworth, Oxfordshire
- Antony Minchin (1956) St Cyri’s Stonehouse, Gloucestershire
- Keith Pound (1951) St Clement’s Hastings, East Sussex
- Christopher Powell (1985) St Francis House, Guildford
- Ronald Somerville (1952) St Swithin’s Sandford, Devon
- Peter G Stevens (1972) St Michael and All Angels, Tenhenhall, Wolverhampton
- Mike Town (1969) St Patrick’s Church Patterdale, Cumbria
- John M Turner (1945) St John’s Methodist Church Horwich, Bolton
- John G Walker (1956) St John’s Dumfries, Scotland
- Christopher White (1951) St Agatha’s Gilling West, North Yorkshire
- Peter Whiteside (1952) St Mary’s East Preston, West Sussex
- GF Willett (1946) St Mary’s Goldington, Bedfordshire

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The Great War: the forgotten contribution of St Chad's

Earlier this year the Magazine Editor approached me with a view to writing an article about St Catharine’s during the First World War. I knew little of College activities during World War I. Research in the Archive initially led to the conclusion that the College effectively shut down during the 1914–18 period with students volunteering for the army at the outbreak of war and latterly being called up, causing numbers to fall dramatically. By 1917, all undergraduates could be accommodated in B, C, and D Staircases, and most College Societies had ceased activities. However, the chance reading of an article in the Cambridge News in April, which referenced St Chad’s as a ‘VAD Hospital’ led to the discovery of a hitherto little-known aspect of College wartime history.

In 1877 the College had leased the land upon which St Chad’s now stands to a Robert Burn for 100 years. Burn was a Fellow of Trinity, also occupying the position of Dean, Tutor in the College and Praelector in Roman Literature and Archaeology. He was also President of the Cambridge Antiquarian Society. He was leased the land in the expectation that he would build a suitable dwelling house. Work was already underway by the time the lease was signed in 1877 and although it has not been possible to identify the architect with certainty, it may have been WM Fawcett, who had worked on St Martin’s (sold by St Catharine’s to King’s College School in 1952) next door, and who had previously re-modelled the entrance-way to our Hall in 1868. Burn died in 1904 and the house passed to his wife; she in turn passed away in 1915 and the lease was sold to Adelaide Laura Ward, wife of Sir Adolphus Ward, Master of Peterhouse. Enquiries with Peterhouse have not yielded an explanation as to why the Wards took the lease of a private house, only to lend it immediately to the Red Cross. Peterhouse was full of officer cadets in training in 1915 and the Wards may have been seeking a refuge – but this is only a guess. All that is known for certain is that having secured the lease in March 1915, Adolphus Ward offered to lend St Chad’s to the Red Cross Society to use as the first branch of the 1st Borough Red Cross Hospital.

The hospital at St Chad’s opened in May 1915. It worked closely with the 1st Eastern General Hospital, a Territorial Force Hospital initially headquartered in Trinity College, with beds in the Leys School, and later in buildings on the cricket grounds of Clare College and King’s College to the south of Burrell’s Walk. The 1st Eastern General had over 1,500 beds by the end of 1915, and carried out up to 50 operations a day. It remained open until 1920. Today it is the site of the University Library and the Memorial Court of Clare College. St Chad’s, being so close, would have been an ideal branch, and took over many of the duties of the auxiliary hospital that had been based in Cintra Terrace, Hills Road, before it closed in March 1915, having cared for many Belgian wounded soldiers. In a 1915 Red Cross report, St Chad’s is described as being ‘most suitable and convenient, with lofty, sunny rooms, almost all facing south, and a delightful shady garden with two lawns’ in contrast to Cintra Terrace being ‘old-fashioned and inconvenient for working’.

The staff and patients of the 1st Borough Red Cross Hospital.
The report goes on to describe how St Chad’s was improved by Adolphus Ward with the addition of electric lighting!

St Chad’s originally had 36 beds and was furnished using Red Cross Borough Funds. The number of beds is believed to have increased to 50 by the end of the war. The Commandant or Assistant Commandant slept at the Hospital each night with local volunteers, or ‘VADs’ (Voluntary Aid Detachment) providing additional support. The 1st Cambridge Troop of Girl Guides also helped out, regularly visiting on Saturday afternoons and Sundays. The hospital also had a resident sister in charge; one of those sisters has been identified as Miss Kynaston. The Commandant was a local woman, Miss Gaskell, who lived at Great Shelford and had read Classics at Newnham College. She was a keen hockey player, heading out to Australia in 1914 with the first women’s hockey team sent from this country. Trained nurses who worked at the hospital included Robina Brown, Ellen Harrison, Doris Larter, Lilian Kidney, Emily McNeile, Kate Brightwell and Sarah Turner. Margaret Darwin, later Margaret Keynes, grand-daughter of Charles Darwin, also volunteered at St Chad’s, undertaking massage, then a relatively new treatment for war wounds.

Auxiliary hospitals were for patients with less-serious wounds, and were often used for convalescence. Nurses were usually members of the local Voluntary Aid Detachment, who were trained in first aid and home nursing. Servicemen often preferred auxiliary hospitals to military ones, as they were not so strict, were less crowded and the surroundings were generally more homely. The gardens at St Chad’s were therefore seen as a particular asset, with space for croquet, bowls and other games. The Hospital fielded cricket and shooting teams, which had good records in competition. However, the prowess of the football team in the autumn of 1915 eclipsed all other success. The team of patients played against other regimental and able-bodied teams, and suffered only two defeats with a record of 42 goals for, 15 against! Charging at two of these matches brought in enough funds to provide a recreation room, which included a miniature billiard table.

The recreation room was well-used at Christmas 1915. Games were played there on Christmas Eve and on the evening of Christmas Day. The games included snapdragon, traditionally played on Christmas Eve, which involved heating brandy in a bowl, placing raisins in the brandy, then setting it alight, before seeing who could pluck out the raisins at the risk of getting burnt! At breakfast on Christmas Day 1915 each man received a parcel from the staff at the hospital and a box of chocolates from Cadbury’s. An anonymous donor in the town provided everyone with ‘smokes’. Continuing the sporting theme, a football match was played against the Essex Regiment on Boxing Day: the hospital team won by 5 goals to 1. An evening theatre trip to the ‘New Theatre’ (in St Andrew’s Street, just along from Emmanuel College on the other side of the road and demolished in 1960–1) rounded off the festivities.

Statistics have only been discovered for 1915, but for May-December 1915 there were 36 beds and the hospital received 111 patients. In that first year, many were French-Canadian soldiers. The reminiscences of Annie Esler, a ‘VAD’ who worked there for six months in 1915, recall the French-Canadians being a ‘rough tough lot’ with ‘rough ways’; ‘they were rough with each other, squabbling a lot and often knocking the place about’. She remembered Cambridge being full of soldiers, with all the Colleges being so packed that soldiers had to be billeted in private houses.
St Chad’s remained open until 5 May 1919. It was subsequently leased to Lord Adrian who rented it to New Hall (now Murray Edwards College) as accommodation from 1957–65. New Hall housed 20 undergraduates there, along with a housekeeper and a Fellow. St Catharine’s repurchased the lease in 1964 and used it to house graduates for two years before converting it into flats for married graduate students. The first phase of the new accommodation on the site was opened in 1978.

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**Herbert Rowse Armstrong TD, MA (1869–1922)**

The following is an edited version of a talk given to the College Luncheon Club by Honorary Fellow Professor Sir John Baker at Freshfields on 7 May 2014.

**Herbert Rowse Armstrong** was one of the first handful of students to take the Law Tripos from St Catharine’s College. Admitted as a sizar in 1887, he graduated with a Third after coxing the Lent boat in his final year. He was admitted as a solicitor in 1895 and practised at Hay-on-Wye, Herefordshire, where he entered into a two-man partnership, married, and bought a large house called Mayfield in Cusop Dingle. His wife was called Katharine, and appropriately enough she is spelt in four different ways in the history books. The reason for their place in history is a very unpleasant one. Not only was Armstrong the first St Catharine’s solicitor, he is thought to have been the only solicitor ever hanged for murder. He had a wax effigy in the Chamber of Horrors at Madame Tussaud’s. (His daughter Margaret was severely traumatised on seeing his waxwork while on a school trip, having been told – with economic accuracy – that her father broke his neck in a fall.) His macabre story has excited much interest over the years and has been the subject of three full-length books, numerous articles, and a two-part television drama-documentary (‘Dandelion Dead’, 1994) in which he was played by Michael Kitchen.

He was a small (5ft 3in) dapper figure with a waxed moustache and gilt pince-nez. Edgar Wallace, who wrote an essay on the case, said his Cambridge education had given him a finish which made him an acceptable guest in country houses. He was nevertheless slightly pompous, and always signed himself Major (a TA rank). It was said the most remarkable thing about him was his light blue eyes, the colour of forget-me-nots, which had a ‘glittering brilliancy, almost as
if there was a light behind them’. Some women found them attractive; it was a characteristic he apparently shared with the brides-in-the-bath murderer George Smith. Otherwise he was rather dull, even boring. He was a pillar of the local community: country solicitor, churchwarden, clerk to the magistrates. An unlikely murder suspect, perhaps – but then they often are.

Although guests at Mayfield were sometimes taken mysteriously ill shortly after leaving, there was indeed no suspicion of him until it began to dawn on a rival solicitor in Hay (Oswald Martin) that Armstrong might be trying to kill him. A large property transaction had become problematic, and Armstrong was refusing to complete or return the deposit after more than a year’s unexplained delay. Armstrong had repeatedly pressed Martin to come to tea, which in itself was odd; he had been once before, but had not been reinvited because Mrs Armstrong took grave exception to his turning up in white flannels, a faux pas which the major considered typical of the ‘other ranks’ from which he came. Martin finally accepted, and after the tea became very ill. He remembered Armstrong passing him a buttered scone, saying ‘Excuse fingers’ – something an officer and a gentleman would not naturally do. He also recalled Armstrong later saying, ‘It may seem a curious thing to say, Martin, but you will have another of these attacks soon’. Repeated invitations to tea followed (about twenty), but Martin had become sufficiently concerned to send a urine specimen for analysis; though taken four days after the tea, it turned out to contain enough arsenic to indicate a potentially fatal dose. Around the same time a box of chocolates arrived anonymously at Martin’s house. He was not partial to chocolates, but one of his guests ate one and later became violently sick. Close inspection showed that some of the chocolates had holes drilled in the base, and one of them contained a lethal dose of arsenic. This was not usable evidence, of course, since it could not be linked to Armstrong; but Scotland Yard was called in, and on 1 January 1922 the major was arrested on a charge of attempted murder. When he was searched, a small sachet of arsenic was found among papers in his pocket; he was seen trying to remove it when the police were not looking. It has been speculated that the sachet was kept handy for Martin, in case he should accept one of the many invitations to tea at the office. Armstrong said it was for killing dandelions.

Armstrong’s doctor then became suspicious about Katharine Armstrong, who had died after a long illness the previous February. The cause of death had been very uncertain, but in retrospect it seemed consistent with arsenical poisoning. Armstrong was notoriously henpecked, and the doctor knew that he had contracted venereal disease as a result of seeking solace elsewhere; he had, as it happens, treated it with arsenic. He had the motive, the means and the opportunity. It seemed appropriate to obtain an exhumation order, and on 2 January, in the dark and snowy graveyard at Cusop, Mrs Armstrong’s remains were disinterred by the light of hurricane lamps for examination in a local cottage by Dr Bernard Spilsbury, the eminent Home Office pathologist. Her organs were unusually well preserved and were found to
contain 3½ grains of arsenic, the remains of what must have been a larger quantity, but itself more than enough to kill anyone. After lengthy committal proceedings in the local magistrates’ court, sitting into the evenings by candle-light, Armstrong was committed for trial at Hereford assizes on a charge of murder.

The trial lasted nine days. The judge, Mr Justice Darling, was another small man – an unkind Vanity Fair caricature was captioned ‘Judicial Lightweight’ – and was what used to be called a ‘hanging judge’. Counsel for the prosecution, since it was a poisoning case, was the Attorney-General, Sir Ernest Pollock (later Lord Hanworth). Armstrong was represented by the prominent criminal advocate Sir Henry Curtis-Bennett KC. The case attracted immense publicity at the time. Another solicitor (Harold Greenwood) had recently been tried at Carmarthen assizes for murdering his wife with arsenic, and acquitted. This was the kind of mysterious killing in country houses which caught the public imagination and inspired a new generation of crime writers. At this very moment Agatha Christie and Dorothy Sayers were publishing their first books. If the Armstrong case seems straight out of Agatha Christie, it is no doubt because Christie was much influenced by it.

There was no disputing that Katharine had died from arsenical poisoning. The case for the Crown was that the fatal dose must have been delivered within 24 hours of death, when only Armstrong was tending his wife, and when she was too ill to sit up in bed or administer anything to herself. She had said to her nurse shortly before then, ‘I am not going to die, am I? I have everything to live for.’ The judge permitted evidence to be given of the attempt to murder Martin, and this was crucially important. The judge told the jury that, if they believed that Armstrong had attempted to kill Martin with arsenic, it was relevant to the murder charge as showing that he was prepared to use arsenic to kill a human being as well as dandelions. The motive seemed clear. Evidence was not given of henpecking, but a mysterious veiled Mrs X (who had known Armstrong during the War) gave evidence that he had proposed marriage to her soon after his wife’s death. (This was long before the reform of the divorce laws in 1937, which provided a less drastic means of escape from an unhappy union.) There was also some inconclusive evidence that Armstrong had forged a new will, in which his wife left everything to him rather than the children.

The defence suggested that Katharine must have committed suicide, though it was not for them to prove. She had discussed jumping out of the window. Some of her medicines contained arsenic, and Dr Martin had also prescribed strychnine. There was some evidence that the new will was her own suggestion, and had been properly witnessed; the major had not touched any of the money since her death. In the case of the alleged attempt on Martin, it was suggested that the traces of arsenic might have been in the magnesia which he took, or in bismuth, or even in the specimen bottle. The scones, according to some witnesses, had not been buttered or even split in two, and had not been passed by hand. Armstrong had never denied possessing arsenic – he or his gardener had bought it openly and signed the poison register. He said he had made it up into little sachets for convenience. He was cross-examined relentlessly about this, mostly by the judge (who had taken over the prosecution). Why did he make separate sachets for each dandelion, when he was such a busy man? His answers were unconvincing.

Mr Justice Darling, who asked over 100 adverse questions during the trial, summed up for a
conviction, more or less omitting to mention the defence case. The jury convicted quickly. One of the jurors told a newspaper reporter that it only took five minutes to agree, but they had sat around for nearly an hour for the sake of appearances. That also caused a furore, and is one of the reasons why jury disclosures have ever since been treated as serious contempts. Curtis-Bennett was shocked, and regarded the case as his greatest failure; his disconsolation was no doubt increased by the reflection that his rival, Sir Edward Marshall Hall KC, had secured the acquittal of Harold Greenwood against a similarly strong prosecution case. He spent several days in the Court of Criminal Appeal arguing that the admission of the similar-fact evidence, and the judge’s interventionist behaviour, rendered the conviction unsafe. But the court in those days generally took the view that trial judges knew what they were doing, and that it would only shake faith in the system of justice if appeals were allowed. It had only allowed one appeal against a murder conviction since it was set up in 1908, and this was not going to be the second. The similar-fact evidence was held to be admissible. (R. v. Armstrong [1922] 2 KB 555, a favourite of Dr Gooderson’s, became a leading case on the subject, though it has now been overtaken by legislative changes.) So the appeal was dismissed, and the major was executed at Gloucester a week later.

Yet there was something deeply unsettling about Armstrong’s seemingly dual character, something which still disturbs those who read about the case today. Many who knew him well could not believe he was a poisoner. He was generally liked and trusted. He had always seemed very solicitous of his wife’s wellbeing, even though she was obviously very trying. And he was a pernickety man – sorting arsenic into little sachets was just the sort of fiddling thing he would do. He never confessed. In fact he told the local vicar he had nothing to confess; and the vicar, who knew him well, believed him. Was it perhaps an assisted suicide? Was he nobly covering up for someone else?

A solicitor called Martin Beales who practised in Hay and actually bought Mayfield (now renamed), spoke to the College Law Society on the case in the 1990s and wrote a book about it. He argued forcefully that the conviction was wrongful. He even argued that arsenic was probably not the true cause of death and that Armstrong may have been framed by the local chemist (Martin’s father-in-law) who had sent the Martin specimen for analysis. He suggested that the Crown should now grant a posthumous pardon. This was a little disingenuous. When asked after the talk whether he really believed Armstrong was innocent, he replied ‘Oh, no; only that he was wrongly convicted’. The conviction probably was wrongful, in the sense that the trial was unfair and the evidence inconclusive.

But did he do it? There was speculation by the authorities at the time about other local deaths. Had the convenient death of Armstrong’s only partner in the law firm, followed within days by that of his wife (leaving Armstrong with all the equity), been natural? Then there was the unexplained death of a Hereford estate agent, soon after taking tea with Armstrong and suffering abdominal pains; he had been pursuing Armstrong for a debt. The Home Office had no doubt. Curtis-Bennett was told that they had been considering three further exhumations. Edgar Wallace, the crime writer, in an essay on Armstrong, wrote of dinner parties with arsenic dissolved in fine madeira; a very Cambridge touch, though the evidence for this embellishment was not stated. Perhaps he was thinking of the Sunday-lunch Burgundy at the centre of the Greenwood case.

There is, however, a further piece of evidence which was related to the writer personally by someone who had encountered Armstrong in a memorable manner. Frank Heyworth Talbot QC, a leading tax specialist, was in his 80s when he came as a guest to the Ramsden Dinner, but in 1921 had been a junior tax inspector in the Hay district. There had been some questions about Armstrong’s affairs, which were actually far more problematic than Talbot or anyone else knew. Armstrong was probably terrified that his respectable status would soon be destroyed by unwelcome discoveries. Anyway, he invited Talbot to dinner,
some time before the Martin incident. He was an affable host, and served fine old madeira with the dessert. As he left, Armstrong said, ‘You’ve been smoking your own cigarettes all evening, Talbot, have one of mind – you’ll find them rather interesting’. And so he did: very interesting. He was violently sick on the way home and drank tea all night to combat a feeling of intense dehydration, passing out several times. The next day he met a doctor in the street, who remarked that his breath smelt of arsenic, and they both joked about being careful next time they dined with Armstrong. It never occurred to them then that there was anything suspicious. Talbot had in fact accepted a further invitation for the new year. Even when Armstrong was arrested, Talbot wrote to him and said it must be a dreadful mistake and he hoped it would soon be cleared up. But it was discovered later, when the police took away the cigarettes and had them analysed, that they were impregnated with arsenic. The prosecution, inexplicably, decided not to use this as further similar-fact evidence. Beales therefore omitted it from his book, though he knew about it. But it raises the question whether a wrongful conviction is necessarily a miscarriage of justice.

Frank Heyworth Talbot related one other story, which he had directly from Armstrong’s junior counsel, Ronald Bosanquet – who had been President of the Union when Armstrong was at Cambridge. When Bosanquet visited him in the cells, Armstrong said ‘I have just heard some wonderful news’. Bosanquet thought it must be related to the case. No. ‘A Catsman has just been elected President of the Union for the first time.’ It appeared that, whatever atrocities he may have committed, the major was a loyal College man to the end. Perhaps he reflected wistfully in the condemned cell on the happier days he had spent in Cambridge, of innocent tea parties with buttered scones, and bump suppers with madeira in the gas-lit hall. Something had gone tragically wrong with Armstrong since those carefree times. His old College friend Lisle Carr (1871–1942, later bishop of Hereford and an Honorary Fellow of the College), who rowed in the boat which Armstrong coxed and succeeded to his rooms, remarked a few years later that ‘the Armstrong who was hanged at Gloucester was not the Armstrong that we knew’.

**Further reading**


**Remembering Tom Henn**

The 1953–9 reunion, 5 April 2014

*Hugh Searle (1956)* writes

It can be confidently assumed that, as undergraduates during the 1950s, everyone who gathered for this particular reunion would have known the then Senior Tutor, Tom Henn (See obituaries in the 1975 edition of the College Society magazine).

If many memories of him are now vague and dim at least the sonorous sentence with which he welcomed us on matriculation – ‘Gentlemen, you are now members of a medieval institution’ – still flashes its beam down the years as clearly as the Bell Rock lighthouse. Although doubtless for some acquaintance with him was sporadic (the request for the weekend exeat) for others – and not only those reading English – it grew into an affectionate, immensely stimulating, soul-nourishing friendship. Indeed, for these – and countless others during Tom’s long years as a Fellow – he was a lighthouse.

In spite of certain supposed eccentricities (the pistol kept in his desk?), the high regard in which Tom was held, evolved, not simply because of the quality of his teaching, and the breadth of his
literary knowledge, but through his devotion to the pastoral care and opportunities for extracurricular encounters which he deliberately cultivated. Obvious examples are the Shirley Society and the Rowing Club. But perhaps his most notable contribution to student well-being was the weekly post-prandial gathering in C2 known as Tom’s Monday Evenings.

Normally lasting about two hours the ME’s were open house, unstructured occasions. Tom presided of course. Coffee – sometimes sherry – was available. Discussion of topical College and literary matters – including theatre – was always encouraged. But the prime purpose was poetry reading – one’s favourites, or, if one had sufficient conceit or brashness, one’s own. This mattered hugely to Tom. For him, poetry worked best when, like music, it drew people together in shared experience and common performance. Its treasures were not for nourishing private greed or self-indulgence.

He appears to have discovered this as a young don, at least in part, through his friendship with his own Director of Studies and Supervisor, EMW Tillyard. In extolling Tillyard’s qualities as teacher and friend (see Five Arches 1980 p.95), Tom notes that Tillyard gave his students ‘unfailing courtesy and encouragement, tempered with a certain humility, even deference.’

He tells us ‘He was one of a group of us who met in each other’s rooms in the early thirties to read poetry together.’ However, later in that book (p.111) he says he saw the need for such a group as early as 1925 immediately on returning to Cambridge to take up a Fellowship at St Ca-tharine’s. He writes:

‘Slowly there gathered round my rooms in an attic in St Catharine’s an exceptionally interesting group of men. I believed, and said so, that one fault of the lecture system was that one's audience, dashing unhappily about Cambridge on bicycles to get to the scattered lecture-rooms, never had a chance to contest or argue with or develop what had been said to them. I therefore announced that I would be ‘at home’ with coffee and tobacco every Monday evening (with some memory of Sainte-Beuve) to anyone who cared to come along. So it happened…’

Indeed it did; and happily it was still so doing in the nineteen fifties. The reunion therefore provided a welcome opportunity – given added poignancy as 2014 is the fortieth anniversary of Tom’s death – for devotees of those Monday evenings to gather in C2 to relive a few memories. Some twenty of us did so. We felt we had been part of Tom’s circle whom he got to know ‘really well’ (p.113). Almost everyone expressed their indebtedness to Tom’s consistent welcoming, generous and imaginative interest in them individually. One, unable to pay his way, said that it was only due to him that he was able to remain in residence. Another recalled lauding Tom in a letter to The Times and how it led to the publication of Tom’s little volume Passages for Divine Reading. Others
recalled the breadth of his knowledge – not least of the literature of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries – of his ability to inspire and guide them through their studies and hone their written and spoken communication skills. As for the poetry reading, we remembered how Tom constantly spoke of the ambiguities of language, of the un-ending quest to blend rationality and imagination, literature and life, of ‘his concern with moral values and poet’s awareness of the perennial and paradoxical challenges in being human’ (See the Forward by Glen Cavaliero in The Bible as Literature reprinted edition 2008) and ‘take upon’s the mystery of things’ (King Lear Act 5. Sc 3).

From such shared memories we moved on to consider ways in which Tom Henn’s legacy might be made more tangible in the future. An obvious step is to encourage the College and the Society (Under the terms of the Robert Hardy bequest the St Catharine’s College Society sponsors the lecture) to maintain the occasional Tom Henn lectures. Another is to build up a Tom Henn archive; as a first step, it was agreed that those who had indicated their interest in this meeting be invited to pass on to the College Archivist (telephone 01223 338348. Email archivist@caths.cam.ac.uk.) any memorabilia or personal stories of him. This has been done; and, as a second step, this invitation is extended to all alumni, who can now send any items to the archivist at any time. A third, more elusive, suggestion was to consider the viability of a fresh assessment of Tom’s contribution to the literary studies – perhaps Anglo-Irish literature in particular – of his time. However, it was realised that his reputation would always primarily depend on his publications and the centrality, in his time, of his place in the life of St Catharine’s and its students.

The build up to the Athletics Varsity Match

(1) An athlete’s progress.

2014 marks the 150th anniversary of the Athletics Varsity Match. Thus for all Cambridge University Athletic Club athletes, the training increased in intensity, especially for those who, like myself, were competing for a place on the Blues squad. Every year, CUAC puts out a strong, and usually victorious, team against Oxford. In my first year at Cambridge, I put athletics on the backburner whilst I dipped my feet into the River Cam to try out rowing. However, at the last Varsity match, the team spirit that I was welcomed with, inspired me to make a return to the track, and my love for CUAC strengthens with each experience.

In spring 2013, I was fortunate enough to qualify for the Achilles Club’s American Tour of the Ivy League Universities in the sprints and javelin. This trip takes place only once every four years, with the Achilles Club – a team combined of Oxford and Cambridge – starting the tour at Cornell University, Ithaca, and then moving along to stay at Penn, Yale, and Harvard. Achilles had two competitions, with the first being against Penn and Cornell, and later Harvard and Yale. Although Achilles lost both matches – with only a narrow loss to Harvard and Yale – it was great to spend a month mingling with our American counterparts, and by living and training with the student athletes, we got to experience the Ivy League lifestyle.

Befriending the Cambridge athletes throughout 2013, both on the American Tour and in CUAC competition, encouraged me to train seriously this year. I gave up rowing in exchange for a chance to train seriously for the Blues Standard in the 100m and 200m, and it has proved worthwhile so far. At VFEAR in March 2014, CUAC displayed performances of a high calibre that led to the domination of Oxford. The women’s team made history, as we broke four match records, in the Hammer, 4x400m, and the ones in which I had a part to play: the 4x200m, and the 4x60m. My training so far this year also paid off, as in the 60m, I took first place and claimed the individual match record. This pre-Varsity match helps to show Cambridge’s potential for the Varsity match, which is the highlight of our sporting year.
Training has, therefore, stepped up for all of us at CUAC, and many travelled to Tenerife at Easter 2014 for the annual warm weather training. The trip really bolstered team spirit, and with more contact hours with our Great Britain Paralympics Coach, we were able to up our game technically. The activities outside training hours allowed us to bond more as a team as well as being a lot of fun, with trips to the beach and the Water Park.

*Emma Cullen (2012)*

**(2) Catz Athletes take to the sun**

The destination for this year’s University Athletics Club Easter training camp was the sunny island of Tenerife. A group of forty students, plus two coaches and a physio, flew out to Playa De Las Americas, where an intense week of training (and a fair amount of fun) commenced.

This year six Catz students flew out to Tenerife; Tom Neil (100m), Emma Cullen (100m), Emily Brady (pole vault), Emily Goodband (400m), Charlotte Frost (throws/hurdles) and Tim Calliafas (long distance). We had two training sessions each day; one at the track plus one circuit session by the pool (yes – the other sunbathers looked on in wonder, and we had to endure a certain amount of banterous abuse from a group of guys on a stag do!). The track was very impressive and the climate was absolutely perfect, both of which were helped by the fact that we found ourselves training alongside several international teams. Members from the Swedish, German and French
international teams were all using the track at the same time as us, including the 100m and 200m (now ex-) European Champion, Christophe Lemaitre. One CUAC member (Rich Ollington) even managed to get himself an appearance in the documentary on the training regime of Christophe Lemaitre, which was being filmed by a French TV company whilst we were out there. In return, we got to film a short clip of Lemaitre saying “Go on Cambridge, beat Oxford” (we thought asking him to say GDBO would lead to too many questions over what it means, and probably confusion over why we would ask him to say that…).

During the week, we also enjoyed a day off training, which we spent at Siam Waterpark (although between you and me it was a training day in itself; a lot of steps were climbed that day!), an evening at the casino (where several members of the team enjoyed lots of success), and several “night time training sessions” – where the clubs conveniently had pull up bars located in them, and so certain members of the team genuinely had quite intense work outs! Overall the week was a lot of fun, as well as being a very productive training time, which has definitely helped everyone who attended get in optimal condition for the season ahead. All Catz members who went, and received a bursary from college to help with the cost, would like to take this opportunity to thank the college; the financial help is truly appreciated.

Emily Brady (2010)

As mentioned in the athletics report elsewhere, both Emily and Emma were outstandingly successful in the 150th Anniversary Athletics Varsity Match on 17 May 2014, Emily winning the Pole Vault and Emma the 100m – both subsequently partaking of the post-match Gala Dinner held in the Oxford City Town Hall, where some 600 Achilles members (chief guest Sir Roger Bannister) gathered. Emma is the new holder of the College Victor Ludorum trophy and has recently been elected as the University Womens Athletics Captain for 2014–15.

Rabies control in India

I am currently in my fifth year studying veterinary medicine at St Catharine’s, and in the summer of 2013 I travelled to Pushkar, in the Rajasthan state of India, to spend three weeks working at a veterinary charity. The charity, TOLFA (Tree of Life for Animals), was set up eight years ago by a British veterinary nurse after she had been travelling in the area and had seen that the solution the town practised when it came to dealing with stray dogs, was to take them into the desert and tie them to a stick, where they were left to die ‘by God’s own will’. I’m sure you’ll agree that this method of ‘control’ for stray dogs is an immoral and inhumane way of dealing with strays. However, in India, where Hinduism is the most widely practised religion, direct euthanasia is not deemed acceptable. At the same time, for many Indians it is a struggle to provide sufficient income for food and other daily amenities, and thus most do not have the luxury of spare time or money with which to tackle the stray dog population in more a humane way.

The large stray dog population in India has wider implications than just the welfare of the
animals. This is because approximately 20,000 human deaths occur within India from rabies every year, with the vast majority of these deaths occurring after people, often children, have been bitten by a stray dog. This is a shocking statistic, particularly as rabies is an entirely preventable disease. It has been shown by previous studies that the most cost-effective method of preventing human deaths from rabies is by eliminating rabies from the dog population via vaccination. Rabies vaccinations for dogs provide lifelong immunization from the virus, and so vaccination of the dog population in countries within which rabies is endemic is often the chosen protocol for dealing with this deadly disease. A tactic which can be implemented alongside vaccination is to reduce the dog population by castration and spaying of the animals. This has been proven to decrease the dog population so that fewer vaccinations have to be given, fewer people are bitten by dogs, and thus there is less transmission of rabies.

It is for these reasons that I decided a useful way to spend my summer would be assisting in the fight against rabies, whilst also aiding my training within the veterinary profession by gaining surgical experience which can be hard to come by in the UK. I therefore booked myself to undertake three weeks of volunteering work at TOLFA in September 2013.

However, the original plan of spending three weeks at the one charity in Pushkar was not what actually happened. On my sixth day at the charity, the other four volunteers and I were all ‘evacuated’ from the charity premises in an ‘escape taxi’ because a media crew had turned up to interview the volunteers. We had previously been told that a woman who lived in the local village had been trying to close the charity down since it had opened eight years ago. It also transpired that whilst we were there she had reported to the police that the charity was euthanizing cows and monkeys, both of which carry a seven-year jail sentence, and that western volunteers were ‘experimenting’ on animals within the charity. Both these accusations, I hasten to add, were not true, but it was deemed that the safest option for the volunteers was for us to be relocated to a sister charity in Jaipur, 150km north-east of Pushkar, and this is where I spent my following two weeks.

During my time at both charities I gained valuable surgical skills and, in addition, I glimpsed the working lives of ordinary Indians. By talking to them I learnt something of their religion and what they value and enjoy in life, but also how they see the social and political challenges their country faces. Having seen this volunteering work done in India, I would like to return after completing my degree as I feel the benefits of such work not only improve the lives of the animals directly affected, but also the lives of people who live in places where rabies is a significant risk.

I am very grateful for the St Catharine’s College Travel Bursary which helped me with some of the costs associated with my work experience; without this generous grant I would not have been able to travel abroad and gain such valuable experience.

Emily Brady
Oars in the Bar

Four oars donated to the College have been mounted in the bar.

It is interesting to see how College colours and blade shape have changed over the years.

Note also that the 1942 2nd VIII bumped Pembroke 3rd, the London School of Economics 1st and St Bartholomew’s 1st. LSE and Barts both moved temporarily to Cambridge during the war.
Smashed for a Six!

St Catharine’s in 2014 had only one player in the University Cricket XI, Ben Wylie. Sadly he performed for the losing side in both the four-day and one-day (there are nowadays two Cricket Varsity matches) games. In the one-day game, at Lords on 20 June, the winning Oxford hit (not, we hasten to add, off Ben’s bowling) was a towering six, by Oxonian Haines off the first ball of the final over.

Why was this so special and why is it in our Magazine? Our Society Secretary, also Chairman of the Cambridge Society of London, was hosting a box in the Tavern Stand. The ball sailed over the pitch, over the open public seats, and over the heads of his Light Blue guests, bounced on the floor near the drinks (fortunately missing everyone), then rose up and crashed through the window above the door. Evidence: the photo of David Peace holding the ball beneath the smashed window. Naturally he kept the ball, and we hope to display it in College as a remarkable example of the inconsiderate and downright hostile attitude of the opposition.
Cambridge

Amiable suddenly with the smell of spring
the air calls everybody out
to admire the crocuses in fierce mosaic,
tough little heralds of a grace to follow.
The lawns are mown to look like billiard boards
and clumped American ladies utter and are shown
the courts and libraries. A mathematician, young
and in a burst of histrionics, quaffs a glass of plonk
and brandishes French bread to scare an early passing punt.
The randy ducks are squalling, blatant on the grass,
and a bell announces the Memorial Service
for old Professor Peacey, dead at last.
Under the modern dormitory extension floats the swan
while down Queens Road an enormity of gas and racket
hurts from hell to nowhere through this easy kingdom gone.

*Glen Cavaliero (1965, Fellow Commoner 1986) comments ‘This could well be my most widely-read poem. Written at speed following a stroll in the Backs, it was chosen as a Poster Poem for the 1975 Cambridge Poetry Festival and thereafter was to be viewed on the back of many a bathroom door.’*