The cover picture shows the Master in the garden of the Master's Lodge shortly before moving out of the Lodge in September 2016. Photograph: Igor Chodur.
EDITORIAL

My report to the Annual General Meeting of the St Catharine’s Society in September that the 2016 edition was on schedule turned out to be a hostage to fortune. The stress for Professor Dame Jean Thomas of her move out of the Master’s Lodge (involving some serious downsizing) was very sadly increased when her close friend and partner of more than 20 years, Professor Sir Patrick Sissons, passed away suddenly and unexpectedly. The Master’s Report was inevitably delayed by this tragic end to the academical year.

2015–6 was, of course, Dame Jean’s last year as Master and readers will find many mentions of her in this Magazine, not least the speech by the immediate Past-President of the JCR following the graduation dinner. There is also, of course, a brief biographical note from the new Master, Professor Sir Mark Welland. Following his induction, Sir Mark told the story that he had been congratulated by former St Catharine’s Master, Sir Peter Swinnerton Dyer, who said that it was, of course, “easier to follow a not-so-good predecessor – bad luck!”

Dame Jean’s final Master’s Report contains her reflections on almost ten years as Master and, of course, a comprehensive review of the last of those years, so I shall not duplicate it here. Readers may not be aware that, under the statutes, the Master is not a Fellow. However, as we go to press, the Governing Body of the College is in the process of electing Dame Jean to an Honorary Fellowship.

In 2015 and 2016 local and national media have been featuring alumnus John Addenbrooke (1697, Fellow 1704) because of the foundation of his Hospital five years ago. (As the opening occurred in October, the actual anniversary will strictly occur within the period covered by the 2017 edition of the Magazine.) In February, Lord Walton gave the inaugural lecture in a new series of annual Addenbrooke Lectures. It was entitled Doctor in the House and was a most interesting insight into his time as a cross-bencher in the House of Lords. It was probably the last lecture he ever gave as he sadly died a couple of months later at the age of 92. At the Society reunion in September, the College Librarian put on an exhibition of items from the College library and archives relating to Addenbrooke and his time at St Catharine’s – see the report of the reunion in the Society section. The 2015 Magazine contained several pictures of the display of Addenbrooke’s books in the refurbished Ramsden Room. This year we note the cataloguing of the contents of the Addenbrooke chest following an initiative by the Master; see the Master’s Report for details.

The Librarian put on several other exhibitions during the year; in particular astronomical books in November, general documents about the College in December, monsters in February and our Shakespearean heritage in May (marking the 400th anniversary of the Bard’s death). Some of the College’s oldest copies of the Bard’s works were on display next to items from the archives and modern collections – St Catharine’s has a rich history of educating Shakespearean actors and directors, and Fellows and graduates have made important contributions to the study of Shakespeare’s plays.

Producing an accurate list of matriculating freshmen in the Magazine is becoming increasingly problematic. When the College maintained its own data it was a simple matter to extract such a list. In recent years the data has been extracted from the University’s database and has required much ‘correction’; for example, the same school would appear with several subtly different names. This year, freshmen from Europe all appear with the school ‘EU’. I have done some superficial tidying, but I fear that we have not had the effort to mine the data and produce the list to our wonted standard.

Once again I would like to record my thanks to Chris Thorne who undertakes the sometimes onerous task of extracting reports and articles from students, and to Librarian Colin Higgins who manages the Reviews section.

Roger Stratford
MASTER’S REPORT

My tenth and last report for the Magazine! Since its foundation St Catharine’s has survived wars, plague, pestilence and some pretty lean times – and now yet another Mastership, its 38th. My election in March 2006, to take effect in January 2007, in one sense feels as though it’s in the distant past; that said, the ten years have flown by. Being entrusted with custody of the College for future generations is a huge responsibility for the Master and Fellows; it is therefore of some comfort that the College is perhaps even more robust now than it was a decade ago – essential if it is to hold its own amongst the other colleges. I am, as always, immensely grateful for the unstinting work of many excellent colleagues and the support of so many St Catharine’s Society members (or alumni/alumnae if you prefer), offered in many ways. It has genuinely been an honour and a very great pleasure to serve the College for a term short of a decade. I shall always be grateful for the gamble the Fellows took and for the vote of confidence.

Over the last ten years the material changes that have improved the working environment for all at St Catharine’s are of course clear to see. We have the McGrath Centre – a resource whose benefits have exceeded even our high expectations, and whose construction led to a huge improvement of Chapel Court and the Library; expanded graduate accommodation at Russell Street; a refurbished Ramsden Room (the old JCR for many of you) and the now highly acceptable basement facilities below; refurbished accommodation for second year undergraduates at St Chad’s, which at last also sports its own much appreciated Porters’ Lodge – and wonderfully cleaned stonework throughout the College! The recent acquisition of a number of contemporary pottery items from John Shakeshaft’s amazing collection (mostly bequeathed to the Fitzwilliam Museum and on display there; see article later in this Magazine) has enabled items to be displayed around the College, particularly enhancing the entrance to the Shakeshaft Library.

Our teaching provision has been put on a firm foundation with eight of our eleven College Lectureships now being fully endowed in perpetuity as a result of generous donations, compared with three ten years ago; the next step will be to work towards endowing our Junior Research Fellowships (JRFs) so that in future we offer two stipendiary three-year fellowships every year (alternating between ‘Arts’ and ‘Sciences’). The need is great; in the last round (Arts) there were around 480 applicants for two JRFs, many excellent. We have a robust undergraduate student bursary scheme (entrance bursaries and hardship bursaries) so that no student suffers for financial reasons; and we are able to offer Graduate Bursaries for students pursuing Masters’ degrees as well as one fully funded PhD studentship (initially in the Arts), which, at Peter and Christina Dawson’s generous behest, carries my name. (Further details may be found in the Alumni and Development Report.)

We have a vastly improved boathouse, very largely due to the efforts of Herb Bate (1963, Mechanical Sciences; Fellow Commoner) and the friends he persuaded, as well as several new boats (through the generosity of the Bate and Bibby families); we have a resurfaced hockey pitch, generously supported by Peter Boizot (1950, History), who, of course, with great farsightedness had also provided the first astroturf pitch for the College, which has no doubt contributed to the (usually) stellar success of College hockey over the last decade.

Many of these improvements, and the healthier College Endowment, have been made possible by a very successful fundraising campaign, officially launched in 2009 (although, as these things go, quietly in hand since 2007). This summer we reached our target of £30M as a result of donations and legacies, and I’d like to pay tribute to the sustained efforts of our Alumni and Development Office under the direction of Deborah Loveluck, without which this would not have been possible, and to the supportive
efforts of so many Fellows. And since, by and large, all the funds raised have come from former College Members (or close family in one or two instances), either directly or through the Society (see below), a very special thank you to all who have contributed, with donations large and small. Thank you also to those who have contributed in other ways, enabling the College to flourish.

This year, 2016, the wider Cambridge City community has acknowledged one of St Catharine’s illustrious sons, John Addenbrooke (Scholar (1697), Fellow (1704) and Bursar before leaving for London to practice as a physician) and the eponymous great local teaching hospital. 2016 is the 250th anniversary year of the founding of the hospital in October 1766, 47 years after Addenbrooke died at the young age of 39, leaving £4,500 in his will for a hospital for the poor. Readers will recall that last year’s Magazine featured the permanent display of John Addenbrooke’s library in the refurbished Ramsden room; in this Anniversary year our attention has shifted to the other great historical resource of the man about whom we know relatively little, and for whom there is no portrait, namely his splendid wooden chest of \textit{materia medica} which immediately caught my interest in my first days at St Catharine’s.

It graces the far end of the Armitage Room, separated by a wall from the ante-chapel, where John Addenbrooke lies buried. The chest’s many drawers contain all manner of specimens from the natural world – many not easily recognizable and more than a few without identifying labels. It was a matter of some frustration that we had neglected this intriguing collection and I expressed a strong hope that it might receive attention before I retired – so I was delighted when our Librarian, Colin Higgins, rose to the challenge and successfully applied last year to the Thriplow Trust (as it happens, the family trust of Sir Peter Swinnerton-Dyer, my predecessor-but-three as Master!) for a grant to assist with curation of the chest. Days before my official retirement, Colin introduced me to Henrietta McBurney Ryan, who had taken on the task, and they proudly handed me a very substantial report with the fruits of Henrietta’s labours so far. This was a wonderful retirement present! The interim report opens up many interesting questions, and several local experts with complementary expertise are now aware of the chest and very keen to help with further work. Originally thought to be a somewhat ‘poor relation’ of the two contemporaneous Cambridge chests – the Vigani in Queens’ and the Heberden in St John’s – it is now clear that the contents of the Addenbrooke’s chest may be of more interest than originally thought, and might not be merely (or mainly?) the \textit{materia medica} of John Addenbrooke the physician but reflect his wider interests as an early 18th century collector. Watch this space!

A year ago the Fellows had just embarked on the search for my successor – and Professor Sir Mark
Welland FRS FREng was duly elected in February 2016 to take office on 1 October. It was, of course, business as usual for me throughout the year, but I was conscious that things were being done ‘for the last time’ (last Matriculation Dinner, last Commemoration, last 1473, last Ramsden, last Graduation Dinner, last Degree Ceremony as Deputy VC; last Reunion Dinner etc.) – but my colleagues contrived to make it a special year, with interjections of the unexpected and personal throughout. Dom (aka Mr Mulcrone) our Head Porter, again decided to fly the Welsh flag (which he had gone out of his way to acquire a year or two ago) on St David’s Day; it flew proudly in a gentle breeze, against a clear blue sky. When I asked if flying this flag was permissible, Dom’s response was a magnificent shrug of the shoulders. There were other unexpected moments when I was made to feel aware of my roots. At the annual al fresco summer concert in Main Court the College Choir gave beautiful renditions of the Welsh folk songs Myfanwy and Ar Hyd y Nos (the previous year they had surprised me with another song from the Principality – Swansea Town!). A further surprise was Cwm Rhondda as the opening hymn at my last Graduation Choral Evensong, the first verse being sung beautifully in Welsh by native Welsh speaker and choir member, James Bartlett! And then the unexpected and much appreciated, tribute on behalf of the undergraduates by Elanor (Eli) Bond was followed with the presentation on behalf of the JCR of a book about Dylan Thomas’s home town (also mine!) and a CD of the poet reading his own work. Finally the Dragon was flown again for the lovely farewell party given by the staff in Sherlock Court one sunny morning in mid-September, the centrepiece of which was a magnificent chocolate cake (made by Nicola, our pastry chef, who had clearly been alerted to one of my weaknesses). So I have many happy memories of small personal things in my last year, as well, of course, as very many rich memories of College events and occasions and people spanning a decade.

Seasoned readers of this Magazine will doubtless be expecting a summary of College business for the year, so (with apologies for having indulged in an unusually long preamble in this swansong piece) here is a bird’s-eye view from the 38th and outgoing Master. As usual the individual reports of others on the academic side, music, sports etc. are rich sources of further information.

The Senior Tutor in his report describes the College performance in Tripos this year as ‘modest’. True, unfortunately, and there is definitely room for improvement, so that we at least regain, and hopefully better, last year’s position. We were ranked 17th of 31 Colleges (13th last year) in the ‘league tables’ (whose limitations the Senior Tutor however points out), but looking on the bright side, a quarter of our students again achieved Firsts (so I again wrote about 110 congratulatory letters to them as Scholars) and an (improved) fewer than 10% achieved less than a 2.1. That’s overall – all years. Again, our strongest subjects were English (a relatively small subject) and Natural Sciences (our largest subject group), and there were some stellar individual performances in several subjects, including Part II and Part III Chemistry and Part III Physics, in which St Catharine’s students (Peter Bolgar, George Trenins and Alex Abbott, respectively) proved to be the best in the University; and a Clinical Medicine Student (Jill Christy) also topped the University list in Clinical finals. By and large our students work hard, and we congratulate them on – and delight in – their achievements, sometimes in the face of considerable personal challenges.

College Music has gone from strength to strength. The activities and successes of the choirs – and their several tours abroad – are summarised in the Director of Music’s report. The year got off to a stunning start when the head chorister of the Girls’ Choir (the ‘Master’s Chorister’), Agatha Pethers, won
the 2015 Radio 2 Chorister of the Year competition. Soon afterwards, the Girls’ Choir appeared on the cover of the December edition of Gramophone magazine, marking the launch in time for Christmas of the combined choirs’ first CD Nova! Nova! on the Resonus Classics label, which was also celebrated at a concert, again by the combined choirs, in the Guild Church of Saint Martin within Ludgate, Ludgate Hill, which many members enjoyed. A second CD by the Girls’ Choir alone followed a few months later; and they featured live in the Christmas edition of Radio 3’s In Tune. In April, Radio 4 Sunday Worship was broadcast from the Chapel, also live; I was happy to bask in reflected glory when large numbers of appreciative old members who had happened to be listening got in touch. As well as working hard on their repertoire and contributing to our enjoyment throughout the year, the College Choir gave a resounding and splendid performance, in a packed Chapel, of Rossini’s Petite Messe Solennelle. This was their annual major College concert and also the last Kellaway concert of the year (details of the varied and sometimes exotic programmes of the others may be found in the report on the Kellaways). Our Senior (Burston) and Junior Organ Scholars (currently Will Fairbairn and Alex Copland, respectively) always do us proud, whether playing regularly in Chapel services, including some splendid performances to round off Evensong, or recording with the choirs. We never take them for granted!

There was much activity and varied success on the sporting front. Last year’s uncharacteristic blip in the record of College Hockey in recent years is now a distant memory, as both the men’s and women’s hockey teams (captained by Matt Diesel and Anna Faulkner) were restored to their familiar places as Cuppers Champions. The Rugby team also regained their form this year, winning the Plate competition in the spring, with an outstanding performance from (Blue) Andy Rees; and the Cricket team completed a good season, and had a reasonable Cuppers run. The College boats sadly did not distinguish themselves despite, in the Mays at least, hearty encouragement from the bank by the many Society members who had decamped to the river after the annual Benefactors’ Garden Party, blazers and caps proudly worn by some; but one of our previous rowers, the much serenaded Olympian George Nash (Fellow Engineering), has continued to win rowing championships and gold medals. George single-handedly doubled the number of Catz Olympic Gold Medallists (the only other being Dr Richard Dodds (Fellow Medicine), who captained the British Hockey team to their win in the Seoul Olympic Games in 1988; yes, hockey again!

At the University level our athletes again delivered some stellar performances, and as many as four (who were all winners in the Varsity Athletics match, where Cambridge triumphed) – Priya Crosby, Philip Crout, Rebecca Moore and Anni Bates – might, it seems, be chosen for the combined Oxford-Cambridge team to compete against the Ivy League Colleges in the USA next year. Anni also rode successfully in the first-ever Varsity match races at Newmarket, and is the inaugural President of the Cambridge University Horse Racing Society. Meanwhile our Tim Gratton captained the University Cruising Club to a clean sweep of victories in both their Varsity Match and the more testing British Universities Championship. Our tally of Blues may mean that, incredibly, the College could well still be at the top of the University’s ‘Sporting Tompkins Table’ (scaled for College size), as it certainly was in the 2015 census – something else to look back on with pleasure as a College achievement of the last decade!

Last year we reported the deaths of Professor Sir Chris Bayly and Dr John Shakeshaft. Memorial events for both, with capacity attendance, have been held this year – for John in Chapel in November, and for Chris in the form of an academic symposium organized by the History Faculty in the McGrath Centre in May. In April we were sad to report the death of another of our dear colleagues; Professor Harry Elderfield FRS, Emeritus Fellow and Emeritus Professor (since 2010) of Ocean Geochemistry and Palaeochemistry, died at the age of 74, after a short illness. A Memorial Service will be held in the College Chapel in October immediately following a day-and-a-half academic symposium in the McGrath Centre organized by his University colleagues. We were also sad to report the death in November of Roy Chapman (1955, Fellow Commoner) a steadfast supporter of the College and one-time Society President.
We further noted with sadness the deaths in August of Virginia McNay, wife of former Master, Professor Barry Supple, and of Joyce Mullett, wife of the Revd John Mullett (1943, Fellow Commoner), known to many readers, former editor of this Magazine for many years and a regular attendee at Sunday Evensong until ill-health and a move away from Cambridge intervened. Several of us from College were glad to be able to attend both funeral services.

As usual the community of Fellows will be refreshed by turnover at the end of the year, which sees also the Mastership changing hands on 30 September as the College welcomes Mark Welland, an electrical engineer by training with a research interests in nanotechnology and nanoelectronics. Other joiners as Official Fellows (all holders of posts funded through the University) are Dr Mairi Kilkenny (Biochemistry), who will take over from me as Director of Studies in Part II & Part III Biochemistry; Dr Simon Taylor (Economics & Management), a former Fellow who rejoins, based at Judge Business School; and Dr Jennifer Sidey, who becomes our fourth Engineering Fellow and complements our present strengths in this subject. We also welcome two new Junior Research Fellows, Milan Pajic (History) and Marcel Elias (English), and a new Michael & Morwen Heller Fellow in Computer Science, Yarin Gal; all three are close to completing their PhDs. At the same time two JRFs demit their Fellowships; Dr Alison Banwell (2008, Geography) after completing her three years continues in the University as a Leverhulme/Newton Trust Early Career Research Fellow at the Scott Polar Research Institute and at St Catharine’s as a College Teaching Associate, and Dr Matthew Champion (History) leaves us after two years upon his appointment to a Lectureship in Mediaeval History at Birkbeck College, on which we congratulate him. We also say goodbye to Dr Andrew Hiller (Fellow in Mathematics), sadly after only one year, and congratulate him on his appointment as Senior Lecturer in Mathematics at Exeter University. We wish all the leavers well and thank them all for their very positive contributions to the College community. Fortunately not leaving, but morphing into Emeritus Fellows after long service, are Dr John Little (truly home-made: Catz as an undergraduate (1972) and then graduate student, and as JRF then Official Fellow since 1980), Senior Treasurer of the Amalgamated Sports Clubs, and Society Treasurer, who also comes to the end of his term as President of the College in September), and the multifaceted Dr Philip Oliver (Fellow since 1988) who served as a tireless Admissions Tutor until a year ago and has just retired as an equally tireless Graduate Tutor. We thank them both most warmly for all they have done for the College.

Last, but by no means least, the College will admit, on 30 September, three illustrious new Honorary Fellows (Nigel Hess (1971, Music), musician and composer; Professor Simon Gaunt (Fellow 1988–98; French); and Professor David Armitage FBA (1983, History)); and four Fellow Commoners – all staunch supporters of the College – Mark Humphries (1980, Law), Neil Ostrer (1974; History), Peter Dawson (1974, Natural Sciences) and Christina Dawson. We extend a warm welcome to them all and hope to see as much of them as possible.

It is always a pleasure to record, in the Master’s report, promotions, awards and honours for Fellows, and fortunately there is always something to say. This year is no exception. We acquired two new Professorial Fellows: we were delighted by the election of Dr Stefan Marciniak (Fellow in Medical Sciences) to the Chair of Respiratory Science during the year and by Dr Jeff Dalley’s promotion from Reader to Professor of Behavioural Neuroscience from October. There were also academic awards and prizes for Fellows again this year: the 2016 Toynbee Prize was awarded posthumously to Professor Sir Chris Bayly; Dr Gilly Carr received the inaugural Vice-Chancellor’s Impact Award for the School of Humanities and Social Sciences; Professor Ron Martin was awarded the Royal Geographical Society’s 2016 Victoria Medal for outstanding contributions to economic geography; and I was awarded the inaugural Frances Hoggan Medal by the Learned Society of Wales. We were delighted to see that there were also awards and prizes for past students, recorded under Honours & Awards in the Society section.
Finally I must mention another achievement that gives me great pleasure: as I had hoped, our busy Chaplain (now the Dean of Chapel) David Neaum, submitted his PhD thesis and been approved for the PhD degree, which will be officially conferred next term. Well done David!

Finally for accolades, the 2016 New Year’s Honours List brought good news: a KBE for Harvey McGrath (1971, Geography; Honorary Fellow; Chair of the Campaign Advisory Board) for services to economic growth and public life; a CBE for Society President Guy Beringer QC (1973, History & Law; Fellow Commoner and member of the Campaign Advisory Board) for services to export finance and pro bono work in the legal sector; while Honorary Fellow Charles Higham (1959, Archaeology and Anthropology) was made an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to archaeology. Honours were also conferred on old members in the New Year and Birthday Honours Lists (again see Honours & Awards), reflecting achievement over a wide range of activities and a significant contribution of College members nationally and beyond. Very many congratulations to all – and I hope nobody has been overlooked.

One of the pleasures of being Master is that it provides so many opportunities for interactions with old members, who still, rightly, take a close interest in the College and its plans after several decades in many cases. A well-attended lunch with the Woodlark Society in College in December was as always enjoyable, and January was considerably brightened by the eighth 1473 Foundation Dinner, this year kindly sponsored by Richard Thompson (1956, Engineering) and his wife Cynthia. (Apologies here for my inadvertent error in last year’s report where I should have attributed sponsorship of the seventh 1473 dinner to Neil Macdougall (1984, Natural Sciences) and his wife Alison Macdougall (née Halton, 1984, Law), rather than, again, to Neil and Alison Ostrer, who had sponsored the sixth event; you can see how this might have happened…!) The eighth dinner, at which four new members were admitted – Jonathan Ardron (1983, Physics), Sir Mark Horner QC (1975, Law), Roger Morley (1989, History) and Nick Reilly CBE (1968, Economics) – was preceded by a characteristically entertaining lecture by Jeremy Paxman (1969, English) in the McGrath Centre. The Benefactors’ Garden Party in June was the usual jolly affair and, as already noted, a large contingent went down to the river after lunch to catch up on old times and cheer on our several boats. The Reunion Dinners (1982–4 in April; 1967-70 in September) were very well attended and the usual success, with friendships renewed and news exchanged, as was the September Society Reunion Dinner, which unfortunately – at the last minute – I was unable to attend, for the first time in ten years. Alumni/Society events in London also attracted a good turnout. An October event moved this year a few hundred yards, from its location for the last two years at the Royal Society to the British Academy. A most enjoyable lecture by Professor Ron Martin FBA was followed by the usual lively audience engagement at question time and at the reception afterwards. At the other end of the year, in June, Guy Beringer marked his Presidency of the Society by hosting an excellent reception for Members and guests in the splendid surroundings of the Inner Temple, which was preceded by a musical entertainment provided by members of the College Choir in the Temple Church, and a fascinating overview of the history of the Church from Guy himself. I’m glad to take this opportunity to congratulate Guy most warmly on a highly successful Presidential year (see also his report) and to thank him for his sustained support for, and engagement with, the College. It has been a pleasure to work with him.

Although this year I made my last overseas visits as Master to meet alumni, some relationships built up over the years will extend beyond the Mastership so I haven’t said too many goodbyes. There were very enjoyable trips to New York and San Francisco in December – the timing to coincide with the East and West Coast launches of the University’s new Collegiate Cambridge Campaign – and to Hong Kong in April. In New York we enjoyed the excellent hospitality of Michael George (1982, Engineering) and his wife Elaine at their home, and in San Francisco of Geoffrey Norman (1963, History) and his wife Christina at theirs (photo in Alumni and Development Report) – at extremely short notice because of the collapse of other arrangements! The highlight of the Hong Kong visit, with (part of) the College
Choir in tow and several Fellows present, was the inaugural Asia Pacific 1473 Gala at the Hong Kong Club – the brainchild of Dr David Cheung (1958, Natural Sciences) and generously sponsored by David, and Michelle Ong Cheung, mainly to thank benefactor Members from the Asia Pacific region. After a splendid illustrated afternoon lecture by Tunku Ismail Farik (1986, Law) about his uncle Tunku Abdul Rahman (1922, Law), the first Prime Minister of Malaysia, and particularly about his time and exploits at St Catharine’s (see 2015 Magazine), we enjoyed a spectacular dinner enhanced at every stage by Michelle’s legendary attention to detail. Somehow we managed to muster ourselves next morning to hear the Choir sing in St John’s Cathedral, arranged by John Endicott (1964, Engineering; Fellow Commoner) before setting off on a much appreciated and most enjoyable boat trip of the islands hosted by David Cheung. A moment that will stay with me was the sound of the Choir singing quietly in the darkness that evening on a boat returning to the bright lights of Hong Kong harbour. It rained before we embarked and started to rain again as we disembarked but the day was splendid… and the Choir sang so sweetly! I headed off straight from the boat to the airport and home, with memories not only of that day and the one before but of an afternoon some of us spent at the Hong Kong Sevens, as guests of Les Hales (1964, Engineering) and of time spent with Society members who have now become firm friends over the last decade.

You can read about the activities of the St Catharine’s Society, comprising all former Members of College and run by volunteers, in the reports of its President and Secretary together with reports of particular events such as the Acheson Gray Sports Day in the Society section. I cannot fault the Society for its interest in the College and for its encouragement and enthusiasm – in particular its Branches for keeping alive the spirit of the college and the Branch Chairs for taking on the responsibility of organising this; and of course the hardworking Honorary Officers: Chairman, David Sanders (1969, Natural Sciences); Secretary, David Peace (1966, Classics; Fellow Commoner); and Treasurer, Dr John Little (Fellow). (I have already paid tribute to the President, Guy Beringer.) I’d also like to thank Magazine editor Roger Stratford (1960, Fellow Commoner) for doing an amazing job of putting together this near complete record of College and Society activities year after year (herding cats comes to mind…), his able lieutenant Dr Chris Thorne (Emeritus Fellow) who takes on particular responsibility for student items, and the youthful (by comparison) College Librarian, Colin Higgins who looks after the book reviews. On behalf of the undergraduates particularly, but of all of us, I’d like to thank the Society for its continued help in 2015–16 with the provision of a huge variety of small grants and bursaries for music and sport (as many as 68 awards to individuals to help with 25 different sports), and a diverse range of summer internships, at a total cost of nearly £10,000. This assistance makes a huge difference to a large number of deserving students and complements the assistance given through the Annual Fund, to which so many of you, readers, have contributed and for which I thank you most sincerely. This year £205,000 was raised in this way and all of it was spent on supporting students in a variety of ways.

You might think it odd if I closed without mentioning the Old Press Site/Mill Lane, across the road, and whether the College will expand its footprint in that direction in the near future. A fair summary would be that much time has been spent in discussion and negotiation between the four interested Colleges
and the University as all bodies strive to strike the best deal. The only sure outcome as at the end of September 2016 is that a very large donation from the Dolby family has allowed Pembroke to commit to the project on its part of the site, to the south of Mill Lane. Meanwhile the other three colleges (Queens’, Darwin and ourselves) continue to explore options for the north side of the Site. It now seems probable, because of the likely costs, that realistically this College would have to restrict its aspirations to about two thirds of the originally envisaged 100 rooms and would be reliant on contributions from Society members in order to go ahead. The Fellows feel that the other funding options that have been aired are not viable, and that prudently no more than about half the total costs could be borrowed. I shall look forward with interest to how this pans out. Maybe the once-in-a-(College)-lifetime chance of extension of the College across the road was just wishful thinking. If so the College will move on and aim to provide the increased accommodation needed for our students (graduate and undergraduates) by expansion/rebuilding on our existing peripheral sites. Meanwhile negotiations with the University are expected to resume in mid-October and I’m sure my successor will be sharing further news with you as it becomes available.

I have already moved out of the Master’s Lodge, with some nostalgia, and back into my much smaller house in north Cambridge. I shall observe the progress of the College from the sidelines and I shall be willing it to do well in all its activities. I shall not be idle (just yet anyway!): some continued involvement with research in the Biochemistry Department (ongoing after 47 years), the Presidency of the Royal Society of Biology, Trusteeship of the Wolfson Foundation, various committees of the Royal Society, Membership of the Scientific Advisory Council for the Welsh Government, and some other minor activities will keep me busy. But I will always try to find time to come back to St Catharine’s events to which past-Masters are invited, to Society events, and (as a continuing Patron!) when the Girls’ Choir performs, and I hope to see many of you then. I’m tempted to sign off with ‘For the Wheel’ but it would probably be deemed not to be fitting… I wish you all well, and thank you all again for a wonderful ten years.

Jean Thomas

THE FELLOWSHIP

As at 1 October 2016, in order of seniority 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 Sir Mark Welland FRS FREng** (2016) Professor of Nanotechnology and Director of the Nanoscience Centre; Master

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

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

**Dr Robert BB Wardy** (1984) Reader in Ancient Philosophy; DoS in Philosophy, DoS in Classics (on leave Michaelmas)

**Professor John A Pyle ScD FRS** (1986) Head of the University Chemistry Department, 1920 Professor of Physical Chemistry and Co-Director of the Centre for Atmospheric Science

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

**Professor Eilis V Ferran FBA** (1987) University Pro-Vice-Chancellor, 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 Ian C Willis** (1989) University Senior Lecturer; Cousens Fellow, DoS in Geography
Professor Sir Christopher Clark FBA FAHA (1990) Regius Professor of History; Ostrer Professorial Fellow in History
Dr E Geoffrey Kantaris (1990) Reader in Spanish & Portuguese and Director of the Centre of Latin American Studies; DoS in Modern & Medieval Languages
Mr Michael F Kitson (1992) University Senior Lecturer; DoS in Management Studies (on leave 2016–7)
Dr Rose A Melikan (1993) Sir John Baker College Lecturer in Law, Fellows’ Registrar
Dr Michael PF Sutchiffe (1993) Reader in Mechanics of Materials; Harold Ridgeon Fellow, DoS in Engineering
Dr John H Xuereb MD FRCP FRCPath (1994) DoS in Pathology, Dean
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
Dr Caroline Gonda (1996) College Lecturer, DoS in English, Secretary to the Governing Body
Dr Nora Berend (1996) Reader in European History; (on leave Michaelmas)
Dr David C Aldridge (1997) University Senior Lecturer; Dawson College Lecturer, DoS in Biological Natural Sciences, Steward
Dr Richard W Dance (1997) Reader in Anglo-Saxon, Norse & Celtic; Praelector, DoS in Anglo-Saxon, Norse & Celtic (on leave Easter)
Dr Peter D Wothers (1997) University Teaching Fellow; Rushton Fellow, DoS in Chemistry, Graduate Tutor
Professor Mark C Elliott (1998†) (Professor of Public Law; DoS in Law
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 (on leave 2016–7)
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 David Bainbridge (2003) University Clinical Veterinary Anatomist; DoS in Veterinary Medicine, Tutor, Admissions Tutor, Disability 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
Dr Hester Lees-Jeffries (2006) University Lecturer; DoS in English, Tutor
Dr Edward Wickham (2006) Director of College Music, DoS in Music, Tutor (Lent & Easter)
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, Admissions Tutor, Tutor (on leave Lent & Easter)
Dr Richard Harrison (2007) Reader in Earth Sciences; DoS in Geology & Mineral Sciences, Health & Safety Fellow
Professor Jeffrey Dalley (2007) Professor of 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; DoS in Law (on leave Michaelmas & Lent)
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, SCR Secretary
Dr Simon Taylor (2016) Senior Faculty in Management Practice; DoS in Management Studies
Professor Stuart Althorpe (2010) Professor of Theoretical Chemistry
Dr Matthew De Jong (2010) University Senior Lecturer; DoS in Engineering
Dr Fatima Santos (2010) Senior Postdoc Scientist; DoS in Developmental Biology
Professor Stefan Marciniak (2011) Professor of Respiratory Science and MRC Senior Clinical Research Fellow; DoS in Preclinical Medicine
Dr Hazem Kandil (2012) University Lecturer; DoS in Human, Social & Political Sciences (Sociology) (on leave Easter)
Dr Michael D Hurley (2012) University Lecturer; DoS in English
Revd Dr David Neaum (2013) Dean of Chapel
Professor Nicholas Morrell FMedSci (2013) Professor of Cardiopulmonary Medicine; DoS in Clinical Medicine
Dr Timothy Rogan (2013) College Lecturer, DoS in History, Tutor
Dr Jessica Gwynne (2013) University Teaching Fellow; DoS in Materials Science, Graduate Tutor
Dr Haris Psarras (2015) Richard Fellingham College Associate Teaching Officer in Law, DoS in Law
Dr Michael Amior (2015) Bevil Mabey College Lecturer and DoS in Economics
*Dr Mairi Kilkeny (2016) Senior Research Associate; DoS in Biochemistry
*Dr Jennifer Sidey (2016) University Lecturer in Engineering
† Inducted 1999
Research Fellows
Dr David Waddilove (2014) Newton Trust Research Fellow (Law)
Dr Glenn Masson (2015) Henslow Research Fellow in Biochemistry
Dr Rao Vadlamani (2015) Bowring Research Fellow in Engineering
*Milan Pajic (2016) Research Fellow (History)
*Marcel Elias (2016) Research Fellow (English)
*Yarin Gal (2016) Heller Research Fellow (Computer Science)

Honorary Fellows
Sir Peter Hall (1964)
Dr KT Erikson (1973)
Sir Peter Hirsch (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) (1992)
Professor BE Supple (Master 1984–93) (1993)
Dr Cham Tao Soon (1996)
Professor Sir Michael Peckham (1998)
Dr FRLEP Warner (1999)
Professor Sir Jonathan Bate (2001)
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)
Sir Harvey McGrath (Fellow Commoner 2004) (2013)
Mr DW Harding (2013)
Professor RLA Saxton (2015)
Professor SM Springton (2015)
*Mr NJ Hess (2016)
*Professor SB Gaunt (Fellow 1988–98) (2016)
*Professor DR Armitage (2016)

Emeritus Fellows
Professor AF Beardon (Fellow 1968) (1987)
Professor MDI Chisholm (Fellow 1976) (1996)
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 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)
Professor RL Martin (Fellow 1974) (2015)
Dr JA Little (Fellow 1980) (2016)
Dr P Oliver (Fellow 1988) (2016)

Fellow Commoners
Dr GT Cavaliero (1986)
Revd JSTH Mullett (1989)
Mr R Stratford (1992)
Mr JB Bibby (1996)
Mr PJ Boizot (1996)
Lady Morven Heller (2003)
Mr NF Haynes (2005)
Mr GG Beringer (2008)
Revd Canon HD Searle (2008)
Mr HW Bate (2009)
Mr PA Bowring (2009)
Mr MD Richer (2009)
Lord Horam (2010)
Mr T Adams (2011)
Mr DW Peace (2014)
Professor AG Watts (2014)
Mr LJ Endicott (2015)
*Mr P Dawson (2016)
*Mrs C Dawson (2016)
*Mr NM Ostrer (2016)
*Mr MJ Humphries (2016)

*New and returning Fellows etc: see biographical notes below. DoS: Director of Studies.
Professor Sir Mark Welland started his career in nanoscience and nanotechnology at IBM Research Laboratories, Yorktown Heights, USA, where he was part of the team that developed one of the first scanning tunnelling microscopes. In 1985, appointed to a Lectureship in Electrical Engineering at the University of Cambridge, he set up the first tunnelling microscopy group in the UK and in 1991 he began the nanoscience research group. Sir Mark is currently Professor of Nanotechnology researching into a broad range of both fundamental and applied problems. These include developing nanotechnology-based therapeutic strategies for disease treatment, protein mis-folding problems related to conditions such as Alzheimer’s, protein and peptide interactions at surfaces, biologically-inspired nanomaterials for green technologies and nanoelectronics for future generation communications and sensing.

Sir Mark established a purpose-built facility at the University of Cambridge, the Nanoscience Centre, which undertakes a variety of nano-related research programmes of an interdisciplinary nature. This was the base for the Interdisciplinary Research Collaboration (IRC) in Nanotechnology of which Sir Mark was the Director and whose highly successful legacy has been far reaching. He has substantive international connections in the USA, Japan, Europe, India and the Middle East. He established the Science and Technology Research Centre at the American University in Cairo, Egypt, that he co-directed from 2003 to 2010 and from 2008 to 2012 was for the UK, the international principal investigator of the $100M World Premier Research Institute in nanomaterials based in Tsukuba, Japan. He has given a number of prestigious lectures that include the Turing Lecture, IEE and British Computing Society, 2002; the Sterling Lectures, Annual Appointment made by the Sterling group of Universities, 2003; The Annual Materials Research Society of India Lecture, Mumbai, India, 2006 and the Max Planck Society Lecture 2007, MPI, Stuttgart, Germany, 2007. He was awarded the prestigious Rosetrees Trust Interdisciplinary Prize 2015 alongside Professor Andres Floto for research on tuberculosis drug treatments.

From April 2008 until May 2012, Sir Mark was Chief Scientific Adviser to the UK Government Ministry of Defence. In April 2011 he was presented with the US Secretary of Defense’s Award for Exceptional Public Service. The award is one of the highest awards the Department of Defense can present to a representative of another Government. Also in April 2011 he received the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) Gold Medal for Distinguished Service; the highest medal awarded by the NNSA.

Sir Mark was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society, a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering, and a Fellow of the Institute of Physics in 2002, a Foreign Fellow of the National Academy of Sciences India in 2008 and a Foreign Fellow of the Danish Academy of Sciences in 2010. Sir Mark was awarded a Knighthood in the Queen’s Birthday Honours list in 2011. He received an Honorary Doctorate of Science from the University of Bristol in 2014.

In addition to his scientific work Sir Mark has been involved in a number of reports, national and international, dealing with the societal, ethical and environmental issues of nanotechnology including the highly cited Royal Society and Royal Academy of Engineering report: *Nanoscience and nanotechnologies: opportunities and uncertainties*, that reported to the UK Government in July 2004. As part of a long-term commitment to engaging with schools across Europe Sir Mark designed a short DVD film (narrated by Stephen Fry and translated into 12 languages) that won the Science Short Film of the Year at Sciinema 2010 and is one of the most popular University of Cambridge videos (over 300,000 hits). Sir Mark is currently Head of Electrical Engineering at Cambridge.
NEW FELLOWS

David Armitage is the Lloyd C Blankfein Professor of History and former Chair of the History Department at Harvard University, where he teaches intellectual history and international history. He received his BA in English (1986), an MA (1990) and the LittD (2015) at St Catharine’s and his PhD in History (1992) while holding a Research Fellowship at Emmanuel College. Before moving to Harvard in 2004, he taught for eleven years at Columbia University in New York. He is the author or editor of sixteen books, among them *The Ideological Origins of the British Empire* (2000), *The Declaration of Independence: A Global History* (2007), *Foundations of Modern International Thought* (2013), *The History Manifesto* (2014) and *Civil Wars: A History in Ideas* (2017). He has held visiting and research positions in Australia, France, Germany, the United Kingdom and the United States and is currently an Affiliated Faculty Member at Harvard Law School, an Affiliated Professor in the Harvard Government Department and an Honorary Professor of History at the University of Sydney. He is also a Corresponding Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh and an Honorary Fellow of the Australian Academy of the Humanities.

Peter Dawson read Natural Sciences at St Catharine’s, matriculating in 1974, and immediately after graduating joined Bechtel Group, Inc., a leading engineering, project management and construction company. Peter served in various management roles at the Group before taking up his current post of Chief Financial Officer in 2002. He has had a life-long interest in wine sparked by having the good fortune to have Sydney Smith as his tutor.

Christina met Peter in his second year at Catz. She had a middle management career with the Manpower Services Commission, specialising in training and industrial relations. When Peter’s career took the family to California she became committed to volunteering within the local community undertaking leadership positions within women’s groups, parents and sports associations. With Peter she took parent leadership roles at Bucknell University and Whitman College. She is currently a Board Member of the Montana Academy Foundation. Her special interest is in student welfare.

Marcel Elias works on the literary, social, and cultural history of the crusades. His research interests include Middle English and Anglo-Norman romance, chansons de geste, the history of emotions and sin, blasphemy, the representational ethics of violence, and religious conversion. Marcel arrived in Cambridge for a PhD in 2013, following a BA and an MA at the University of Lausanne in Switzerland.
Yarin Gal is the Michael and Morven Heller Research Fellow in Computer Science and also part-time fellow at the Alan Turing Institute. He obtained his PhD from the Cambridge machine learning group, working with Zoubin Ghahramani and funded by the Google Europe Doctoral Fellowship. Prior to that he studied at the Computer Science Department, Oxford, for a Master’s degree under the supervision of Phil Blunsom. Gal’s work lies in the fields of linguistics, applied mathematics, and computer science. He has developed Bayesian techniques for deep learning, with applications to reinforcement learning. In the past he worked on Bayesian modelling, approximate inference and natural language processing.

Simon Gaunt is Professor of French Language and Literature at King’s College London. After a BA and PhD at the University of Warwick, and a research fellowship at Downing College, from 1988 to 1998 he was Official Fellow, Director of Studies in Modern and Medieval Languages, and tutor at St Catharine’s. He is a French medievalist and the author of five books, the most recent of which are Martyrs to Love (2008) and Marco Polo’s Le Devisement du Monde (2013). In 2016 he will publish a new translation of the Song of Roland with OUP. He chaired the King’s French Department for six years and has also been Dean of Arts and Humanities: he was made a Fellow of King’s College London in 2015. A former President of the Society for French Studies, Simon currently holds an ERC-Advanced Grant for a project called The Values of French.

Nigel Hess studied music at St Catharine’s and has since worked extensively as a composer in television, theatre, film and the concert hall. He has scored many Royal Shakespeare Company and Shakespeare’s Globe productions and received the New York Drama Desk Award for Much Ado About Nothing and Cyrano de Bergerac on Broadway. Nigel has also composed much concert music including the Concerto for Piano and Orchestra commissioned by HRH the Prince of Wales, together with numerous scores for both American and British television productions. He has received the Ivor Novello award twice for Best TV Theme (Hetty Wainthropp Investigates and Testament), and is well-known to Classic FM listeners for his film soundtrack to Ladies in Lavender played by violinist Joshua Bell and the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra.

Mark Humphries is senior partner of the boutique City litigation firm Humphries Kerstetter LLP where he handles a wide range of high value claims for banks, corporations and individuals. In his spare time he is a member of the Council of the Law Society, representing the interests of solicitors engaged in civil litigation, and is the Lloyd’s Members’ Ombudsman. Mark was one of the first solicitors to appear as an advocate in the High Court and the Court of Appeal. He is interested in, and frequently publishes articles on, all things litigious but with particular focus on the ethics and funding of litigation.
Mairi Kilkenny completed her PhD in Biochemistry at Sidney Sussex College in 2004 under the supervision of Professor Sir Tom Blundell. After working for several years as a post-doctoral research fellow at the Institute of Cancer Research in London, she then returned to the Department of Biochemistry in Cambridge to study the way in which cells replicate their genome prior to cell division. This process is central to all life, and its accuracy is of paramount importance in preventing disease. She enjoys shooting intense x-ray and electron beams at biological samples in an attempt to understand what proteins look like and how they work in the cell.

Neil Ostrer studied history at St Catharine’s College, graduating in 1981. Thereafter he entered the City and the world of equity fund management. He worked for GT Management 1981–6 in both London and latterly San Francisco before leaving the company to form a start-up institutional equity fund manager in late 1986 with two industry colleagues. This was named Marathon Asset Management and has grown over the years to now manage over $50bn for pension funds, endowments and foundations from around the world and most particularly in North America. Neil has always specialised as a European Equity Fund Manager.

Milan Pajic has a BA in Applied Languages from Université de Franche-Comté and an MA in Intercultural Studies from Université de Strasbourg. He has recently completed a joint-PhD at the Universities of Ghent (History) and Strasbourg (English Studies) dealing with the migration of Flemish textile workers to England in the fourteenth century, their economic influence and the transfer of skills. His research focuses on migration flows between continental Europe and England in the Late Medieval period, more precisely on the immigrants’ economic impact.

Jenni Sidey studied Mechanical Engineering at McGill University before completing her PhD in Engineering at Jesus College in 2015. Following her graduation, she continued working as a post-doctoral researcher on a European Commission project in collaboration with Rolls-Royce through the University Gas Turbine Partnership at the University of Cambridge. She studies fundamental turbulent combustion and has a background in research areas involving microgravity particle combustion, hydrogen production, low-emission combustion systems, and gas turbine engines. As the University Lecturer in Internal Combustion Engines, her current research areas of interest include alternative fuel additives, spray flame physics, and pollutant analysis.

Simon Taylor will once again become an official Fellow in Economics this October. He was previously elected a Fellow (and Joint College Lecturer in Economics with Girton College) in 1988. Simon left Cambridge to work in the City of London in 1991. He returned in 2007, as a University Lecturer in Finance at Judge Business School, where he is the Director of the Master of Finance. He was awarded a Pilkington Prize for teaching in 2009. His history of the British nuclear power industry was published in 2016. He will teach Part I microeconomics and Part II B money and banking.
RETIREMENTS AND FAREWELLS

Alison Banwell’s Research Fellowship has come to an end, but she will remain part of the College community as a College Teaching Associate until her Leverhulme Early Career Fellowship ends in May 2018.

Matthew Champion has been appointed to a Lectureship in Medieval History at Birkbeck College, London. During his time as a Research Fellow at St Catharine’s he worked on his book The Fullness of Time: Temporalities of the Fifteenth-Century Low Countries which is due to appear with University of Chicago Press in 2017.

Andrew Hillier has been appointed to a Senior Lectureship at Exeter. He writes ‘I had not intended my time at St Catharine’s to be so short. However, Exeter, a University with a very good reputation for astrophysics, approached me with an offer which was just too good to turn down. I shall be sad to leave. I would like to thank you all for welcoming me into the College and giving me so many wonderful opportunities in my time here.’

John Little and Philip Oliver become Emeritus Fellows. See the article by Philip looking back over 40 years in Cambridge.

Jean Thomas has retired as Master. See several records of thanks to her for nearly ten years’ service in reports from Fellows and students.

PROFESSOR HENRY ‘HARRY’ ELDERFIELD FRS FELLOW 1984, EMERITUS FELLOW 2010

Died 19 April 2016.

Harry was educated at Sir William Turner’s School, Coatham, and Eston Grammar School followed by a BSc and, later, a PhD from Liverpool University. Following a Research Fellowship at Imperial College, London, 1968–9 he was appointed to a Lectureship at the University of Leeds where he remained until his move to the Department of Earth Sciences at Cambridge in 1982. He was initially an Assistant Director in Research, then Reader in 1989 and finally Professor of Ocean Geochemistry and Palaeochemistry from 1999 until his ‘retirement’ in 2010. He received his ScD from Cambridge in 1989 and was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society in 2001.

*Harry’s twin brother John, Chief Curator Emeritus, The Museum of Modern Art, New York, writes*

On a number of occasions over the almost six months since Harry died, I have read or seen something, and thought: ‘I must tell Harry about this.’ I presume that eventually these thoughts will stop coming; but I think I will regret it when they do. Harry and I had lived on different continents for about forty years, so ‘I must tell Harry about this’ was the thing that most often brought him to my mind. This, continuing after his death, is my mind fooling me for a moment that he is still alive. And that will pass. But what won’t, I know, is what produced – and was produced by – this impulse: shared experiences that began to collect when we were born twins; that filled our childhood and adolescence; and that we were determined to add to after we led separate lives.
Twins share experiences to a greater extent than other siblings do. This is mainly passive: being born and brought up together, most things happen to twins at the same time. They did with Harry and me, so that I find it impossible to speak of what he did except by speaking of what we did together.

We were born in 1943, in a small village in what was then called the North Riding of Yorkshire: born not only into post-war rationing, but also in conditions not unlike those of the rural nineteenth century: in a house with no fridge, no phone, no car, no indoor toilet, no heating except for coal fires, no hot water except what was boiled. But we did have the privilege of belonging to the last generation to be brought up without television; therefore, we played games together and read voraciously. And we had the greater privilege of benefiting from the 1944 Education Act, which would make it possible for us to stay in school after the age of sixteen, and then go on to university. In the meantime, we did almost everything together: we became symmetrical altar boys; took overnight hiking trips alone at an age that would be inconceivable today; became Queen’s Scouts; excelled at athletics; flunked boxing because we refused to fight each other; became under-age visitors to distant pubs; and failed miserably to persuade girl friends that the Rolling Stones were better than the Beatles, despite the pitch (which I learned from a friend) that I want to hold your hand isn’t as good as Let’s spend the night together.

But sharing experiences for twins isn’t only passive; it is often also active: a wish to collect experiences to share. For Harry and me, this was sometimes a matter of need: we were so identical when we were young that even our mother had difficulty differentiating us. Therefore, I had to pass on messages intended for him, and vice-versa; this became habitual, and continued through our school days. And the active collecting of information – because it was important or interesting to share; and to explain to each other – also became habitual. This is why, I have to think, both Harry and I enjoyed working in institutions devoted to this activity.

Both of us learned from childhood, in a very caring environment, to do our sharing and explaining in a quiet, not strident manner. But Harry did so particularly; and his modesty extended to his achievements. We spoke often about what we were both doing, and I knew of his appointments and many awards; but it wasn’t until I started reading, in his obituaries, phrases like ‘one of the great world-leading scientists’ and ‘one of the foremost scientists of his generation,’ that I realized just how distinguished he was. And, while I had met a good many of his students over the years, I hadn’t realized how important and wide-reaching his mentorship had been – and just how warmly he was appreciated. However, he was always telling me how proud he was of what his PhD students had achieved.

One of them, Rosalind Rickaby, wrote in her Nature obituary that Harry ‘had an incredible knack of teasing sense out of disorder – or in his words, of finding the “really interesting” trends in “unascribable scatter.”’ This continuing task – which is also one that art historians like me have to undertake, because artists themselves do so – is, of course, related to the continuing human one of looking for order within our own lives, and seeking, in our personal interactions with one another, a clarity of communication – messy human interactions being the personal equivalent of unascribable scatter.

When Harry’s clarity of communication was cut short, his death came just short of our birthday. And what came vividly to my mind was that, just short of our day of birth, our father, also called Harry, went missing in action, presumed drowned, while trying to save his crew after his plane had been shot down over the English Channel.

This wasn’t discussed much when we were small, although I do remember that we had the idea that the opening phrase of the Lord’s Prayer meant that it was our own father which art in heaven. But much later, when we were settled in our respective professions, we did talk from time to time about how we were both concerned with a search into the past: Harry studying the history contained in sediment on the ocean floor; me studying the art-historical past. In this, both of us, I think, were partially driven by the absence of our father – Harry more explicitly.
I remember that on one occasion, at least, we looked together at Ariel’s famous song from The Tempest that begins, Full fathom five thy father lies – not only an elegy but also a reminder of where our planet’s past is buried. No wonder that Harry did what he did; and did it so well.

Professor Nick McCave, Emeritus Woodwardian Professor of Geology at Cambridge writes

Many geochemists of my acquaintance have been strident and occasionally combative characters with a clear sense of the correctness of their views. That was not Harry Elderfield’s way because he was neither strident nor combative (although he was very frequently correct), but persuaded others in a more gentle manner.

Having completed his BSc in chemistry, Harry embarked upon a PhD in the oceanography department at Liverpool. While still a PhD student he obtained a research fellowship at Imperial College in London. He was then appointed lecturer in 1969 at Leeds. Finally, to complete the reverse of the normal running order, he was awarded his PhD in 1970. Harry’s thesis was actually in the area of sedimentary mineralogy supervised by Roy Chester, but the Professor of Oceanography at Liverpool was the renowned marine chemist John Riley who had a great influence on Harry’s education. Indeed a significant early paper was not on sedimentary mineralogy but on chromium in seawater.

In the 1970s, the first decade of his career, Harry worked on a number of topics none of which attracted a great degree of attention, but notable work on strontium isotopes in pore waters, ferromanganese sediments on land and in the ocean, and the interaction between volcanic rocks and sea water, laid the groundwork for what he was to do in the next decade. At Leeds in 1977 Harry appointed Mervyn Greaves as his research assistant, but then promptly departed on sabbatical leave to the University of Rhode Island. Back at Leeds Mervyn had worked on mass spectrometry with Chris Hawksworth (later FRS) and was thus in a position to assist Harry in his next venture.

He made a big leap forward in the early 1980s when he and Mervyn Greaves were the first to measure Rare Earth elements extracted from 50 litre barrels of seawater using mass spectrometric methods. They showed that the distribution of rare earths, especially neodymium, could be used to identify different water masses in modern oceans. He also predicted that these signatures could be extracted from seabed sediments and used to track how ocean circulation has changed over time.

In the 1980s Harry made extensive use of the strontium isotope ratio ($^{87}$Sr/$^{86}$Sr) and established the strontium isotope curve for seawater for the past 75 million years with his student Martin Palmer. He showed the existence of large-scale flow of young cold seawater through permeable oceanic rocks. This had consequences for our understanding of seawater chemistry as well as large scale mountain building and weathering processes. Harry was one of the leaders of the UK contribution to the international research effort on processes at mid-ocean ridges. This involved many trips to sea and several dives to 3000m depths in the little research submersible Alvin on the mid-Atlantic Ridge to observe first-hand the plumes of geothermally heated water and chemicals discharged into the ocean.

Most of this work was accomplished after Harry left Leeds for Cambridge in 1982 where he became an Assistant Director of Research, then Reader then Professor, and a Fellow of St Catharine’s in 1984. When promoted to Professor in this University one may choose one’s title, so, to emphasise both modern and ancient aspects of his work, Harry became the Professor of Ocean Geochemistry and Palaeochemistry.

From the mid-1990s to the present Harry developed proxies for ocean temperature and acidity leading to work on the impact of increasing CO$_2$ on the oceans and climate. Our colleague Sir Nick Shackleton had what was thought to be a palaeothermometer based on oxygen isotopes for ice ages but in fact recorded mainly the effect of fluctuating ice volume. Shackleton wanted to remove temperature effect in order to get at the pure ice volume signal to understand global sea-level history. It fell to Harry to show the most successful way to do this.
Harry had long been interested in carbonates. Trace elements in calcium carbonate minerals reveal environmental conditions at the time of their formation. Here magnesium proved to be a winner because its abundance in the microscopic shells of foraminifera depends on temperature. There can be few palaeoceanographic laboratories in the world that do not use the magnesium to calcium ratio in foraminifera to determine past ocean temperatures. A hugely influential paper he published in Science in 2012 solved Shackleton’s problem of separating temperature and ice volume for the deep Pacific for the last million years.

Another key trace element is boron which he and his student Jimin Yu demonstrated to be sensitive to the acidity/alkalinity balance (pH) of the oceans. This led to an attack on the problem of the effects of the invasion of carbon dioxide into ocean waters resulting from its injection into the atmosphere through the burning of fossil fuels.

As an oceanographer Harry spent a fair amount of time at sea. He was involved in at least 17 deep sea cruises, cumulatively well over a year at sea. He was a pretty good sailor and I don’t recollect him being seasick on any of the cruises we undertook together. Indeed I do remember him keeping fit on the rowing machine down in the aft hold of the Charles Darwin as we pitched our way into a constant force six trade wind in the Indian Ocean.

Many honours came to him: Fellow of the Royal Society and of the American Geophysical Union, and half a dozen medals from geochemical and geological societies. As you might expect of this delightfully modest man, evidence of these was quite absent from the walls of his office. What were present though were posters of art exhibitions: Harry had a very good eye, perhaps a family trait, and Matisse was one of his favourites.

His legacy is first a toolbox containing methods to examine and define the oceans’ key environmental parameters in the past, notably temperature, acidity and water mass distributions. But more importantly he has left a cohort of more than 40 former research students. At the 2016 triennial meeting of most of the world’s research workers in the field of palaeoceanography, I invited his former research associates and students, and anyone using his chemical methods to stand up. In a hall containing about 650 people over 400 did so. That demonstrates the massive impact he has had on the science of the environment, an impact that will long endure.

ASA BRIGGS, THE RIGHT HONOURABLE LORD BRIGGS OF LEWES (HONORARY FELLOW 1977)

Died 15 March 2016, aged 94.

Asa Briggs was elected to an Honorary Fellowship in 1977 when he became Provost of our Oxford sister college, Worcester.

Asa Briggs was born in Keighley, Yorkshire, on 7 May 1921 and, after attending the Grammar School there as a Scholar, went up to Sidney Sussex (the first of his family ever to attend university). In 1941 he simultaneously took a history degree at Cambridge and an external economics degree at London; he got firsts in both. During the war, Asa was a member of the Ultra team at Bletchley Park, helping to decode enemy messages. In 1944, whilst still at Bletchley, he was appointed to a Fellowship at Worcester and soon established his reputation as an Oxford academic. He was appointed to a Readership in Social and Economic History in 1950. In 1955 he was appointed to the Chair of Modern History at Leeds and his six years there were his most creative – not only a study of the history of broadcasting but several books including The Age of Improvement 1783–1867, Victorian Cities, and Victorian People. In 1960 he moved to the
new University of Sussex as Professor of History and Dean of the School of Social Studies. Sussex became a hotbed of unrest in the student rebellions of the late 1960s, but Briggs gained widespread approval for his tolerance and for maintaining his sense of humour throughout those difficult times. From 1966 he served on the planning committee for the Open University. He was made a life peer on his retirement from Sussex in 1976 and then returned to Oxford as Provost of Worcester the following year. He combined his duties as Provost with those of the Open University when he was appointed its Chancellor in 1979.

ROY CHAPMAN (1955, FELLOW COMMONER 2005)

Died 22 November 2015.

Roy Chapman, a Fellow Commoner of the College, died on 22 November 2015 after five days in hospital. Roy read English in 1955–8, under the tutelage of Tom Henn, then Senior Tutor, and of John Andrew, later to become Senior Tutor.

Roy was part of that post-war generation of grammar school boys, who found their way to Cambridge, and particularly to St Catharine’s, the result of inspired teaching at school and of a warm welcome by the College. At that time, most new undergraduates had come up after their National Service, so Roy was among the youngest in his year. He was the son of a shoe maker in Kettering, won a scholarship to the local grammar school and made the most of the opportunity that Cambridge provided. Whilst an undergraduate he was awarded a Blue for running the half mile in the Oxford/Cambridge match at White City.

In 1958 he joined the international accounting organisation Arthur Andersen, one of the first recruits it employed after opening its office in the City of London. Over the years he rose to the highest ranks of his profession, became a notable figure in the City and was appointed Senior Partner in 1989. He served a four year term as the head of Andersen and retired in 1993 to take up some of the many offers that came his way in the financial and corporate worlds. He became the Chairman of the Post Office Pension Fund (going down to the Post Office, as he used to say) and took up non-executive directorships of Eurotunnel, the Halifax Building Society and the Atomic Energy Enterprise. Clearly a figure of authority, though a man of great modesty. He never referred to his achievements and high position, and remained what he was, a product of the grammar school elite, that made its way through Cambridge to positions of high authority and reputation in the business world.

But there was more to Roy Chapman than his business career. He never forgot what St Catharine’s College did for him. He dedicated his time and effort to supporting the College, chaired the College Development Committee which raised millions to be invested in the College and served as President of the St Catharine’s College Society. He attended many social functions designed to bring together members of the Governing Body and former members of the College, much to the benefit of both. For these services he was appointed a Fellow Commoner of the College.

Roy nurtured the friendships he made at St Catharine’s, and there were regular lunches with the old guard. He went beyond the ordinary bonds of friendship. In 1961 he married Janet, the sister of Martin Taylor who, like Roy, was a member of the College in 1955–8 and who served the College throughout his working life and donated generously to its financial and other needs. Sadly he died in 2014 so the College has now lost two of its faithful friends. Roy and Janet had three children, William, Lucy and Henry, all of whom sought their futures in the financial world.

Roy was a man of integrity, honesty and modesty, and it is a privilege to honour him.

John Walters (1955)
I think this may be the fifteenth of these Reports I have penned, which represents a considerable stint in post, certainly more than any of the immediate predecessors I can recall, so please forgive a certain familiarity in what follows.

First, Tripos performance (academic matters being our raison d’être after all), which was modest. Although we slipped a little from last year’s middling 13th in Mr Tompkins’s Table to this year’s less-than-middling 17th, there is no statistical significance in any differential position between 4th and 20th on the list. In fact, in absolute terms, the showing was slightly better than last year, with fewer students – less than 10% – achieving below a 2.1, and a similar number of Firsts to 2015, around 25%. Again, our strongest subjects were English and Natural Sciences (especially Chemistry), and there were exceptional solo showings in several areas, with the best Part III Chemist and Physicist in the University, and fine starred Firsts in Archaeology, Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, Geography, and Management Studies; one of our Clinical Medics topped the University list in her Clinical Finals, an equally impressive achievement. Since this is likely to be the last year in which class-lists are made public (and posted outside the Senate House), Mr Tompkins may be out of a job next summer; this year, his Table only made it into Varsity rather than The Independent.

It was an especial pleasure this year to teach our Part II English students for the whole of the compulsory Tragedy paper, including an excursion to Shakespeare’s Globe to see a production of Aeschylus’s Oresteia which began splendidly and ended in farcical catastrophe – not from the directorial hand of Dominic Dromgoole (1982), whose stint as Artistic Director ended with his worldwide travelling production of Hamlet (for which I saw a poster when in Zambia last August) and then his staging of two of Shakespeare’s late plays, Pericles and The Tempest, in the Wanamaker Theatre, a wonderful venue which has come to fruition under Dominic’s hand. He will be seriously missed.

It being the Bard’s Mortal Quatercentenary, perhaps I can be excused even more than usual for summarising the College’s Shakespearean activities: Simon Godwin (1994), now an Associate Director at the National – ‘St Catharine’s on the South Bank’, as he recently signed himself off – directed Hamlet at the RSC, in a vividly exciting Ghanaian-inspired production, and is already working towards Twelfth Night at the NT this autumn and then Antony and Cleopatra there next year. This second will star Ralph Fiennes, whose Richard III is currently at the Almeida, with Scott Handy (1987) playing the Duke of Clarence and coming to a very malmsey end. Nigel Hess (1971), recently elected to an Honorary Fellowship, provided the musical direction (and composed much of the music when resident at the RSC) for a Shakespeare Concert at the Cadogan Hall last month and will, I am delighted to say, be contributing to the English Reunion in College in November. Ruth Brock (1999), now CEO of the Shakespeare Schools Festival, will be joining in a partnership with the College to encourage and support the charity’s work.

The St Catharine’s Lectures continued strongly, with a fine Tom Henn Memorial from Seamus Perry, Professor at Oxford, and a splendid performance from the (alas now late) Lord Walton at the inaugural John Addenbrooke Lecture: a persuasive advertisement for nonagenarianism. The Choir has been on its customary glorious form, with a particularly memorable pre-Christmas concert in the dankly mouldering setting of St Martin’s, Ludgate Hill.

In addition to the usual College duties, this year has seen me take the chair of the Senior Tutors’ Standing Education Committee, which attempts to coordinate intercollegiate procedures and practices and to engage with the University via the General Board Education Committee. This year, the Student Unions have been much occupied with issues of parity of provision across the colleges,
and the new emphasis on the student as paying customer has inevitably brought with it a desire for more accountability from both colleges and University, not to mention the involvement on occasion of the Competition and Markets Authority, a hitherto unimagined participant in the world of Higher Education. To attempt to maintain some college independence and distinctive character within this new environment is tricky, but I am hopeful that we will manage to hang onto the baby.

I have also been pursuing my own academic work, and by the time I write this column next year (if I’m spared), my Oxford edition of the poetry of Charles Cotton (1630–87) should have rolled off the press, a mere thirty or so years after signing the contract – ‘And Art indeed is long, but Life is short’ (Marvell). Meanwhile, a conference paper I delivered in 2015 on the English ‘Factory’ in Japan (1613–23) will be published later this year, whilst a second companion paper delivered this spring, on the Japanese presence in Early Modern Britain, should follow into print in 2017.

A much more significant scholarly achievement has been the publication this year of the new Faber edition of TS Eliot’s poetry, edited by Christopher Ricks and Jim McCue (1982), a magnificent piece of work, the TLS Book of the Year, of which Jim and those of us who taught him are justly proud. See Reviews in this Magazine.

Last year, I noted that we had just embarked on the election of a new Master, which I suggested would be interesting. It was, and we all look forward to welcoming Mark Welland and his family to the College very soon. Whilst we are obviously not looking forward to Jean Thomas’s departure, we do look forward to the opportunity to thank her for her guidance and commitment to St Catharine's; inevitably, the Senior Tutor works closely with the Master (particularly when crisis arises or disaster threatens), and it has been both a privilege and a delight to work with Jean (the sixth Master during my time in College) over the past decade. One of the greatest achievements of her term in office has been the outstanding success of the Development Campaign, which has enabled me as Senior Tutor to oversee the appointment of several College Teaching Officers in key subjects, to administer much greater numbers of entrance awards and hardship bursaries to both undergraduates and graduates, and to provide professional counselling to students struggling with the high demands which Cambridge makes, and which are the counterpoise to the great opportunities it offers.

We shall build on this achievement in the year to come.

Paul Hartle

GRADUATE TUTOR’S REPORT

Every year the University admits as many graduate students as undergraduate students, around 3,500. Graduates are admitted to the University by the departments whereas undergraduates apply to colleges. Graduate offer-holders can choose a college, or are allocated to one. Colleges will have dedicated accommodation for graduates, normally separate from that for undergraduates, providing an intellectual and physical cordon sanitaire.

Graduates study for a variety of courses for a variety of degrees. Those that are working on PhDs are out to further knowledge. Many PhD courses have a first year course with teaching and rotating laboratory placements, a piece of educational philosophy borrowed from the American education system. Some of those who study for an MPhil by research are trying to get on a PhD course, others come for taught MPhils to get a Cambridge degree. The MPhil degree can be awarded for taught courses with a dissertation or for fully research courses. In the arts
and humanities, students cannot proceed to study for a PhD without achieving a distinction in the MPhil. The College will make sufficient offers to have 54 MPhil students every year. This does not include the professional MPhils, the MBA and equivalent courses at the Judge Business School, and the LLM and other professional courses from the Law Faculty. Whereas the College Governing Body can measure the worth of our undergraduate teaching by the positions of St Catharine’s in the league tables of Dr Baxter and Mr Tompkins, there is no such arcane measurement for graduates. Nevertheless we managed to gain many distinctions in the MPhils. In the 2014 cohort there were ten distinctions from 34 candidates. Our PhD graduates achieve academic positions or work in the real world.

Suitably qualified students are finding it hard to obtain adequate funding for MPhil courses or even PhDs. The arts and humanities now have very few grants for graduate work and more recently there are fewer PhD places on offer for the science students. Many colleges offer bursaries and scholarships funded by the donations of alumni and the generosity of the college. St Catharine’s has found support from the Annual Fund and several generous alumni. In future the rich colleges will attract graduates, lured by bursaries and long term residence.

The College is in need of graduate accommodation having reallocated some of its graduate rooms to fourth year undergraduates. We compete with other colleges who will house all of their graduates for four years; at the moment we do not have enough rooms for the first year graduates and can only guarantee two years in ‘House Bountiful’.

This year the graduates organized a very good one day research symposium and invited key alumni to speak. They also ran two different series of research seminars and dined voraciously. See the MCR Report for details.

Philip Oliver

ADMISSIONS TUTORS’ REPORT

It was a year of change and new beginnings in the Admissions Office: Miranda Griffin, who has been College Lecturer in French since 2007, took up her post as the Admissions Tutor for the Arts and Humanities in September. David Bainbridge moved to the post of Admissions in the Sciences, taking over from Philip Oliver after Philip’s many years of dedicated and expert service. Philip is certainly a hard act to follow and will be missed in the Admissions Office. In July we welcomed Jessy Ahluwalia as the new Schools Liaison Officer. Among Jessy’s earliest tasks has been the forging of links with our new link area of North Yorkshire (our other link areas are Suffolk and Rutland). Her work involves giving school students information about Cambridge and encouraging students from all backgrounds to aspire to apply to university. She will also be working in the Admissions Office alongside Lucy Murray, our Admissions Administrator, who keeps the show on the road and the rest of us in check.

For the first time, we held two open days in September: as well as the usual elements of mock interviews, meetings with Directors of Studies, and College tours from our group of enthusiastic and dedicated student volunteers, the first open day also featured a visit from the cast and crew of Grantchester, who were filming an episode in Queens’ Lane behind St Catharine’s (Sharon Goodchild, the College Housekeeping Supervisor, made Robson Green a bacon sandwich and got a kiss and an autograph in return!). These Open Days yielded a
very high proportion of excellent applications, from both the independent and state school sectors. Followers of the College on Twitter (the address is @Catz_Cambridge) may remember that Miranda live-tweeted the proceedings of both days.

With our aim in mind of encouraging applications to Cambridge from students from backgrounds and schools with a low participation in Higher Education, this summer we held three very successful subject taster days – in Law, History and Languages (combining speakers from Fellows in Modern & Medieval Languages and Anglo-Saxon, Norse & Celtic). Students attended lectures given by College Fellows and had the opportunity to experience discussing their ideas in supervisions.

Also this summer, we ran an externally-funded teachers’ conference for participants from state schools across Cambridgeshire and Suffolk. The day included advice on the Cambridge system and applications as well as subject taster sessions. Informing and enthusing teachers is potentially an efficient and long-lasting way of promoting access and applications from good candidates.

St Catharine’s also formed two productive new partnerships with organisations committed to access run by alumni – the Promise Foundation and the Access Project.

The future also holds more change and new beginnings: we look forward to applications in the three new Triposes – Archaeology, History & Politics, and History & Modern Languages – which are being introduced from October 2017. The Admissions selection process itself is changing, as new admissions assessments are introduced in most Triposes. With introduction of more linear A-level courses, Unit Module Scores will no longer be available to Admissions Tutors as we assess applicants. In the past, these scores have been very reliable indicators of applicants’ future performance at Tripos. As the UMS statistics disappear, Cambridge is turning to written assessments, some to be taken about a month before the interviews, some to be taken on the same day as the interviews (depending on subject), to furnish more information about our candidates and to allow us to make informed, fair decisions based on the best data available. These assessments will form an important part of the admissions process, which also involves our scrutiny of exam performance to date, school references, personal statements and the interviews which take place in early December.

Finally, we would like to express our thanks to Professor Dame Jean Thomas as she nears the end of her term of office. Jean has been a source of support, understanding and wise advice for us throughout the nearly ten years of her Mastership, and the Admissions team will all miss working with her.

Miranda Griffin and David Bainbridge
As Development Director, it gives me immense pleasure to share with the College membership that, thanks to your tremendous generosity, the St Catharine’s Campaign surpassed its £30 million target in May. Over the course of the Campaign, 2,556 of you have stepped up and given to College teaching and student support, as well as to the improvement of our facilities. These donations have ranged from monthly contributions to our Annual Fund and major gifts, all of which have been critical to the mission of the College to provide a quality learning environment to the most curious young minds.

Your contributions have made a significant impact on the lives of St Catharine’s students. Over 800 students have received financial support from the College since the start of the Campaign in 2009, including those funded through a new entrance bursary scheme designed to assist undergraduates from lower income households, as well as those who received one of our new graduate bursaries to conduct original and exciting research across several disciplines. Donations have also created new teaching posts, ensuring that our students are taught by experts in their fields. Further, you have helped to improve and grow our facilities, enabling generations of students to succeed in both their academic and extra-curricular endeavours with construction of the new state-of-the-art McGrath Centre, refurbishment of the Ramsden Room, Old Lodge, and accommodation at St Chad’s, as well as improvements to the hockey pitch, tennis courts and boathouse. In addition, the Annual Fund has raised £2.1 million since 2009, in part through the Telephone Campaign and our monthly giving programme. The fund responds to our most immediate needs, raising money each year.

**What we’ve achieved**

**Undergraduates:** Donations from many Members have funded a new entrance bursary scheme, which makes awards of up to £1,000pa to undergraduates with lower household incomes. Over 100 bursaries are now being awarded every year.

**Additional support:** A major gift enabled us to set up a fully funded student counselling scheme. We make hardship, sports and travel awards from the Annual Fund, have rebuilt our hockey pitch, and have made improvements to lighting and student equipment in our libraries to improve the College study environments.

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**Postgraduates:** We now award graduate bursaries from the Annual Fund for continuing St Catharine’s students beginning an MPhil or PhD. In addition, substantial gifts from individual alumni have enabled us to fund the following graduate awards:

- the Dame Jean Thomas PhD Award, which covers fees and maintenance for a PhD student in the arts, humanities or social sciences
- the Graduate History Bursaries, for History MPhil students
- the Jas Bains Bursary, for MPhil students
- the Bratton Bursary, for MPhil students

**Teaching:** Funded teaching posts help us ensure that our students are taught by experts in their subject. During the Campaign, the following named posts have been created:

- Dawson College Lectureships
- Ostrer Fellowship in History
- Sir John Baker College Lectureship in Law
- Harvey McGrath College Lectureships
towards bursaries and awards for students, while also supporting important initiatives such as maintenance of our College libraries and Archives.

Beyond our fundraising goals, the Alumni and Development Office has once again worked hard this year to provide an exciting events programme, offering opportunities for St Catharine’s members to gather for insightful lectures and enjoyable meals, in Cambridge and beyond. In November, I travelled with the Master to College receptions in New York and San Francisco, and met with many of our members in those cities. I offer a sincere thank you to Michael George (1982) and his wife Elaine, and to Geoffrey Norman (1963) and his wife Christina for opening their homes to us and showing such warm hospitality.

In January, we welcomed four new members to the 1473 Foundation at its annual gala in College, recognising their contribution of gifts to the College of £50,000 or above. Jeremy Paxman (1969) delivered an engaging talk on the day, and we offer our thanks to Richard Thompson (1956) and his wife Cynthia for sponsoring this year’s event. In April, we held a special 1473 Foundation Gala in Hong Kong, where we were joined by many alumni and friends in the Asia Pacific region and welcomed six further members to the Foundation. Tunku Farik Ismail (1986) shared the story of his uncle, Tunku Abdul Rahman (1922), first prime minister of Malaysia and also an alumnus of St Catharine’s, and the weekend was rounded out with trips to the Hong Kong Sevens rugby competition and a boat cruise on the harbour. This weekend could not have taken place without its kind hosts, Professor David Cheung (1958) and Michelle Ong, as well as the generosity of Les Hales (1964).

Further highlights this year included Members’ Reunions for those who matriculated from 1982–4 (April 2016) and from 1967–70 (September 2016). In February, we welcomed our 2005 matriculands to ‘St Catharine’s College: Ten Years On’—our best attended ten-year reunion yet, with 82 members returning to College for drinks and dinner. Our Benefactors’ Garden Party, held to coincide with the final day of May Bumps, was also a great success, with 186 members present. Former diplomat Sir John Grant (1973) spoke on the day, providing a fascinating perspective on the build up to the referendum on the European Union. In July, we held a most convivial Historians’ Dinner at the Athenaeum in London. On this occasion, we marked Professor Sir Chris Clark’s (Professorial Fellow, 1990) appointment as the Regius Professor of History, and he and Guy Beringer (1973, Fellow Commoner 2008) both offered thoughtful words to those in attendance. We thank Guy Beringer, Neil Ostrer (1978), Matthew Collins (1979), and Roger Morley (1989) for sponsoring this event.

Looking to the months ahead, I hope to see many of you at our Members’ Reunions for 1999–2001 (to be held on 1 April 2017) and 1975–8 (to be held on 16 September 2017). We will also be hosting a reception at the Foundling Museum in London on 7 February 2017 introducing Professor Sir Mark Welland as Master. I hope you will join us in welcoming him to the St Catharine’s community.

Additionally, the Alumni and Development Office is looking to develop a Year Group Representative Scheme, to enable Alumni to be consulted on College matters, and for all members of the St Catharine’s
community to play a part shaping the future of the College. If you are interested in taking part, please do get in touch with us.

I would like to conclude my report for this year by thanking Professor Dame Jean Thomas for her almost ten years of service as Master at St Catharine’s. She has played an instrumental role in the promotion of the St Catharine’s Campaign, working tirelessly in hosting many events over the years and travelling around the globe to share our College’s visage. It has been an absolute pleasure to pursue its goals alongside her, and she leaves the College in a much improved position. I am delighted that the Campaign has reached its target in the final year of her Mastership, and I hope that with your participation we can carry this momentum forward in the years to come, further developing this special place and allowing its students to thrive.

Deborah Loveluck
CHAPEL AND CHAPLAINCY REPORT

The sun was shining and a robin singing from the rooftop as I began the live BBC4 Sunday Service from the steps of the Chapel in Main Court. The rest of the service was broadcast live from the College Chapel as part of their series on the Lord’s Prayer. *Hallowed be Thy Name* was our thematic text and St Catharine’s alumna and Professor of Metaphysics and Poetics in the Divinity Faculty, Catherine Pickstock (1988), preached a metaphysically rich and poetically resonant sermon counterbalanced by voices from the Girls’ Choir, student body and fellowship talking about places in and around the College hallowed by their encounters with God. The Choirs of course sang beautifully and we received encouraging responses from listeners in the Orkney Islands, Northern Ghana and France as well as a good many closer to home.

We have always been proud of the Girls’ Choir for it provides a unique opportunity for young women within a Collegiate Chapel to sing and learn the arts of the Anglican choral tradition. They are also fabulously good and sing to a standard that gives any of the more established junior choirs a run for their money. This year gave us even more reason for our pride with our head chorister, known as the Master’s Chorister, Agatha Pethers, winning the BBC Radio 2 Chorister of the Year. The Girls’ Choir sing every Tuesday evening at a service entitled ‘Luminaria’, based loosely on the vigil of the resurrection. Felicitously this year International Women’s Day fell on a Tuesday and we celebrated the day with a Luminaria for the occasion, showcasing the talent of contemporary women in musical composition and of the girls themselves. We also celebrated the Ascension with both the Girls’ and College Choirs singing together for a newly commissioned *Missa Brevis* setting for the Eucharist by Joanna Marsh. It was a fitting setting for the festival and thoroughly enjoyable. It was commissioned by Professor John Shelton Reed (Fellow 1996–7) and Dale Volberg Reed, in honour of their friend the Revd Professor David Martin FBA and we would like to express our gratitude for their generosity. Thanks to our IT department we even managed to webcast the service over Skype so that they could participate from the United States!

Lent Term saw a preaching series at Evensong on *Faith in Poetry* with the Rt Revd Professor Rowan Williams, Professor Terry Eagleton, Michael Symmons Roberts among others preaching and providing a stimulating series of reflections on language, faith and poetry. The final Sunday evening of term in the series was dedicated to a service celebrating ‘Poetry and Polyphony’ drawing from poems mentioned during the series and a few of the Chaplain’s favourites.

This year at the University Confirmation Service Jack Slater and Frances St George-Hyslop were both baptised and confirmed and Rebecca Webster confirmed, and earlier in the year Olaf Ermgairssen and Henry Mason were both baptised in the College Chapel. In November the College celebrated the life of its Emeritus Fellow Dr John Shakeshaft (Fellow 1961) with a Memorial Service in the Chapel. In the summer we celebrated two Weddings. The marriage of Sarah Henderson (2009) and Chris Orwin (2009) and the marriage of Claire Gillan (2004) and James Thorpe (2006).

The Chapel Community continues in good heart with regular discussion and discipleship groups, a strong team of Chapel Clerks and Wardens who assist with the worship and running of the Chapel and our usual patterns of commensality including the termly Chapel Supper which threatens to exceed the capacity of the SCR but somehow manages to just fit each time. Thanks to the generosity of the Michael Farrant Memorial Fund we went on Retreat to north Norfolk this year taking a dozen students and staying at a house with a dining table large enough to enact the last supper at the table eucharist on the Sunday Morning. The Chaplain’s Forum has continued to devour pizza along with meaty discussion topics on Monday evenings and in Easter Term we had a mini-series on the topic *Inspiring Terrorism? Religion, Violence and the Modern State* with visiting Professor Beatrice de Graff.
and our own Fellows in Human, Social and Political Science, Hazem Kandil and Harald Wydra, each presenting a topic for discussion on this timely issue and providing much food for thought.

Beyond this the services continue to be well supported, especially the ‘Nightsongs’ service of compline sung by candlelight at 9.30 on four Thursday evenings in term and which sometimes exceeds even Sunday evening’s Choral Evensong in its attendance – once reaching standing room only!

David Neaum

THE CHOIRS

It’s difficult to know where to start: with the live BBC broadcast in April, with Hong Kong, Hungary or Ireland, with our BBC Chorister of the Year success, or with the two CD recordings released this year. In my report last year I suggested that we were just at the start of a surge; that surge is well and truly on us.

Let’s start with 7.00 am on a Sunday in mid-April, since the invitation to give the Radio 4 Sunday Worship broadcast was the result of several other factors. Our Girls’ Choir Master’s Chorister, Agatha Pethers, won Radio 2’s Young Chorister of the Year competition in October – success which brought with it frequent appearances on radio and television during the year. The combined choirs’ first CD on the Resonus Classics label – an anthology of Christmas music – was well received; and a second, by the Girls’ Choir on its own, was released a few months later, to similarly positive reviews. And the Girls’ Choir also featured on Radio 3’s Christmas edition of In Tune; a live musical jamboree from the Radio Theatre in Broadcasting House. By the time it got to April, the notion of a live broadcast – even at that pious hour of the morning – was not quite as stressful as it might have been a year earlier.

There is a lot of hard work behind all this, of course – and it would be remiss of me not to acknowledge the hard work of both choirs, and of the organ scholars, William Fairbairn and Alex Coplan. The repertoire featured on the choir’s recordings (disc three will be out in the Spring of 2017) has not been
straightforward, and has required a considerable investment of time and patience while performance standards are raised to recording standards. All this comes alongside the essential routine of weekly services, which has in itself involved unusual and exciting challenges. Bach’s Komm, Jesu, komm provided one highlight; a Night Songs featuring choral and viol consorts was another. But choristers would be lying if they didn’t admit that it’s the choir tours which supply the greatest thrills in the choir diary. This year there were more than most: the College Choir in Hungary at Christmas, and then in the Languedoc for a week in July; the Girls’ Choir in Dublin and Cork in the week after Easter; and, following hard upon that, a consort from the College Choir in Hong Kong.

Edward Wickham

KELLAWAY CONCERTS

Even by comparison with previous seasons, the Kellaway Concert Series 2015–6 has been impressively eclectic. Under what other promotional umbrella – in Cambridge or elsewhere – might one find music from North-Western China, the music of Stockhausen and Rossini’s most beloved choral work rubbing shoulders? The loyal Kellaway audiences have come to expect the unexpected.

As in previous years, we began with the home-grown – a recital given by some of our most talented instrumentalists and singers, and rounded off with a virtuoso organ improvisation by graduate student Patrick Johansson. It is testament to the exotic appetites of Cambridge audiences that our Stockhausen concert in late October was the best supported of all. Two singers, kneeling in the centre of a dimly-lit chapel, gave a rare performance of In the Sky I am Walking, a quasi-liturgical work in which music and ritual combine to mesmerising effect.

St Catharine’s alumni are a regular feature of Kellaway programming, and in November we welcomed back two musicians from the recent past: Alastair Penman (2006) is making a name for himself with his approachable and inventive combination of saxophone and electronics, while pianist Ivana Gavrič (1998) has established an enviable reputation with recent recordings of Grieg and Schubert. We were given samples of these plus new works specially commissioned from Cheryl Frances-Hoad.
For two of the Lent Term concerts we decamped to the McGrath Centre, and made full use of the acoustical enhancement and lighting effects that the venue has to offer. Vijay Prakash (2006), another Catz alumnus, brought us his jazz ensemble, starting above stairs and then, for a second set, moving to the bar. And then, more exotic still, we hosted a performance by the London Uyghur Ensemble in traditional music from North-Western China. In an area bristling with ethnic, religious and political tensions, music provides a fascinating marker of diversity and integration; a fine example of music expanding one’s horizons.

No such subtlety can be claimed for the last programme of the year: Rossini’s *Petite Messe Solenelle*, performed by the College Choir with student soloists and accompanied – according to the original scoring – on piano and harmonium. After all the rigours of learning and recording contemporary repertoire (see Choir Report) this was a great opportunity for the choir to let their hair down.

Edward Wickham

**MEMORIAL SYMPOSIUM FOR SIR CHRISTOPHER BAYLY**

Eminent scholars from several countries and many former History undergraduates were among those who attended a memorial symposium on Saturday, 21 May 2016, in honour of Professor Sir Christopher Bayly. Organized by Professor Susan Bayly and Sir Christopher Clark, the programme featured sixteen scholars of different degrees of seniority and with varied fields of interest. In sum, their talks provided a multi-faceted appreciation of Bayly’s path-breaking scholarship, and of the breadth and importance of his personal influence on students and colleagues.

Professor Jürgen Osterhammel of the University of Konstanz, himself a leading figure in the field of global history, described the intellectual and theoretical significance of Bayly’s pioneering work, *The Birth of the Modern World, 1780–1914* (2004), and his own debt to it. The anthropologist Dame Caroline Humphrey recalled how conversations with Chris Bayly had helped her to understand the nature
of trading borders. Professor Richard Drayton, a former Research Fellow of the College now Rhodes
Professor of Imperial History at King’s College, London, explained how Rulers, Townsmen and Bazaars
(1983) opened a wholly new perspective on the evolution of Indian society under British rule, and read a
passage illustrating its imaginatively evocative approach.

Following these ‘keynote reflections’, younger scholars working in fields ranging from the Middle
East to South East Asia recalled how much they had gained from Chris Bayly’s mentoring and example.
(Among them was his nephew, Martin Bayly, author of a new book on nineteenth-century Anglo-
Afghan relations.) Chris Bayly’s contribution to global intellectual history was then discussed by a panel
of distinguished scholars from both sides of the Atlantic. Finally, his colleague and co-author, Professor
Tim Harper, presented an appreciation that movingly evoked Chris’s qualities and personality.

In her welcome, Susan Bayly reported that before his death Chris had completed the successor
volume to The Birth of the Modern World and that Remaking the Modern World, 1900–2015 would be
published next year. So we have not heard the last from this major historian, who is remembered with
such affection as well as admiration across the world, and particularly in Cambridge and St Catharine’s.

John Thompson

STAFF NEWS

Two long-serving members of the College staff left this year. Gerald Meah left the
catering team in December and Pam Pleasance, cashier assistant, departed the
following September.

Gerald wrote ‘After 25 years at St Catharine’s I have decided to move on. I have
spent many happy years working at Catz and enjoyed the camaraderie in the
catering department. There has been a great team spirit and obviously lots of
different characters over the years. Within the kitchen itself I have seen a number
of staff who have been very loyal to the College and it has been a privilege
to be part of training up young chefs who have learnt skills at Catz and then furthered their careers
elsewhere.’ The Bursar commented ‘Even though I worked with Gerald for less than half of his time at the
College, I appreciate just how much difference he made to catering over the years. He put in place many
improvements both large and small in how the department operates, and in the quality and variety of
the meals served, and he oversaw considerable growth in what is now a year-round business.’

Pam Pleasance left St Catharine’s after over 22 years and will be known to
hundreds of alumni as the cheerful face at the till when they came to pay for their
self-service meals.

Jacob Taylor, who was making such a success of his career in our Catering team,
died unexpectedly in September 2016. He was walking through Cambridge to the
bus station and collapsed in the street. Passers-by including a doctor were unable
to save him. He had no history of serious illness. Jacob joined College from
Corpus and was very popular. For someone with such a promising future to die
suddenly at only 23 is very tragic indeed. Our sympathies go to his family and his closest colleagues.

More cheerful news – Groundsman Chris Tovey was sponsored to run five miles on each of 26
consecutive days; that’s five marathons. He succeeded in this project and raised over £800 for Help for
Heroes.
GRADUATE RESEARCH 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
- Dr Glenn Masson (JRF in Biology) Mass Spectrometry for Structural Biology; using a toothpick to crack a walnut
- Will Bernard (PhD in Cardiovascular Research) Human Pluripotent Stem Cells for Vascular Development and Disease Modelling: New Insights into Cerebrovascular Disease?
- Ghassan Moazzin (PhD in Asian and Middle Eastern Studies) Networks of Capital: German Bankers and the Financial Internationalisation of China (1885–1919)
- Ellie Chan (PhD in History of Art) Style and the Stylus: Why etymology matters in Art

Lent Term
- Dr Nagabhushana Rao Vadlamani (JRF in Engineering) Fasten your seatbelts – Let’s experience turbulence!
- Joshua Gibson (PhD in History) Chartism and the age of democratic revolutions
- Jerome Greenfield (PhD in History) The remaking of the French state, 1815–53
- Katie Skeffington (PhD in Metabolic and Cardiovascular Science) The role of mitochondrial oxidative stress in the developmental programming of cardiovascular disease

Easter Term
- Massimo Lando (PhD in Law) The razor’s edge on which hang suspended issues of war and peace: maritime boundaries in international law
- Amanda Kennedy (PhD in Clinical Pharamcology) GPCRs: Novel ways to approach drug discovery using these highly druggable, complex machines

Ravi Raninga won the 2016 Photography Competition with this picture on the theme of ‘All Things Catz’.
NEWS FROM THE JCR

This past year has been one of significant, and positive, changes for Catz JCR. As always, the JCR welcomed a warm, ebullient and active group of new students. They quickly adopted the Catz spirit in sports, societies, charities, academics and, of course, exploring Cambridge at night – in large part thanks to the efforts of Amaara Dudhia and Joe Beighton, our Fresher Reps.

As November drew to a close so did the term of the ‘old’ JCR committee and president, Eli Bond. After a year of many successes, here are some highlights. For the second year running, ‘Worcester Sports Day’ – sports competition against our sister college in Oxford – was a fantastic success thanks to the work of Sports and Societies Officer Andy Rees. The final result came down to a tense pool game in Catz Bar where, with a bit of pot luck, the home crowd willed Catz to a victory. Alongside Andy, Eli initiated a Women and Non-Binary Gym Hour session. The new committee position of Academic Affairs Officer, held by Emma Copley and subsequently Kitty Eyre, proved very successful working alongside the ever-helpful College librarian, Colin Higgins. The freshers quickly took to the library with great eagerness, for both studying and chatting, and the improved desk space proved very valuable. As always, Catz raised a significant amount of charity funding with a myriad of events run by three generations of JCR Charity Officers, Amelia Schofield, Saliha Shariff and now Srithi Agarwal. A special highlight included the inaugural Catz Comedy Nights in the bar, under the leadership of Conrad Allison and Fergus Walters, presenting the best of Catz humour. Catering & Facilities Officer, Belinda Saunders, worked tirelessly throughout to improve hall meals, and Georgina Sergi and Saliha Shariff created lovely, and timely, JCR jumpers.

In Lent Term thoughts quickly turned to the new committee elections. Much like other political decisions in 2016, this election proved to be an animated affair and undoubtedly of equal importance. Having missed out on voting in the 2015 general elections, freshers were particularly keen to be involved and the JCR had a record breaking number of applicants: 29 for just 17 spots! At our Hustings, creative juices were in full flow as one candidate rapped her manifesto for Catering Officer with lines like ‘I am making my pledge, to give you more seasonal wedge…’ Whilst Entertainment Officers showcased elaborate dance routines, baseball caps and gold medallions. The elections were a close run affair with some positions decided by a single vote!

The new committee quickly got under way. Welfare provisions in College were improved with the successful introduction of an amended Disciplinary Process, enabling students to bring along their tutor and a JCR committee member to disciplinary meetings. This was a long-term initiative that was made possible thanks to JCR Welfare Officers, James Wand and Georgina Sergi, as well Simon Sowerby and Dr Xuereb (the Dean). Carrying on from the success of the removal of the gendered formal hall dress code, Roisin Huskinson put together a thorough proposal to introduce Gender Neutral Toilets which we then presented to the Fellowship. Thanks to their support it will now be implemented over summer. The JCR were also able to obtain additional College funding for the Welfare Subcommittee for international students, mental health and LGBT+ thanks to the generosity of Dr Hartle (Senior Tutor). Furthermore, this year has seen an initiative run by Susanna Worth called Student Minds Catz, promoting the importance of mental health with an active facebook page and a constantly full Catz Compliment Box in pledge where members can be anonymous admirers. Alongside James Wand, Julia Simons (new Female Welfare Officer) was able
to organise an exciting animal petting day during exam term to ‘de-stress’. Sadly, no cats to pet but instead we had plentiful chickens!

On the Environmental front, Catz has had a year many would be green with envy over. Even those not concerned by the existential threat of climate change helped to scoop up nearly 200 tubs of free Ben & Jerry’s ice-cream as a result of winning the NUS award. The Ents Officers, Lauren Morris and Elena Stagni, decided to be bold with their ideas and implemented the first ever Catz Silent BOP in the bar – which, by the sound of it, was enthralling! Finally, one of the most significant projects of the year was a clear out of the bike shed in the car park which was packed with old, forgotten and neglected bicycles. The self-proclaimed Bike Shed Babes (Capucine Brunet, Srishti Agarwal, Imogen Cripps, Anna Myers), sorted through nearly 200 unused bicycles to identify owners and, with help from ‘bike gurus’ Tom Simpson and Fin Allen, managed to repair and sell these back to JCR students. This raised £400 to be spent partly on a free pool table in Catz Bar and the rest donated to charity. Other highlights include Acheson-Gray Day organised by Luke Harries, Sports & Social Officer, and cheaper punting thanks to our Treasurer, Haleh Taghinejadi. For the JCR, the academic year ended on a high with a mesmerising Catz May Ball, thanks to the infusion of a sensible committee led by Jon Mailes. In particular, ABBA was a huge fan favourite and I have rarely seen someone as delighted as Dom Mulcrone (Head Porter) to hear the words ‘Gimme! Gimme! A man after midnight’.

For this upcoming year: Communications Officer, Callum Smith, is working on creating a new platform for the outdated Catz JCR website; Academic Affair Officer, Kitty Eyre, has redesigned the computer rooms to add some colour to the ‘dungeons’ as they are known; Access & Admissions Officer, Fabian Sutton, is shooting a new access video; Catering & Facilities Officer, Capucine Brunet, is closing in on a main site oven and perhaps most importantly, with our Fresher Reps, Sally Ledger and Dylan Caroll, we look forward to welcoming a new group of students and wish farewell to all those leaving us!

It has been a busy year of changes for the JCR as well as College. I would like to extend thanks to Paul Hartle, Simon Summers, Miranda Griffin, Peter Wothers, Dom Mulcrone and all the Porters for all their assistance and support. In particular, Anna Myers and Amelia Schofield as Vice-Presidents had the unenviable task of dealing with me and did so with aplomb, ensuring the JCR runs smoothly. In my role on the JCR, I have had the fortune to meet, work and learn from outstanding individuals who make Catz so special; it is all the harder to pass on the baton.

Arnav Kapur (President)

Charities
This academic year has proven to be another excellent one for the Catz JCR charities team. We have been so pleased and touched to see the JCR rally together to support a number of worthwhile causes – including raising over £200 for UNICEF’s Nepal Earthquake Appeal, donating over £500 to Cambridgeshire-based Wintercomfort for the Homeless and over £1,100 to Beat, the UK’s leading eating disorders charity, using the proceeds of charity formals.
In true Catz fashion, we have achieved much of our fundraising success through collaboration across the College. We have worked closely with Dr Bainbridge and JCR President, Arnav Kapur, to support a number of local and international charities including Addenbrooke’s Charitable Trust and Living Goods, an organisation that employs and trains local people across Uganda and Kenya to sell goods and life-saving medical supplies at competitive prices, benefitting both these recipients and their communities.

A further shining moment lay in our collaboration with our brilliant Sports & Societies Officer, Andy Rees, as we introduced a charities element into our now annual Sports Day with Worcester College, Oxford – the help of a group of wonderful volunteers with a baked goods stall and bucket collection allowed the Catz JCR to raise over £160 for Great Ormond Street Hospital Children’s Charity on what was a really enjoyable day for all.

Finally, this year we have placed particular emphasis on the support of causes that are personally special to our JCR members. With this in mind, following an extensive charities poll and using funds set aside by the JCR committee for charitable pursuits, we were able to donate £350 to the following four organisations suggested and voted for by JCR members: the Rosie Hospital at Addenbrooke’s, SANE, Macmillan Cancer Support and the UNHCR.

It has been an honour and pleasure to fulfil the role of Catz JCR Charities Officer this year, and I couldn’t be more grateful to everyone who has volunteered with the Charities Committee throughout it, including our new Charities Officer, Srishti, who I know will continue to do a brilliant job in the coming year.

Charities Rep: Saliha Shariff

Environmental affairs

This year has seen a number of successes for St Catharine’s as a result of our environmental actions. As well as finishing joint top of the leader board with Downing for the University-wide ‘NUS Switch Off’ campaign, we also achieved a coveted Gold award in the national ‘Green Impact’ scheme. These awards recognised the College’s green efforts in areas such as waste, energy and catering. The report following our ‘Green Impact’ audit highlighted the dedication and enthusiasm of the students and staff towards sustainability, noting that the ‘Gold award is well deserved’. We hope to maintain this status over the coming years and look forward to increasing our environmental accreditations and promoting green initiatives across the College.

Environmental Officer: Imogen Cripps

The 2016 May Ball

16 June. As I sit here in C1 this morning, the clearing-up work continues apace outside my window after another very successful May Ball. 1200 students and guests seemed to have a very good time throughout the night, even if some became a little weary towards the end. A Survivors’ Photograph hangs in the Bar.

The theme this year was Infusion: Electrify the Senses, helpfully a politically uncontroversial one in view of how some other colleges have fared in the media. The theme gave broad scope for interpretation, transforming Main Court into a ‘Kaleidoscope’ with video projection onto the walls, the Master’s Lodge Garden into a ‘Soundscape’ with ragtime piano, introducing an outdoor cinema in the Fellows’ Car Park (or Gardens for those of you of a certain vintage), and overloading the other senses in every other corner of the College. The entertainments were headed up by Tinchy Stryder along with the Antarctic Monkeys, Swede Dreamz (no prizes for guessing that one) and many other bands on Main Court, along with Catzappella in Sherlock Court and Salsa in Hall until late. Several regular favourites such as the Churchill-JCR-run Casino, and the slightly dubious shisha pipes, also returned for another year.

The whole affair was brought together by a very efficient Committee, under the Presidency of Jon Mailes, and the watchful and encouraging eye of the May Ball Fellow, David Neaum.
Onwards and upwards, but if what I have said starts to sound like an excuse to come back to College, you might want to mark out Wednesday 20 June 2018 in your diaries!

Simon Summers (Bursar)

A Very Special Thank You

Speech at the Graduation Dinner by Eli Bond, the previous JCR President

I hope you will forgive me for keeping you from your cheese. However, there is a most important thank you that needs to be said. Tonight is the final opportunity for the students of St Catharine’s to express our gratitude and thanks to the Master for all that she has done for the College over the last ten years and it is a great privilege to have been asked to do so.

Before applying to Cambridge I, like so many others, found myself taking a tour of the various college websites and I suppose that was where I first encountered Dame Jean. I don’t know how many of you are aware of or recall the ‘Master’s Welcome’ section of the College website but to give you a brief idea there’s a picture of the Master looking, if I may say, characteristically chirpy, and there is a message.

In this message the Master reveals a little snap-shot of the College ethos. She talks about our reputation as the friendliest college in Cambridge, notes Catz’s unapologetic prioritisation and commitment to academic excellence and celebrates the essential presence of all our extracurricular successes, be they sporting, musical, dramatic or otherwise. Finally, the Master writes that the St Catharine’s community is a family.

So I thought that will do, popped Catz on my application form and that was that. But I couldn’t have prepared myself for the extent to which my experience here would make good those claims. Though so much of the role of Master takes place busily behind the scenes, college communities inevitably reflect the visions of their masters and, whilst JCR president, I was fortunate enough to hear from the Master herself about how important all the different facets of College are to her.

Dame Jean is always eager to hear the latest College sports scores and her presence at the women’s
hockey semi-finals proved crucial in a match rather more closely fought than we'd anticipated. After the Ramsden dinner last year amidst the celebrations and esteemed guests the Master was quietly texting the University Challenge team, eager to hear about the latest round of their campaign. I know I speak for all the choir when I say that the Master's continued support and probably unrivalled attendance record at Choral evensong has meant a great deal. Dame Jean also presented the College sport awards at the Kittens and AlleyCatz garden party this year, joining us to celebrate our much coveted title of Cambridge's Sportiest College (Bluebird 2016).

Finally, I'd like to talk about Dame Jean's portrait, hanging pride of place in Hall. The story goes that, when the portrait was being planned, the Master was, I think it's fair to say, less than keen. Professor Martin was desperately trying to organise sittings, meetings and the like, but the Master was not enamoured of the idea. One day Dame Jean was discussing the dreaded portrait with Dr Griffin and said something along the lines of, 'Why can’t I just be remembered in abstract?' And Dr Griffin said, 'Because I don’t want to walk into this Hall and see only men and I don’t want to bring my daughters into this Hall and for them to see only men.' This is a brilliant portrait and it represents all that Dame Jean has achieved as Master of this College, but it also stands as a symbol of progress and so I would also like to thank the Master for all that she has done for the Women of this College, past and present, who have found a role model in her and someone to aspire to.

I will end as I began – by stealing from the words of the Master herself, and as she puts it, 'St Catharine’s is a family both proud of its history and excited about its future.' Dame Jean, on behalf of all the students who have had the privilege of enjoying St Catharine's under your leadership we offer our sincerest thanks and wish you the very best for the future. Thank you.

**NEWS FROM THE MCR**

This year has been an exciting and busy year for the College's MCR – the most notable innovation being the College's first conference for graduate research (more on this below). This year, we had 254 graduate students undertaking Masters or PhD courses across 80 different subjects in the arts, social sciences and natural sciences. Following the example of previous MCR committees, we also invited 32 fourth-year undergraduates to enjoy honorary MCR membership with us, further enabling positive exchanges between JCR and MCR students. With a growing and dynamic community this year, it was important for the MCR Committee to address the needs and concerns of graduates through open committee meetings, and to offer the MCR an array of activities and formal dinners to engage with at St Catharine's. Indeed, it was with great success that a series of diverse social and academic events were run during and between the three academic terms, facilitating fruitful interactions and fostering new friendships between MCR members.

Our year began with a popular Freshers’ Week schedule in Michaelmas Term, which included old favourites like the Wine and Cheese Reception, a trip to the River Cam for some punting, a Pizza and Film Night, a Board Games night, and the annual Parent-Child Dinner (whereby each new graduate attends their first formal hall experience at Catz with a more senior MCR member – their 'College parent'). Adding to the usual repertoire of Michaelmas Term events were two graduate quiz nights in the College Bar, with £1 charged for participation and all proceeds going towards the non-profit organisations Teenage Cancer Trust and Camfed. The quizzes were open to JCR and MCR (and some of the College chefs also took part), and were a great opportunity to show off general knowledge skills and win prizes in teams while also raising over £120 for charity.
Following the example of the JCR Committee last year, we also established the new position of Education Officer this year, held by Biochemistry PhD student, Helene Mobbs. Sitting on the Education Committee, the MCR Education Officer provided a voice for the graduate community in the College’s discussions and strategies for academic support to graduate students. The Education Officer was also responsible for this year's series of mini-seminars, as well as a Heritage Talk and Dinner with Graduate Tutor Dr Philip Oliver. These talks offered graduates the opportunity to engage even further with each other’s research, as well as the scientific work of our Graduate Tutor. Of course, with a very successful Gostlin Dinner, Supervisors’ Dinner, and Fellows’ and Graduates’ Garden Party organised by the College as well, there were plentiful chances for MCR members, both old and new, to socialise with the Fellowship.

Formal hall dinners have remained the backbone of the MCR’s social calendar. Graduates enjoyed a long line of specially-themed formal halls and post-dinner entertainment, put together tirelessly by our Formal Hall Officer (David Battersby), our Food and Drink Officer (Marcus Fantham) and our Social Secretaries (Erin Oerton and Izzy Everall). These ranged from a romantic Valentine's Day formal, to a spooky Halloween dinner and bop, and included an authentic Chinese New Year dinner, and the annual festive Christmas Dinner. The MCR also celebrated Burns Night with a traditional Scottish meal, which included poetry readings, toasts to the lads and lassies, a tasting of haggis and Scotch whisky, and traditional ceilidh music and dance. Ending the year on a high note (literally!), our solstice-themed Midsummer Dinner was topped off by the phenomenal Colonel Spanky’s Love Ensemble playing some amazingly funky tunes in the Bar.

Last but not least, the graduates’ engagement with green and environmental issues this year has been staggering! This was due in no small part to our MCR Green Officer and MPhil in Environmental Policy, Alexandra Scott. With an environmental film screening, the formation of a new community garden at our South Green Lodge accommodation, the organisation of a vegetarian night, and determined pleas to the MCR to participate in climate-change-related quizzes and surveys, it is no wonder that the College’s JCR and MCR achieved an overall gold award in the Cambridge Student Switch-Off campaign, tying with Downing College in joint-first place (winning us a cash award of £125 and some 200 tubs of ethically-sourced Ben & Jerry’s ice-cream!). With hundreds of Catz students currently ‘switched on’ concerning green policies and environmental questions, we look forward to next year’s events, discussions and Green Officer to further increase environmental awareness.

We are ever grateful to all the College staff and Fellowship for the stellar backing and encouragement they’ve lent the MCR this year. Dr Peter Wothers, Dr Philip Oliver and Rosie Bell have been especially crucial in graduate support provision, and for this we thank them. Social events within College could not have successfully taken place without the help of Ella Purkiss, Robert Jonas, Martin Cullum, Craig Driver, Lynne Bushell, or the rest of the Conference and Catering staff. For bursarial and financial support, we thank Simon Summers and the Accounts Office, and we appreciate all the help over the year from Richard Malley and Peter Young in matters relating to building work and maintenance (particularly in the installation of a more secure bike shed at our Barton Road accommodation). We want to express our gratitude to the Dean, Dr John Xuereb, the College Librarian, Colin Higgins, and the IT Manager, Stephanie Clarke. A thank you to our own Committee for all the work they’ve done: Rachel Lai (Secretary), David Wade (Treasurer), Charlotte Northrop (Welfare), James Elderfield (Computing), Helene Mobbs (Education), Alexandra Scott (Green), Joe Cooper (External), Erin Oerton and Izzy Everall (Social Secretaries), Marcus Fantham (Food and Drink) and David Battersby (Formal Hall). Finally, we bid a fond farewell to the Master, Professor Dame Jean Thomas, and thank her for tireless service throughout her tenure. We are delighted to have worked with College this year and look forward to an exciting 2016–7.

Ravi Raninga and Michael Rivera (MCR Co-Presidents)
The St Catharine’s MCR Symposium
This academic year saw the inaugural St Catharine’s College MCR Symposium take place in February 2016, in the College’s very own conference venue, the McGrath Centre. The Symposium was an impressive interdisciplinary showcase of the research conducted by our graduate students, which included podium presentations and poster sessions. Also speaking on the day were four special keynotes; international best-selling author Dr Joanne Harris (1982, Honorary Fellow), renowned respiratory scientist Professor Peter Barnes (1966, Honorary Fellow), current Fellow Dr Gillian Carr and Chairman of the BBC Trust Rona Fairhead (1980).

Amongst the student speakers was Asian & Middle Eastern Studies MPhil, Rosemary Maxton, who delivered an excellent, thought-provoking presentation on Christian Arabic poetry. For this, she was awarded the prize for the best presentation. Other notable student speakers included Victoria Mascetti (Stem Cell Biology), Sam Niblett (Chemistry), Emily Hallinan (Archaeology) and Lim Jia Wei (Education).

The best poster prize went to Alejandro Jiménez-Sánchez (Cancer Research). We thank Dr John Xuereb and Dr Fátima Santos for their help in judging the best presentations. To round things up, there was a special dinner in the OCR with the student presenters and keynote speakers, to further facilitate discussions whilst enjoying the cheese!

We would like to congratulate all the student presenters who took part and helped make the day a huge success. We extend our gratitude to the Conferences and Catering Office, the Chaplain David Neaum, the Fellowship and the Master for their support. Finally, we are very grateful to Rachel Lai, Jonathan Mak and James Elderfield for their huge contributions in planning the Symposium.

Ravi Raninga and Michael Rivera
(MCR Co-Presidents)

Christian Arabic Poetry in the Middle Ages
The winning presentation at the MCR Symposium in February 2016 was by Rosie Maxton. She summarizes it below.

Although we tend to associate the Arabic language with Islam more than any other faith, Christian literature in Arabic has a strong precedent. After the Islamic Conquest of the Middle East in the 7th century, reactionary literature in Arabic began to flourish amongst Christian communities living there. These were essentially apologetic works,
defending the Christian faith against the new religion, and were often written as a debate between a Christian and a Muslim, citing the Gospel and the Qur’an to support their arguments. Although this tends to be understood as a purely literary device, some sources testify that interfaith debates actually took place, particularly at the court of the ‘Abbāsid Caliphs in Baghdad (for example between the Caliph al-Ma’mūn and Theodore Abū Qurra, a Christian bishop and theologian).

Given this literary context, the Christian Arabic poetry of Sulaymān al-Ghazzī, a bishop of the Melkite Church in Palestine, is a rare find. These poems, thought to have been written in the 11th century, have been preserved in monasteries in Lebanon, Syria, Egypt and the Vatican Library. As far as we know, it is the first collection of Arabic poetry to deal exclusively with Christian themes. Yet in spite of its poetic style, my research aims to show that it reflects the same language, techniques and sources observed in contemporary Christian Arabic apologetic literature. Some examples include al-Ghazzī’s employment of Qur’anic expressions, his use of dialogue as a literary device and his recourse to an established collection of Scriptural quotations (testimonia) – all in an effort, like the Christian apologists of his time, to respond to the challenge of Islam.

Above all, al-Ghazzī’s poetry marks an important contribution to the Christian Arabic literary heritage. Provocative and original, it is an attempt at a more creative (and perhaps entertaining) expression of the apologetic genre: polemic meeting poetry. Whilst he is by no means considered amongst the ranks of prestigious Christian Arab poets of the classical period, such as al-Akḥṭal (c. 640–710), his poetry in its historical and literary context has a remarkable novelty.

SOCIETIES

Careers Society
Over the course of this year, Catz Careers and Entrepreneurs Society – a student-run society aiming to provide a hub to inspire, support and connect students of the College – has organised many events to support the desires and interests of students. Ranging from speaker events, exploration workshops, or the Catz Careers Dinner, we have sought to give students opportunities to reach out to the Catz alumni and beyond. Most notably, the Catz Careers Dinner is designed to give current students the opportunity to explore and discuss their future career paths with alumni in relevant fields. With a total of 30 alumni for 43 students, the night proved successful in providing a range of different insights into what life after Cambridge can entail. It was particularly successful in confirming that variety or change was not something to be afraid of, but, instead, something to appreciate. Having collected feedback from the students, many were pleased with the insight they gained on how their specific subject and the skills taught could be transferred to many different fields and should not limit them in any way. Following from this, alumni Keith Cocker (1972) and Peter Reilly (1971) kindly led a workshop on Careers that Fit with the aim of both identifying and reinforcing certain interests that students had. Overall, these activities have strengthened the ties between the St Catharine’s College Society and Catz student-run Careers Society by promoting all the resources available to students, which is definitely helpful, in light of the stresses that ‘life after Cambridge’ may bring.

On behalf of all the team, I would like to extend a big thank you to all participating alumni, and look forward to engaging with them and others in the near future for more of these events.

President: Capuchine Brunet

Christian Union
Catz Christian Union is a group of Christians from different backgrounds and churches who want to share the love and message of Jesus with the rest of College. We meet every Wednesday for ‘College Group’ where we hang out and encourage each other while doing a group Bible Study and praying together. We also have weekly prayer meetings and are a part of the Cambridge Inter-Collegiate Christian Union (CICCU).

We also put on various events for students to explore Christianity for themselves. These included a ‘Life Stories’ event where students had a chance to hear how Christianity affects the every-day life of some of our members and ‘Text-a-Toastie’ where students texted in a question about Christianity and received a response and a toastie of their choice. We also held ‘Life’s Big Questions’ in Michaelmas Term – a four-week discussion group open to
all students – and organised ‘Church Search Breakfasts’ in partnership with the Chaplain to allow fresheres to find out about some of the different churches in Cambridge.

We’ve been encouraged to see some fresheres getting involved with Christian Union and other students investigating Christianity for themselves. It has been a wonderful experience serving as reps and we hope to see the Christian Union grow in the future.

**Reps: Jonathan Pawson and Rachel McGrath**

### Engineering Society

It has been another successful year for the Catz engineers, both in their academic and non-academic pursuits. The start of Michaelmas meant welcoming ten new fresher engineers into the society, with some interesting techniques during the ‘big-mac-challenge™’ earning each of them their SCCES hard hats. The first major event, following on from the activities during Fresheres’ Week, was the Evening with the Fellows, where student members of the society were able to learn more about their Fellows’ current research and also about some of Dr Palmer’s older research. Michaelmas Term ended with the usual Chad’s Christmas social, culminating with a not-so-usual karaoke.

Lent Term teed off with everyone’s favourite social; once again bar golf was its usual success. The society was then lucky enough to welcome Dervilla Mitchell, a group board member of Arup, to give a talk on her career. Everyone who attended agreed that Dervilla was both interesting and engaging and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the event.

After last year’s frivolities, the Society was grateful to have their Annual Dinner in College again, an event which was enjoyed by all. The Annual Dinner meant marking the occasion of the appointment of a new President to the Engineering Society, with Hanesh Patel’s ability to impersonate not only a bear and a cowboy, but also a ninja, making him the perfect man for the job.

**President: Benjamin Clayton**

### Gender Equality

Following on from a successful debut year, St Catharine’s College Gender Equality Discussion Group has continued its practice of hosting high profile speakers with equally high profile snacks, along with sessions where we hear from students of St Catharine’s on the issues that matter most to them. A highlight this year was hearing Zoe Petkana’s talk on women’s citizenship in Tunisia, a thought-provoking talk in many ways. A Garden Party rounded off the year, aiming to place gender equality at the core of St Catharine’s. We look forward to the total demolition of gender binaries and seeing where the Society goes, after we, the founders (Maddy Austin, Jess Denniff and Suzanna Beaupre) graduate this summer.

**Presidents: Suzanna Beaupre and Maddy Austin**

### Hyperbolics

It’s been another busy year for the Hyperbolics, with the usual social events (bowling, pub trips, picnics) aimed at preventing the mathematicians from spending all their time solving maths puzzles in their rooms, and instead spending time solving maths puzzles in various other places! In addition our, now hopefully annual, football match against the Adams Society went a little better than last year, reducing the loss to a mere 5-3 (down from an embarrassing 9-1 last year).

It’s not all been fun and games though, as we’ve seen revision get-togethers, seminars and also the very first Hyperbolics lecture – from Dr Julia Goedecke.

**President: Sam Burr**

### John Ray Society

Another successful year for the John Ray Society began with the annual book sale which provided an opportunity for older members to meet the fresheres and pass on books and tips for the year. We followed this with a fresher-friendly talk from Sir Lewis Wolpert, whose book *How we live and why we die* is recommended pre-reading for first years. A new society website was also set up, in the hope that this could be a more valuable resource for both current and prospective students.

In November, the John Ray Society hosted the 1996 Nobel Laureate in Chemistry, Sir Harry Kroto, as part of the Amalgamated Societies Lecture series. A dinner was held in the Master’s Lodge at which many members of the society were able to speak to Sir Harry about his life and work. All who met him were hugely inspired by his story and we feel very lucky to have had this opportunity before Sir Harry passed away in April this year. We followed this with ex-Catz student Professor Hal Drakesmith (1990), giving the enigmatically-entitled talk *The Importance of Being Ironic: How Vampires avoid Anaemia*, Dr Nikku Madhusudan with a lecture on extra-solar planets and Professor Tony Martin discussing his work with invasive species on South Georgia.

As ever, the Part 1B and Part II evenings were well attended and allowed students from different years to discuss modules and choices. These evenings have been a key part of our work to increase inter-year student support within the Society this year.

The 2016 Annual Dinner was sadly the last one with our current Master, Professor Dame Jean Thomas, and Dr Oliver in attendance. They will both be sorely missed next year and we would like to thank them both for all the support they have given to the Society over their time at St Catharine’s.

The year ended with an extremely successful talk by Professor Johan Bolhuis under the auspices of presidents for the 2016–17 academic year Phoebe Wilsmore, Zoe Fitton and Hannah-Rose Williams.

**Presidents: Rebecca Martin and Emma Copley**
Law Society  
The College Law Society has been more active than ever this year. We saw another excellent Annual Dinner in March, attended by our second guest Supreme Court Justice Lord Toulson. The Society also had the pleasure of welcoming Haris Psarras as a new Fellow to the College; and we congratulate Fellow Mark Elliott on being awarded a Professorship.

The Society hosted a number of events throughout the year, supported by the Fellows, ranging from skill sessions across the year groups to social events to bring the legal community together. These took place across the Michaelmas and Lent Terms. On another note, this year saw the election of our first all-returning Erasmus Committee, who are all looking forward to building on the strength of this year – Grant Addison (Poitiers), Simon Ash (Utrecht) and Lucy Walsh (Utrecht), returning from their year abroad in France and Holland respectively.

President: Grant Addison

MedSoc  
This year the Medical and Veterinary Society has aimed to continue our previous presidents’ goal of creating a dialogue between the preclinical and clinical medics. As such, we’ve had a very busy and exciting year, beginning Michaelmas Term with ‘Clinical Conundrums’: talks given by our own clinical medics and vets. We also had the pleasure of our own Professor Morrell presenting an unusual clinical case and Dr Colin Roberts, a Fellow at Sidney Sussex, talking about veterinary clinical relevance.

Catz MedSoc Pizza Welfare Nights were held in the bar in Michaelmas and Lent Term, providing a great opportunity for medics and vets from all years to relax and socialise. This year, we have made an extra effort to integrate with the Uni-wide Cambridge MedSoc and other college medical societies through social events and we have established two new positions within Catz Medsoc: Social Secretary and Welfare Officer.

Electives evening was a highlight for Michaelmas Term where our sixth year medics came to share their experiences. In Lent Term we teamed up with St Catharine’s Amalgamated Societies and had the privilege of welcoming Dame Sally Davies, Chief Medical Officer for England, to come and talk about women’s health – the health of the 51%. We also saw the establishment of the Inaugural John Addenbrooke Lecture, in which we had the honour of having Lord Walton, Baron Walton of Detchant, come talk to us about his life story. The Annual Dinner was a key event where Professor Wallwork spoke to us about his life’s work involving heart-lung transplants and Ms Karen Reed, Head of Animal Welfare and Research at Brooke, spoke about Anthropomorphism and Zoonoses. The MedSoc election results were announced, with our new Presidents being Rahul Lall and Lizzie Nelmes, our new Social Secretary Luke Harries and our new Welfare Officer Olivia Baker.

Overall, it has been a great year and a wonderful experience.

President: Elizabeth Le and Amy Khan

Music Society  
The Music Society has had an excellent year, seeing a major concert put on in every term. The usual Christmas concert was very well attended and included music from the Snowman as well as several rousing carols which were enjoyed by all, as well as hundreds of mince pies and mulled wine to kick off the festive season.

Lent saw the return of a mid-year concert with a ‘Night at the Movies’ theme introduced as part of the handover to the new committee. Making use of the McGrath centre, popcorn and performers in black tie to set the cinematic scene, a variety of film music and theme tunes were played by our orchestra who performed fantastically despite limited rehearsal time. Highlights were the Jurassic Park theme and a medley from Lord of the Rings – hopefully we will see this extra concert continue!

As always the start of May Week was heralded by the Summer Concert in gorgeous sunshine. The usual mix of end-of-exams feeling, Pimms and great music made for a wonderful afternoon. Wind sweeping across main court added some jeopardy for the orchestra who had to both play and wrestle with their music at the same time! A particular treat was the chapel choir’s performance of some Welsh traditional music and hymns to mark the
Master’s final summer concert, whilst the usual mix of upbeat orchestral tunes and a rousing rendition of Pomp and Circumstance (with some raucous singing from the audience…) provided further entertainment. To balance the programme nicely, a featured set from Catzappella provided some more varied choral repertoire. This year also saw the first joint performance of the orchestra and choir in recent times, which ended the concert with a bang.

Thanks to all the performers and audiences this year who have made every concert such great fun.

President: James Dougal

Shirley

The Shirley Society continues to prove the foundational glue for friendships over different year groups. Weekly meetings are reliably lively, organised around a theme set in advance, variations upon which are offered by most students in attendance. The fame of these meetings from time to time even brought along students from other colleges to our doors. Our Michaelmas Term themes explored the multi-expressivity of different colours in art and literature, and Lent Term saw weekly topics include rhythm and blues, food and numbers. We particularly enjoyed it this year when meetings came to include not just poetry but essays – a live rendition of a Kate Nash song lyric and an intense discussion of cinema (Derek Jarman’s film Blue) stand out in the memory. We continue to take pride in the fact that this Society is not limited to being popular among English students, but thrives on having regular members from subjects as diverse as Maths, History, ASNC and Engineering. Sadly the scheduled talk by internationally-acclaimed poet Don Paterson had to be cancelled due to an unforeseen family emergency.

This year’s creative writing magazine revolved around ‘Metamorphosis’, with fascinatingly divergent interpretations creating a cohesive and exciting whole that we think accurately represents the imaginative endeavours of the Society itself.

We held a Shirley formal in College in Lent Term where we announced the theme of the magazine – a newly established tradition – and a memorable picnic under the oak tree on Queens’ Backs, sheltering from the showers that characterised 2016’s May Week. We would like to thank all members for the joys of being their co-presidents, especially to the fresher cohort for their wonderful enthusiasm.

Presidents: Emily Tait and Natasha Pinnington

Shirley Players

This year the Shirley Players have supported a huge variety of brilliant and exciting new productions. From theatre to film, we are helping a wealth of innovative projects finally come to fruition. With a renewed focus on fringe theatre and alternative comedy, the Shirley Players have funded Dying City, Napoleon of Notting Hill, and Farewell Tim. All of these productions were directed by students from St Catharine’s and this year our actors have gone on to star in a countless number of shows, including The Winter’s Tale by William Shakespeare, Life of Galileo by Bertolt Brecht, Krapp’s Last Tape by Samuel Beckett, and Murmuring Judges by David Hare.

At the 2016 Edinburgh Fringe, our students will be doing everything from directing a production of Arcadia by Tom Stoppard to acting in a new retelling of Hamlet by William Shakespeare. Sketch shows written and performed by current students will include Switch at Underbelly and Minky at Just The Tonic. We are also delighted to announce that Farewell Tim, a sketch show about the death of a close friend, will also transfer to the prestigious Pleasance Theatre in Edinburgh.

We hope next year that the Society will continue to grow and, in the capable hands of the next president, rival the bigger and richer theatrical societies.

Presidents: Sam Knights and Jethro Baird
This year the Steers Society has been as lively as ever and has seen a number of important and exciting changes. On the social side, new students enjoyed not only the traditional Freshers' Week pub crawl (this time with an 'ecowarrior' theme) but also a pizza evening designed to bring all three years of geographers together to collectively 'demythologise' the geography Tripos. The highlight of the year was of course the Annual Dinner, a delightful meal and a brilliant opportunity to welcome back Charlotte Leonard (1982) to St Catharine’s. Charlotte treated us to a fascinating account of her time studying geography at Cambridge and how it has informed her career in the transport and energy sectors. Charlotte was particularly welcome as our first female guest speaker at the Annual Dinner in over ten years, a disparity we and our successors have set out to correct in future years.

Debate and discussion has also seen a revival in the Society. Beginning this year, the Steers Society has linked up with the College Chaplain, David Neaum, to put on popular bi-termly ‘Politics Now’ discussion groups. We have discussed topical issues from the politics of climate change to the EU referendum. We have also enjoyed research-based talks on ‘Green Marxism’ (by our very own Dr Ivan Scales) and on the relationships between religion and violence by Dr Nick Megoran (Newcastle University). These were all inspiring events for Catz geographers who once again presented their own research at the annual dissertation evening. In sum, the Steers Society has enjoyed a vibrant year and looks forward to welcoming a new set of freshers to what continues to be a successful and friendly body of geographers in Cambridge.

President: Fred Kratt; Social Secretary Jess Denniff

SPORTS CLUBS

**Association Football (Men)**

This year has been an excellent year for Catz football. After a tough season in the top Division last year, we were keen to hit the 2nd Division this year with Catz team spirit. The season began really well, with some great wins over the likes of Homerton and Darwin, and further pursuing our journey through Cuppers with wins over Trinity Hall and Caius. Lent Term saw some tough games against Long Road and Trinity in the League; however the highlight of my Catz career so far was beating Jesus College (leaders of Division 1 at the time) on penalties in the quarter-finals of Cuppers. This meant we made it through to the semi-finals of the competition, an achievement that had eluded us for a long time. Unfortunately we lost to Pembroke; however all the boys should be extremely proud to have made it as far as we did.

Overall, Catz firsts came 4th in the League, and reached the semi-finals of Cuppers – a fantastic achievement! It’s been a pleasure to captain this team of guys, and I am very excited to have one last year with the club under the Captaincy of Alex Ho.

**Captain: Michael Lane**

**Association Football (Women)**

St Catharine’s women’s football team had a great season this year. The team expanded in size and so for the first time we had the luxury of substitutes! We also had enjoyed numerous successes, a particularly memorable example being our 1-0 victory against Queens’ (a team who had beaten us 11-0 earlier in the season!). The team finished the season mid table and got to the semi-final of the plate competition. Unfortunately in our ‘varsity match’ against Worcester, Oxford, we lost narrowly by 2 goals to 1, but it was great fun anyway. The team is constantly improving in skill and so I have high hopes for next year.

**Captain: Harriet Macleod**

**Athletics**

Each year, Cambridge competes against Oxford in three varsity athletics matches – Freshers’ Varsity (Michaelmas), Varsity Field Events and Relays (Lent) and the summer Varsity match (Easter). This year, Anni Bates, a 4th year Vet Med student at Catz, was the captain of the women’s team.

Prior to the Varsity matches, the inter-collegiate Cuppers competition took place in late October, allowing those who do not usually take part in the sport to represent their college. Catz finished 13th out of 17 in the men’s competition and 3rd out of 14 in the women’s competition.

**Captain: Harriet Macleod**
Special mentions go to Emma Copley and Anni Bates for wins in the shot put and high jump respectively, with Anna Myers and Sophie Abbott finishing second in the 1500m and javelin respectively. For the boys, Gareth Goh finished 3rd in the 200m hurdles with freshers Rory McMillan and James Stevens finishing well up in a strong 1500m field.

At the Freshers’ Varsity Match, Anna Myers competed in the 3000m, while at VFEAR, where Cambridge dominated in the men’s competition, the women did less well despite the Catz contribution by Anni Bates in the high jump, falling only a little short of her personal best with 1.61m (see also News of Members in this Magazine). In the distance relay Catz had Priya Crosby, Anna Myers and Rebecca Moore competing admirably.

At the summer Varsity match, despite some initial controversy and confusion, there were confirmed victories for both the Cambridge men and women in the Blues matches, but (suspected) defeats in both the second team matches. On the women’s side, there were resounding victories for Anni Bates (high jump) and Priya Crosby in the steeplechase, both with new personal bests. Anna Myers finished 3rd in the 2000m steeplechase whilst Becky Martin came 4th in the pole vault. On the men’s side, Phil Crout, coming off a 3rd place finish at the British Universities Championships, stormed to a convincing victory in the 5000m in an excellent time of 14:45. Unfortunately, Gareth Goh clattered the penultimate hurdle in his 200m hurdles race in wet and slippery conditions, resulting 4th in his race. After the Examinations, the Cambridge University Athletics Club staged a ‘distance running evening’ in June; here Phil Crout broke a 50-year-old University record for the 3000m race, running a splendid 8:10.4.

Overall, it has been a successful year for CUAC and Catz athletics on the whole, and it has been a pleasure to represent the College. We hope that Catz can continue its strong presence within CUAC in the coming years.

Captains: Gareth Goh and Kloe Storrie

Badminton (Men)
It’s been a year of ups and downs for the badminton club, quite literally for the men’s first team, who were unfortunately relegated twice. However, the second and third teams continued to do well, thanks in part to our very own Chaplain, who made one or two cameos in the team. Other highlights of the season included thrashing Worcester College Oxford 7-2 in the mini-varsity sports day with our sister college, as well as a determined mixed Cuppers campaign attempting to retain our title, in which we reached the semi-final, despite being affected by an injury in the team.

Captain: Sam Burr
Badminton (Women)
The Catz Ladies Badminton team has had a challenging season this year, as the number of players shrank and we had difficulties fielding a full team for all of our matches. Whilst this did lead to us dropping to the 2nd Division at the end of Michaelmas, it did not stop us from playing a lot of very strong matches. Our Cuppers matches, in particular, were extremely close and incredibly well-played by everyone. Yet Catz Ladies Badminton has never just been about the matches, and we have enjoyed some great practices with anyone who wanted to attempt to hit a shuttlecock enthusiastically or just have fun. Next year can only be more enjoyable, and more successful, with the leadership of our new captain Zoi Tsangalidoy.

Captain: Katherine Newton

Boat Club (overall)
We were lucky enough to have many new novices taking up rowing this year, both graduates and undergraduates, and this meant that we were able to enter five men’s and two women’s boats into May bumps. The results have not been our finest but we have trained many keen rowers for next year, so 2017 looks promising. We were incredibly lucky to receive the new M1 boat, the Filippi, over the summer as well as the new M2 boat, Magpie. We are also sad to say goodbye to our women’s coach Georgie Plunkett who has been coaching us for the last five years but W1 did her proud by bumping in front of her outside the Plough on our last day of bumps. We have two of the men’s side and two of the women’s side trialling for the University boats next year so watch this space, St Catharine’s may turn it around in Mays next year. I am happy to hand over to Basile Wicky as the new overall captain, Rory McMillan as men’s captain and Rachel Seary as women’s captain.

Captain: Cara Eldridge

Boat Club (Men)
It has been another year of mixed success for us. Michaelmas started well with a small but dedicated squad training for University Fours under our new coach David Oldham. We knocked out First and Third Trinity and King’s before losing to Peterhouse in the University Fours final. Meanwhile three crews of novices were learning fast, leading to a successful Fairbairns where the First Novice Eight came fourth among the novice crews, with the senior boats also placing in the top ten for their categories.

At the beginning of Lent Term we returned to Seville for a training camp. Unfortunately coach David broke his wrist there, and we had two difficult weeks before finding Chris Owen, who agreed to coach us until Bumps. His inspiring coaching paid off, and we bumped up twice to position eleven (M2 and M3 also went up). Wrist now healed, David coached us for Head of the River Race in London, and we finished 207th, 47 places higher than last year.

For Mays we increased our water time to five outings a week and moved into our new boat, Lady Helena. However, a combination of relatively little experience in the boat, no returners from the University crews and bad luck with the start order, meant that despite heroic efforts we were bumped every day. M3 did better, but M2 got our only bump. On the plus side, everyone from this crew will be here next year, and we are determined to bump back.

Captain: Will Norman

Boat Club (Women)
This year for the women’s side has been a turbulent one, and consisted of a first and second boat this year. 2016 started off promisingly with a Cambridge winter training camp over the Christmas period where the strong selection of novices from Michaelmas were brought into the senior side. However even with this preparation and a term full of different races, Lents was not great for either crew; with W1 sadly spooning (being bumped everyday) and W2 being bumped three times.

Compared to Lents however, Mays was far more flavoursome! For W1 it contained bumping, being bumped, rowing over and being the sandwich boat. We were bumped down twice: once on the first day which dropped us into Division 2 and the second happened on the third day. However after a two-and-a-half-year drought W1 finally had a bump up, bumping King’s in classic textbook style. This finished us as the sandwich boat for next Mays: both the top of Division 2 and bottom of Division 1. For W2, Mays was even more dramatic; after being bumped, then rowing over, then a bump up they were on for bumping up on the last day. The chase was on for Jesus W3 and by first post corner their cox had called ‘the kill call’, and they had considerable overlap; which led to what the crew can only describe as the bump… twice. Their bank party saw it and bow pair felt it, but the Jesus cox didn’t concede and hence nothing happened. Confused as to why the umpire hadn’t called it, W2 rowed on. Exhausted and perplexed they were sadly eventually overbumped on the reach by Clare Hall. Unfortunately the bump against Jesus W3 hadn’t been seen by the umpire or conceded by Jesus and therefore didn’t count and the overbump stood. This reminds us just how cruel bumps can be, but it will give us all the fight to come back next year!

Captain: Amy Chodorowski

Card and board games
Having now survived for two years, I am very pleased to report that the Catz Card and Board Games Society is still going strong, with highlights of the year including a joint event run by us (SCCBGS) and Christ’s College Board Games Society (CCBGS). I’m sure that it will continue to flourish under new leadership in the coming years.

President: Michael French
Cricket

2016 has turned out to be a positive and hugely promising season for SCCCC, with the club reaching the Cuppers quarter-final, thus making us seeded for the forthcoming 2017 campaign. A strong cohort of freshmen made team selection very difficult throughout the season, with Popat and Woods adding depth to the bowling, and Entwistle and King adding elegance and power to the batting line-up.

The season started with an encouraging 15-run win in a friendly against Caius, with Woods clearly the star player with three wickets and possibly the slowest 30-not-out ever made. A special mention must also go to Burrow’s over containing 50% wides and 100% bad deliveries, but crucially also a wicket that yet again reinforced the old adage that (extremely) bad balls get wickets.

Our first Cuppers match came against local rivals Queens’, with Catz batting first in tricky, overcast April conditions. Fulwood and Gopal managed to edge Catz to 110, but it took an outstandingly economical and efficient bowling performance from Diesel, Popat and Lello to seal a 16-run win. Clearly intimidated after hearing of our 2-0 record, Clare forfeited, making our next game against Pembroke effectively a knockout tie. Blue’s batsman Chohan showed his class with a half-century, supported well by Cummings as Catz reached 126 in the 20 overs, before more tight bowling by the aforementioned trio led to a 27-run win, with Mills picking up three wickets.

Before the quarter-final against Jesus, SCCCC had a 35-over friendly against Strollers CC to iron out any kinks before the Cuppers showdown, with Cummings and Gopal nudging a pair of 30s to set a target of 160. This proved, however, to be far from a competitive total, with Strollers knocking off the runs with an embarrassing number of overs remaining, even if birthday boy Hyman did take two wickets. SCCCC did, however, gain a modicum of revenge by winning the post-match social.

The quarter-final turned out to be a roller-coaster of emotions. Sharp bowling, combined with some generous umpiring from Jesus meant Catz were on top and restricted Jesus to a very reasonable 123, with Chohan this time showing his class with the ball, taking four wickets. Unfortunately, SCCCC collapsed to 55 for 9 with the bat, before spirited hitting from Mills prevented a complete thrashing, with Catz falling short by 33 runs.

A pair of friendlies against Simmons and Simmons CC and the Law Society CC saw Catz needing to chase roughly 200 in each game. The former game ended in narrow defeat despite a half century from Joshi and 42 from Yip. SCCCC returned to winning ways against the Law Society however, with half-centuries from Hyman and Cummings key to the victory.

An unofficial Cuppers plate competition was organised to finish the season. In the semi-final, Catz bowled Homerton out for just 50, with Diesel, Woods and Denison all amongst the wickets, and the chase was a formality for Fulwood, King and Gilmore. SCCCC became unofficial plate champions in somewhat farcical circumstances, with other winning semi-finalists Emmanuel unable to field a full team, with a mixed St Edmund’s and Emma team edging Catz by 2 runs in the friendly which was played instead of the final.

Overall the season was enjoyed by all, and I’d like to extend my thanks to everyone who contributed to our season either by playing or supporting SCCCC. Our season record reads six wins and three losses going into AG day, and I wish the next captain all the best, with the future of SCCCC bright once again.

Captain: Shreyas Gopal

Cross Country

The St Catharine’s College Cross Country Club (SCCCCC) has continued its dominance in Catz as the sports club with the longest name [what about SCCRUFC and SCCWRUF? Ed.]. Michaelmas Term was full of near-weekly runs with new and old students joining for efforts from 5km to 12km – we were delighted to welcome a large turnout on many of these. Lent Term was fairly quiet, but the new club captain Michael Diggin took up the ropes, and the Easter Term had many runs in the sun.

A proud member of SCCCCC, Phillip Crout, competed in the Varsity Cross Country match having earned selection by representing Catz, alongside Tom Simpson, in Cuppers.

Phillip Crout.
In road races, Lisa Sweering and myself completed the Cambridge half-marathon in February, with good times of 1:57 and 1:26 respectively. The most successful road runner of the year has been Rebecca Moore who, as well as running a half-marathon in 1:16, was selected to run for England in the Great Ireland Run (10km) held in Dublin in April.

Captain: Arnav Kapur

Hockey (Men)
A strong fresher intake to the men’s hockey team set the tone for a successful year. In Michaelmas, the best goal difference of all the college teams in all competitions couldn’t make up for the loss to Pembroke, leaving us 2nd place to them and disappointed to be left out of SuperCuppers for another year.

Lent has not been a strong term for Catz hockey in recent history. With over half the team struggling to make games due to CUHC commitments, the depth of the club was shown when we managed a 7-0 win over Emma on the same day as 25/33 Varsity. Congratulations to Nikhil Joshi, Geoffrey Dolphin and Ben Dudgeon for their second team colours on that day, alongside returning Wanderer Will Fulwood and returning Squanderer Matt Diesel.

However the Leagues were overshadowed by the Cuppers run, where Blues captain Kieran Gilmore joined the team to strengthen an already dominant midfield. Strong performances throughout the year in the early stages of the competition led to 9-0 and 8-3 wins over Robinson and Queens’/Homerton respectively. Easter term then saw a closely fought semi-final against rivals Pembroke ending 3-1 to Catz. The final was played the following week against Emmanuel who, aside from one goal just after half time, had no reply to the Catz precision and pace going forwards. The game ended 9-1 to Catz (Scorers Sam Cole (4), Kieran Gilmore (3), Micheal Ballentine and Nikhil Joshi), finally getting us the silverware we’ve narrowly missed in previous years.

Looking to next year, we will miss the talent and commitment of Simon Sowerby, Nikhil Joshi and previous captain Will Fulwood – all graduating this year. Best of luck to incoming captain Joe Horrocks-Taylor, hopefully I’ll finally play in SuperCuppers under your leadership.

Captain: Matt Diesel

Hockey (Women)
Women’s hockey has been very successful this year – with an amazingly strong fresher intake we started the year with a huge squad and had players in plentiful supply. We finished top of the table in Michaelmas and high up in Lent, the latter only due to players having to miss fixtures because of Varsity hockey commitments.

In Lent Term we were very successful in every Cuppers round, and went on to retain the Women’s Cuppers title for St Catharine’s Women’s hockey.

Captain: Anna Faulkner

Hockey (mixed)
Catz mixed hockey brought nothing but silky team work and flair to the pitch in Cuppers this season. We started off with a convincing win over newcomers to hockey, King’s. Despite a couple of goals from the opposition – balls finding their way into our net in the first half – we scored an impressive number of goals in the second half. Our

Harriet Potter (Captain SCC Mixed Hockey Team) in action against Worcester College.
dominating streak continued against St John’s, as their handful of individually strong players were no match for the skill contained within the whole Catz team. Male and female alike were able to hold their own across the pitch, and the team-work linked up beautifully. We have really benefitted from the mixture of a talented fresher intake and the experience of older students. Having reached the semi-finals, Catz came up against Clare, who presented an impressive team. We suffered from a lack of players and the girls being absolutely spent from their semi-final match directly before. Despite everyone pouring their all into the match, we were unable to recover from being 1-0 down early on in the first half. Throughout all the matches the tenacity, talent and determination of Catz could not have been more obvious.

Captain: Harriet Potter

Lawn Tennis (Men)

2015–6 was a landmark year for Catz men’s tennis. Record numbers of social players graced the holy turf of SCCLTC. Regular indoor performance academy squad sessions extended the season through the winter. A new clothing line of retro but chic stash, from a collaboration of Emporio Armani and Sondico, was released.

Armed with three University players and bewitching depth, Catz conjured some spellbinding sorcery in Cuppers to coast into the quarter finals. A memorable demolition of Churchill’s first team boosted team morale before a heartbreaking injustice in the next round. The court of arbitration of sport is currently investigating an illegal rigging of the seeding by patently ‘pooled’ opposition from Emmanuel College. A 5-4 loss was a gross injustice but could not overshadow one of the most successful seasons for Catz tennis to date.

Captain: Henry Hall

Netball (Women)

The 2015–6 season has been hugely successful for the St Catharine’s Ladies’ Netball Club. Michaelmas Term saw the arrival of several talented first-year players, who have made a great impact on the club. Through their commitment, as well as the reliably outstanding play from more established members of the team, Michaelmas Term saw the promotion of the team to Division 1 of the colleges’ League. Highlights of the term included resounding wins over Clare and Fitzwilliam.

Lent Term was more challenging, with the opposition in Division 1 unsurprisingly proving much tougher. This said, there were some impressive wins, including over St John’s, and some very narrow losses (by only one goal) to Sidney Sussex and Emmanuel. Lent also saw the sporting spectacle that is Ladies’ Netball Cuppers. Despite losing a game in the pool stages to a very strong Murray Edwards side, emphatic victories in other games meant we advanced to the knock-out stages of the competition, equalling the success of last year. There we met an exceptionally good Downing team, who eventually went on to win the competition. Although we were knocked out in the Quarter Finals, we had played some outstanding netball. The other main event of the term was the Sports Day with Worcester College, Oxford. This was the first time that St Catharine’s have been able to provide a second team in several years, which just shows how much enthusiasm for netball, and talent, we have within the College. Related to this, it is also worth mentioning the individual achievement of Molly Buxton, who represented the University in the 3rd Team Varsity Match.

Captain: Catriona Brickel

Netball (Mixed)

This year, the Mixed Netball club has maintained a strong position within Division 2, with many players balancing commitments to other sports. We have had some very impressive results against Christ’s, Pembroke and King’s, to name but a few. We were unable to match the Ladies’ performance at Cuppers, but with several new players joining at the end of Lent Term, there are positive signs for next year. With the final results from Lent Term yet to come through, I am hopeful of promotion to the dizzy heights of Division 1.

Captain: Catriona Brickel

Rugby (Men)

This was definitely a season of two halves for SCCRUFC. With a lot of players having left last year and some returning from years abroad, hardly any of the team had played together before when we started our League campaign. This, combined with difficulty in getting a consistent team out each week, meant we struggled in Division 2, suffering some heavy losses at times. Unfortunately, this meant that by the end of the League campaign we just lost out to Fitz in terms of staying up, and were one of two teams to be relegated, finishing fifth out of six teams. However, with some strong individual performances here and there, for example from eventual Player of the Season Robbie Zhao, there was a sense of optimism heading into Lent Term with the possibility of a strong Cuppers run to make amends.

Andy Rees earned his second blue in the Varsity Match before Christmas and was thereafter keen to run out once more for SCCRUFC – he slotted in at 10. With Henry King, who made appearances for the Blues after the Christmas break, at 13 we had the making of a strong midfield for Cuppers. We drew Christ’s in the first round and beat them 25-5 with a strong all-round team performance. Calus (a Division 1 side) in the next round gave us a very close game and unfortunately we lost narrowly: 20-15. Nevertheless, that put us in the Plate Competition, which contained some big names there to be beaten. We dismissed Magdalene in the quarter-final with a
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from Corpus, who will hopefully go on to lead their own
teams next year. We also had two players, Catriona Brickle

and Jenny Orriss, in the University second team. We give

a huge thank you to Robbie Denison, Jonny Hyman and

Andy Rees for help with training, come rain or shine, and

for never lacking enthusiasm. From uncertain beginnings,

we quickly rose to success in the League games, and

reached the final of Cuppers, being defeated there (20-o)

by Jesus. Overall it has been a fantastic season all round

and hopefully is a sign of great things to come.

Captain: Annie Loveday

Squash

It has been a good year for squash at Catz. From having

no team in September, we had a run to the fourth round

of the Cuppers plate competition as well as achieving

promotion from our Division in the college squash League.

This is all the more impressive in light of having only four

players for much of the season (a squash team usually

has five so it’s like winning the Premier League with nine

players). Sadly this is my last year so I hope that someone

else will take over the running of the team to make sure

we build on this season’s success.

Captain: Sam Carless

Surfing

The Surf Society continues to ride the wave of last year’s

successes – our socials have been larger, our film nights

more chilled and our stash wavier than ever! We ran up to

Scarborough in Michaelmas for some rough surfing in 10ft

storm swell with bitter sleet and snow; we ambled down to

Cornwall for a spot of smooth longboarding in the dreamy

days post-exams; and we jetted off to Fuerteventura for

an amazing week in Easter surfing Atlantic reefs! With the

future of this club uncertain, at least Catz can look back

with pride at the original, oldest and best college surfing

club, and fondly recall all the swell memories.

President: James Digby

Swimming

This year’s Cuppers saw Catz punching well above its

weight in swimming. After a long trip to the pool far

out of town we had a full afternoon of racing amongst

a record turnout of 17 colleges competing. A mixture of

relay and individual events made up the programme,

with Marcus Fantham, Sasha Bailey and James Dougal

all making individual finals in their events to help secure

an 8th-place finish overall. With a strong couple of swims

across all strokes, Michael Lane was a strong contributor

to the men finishing in 4th place. Gemma Shaw made up

the other half of the under-staffed women’s team, and

had to perform a gruelling double swim in the relays, but

nonetheless achieved an excellent 10th place. Although

some of the less well-represented sportspeople in College,

these swimmers produced some fantastic results for Catz

to be proud of – see you all next year!

Captain: James Dougal
It has been an extremely enjoyable and humbling experience being presidents of the Alley-Catz this year. These young women have excelled both on and off the pitch/court/track, whilst truly reflecting what Catz is all about – strong friendships, a keenness to get involved, and a determination to perform to the best of their ability. Alley-Catz members have represented both the University and the College across a whole range of sports, and played a major role in St Catharine’s topping the ‘Tompkins’ table of sport this year and being crowned the sportiest college in the University. Notable highlights include Anni Bates captaining CUAC to victory in Varsity, Becky Martin representing the Blues in two sports in one weekend (diving and pole vault), and Sophia Padt (one of our newest members) gaining her Blue in hockey. Similarly Catz sport has continued to thrive as a result of female contributions. The hockey girls sailed to Cuppers glory, women’s rugby came close and reached the final of Cuppers, while the women’s football team won their first and many more matches!

Outside sport, the Alley-Catz have continued to have a lot of fun, particularly with the Kittens, sharing both a Christmas and Valentine’s Day dinner. While connections with alumni have grown from strength to strength with what will hopefully be an annual alumni dinner jointly with the Kittens, following the boat race.

At the end of this year we are excited as we welcome new members into the fold, but sad to see so many faces leave. Nevertheless, we are sure that the Alley-Catz will continue to thrive under the guidance of Anna Faulkner and Molly Buxton, and we wish them the best of luck.

Presidents: Juliet Michel and Harriet Macleod
KITTEN CLUB

At the start of the year, the Kitten Club paused to take stock. We noted that the perception of the club around College was both far from ideal and far from accurate. We also acknowledged that there were practices and traditions within the club which were potentially regressive, and prevented us from contributing to the St Catharine’s community as we would have liked. So we decided to expand on the positive changes made in previous years, and to publish this information.

We threw open membership to all who attain eligibility based on sporting criteria, and banned initiations. We made clear that our role is to promote and celebrate College sport, and have made concerted efforts to support various Catz sports teams and fixtures. All of this was published in an open letter, and briefly made the student news.

We have continued to run popular Monday Night Quizzes, raising nearly £80 for Street Games charity, and inconsistently released the Kittbag, a roundup of College sport. Club members have participated in a great year of sport both at college and University level, and we held an extremely successful alumni day during the Boat Race, in conjunction with the Alley-Catz. Our social side remains vibrant, with swaps, NFL pres, parties, nights out and weekly casual bar sessions – and of course we rounded off the year with the KAGP, a brilliant garden party in the blistering sunshine, with over 200 guests!

Our club is now bigger, more diverse. We are able to expand in new directions, offer more activities, promote to a wider audience, and help support sport better than before, as an established part of the St Catharine’s community. If I had to describe our position in one word, it would be strong.

Head Kitten: James Digby

WORCESTER COLLEGE SPORTS DAY

In February St Catharine’s hosted Worcester College, Oxford, (our ‘Sister College’) for the annual Sports Day; and what a day it was! Given College’s apparent reluctance to be seen to promote extra-curricular activities, developing the day was no easy feat. However, while academic endeavour rightly remained their primary focus, over 200 students from the two institutions enjoyed letting their proverbial hair down for one afternoon towards the end of Lent Term.

Shortly after midday two coaches of Oxford students rolled into Cambridge ready to do battle in ten sports ranging from rugby to rounders and everything in between. Under bright – if not deceptively
cold – sunshine the rugby kicked off and all eyes then turned to the neighbouring AstroTurf and the hockey, where Catz scored victories in the men's and women's matches before a more social game of mixed hockey broke out. Meanwhile, it was honours even in the game of mixed lacrosse as a tense affair finished 1-1, while the Catz Rugby team registered a convincing win.

Shortly afterwards games of women's netball got underway, and our visitors displayed a stunning combination of height and skill to secure victory in both matches – a feat they would later repeat in the mixed netball. Meanwhile, Catz students were using all their local knowledge to attain exhilarating triumphs in the badminton and squash matches. With the help of our University 2nd team players Catz were also able to emerge victorious in the tennis. However, it was a different story in the football. A well-drilled Worcester team beat their hosts 3-0 in the men's fixture while their female counterparts produced a late comeback also to win, 2-1.

Plans for a tug-of-war to round out the afternoon were scuppered owing to lack of a rope, but fun was had by all – several observers remarked how pleasing it was to see so many students enjoying themselves in such a wide array of sports. To add a new dimension to the event this year, we incorporated a charitable element, and Saliha Sharif and her team of volunteers deserve special praise for making this happen. Through selling teas, coffees, home-made cupcakes and cookies by the pavilion, and offering face-paint in College colours to athletes and spectators alike, we were able to raise over £160 for Great Ormond Street Children's Ward. This really was the icing on the cake in a spectacular afternoon of sport.

Once all the action at the pitches had finished the participants made their way to Catz Bar where the festivities continued. Once Catz had scored decisive victories in the pool and table-football matches 170 of us left College for dinner to continue the inter-collegiate laughter and friendship. And with the humdrum of Cambridge nightlife still fresh in their ears, the Worcester College students boarded their coach home, ready to do it all again next year.

Special thanks must go to Dr Little for allowing the event and Bar-manager Craig Driver for being incredibly helpful.

Andy Rees (Sports and Societies Officer)

**BLUES AND COLOURS**

**Full Blues**  
**Athletics:** Annabelle Bates, Priya Crosby, P Crout  
**Cricket:** D Chohan  
**Cross Country:** P Crout  
**Fencing:** E Ren  
**Hockey:** K Gilmore, Sophia Padt  
**Powerlifting:** J Thompson (for 2015)  
**Rugby Football:** DR Dass, A Rees  
**Sailing:** T Gratton

**Half Blues**  
**Association Football:** Charlotte E Malley  
**Athletics:** Rebecca Martin  
**Badminton:** Stephanie Potten  
**Cricket:** Sophie H Abbott, Charlotte J Kenealy, Christine Viney  
**Modern Pentathlon:** A Shillito  
**Netball:** Elizabeth Bell  
**Rifle (fullbore):** W Johnson  
**Rifle (smallbore):** W Johnson  
**Squash:** Katy Hanlon  
**Water Polo:** Emma Tarrant
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY RUGBY CLUB CAPTAINCY

I have been reliably informed that St Catharine's has produced nine CURUFC captains in the 70 years since the second world war; this stands as a testament to both the current students, the alumni and the standard and dedication of both. To be amongst this cohort of previous captains is a privilege and an honour, albeit a daunting one. It is difficult to foresee where this period of the Cambridge Blues, and my place in it, will fall in the history of the club but looking at the present, I can say that I have great confidence in the team and the staff who will be standing alongside me.

It would be remiss of me not to mention and thank a few people from St Catharine's who have helped to bring me to this point. There are many who will not be mentioned in this short piece but they are no less appreciated. I am grateful to all who have ever offered advice, training or a fresh pair of socks throughout my time as a rugby player.

The St Catharine's academic staff are excellent, in particular I would like to thank Dr Sriya Iyer and Dr Philip Oliver, who have supported me both in my studies and on the rugby pitch. Alongside the staff I need to thank St Catharine's alumnus and former CURUFC player, Michael George (1982). Michael's support and guidance began long before I arrived on the CURUFC rugby field as it was on his recommendation that I chose to apply to St Catharine's.

I recently had the pleasure of meeting Angus Stewart (1974) at the CURUFC Captains' Dinner, the largest gathering of captains ever. Angus, a former member of St Catharine's and one of the very few captains to lead the Blues two years in a row, offered great encouragement and I was overwhelmed by the vast support of the captains stretching back to Micky Steele Bodger, captain in 1946.

Among the alumni of St Catharine's stands Michael Haslett (1997), who not only gave me guidance and encouragement as a former Blues captain, but also offered a support network outside the academic and sporting spheres. On many occasions he has been ready with help and advice.

In closing, I would not be in the position I am today without the support of St Catharine's. It is with a great respect and admiration that I step into and try to uphold the traditions of the College and the University.

Daniel Das (CURUFC Captain 2016–7)
COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY SAILING

Like so much of the University, the Cambridge University Cruising Club (CUCrC) has a rich history. Founded in 1893 to organise yachting activities for the fellows, the club has taken on many forms over the years but sailing has always been at the heart. The inaugural Varsity match in 1913 is the first record of team racing as a discipline of sailing, where multiple boats from one team race only one other team at any time. This format makes for close, fast-paced and highly tactical sailing and is the most popular of all the competitions between UK universities. In 1938 the club approached a renowned boat designer with a list of desired characteristics for a small dinghy. The result of this was the birth of the Firefly class of dinghy which is now used for the majority of team racing activities in the UK.

Initially competition was purely between colleges and individuals of the University, with the first Cuppers competition being held in 1924. St Catharine’s has won the competition only once, in 2003. However, the College regularly features near the top of the leader board, with this year being no exception with the team placed third.

Inter-university competition began in 1930 and has gained popularity to its place as the current main focus of the CUCrC. The pinnacle of this is the BUSA/BUCS team racing. Teams progress through regional qualifiers, playoffs and the national finals which the Cambridge club hosted this year. Two Catz sailors were involved, Duncan Hampshire on the third team and myself captaining the firsts. All three Cambridge teams made it through to the national finals, the maximum allowed. Duncan’s team finished a very solid 18th place, beating the Oxford first team. The Cambridge first team went into the event as strong favourites and delivered on the day. This was my third BUCS gold with the University.

Over the summer, the Varsity match took place at the Royal Southern Yacht Club. In a best-of-seven series, the mixed team won with a 4-0 whitewash while the ladies won a very close battle 4-3. This rounded off another great year for the club, something we will hope to take forward into next year with it being the 100th Varsity match.

Outside the University I have been competing in many different classes. Having mainly competed in dinghies prior to Cambridge, I have been enjoying sailing small keelboats. Recently I helmed a youth team from the Royal Thames Yacht Club to victory in the Gertrude Cup, beating a number of world champions and Olympians from as far afield as San Diego and Hong Kong. Looking forward to the future I am not certain what path I will take with my sailing, however I am sure I will continue to enjoy competing and will look back at my Cambridge sailing days with fond memories.

Tim Gratton (CUCrC Captain 2015–6)
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Zhao, Robbie (Hills Road Sixth Form College) Natural Sciences
Zhu, Zihan (St Teresa’s School, Dorking) Natural Sciences
NEW GRADUATE STUDENTS 2015

Appert, Simon (Columbia University (United States))
Economics

Baez Ortega, Adrian (Universidad de la Laguna (Spain))
Veterinary Medicine

Baker, David (St Catharine's) Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics

Bakker, Martijn (Universiteit Twente (Nethrlands))
Advanced Computer Science

Bartalucci, Giorgio (University of St Andrew's) Bachelor of Medicine & Surgery

Bates, Annabelle (St Catharine's) Veterinary Medicine

Bhattacharyya, Joya (Imperial College Medical School)
Medicine

Binti Ismail, Maryam (University College London) Politics & International Studies

Carless, Samuel (University of Exeter) Economics

Cavalier, Cameron (University of Liverpool) Architecture and Urban Design

Charlton, Iona (St Catharine's) Veterinary Medicine

Chlebikova, Andrea (St Catharine's) Chemistry

Cooper, Jonathan (St Catharine's) Chemical Engineering

Cullimore-Pike, Bethany (St Catharine's) Veterinary Medicine

Czerniejewski, Sebastian (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universitaet Muenchen (Germany)) Modern European History

Daehn, Katrin (The Ohio State University (United States)) Engineering

Damrich, Sebastian (University of Heidelberg (Germany))
Pure Mathematics

de Grande, Dominic (Birmingham Conservatoire) Music Studies

Didouan, Amandine (University of Aberdeen) History of Art & Architecture

Digpal, Ronnell (St Catharine's) Clinical Medicine

Dolphin, Geoffroy (Universite Catholique de Louvain (Belgium)) Management Studies

Durmanic, Simon (Monash University (Australia)) Public Policy

Eddy, Christopher (St Catharine's) Engineering

Eldridge, Cara (St Catharine's) Biological Science

Fielding, Natasha (St Catharine's) Comparative European Literatures & Cultures

Galbraith, Mhairi (St Catharine's) Public Health

Gandhi, Siddharth (St Catharine's) Astronomy

Garlick, Dean (Durham University) Mathematical Statistics

Giuliano, Laure (Supelec (France)) Energy Technologies

Goundry, Thomas (Queen Mary, University of London) Applied Mathematics

Gray, Thomas (University of Manchester) African Studies

Harman, Jennifer (Royal Veterinary College (University of London)) Medicine

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UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS AND PRIZES

Abbott, ACJ: The Cavendish Laboratory Part III Physics Prize
Bell, E: The Frank Smart Prize for Zoology
Bolgar, P: The BP Prize for the most Outstanding Performance in Part II Chemistry
Church, C: The William Vaughan Lewis Prize for Outstanding Dissertations in Geography
Doherty, EH: The Heinemann Prize for English
Goh, G: The Falcon Chambers Prize for Land Law
Marshall, RK: The William Vaughan Lewis Prize for Outstanding Dissertations in Geography

McArule, OBR: The Tiarks Prize for German
Ng, J: The Middle Eastern Studies Part IB Departmental Prize
Snow, R: The Robert Walker Prize in Surgery
Thompson, J: The GSK Prize for the best Organic Project
Trenins, G: The Buckingham Prize for Distinction in Theoretical Chemistry
Trenins, G: The Buckingham Prize for the most Outstanding Performance in Part III Chemistry
Trenins, G: The Norrish Prize for the best Theoretical Chemistry Project

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.

Parish, HG: The Higham Prize in Archaeology
Faulkner, A: The Bruno Laurent Memorial Prize in Chemical Engineering
Ghose, D: The Palmer Prize for Classics
Tezhik, G: The Sayers Prize or Award in Economics
Saunders, B JM: The Arthur Andersen Prize for Management
Ager, WJ: The Alexandria Prize in Engineering
Clayton, BAJ; Pawson, JD; Dunlop, A: The Birfield Memorial Scholarships in Engineering
Yeung, YK: The Engineering Members’ Prize(s) in Engineering
Pinnington, NP; Keen, S: The TR Henn Prize(s) in English
Marshall, RK: The William Balchin Prize(s) in Geography
Darling, NT; Slater, J; Stevens, JEJ: The Gus Caesar Prizes in Geography
Church, C: The Stephen Hinchcliffe Dissertation Prize in Geography
Rosen, AS: The Figgis Memorial Prize in History
Beaupre, SC; Schofield, A: The Ivo Forde Prizes in History
Patrick, KA: The Adderley Prize in Law
Goh, G; Bolderson, B: The Kemp-Gooderson Prizes in Law
Morley, BS: The TW Armon Prize in Mathematics
Minter, PDTW: The Drury-Johns Prize in Mathematics
Damrich, S (mathematics): The Jeremy Hawthorner Prizes in Mathematics or in Engineering
Nelmes, E; Wong, RNE; Cox, CL; Fischbacher, K: Bell Webb, C; Case, S; Christy, J: The John Brooke Medical Prizes
Eyre, R: The Sean Mulherin Prize in Modern & Medieval Languages

McArule, OBR: The Posener Memorial Prize in Modern & Medieval Languages
Neville, J: The Tasker Prize in Modern & Medieval Languages
Abbott, ACJ; Trenins, G: The John Spencer Wilson Prizes in Natural Sciences
Webb, EJK: The John Shakeshaft Prize for Natural Sciences
Bell, E: The Belfield Clarke Prize in Biological Sciences
McMillan, RT: The James Brimlow Prize in Chemistry
Trenins, G; Sirvinskaite, G: The Ray Driver Prizes in Chemistry
Lam, J (Biochemistry)/Bolgar, P (Chemistry): The Alan Battersby Prizes in Chemistry or in Biochemistry
Yelverton, BM: The V L M Lairmore Prize in Physics
Platt, BJ; Ng, A: The Mennell Prizes in Politics, Psychology & Sociology
Price, LM: The Cuthbert Casson Prize in Theology
Ng, JY (Asian & Middle Eastern Studies): The Jarrett Prize in Theology or in Asian & Middle Eastern Studies
Michaelides, LML: The Stephane Francis Prize in Veterinary Science
Snow, R: The Daniel Owen Morgan Prize in Veterinary Medicine
Platt, BJ (Politics & International Relations); Williams, HR (Psychology & Behavioural Sciences): The RS Briggs Prizes for Outstanding Tripos Performance
Wells Dion, B (Anglo-Saxon, Norse & Celtic): The Hutcherson Prize for Outstanding Tripos Performance
Khoo, NLY (Humanities, Social & Political Sciences): The DW Morgan Prize for Academic Excellence
Hallinan, ES (Archaeology): Kennedy, AJ (Pharmacology); Patel, V (Medical Sciences): The St Catharine's Prize for Distinction in Research
Other awards
The following include academic awards not directly relating to Tripos performance, awards with academic and non-academic components, and awards recognising a significant non-academic contribution to College life:

Lello, JAEH: The Christopher Macgregor Memorial Award for English Literature

Briggs, C: The Balchin Travel Award

Horrocks-Taylor, JP: The Doty Fieldwork Award for Geography

Briggs, C: The Alfred Steers Fieldwork Award for Geography

Hyman, J; McGill, OEJ: The Gooderson Memorial Grants for Legal Practice

Lando, MF (awarded in 2014 for three years): The Jacobson Scholarship in International Law

Bolderson, B: The Mooting Prize

Lepper, E: The Wilshaw Bursary

Dougal, JP: The Karen Kerslake Memorial Prize for College Music

Dougal, JP: The Weaver Prize for Choral Music

Wilsmore, P: The Richard Hardy Award for Biological Science

Price, LM: The Drury Memorial Exhibition for Anglican Ordination Training

Tait, F: The Bishop Browne Prize(s) for Reading in Chapel

Webster, R: The Master’s Sizar

Bond, ECJ: The Nicholas Prize for Leadership

Young, M: The Martin Steele Memorial Award for Theatre

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Abbott, ACJ: Natural Sciences Tripos Pt III: Physics (Skerne (1745))

Ager, WJ: Engineering Tripos Pt IA (Dr John Gostlin (1626))

Aho, K: Natural Sciences Tripos Pt II: Psychology (Thomas Hobbes (1631))

Allen, F: Natural Sciences Tripos Pt III: Chemistry (Skerne (1745))

Aoki, K: Asian & Middle Eastern Studies Tripos Pt IA (Thomas Jarrett (1887))

Beaupre, SC: Historical Tripos Pt II (Lady Katharine Barnardiston (1633))

Bell, E: Natural Sciences Tripos Pt II: Zoology (Thomas Hobbes (1631))

Bell Webb, C: Final MB Exam Pt III (Moses Holway (1695))

Bogachev, I: Natural Sciences Tripos Pt IB (Skerne (1745))

Bolderson, B: Law Tripos Pt IA (Mrs Payne (1610))

Bolgar, P: Natural Sciences Tripos Pt II: Chemistry (Skerne (1745))

Brody-Barre, A: M.Phil in Modern Society & Global Transformations (Lady Katharine Barnardiston (1633))

Bungey, CBA: Natural Sciences Tripos Pt III: Chemistry (Skerne (1745))

Butterworth, A: Natural Sciences Tripos Pt II: Chemistry (Skerne (1745))

Case, SJ: Final MB Exam Pt III (Moses Holway (1695))

Cheyne, ML: Psychological & Behavioural Sciences Tripos Pt I (Thomas Hobbes (1631))

Christy, JC: Final MB Exam Pt III (Moses Holway (1695))

Church, C: Geographical Tripos Pt II (Sir John Cleypool (1613))

Clarkson, A: Mathematical Tripos Pt IA (John Cartwright (1674))

Clayton, BAJ: Engineering Tripos Pt IB (Dr John Gostlin (1626))

Cox, CL: Final MB Exam Pt II (Moses Holway (1695))

Cripps, I: Natural Sciences Tripos Pt IA (Thomas Hobbes (1631))

Dai, J: Land Economy Tripos Pt II (Robert Skerne (1661))

Damrich, S: Mathematics Master of Advanced Study (John Cartwright (1674))

Darling, NT: Geographical Tripos Pt II (A A L Caesar (1980))

Doherty, EH: English Tripos Pt I (Sir John Cleypoole (1613))

Dudgeon, BP: Engineering Tripos Pt IA (Dr John Gostlin (1626))

Dunlop, A: Engineering Tripos Pt IB (Dr John Gostlin (1626))

Entwistle, W: Economics Tripos Pt I (Robert Skerne (1661))

Eyre, K: Land Economy Tripos Pt IA (Robert Skerne (1661))

Eyre, R: Modern & Medieval Languages Tripos Pt II (Henry Chaytor (1954))

Facon, E: Economics Tripos Pt I (Robert Skerne (1661))

Fantham, MJ: M.Res in Integr Photon & Electronic Systems (Dr John Gostlin (1626))

Faulkner, A: Chemical Engineering Tripos Pt I (Dr John Gostlin (1626))

Fischbacher, K: Medical and Veterinary Sciences Tripos Pt IA (Moses Holway (1695))

Fletcher, T: English Tripos Pt I (Sir John Cleypoole (1613))

Frost, CE: Final Veterinary Exam Pt II (Moses Holway (1695))

Fuller, SV: M.Phil in European Literature (Henry Chaytor (1954))

Ghose, D: Classics Preliminary Exam for Pt IA (Lady Katharine Barnardiston (1633))

Goh, G: Law Tripos Pt IB (Mrs Payne (1610))

Gohil, R: Philosophy Tripos Pt IA (Mrs Julian Stafford (1627))
Gooderham, TW: Land Economy Tripos Pt II (Robert Skerne (1661))
Hak, O: Natural Sciences Tripos Pt III: Chemistry (Skerne (1745))
Hallinan, ES: PhD in Archaeology (Lady Cocket (c.1635))
Hamilton, KJ: Natural Sciences Tripos Pt IA (Thomas Hobbes (1631))
Hare, TJ: Natural Sciences Tripos Pt III: Geological Sciences (Thomas Hobbes (1631))
Hollywood, J: Natural Sciences Tripos Pt II: Chemistry (Skerne (1745))
Hu, J: Engineering Tripos Pt IA (Dr John Gostlin (1626))
Johnson, W: Natural Sciences Tripos Pt IA (Thomas Hobbes (1631))
Kalvaitis, D: Natural Sciences Tripos Pt IA (Skerne (1745))
Keen, S: English Tripos Pt I (Sir John Cleypoole (1613))
Kenealy, CJ: M.Phil in Modern European History (Lady Katharine Barnardiston (1633))
Kennedy, AJ: PhD in Cardiovascular Pharmacology (Moses Holway (1695))
Khoo, NLY: Hum, Soc & Pol Sciences Tripos Pt I (Lady Katharine Barnardiston (1633))
Kleeman, JAC: Economics Tripos Pt I (Robert Skerne (1661))
Knowles, SF: Natural Sciences Tripos Pt IB (Skerne (1745))
Koblitz, AR: M.Phil in Scientific Computing (Mr Spurstow (1646))
Lam, J: Natural Sciences Tripos Pt II: Biochemistry (Skerne (1745))
Lello, JAEH: M.Phil in English Studies (Sir John Cleypoole (1613))
Leonard, PP: M.Phil in Advanced Computer Science (Mr Spurstow (1646))
Lunz, S: Mathematics Master of Advanced Study (John Cartwright (1674))
Macleod, HKD: Hum, Soc & Pol Sciences Tripos Pt IIB: Soc Anth and Politics (Lady Katharine Barnardiston (1633))
Malley, CE: Natural Sciences Tripos Pt II: Chemistry (Skerne (1745))
Marshall, RK: Geographical Tripos Pt II (Sir John Cleypoole (1613))
McArdle, OBR: Modern & Medieval Languages Tripos Pt IA (Henry Chaytor (1954))
McMillan, RT: Natural Sciences Tripos Pt IA (Skerne (1745))
Michaeldides, LML: Medical and Veterinary Sciences Tripos Pt IA (Moses Holway (1695))
Mikutis, S: Natural Sciences Tripos Pt II: Chemistry (Skerne (1745))
Minter, PDTW: Mathematical Tripos Pt IB (John Cartwright (1674))
Mooring, GA: M.Phil in Geographical Research (Sir John Cleypoole (1613))
Morley, BS: Mathematical Tripos Pt II (John Cartwright (1674))
Nelmes, E: Medical and Veterinary Sciences Tripos Pt IB (Moses Holway (1695))

Neville, J: Modern & Medieval Languages Tripos Pt II (Henry Chaytor (1954))
Ng, JY: Asian & Middle Eastern Studies Tripos Pt IB (Thomas Jarrett (1887))
Ng, A: Hum, Soc & Pol Sciences Tripos Pt IIB: Politics and Int Relations (Lady Katharine Barnardiston (1633))
Ng, SH: Natural Sciences Tripos Pt II: Chemistry (Skerne (1745))
Parish, HG: Hum, Soc & Pol Sciences Tripos Pt IIA: Archaeology (Lady Katharine Barnardiston (1633))
Parrott, W: Natural Sciences Tripos Pt IB (Skerne (1745))
Patel, V: PhD in Medical Science (Moses Holway (1695))
Patrick, KA: Law Tripos Pt II (Mrs Payne (1610))
Pawson, JD: Engineering Tripos Pt IB (Dr John Gostlin (1626))
Pinnington, NP: English Tripos Pt II (Sir John Cleypoole (1613))
Platt, BJ: Hum, Soc & Pol Sciences Tripos Pt IIB: Politics and Int Relations (Lady Katharine Barnardiston (1633))
Price, LM: Theology for Ministry Degree: Second Exam (Mrs Julian Stafford (1627))
Pruna, M-G: Natural Sciences Tripos Pt IB (Skerne (1745))
Radzevicius, A: Natural Sciences Tripos Pt II: Chemistry (Skerne (1745))
Ramchandani, BJ: Computer Science Tripos Pt IB (Mr Spurstow (1646))
Rees, JMB: M.Phil in Epidemiology (Cardiovascular) (Moses Holway (1695))
Rosen, AS: Historical Tripos Pt II (Lady Katharine Barnardiston (1633))
Saunders, BJM: Management Studies Tripos (Thomas Hobbes (1631))
Schofield, A: Historical Tripos Pt II (Lady Katharine Barnardiston (1633))
Sharma, N: Natural Sciences Tripos Pt IB (Skerne (1745))
Simmons, WV: Computer Science Tripos Pt IB (Mr Spurstow (1646))
Simpson, T: Engineering Tripos Pt IB (Dr John Gostlin (1626))
Sirvinskaite, G: Natural Sciences Tripos Pt IB (Skerne (1745))
Skeine, J: Historical Tripos Pt IIB (Lady Katharine Barnardiston (1633))
Slater, J: Geographical Tripos Pt IB (Sir John Cleypoole (1613))
Stakes, TD: Engineering Tripos Pt IB (Dr John Gostlin (1626))
Stevens, JEJ: Geographical Tripos Pt IA (Sir John Cleypoole (1613))
Svieczar, A: Natural Sciences Tripos Pt III: Chemistry (Skerne (1745))
Taghinejadhi, H: Natural Sciences Tripos Pt IA (Skerne (1745))
Tait, E: English Tripos Pt II (Sir John Cleypoole (1613))
Tan, R: M.Phil in Public Policy (Lady Katharine Barnardiston (1633))
Tezhik, G: Economics Tripos Pt IIB (Robert Skerne (1661))
Thomas, EJ: Natural Sciences Tripos Pt IB (Skerne (1745))
Thompson, J: Natural Sciences Tripos Pt III: Chemistry (Skerne (1745))
Trenins, G: Natural Sciences Tripos Pt III: Chemistry (Skerne (1745))
Tsangalidou, Z: Mathematical Tripos Pt IA (John Cartwright (1674))
Webb, EJK: Natural Sciences Tripos Pt IA (Skerne (1745))
Weller, AJ: Natural Sciences Tripos Pt IB (Skerne (1745))
Wells Dion, B: Anglo-Saxon, Norse and Celtic Tripos Pt I (Samuel Frankland (1691))
Williams, H-R: Psychological & Behavioural Sciences Tripos Pt IIA (Thomas Hobbes (1631))
Wilsmore, P: Natural Sciences Tripos Pt IB (Thomas Hobbes (1631))

Wong, RNE: Medical and Veterinary Sciences Tripos Pt IB (Moses Holway (1695))
Wootten, MM: Natural Sciences Tripos Pt III: Chemistry (Skerne (1745))
Xia, H: M.Phil in Advanced Computer Science (Mr Spurstow (1646))
Yelverton, BM: Natural Sciences Tripos Pt III: Physics (Skerne (1745))
Yeung, YK: Engineering Tripos Pt IB (Dr John Gostlin (1626))
Yip, DLZHR: Asian & Middle Eastern Studies Tripos Pt IB (Thomas Jarrett (1887))
Zanre, AC: Natural Sciences Tripos Pt IA (Skerne (1745))

PHDs APPROVED 2015–6

Arhangelskis, M: Experimental and computational studies of organic luminescent crystals
Blagorodnova, N: Characterising the Ga transient sky
Brame, AL: Novel apelin receptor ligands in cardiopulmonary disease
Clarke, HJ: The role of GADD34 in mesothelioma
Critch, AJ: How are princely gifts repaid by your powerful friends?: ‘Ring Money’ and the appropriation of tradition in insular viking politics, AD 900–1065
Croft, O: Manganites: physical properties and magnetic tunnel devices
Dawson, CM: Transcription in the establishment of DNA methylation imprints: investigation of mechanism, general requirement and gender-specificity
Ding, L: Nano-ferroelectric thin films
Dixon, JA: Application of in-silico methods to study phase-change materials for use in non-volatile memory technology
Fitzgerald, A: Approaching Europe: governmentality, subjectivity and the peopling of Europe through learning mobility
Flores, JV: Role of NSUN2 in neural differentiation and disease
Girman, J: Novel treatments for spinal facet arthropathy
Holt, D: New strategies for chemical synthesis: Copper catalysed Oxy-Alkenylation of Homoallylic Carbamates, Enantioselective Alkenylation and towards the synthesis of (-)_–Lysine byoside B
Jones, AJY: Studies of ubiquinone reduction and proton translocation by mitochondrial complex 1

Lim, CHN: Folding and functional studies of topologically knotted proteins
Lopez-Paz, D: From dependence to causation
Mascetti, VL: The interface of human pluripotent stem cells and the developing mouse embryo
Morrison, G: Combined emergency braking andcornering of articulated heavy vehicles
Munder, A: New insights into retinal ganglion cell functions in zebrafish
Murphy, D: Investigating the BAFF/APRIL cytokine system in atherosclerosis pathology
Murray, AJ: Robust lineage barriers are maintained through epigenetic regulation of a core set of gatekeeper genes in early-embryo derived stem cells
Ozawa, M: Trust and European-Russian energy relations: the cases of German-Russian and British-Russian cooperation in oil and natural gas
Simon, ACH: Protein interactions in the replisome
Squire, OJ: Influence of changes in climate and land use on isoprene emissions and tropospheric ozone
Steur, MJJ: Dietary fatty acids, genetics and coronary heart disease risk in epic-cvd
Szucs, Z: An orthotopic mammary epithelial cell transplantation model and prognostic molecular imaging of early breast cancer formation
Taneja, D: Two-dimensional ambipolar transport and coupled one-dimensional conductors in undoped GaAs/AlGaAs heterostructures
Waring, SJE: Thomas Young, the Board of Longitude and the age of reform
I am pleased to report that the Society is flourishing and that it remains true to its original principal purpose which is to encourage a continuing interest in the College on the part of its members and also to maintain contact amongst those members both for themselves and with the College.

How has the Society been doing this? This is most evident in the wide range of activities conducted by our branches. To give you a flavour of this, there have been trips to the opera in Norwich, Greek wine tastings conducted by Ron Martin in College, a visit to the world leading Sanger Institute, an outing to Deene Park (historic home of the Earls of Cardigan), dining in both Belfast and Dublin, visits to the Globe Theatre in London, visits to Horace Walpole’s house at Strawberry Hill, visits to Erasmus Darwin’s house in Lichfield followed by a private organ recital in Lichfield Cathedral, a wine tasting in Manchester, a theatre visit in Liverpool, an outing to Summerhill Square in Newcastle, a lecture by our former ambassador to the European Union in Edinburgh, a reception at the Mansion House in Bristol, a trip to Esseborne Manor in Andover, an outing to the Hillier Gardens and arboretum in Romsey and, last but by no means least, a day in the Society’s own box at Lord’s.

I was fortunate to be able to participate personally in Branch events in Dartmoor, in Lichfield, in London and in Edinburgh so have seen at first hand that the branches provide a wonderful variety of events and I take this opportunity to thank, on your behalf, all the Branch Chairs and Branch Officers for continuing to be the life blood of the Society in such an impressive way.

The Society also has an important presence in College. You will be able to see the detailed list of grants which the Society makes available to student members. These cover music, the theatre and other performing and visual arts, sport, academic research and work with NGOs. The geographic spread of the grants is equally impressive, ranging from animal welfare in Panama to language training in Nepal to medical research here in the UK and to the boat club training camp in Seville (to which latter event I rather hoped the President might be invited but my invitation sadly seemed to go astray).

We rely heavily on the close interaction between the Society and the Fellowship in administering these grants which are relatively small in individual terms but which provide a resource that enables much to happen which otherwise would not. The close association between the Society and the Fellowship is one of the reasons why we flourish and I would like to record our gratitude to the Fellows. The support of the Fellowship has been exemplified by the active support we have received from our former President, the Master, who retired from the Mastership in September. I wish formally to record our enormous gratitude to her and our admiration for the skill and devotion which she has shown in promoting both the College and the Society. We look forward to welcoming Sir Mark Welland, who will succeed her, and very much hope that he will feel at home in the Society and will feel free to call on us for support.

Finally, I was pleased personally to host a reception for the Society at Inner Temple which was very well attended. It was graced, and I use that word deliberately, by a wonderful a capella performance by the College Choir in Temple Church before the reception. This was made possible by the enthusiasm and hard work of Edward Wickham and the result was a performance which was genuinely memorable.

We have spent some time in the year reviewing the way in which we organise how our funds are held. This resulted in the conclusion that we should hold our funds separately from the College and this has now been done. I am grateful to the Treasurer, the Bursar and the Law Fellows for their help with this matter and I would also like to thank Tony Engel who has been generous with his time in assisting on this.

Finally, I would like to thank our hard working Committee and Officers and to reiterate our debt to all the branches. I should particularly mention that two long serving members of the Committee will
stand down. John Horam stands down after having served as Chairman of the Committee and as your President last year. Chris Thorne stands down from the Committee after a period of at least 30 years’ service in a wide variety of roles ranging from Committee member to prime mover behind the Old Members’ Sports Fund. We are grateful to them both for their many years of service.

I am delighted that our next President will be Professor Sir John Baker, and I know that John will ensure that the Society continues to flourish.

SOCIETY COMMITTEE 2016–7

President: Professor Sir John Baker (Fellow 1971, Honorary Fellow 2012)
Vice-President and President-Elect: Keith Cocker (1972)
Immediate Past President: Guy Beringer QC CBE (1973, Fellow Commoner 2008)
Chairman: David Sanders (1969)
Hon Secretary: David Peace (1966, Fellow Commoner 2014)
Hon Treasurer: Dr John Little (1972, Fellow 1980)
Editor, Society Magazine: Roger Stratford (1960, Fellow Commoner 1992)
Society Webmaster: Howard Cole (College IT Operations Manager)

Elected (Ordinary) Members
Re-elected 2015: Dr Anthony Davenport (Fellow 1995)
Elected 2014: Dr Ivan Scales (Fellow 2008)
Elected 2013: Dr Abigail Brundin (Fellow 2000), 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 – each eligible for re-election annually. Elected (Ordinary) Members – four years with the option to stand for one further four-year term; Branch Chairs, Magazine Editor, Society Webmaster – ex-officio. All elections at the AGM other than Branch Chairs (chosen locally).

THE SOCIETY PRESIDENT 2016–7

John Baker was born in wartime Sheffield but brought up in Essex, where he attended King Edward VI Grammar School. He read Law at University College London (1962–5) and was called to the bar by the Inner Temple in 1966. Though intending to practise, he accepted a lectureship at UCL in 1965 and taught there for five years, taking a PhD and writing a textbook instead of doing pupillage. In January 1971 he moved to Cambridge, and has been a Fellow of St Catharine’s ever since. He shared the duties of College law teaching for ten years with Dick Gooderson, the College’s first (and until then the only) Law Fellow. One year when Dick went on leave, JHB found himself sole director of studies for 12% of the undergraduate members of the College, supervising eighteen of them in the core subjects of Contract, Tort, Constitutional Law and English Legal System. (In those days twelve lawyers were typically admitted each year, and there would often be around half a dozen migrants from other subjects.)

His main research interest has always been English Legal History, and for his work in that field he
was promoted to a Readership in 1983, elected FBA in 1984 (the year in which he also took the LLD), and awarded the Ames Medal from Harvard Law School in 1985; he became an honorary foreign member of the American Academy in 2001. He was the longest serving Literary Director of the Selden Society (1980–2011), of which he is currently President, and has been editor of the Cambridge Studies in English Legal History since 1987. In 1988 he was promoted to the ad hominem Professorship of English Legal History, and in 1998 translated to the Downing Professorship of the Laws of England. The last appointment made St Catharine’s the principal supplier of Downing Professors since the foundation of the chair in 1800 (5 out of 13 – Starkie 1823, Jennings 1962, De Smith 1970, Jones 1975, Baker 1998).

Among his College functions have been Dean (1977–9, vacated on becoming a proctor in 1979), Keeper of the Muniments (1981–2011), Praelector (1996–2004), President (2004–7) and Vice-Master (2006–7, the only holder of that office so far). He retired in 2011, enabling him to pursue his research with less interruption. He is currently seeing through the press his latest book, The Reinvention of Magna Carta 1216–1616.

He has maintained his connections with the legal world as an honorary bencher of the Inner Temple (1988) and of Gray’s Inn (2013), and was appointed Queen’s Counsel honoris causa (1996). He was knighted for services to Legal History in 2003.

He is a collector of books, manuscripts, images and artefacts relating to the history of English law. These are destined to be the core collection in the Centre for English Legal History in Cambridge, which is seeking the funds to acquire suitable premises. He also has a heraldic collection, including twenty painted pedigree rolls and the largest assemblage in the world of medieval armorial pendants (over 1500 items). Such diversions explain the little pile of packages often seen in his pigeon hole in the Porters’ Lodge.

JHB has two daughters (Alys and Anstice) by his first wife Veronica, and five grandchildren. His present wife Liesbeth (Professor Elisabeth van Houts) is a medieval historian and a fellow of Emmanuel College.

2016 SOCIETY REUNION

Report of the 88th Annual General Meeting
The Society President Guy Beringer QC CBE (1973, Fellow Commoner 2008) took the Chair on 24 September 2016 with about 35 Members in attendance, and welcomed them to the 88th Annual General Meeting of the Society.

The Minutes of the 87th meeting were approved nem con: Proposer Anthony Hird (1966), seconder John Horam (1957)

Elections
In the election the following Members were either confirmed in, or elected to, or re-elected to Committee Membership nem con: Professor Sir John Baker (Fellow 1971, Honorary Fellow 2012) as President, having been elected the previous year; Keith Cocker (1972) as President-Elect; David Sanders (1969) as Chair; David Peace (1966) as Secretary; Dr John Little (1972) as Treasurer; David Hughes (1978) and Karen Cass (1981) as Ordinary Members. Proposer Brian Sweeney (1963), seconder Geoffrey Stokell (1950).

Officers’ Reports
President’s Annual Report: Guy Beringer was pleased to report another highly successful year for the Society. He summarised all the Branch and centrally-organised events and his participation in them, the
important part the Society plays in helping students financially, the close association with and support from Fellows, mentioning especially this year the Master and her great help in that role and as a former Society President, and he gave special thanks to the hard-working Committee members, remembering in particular Dr Chris Thorne and Lord Horam who were leaving at the end of their tenure. Finally he welcomed Professor Sir John Baker as the new President. A fuller account can be found in the President’s Report above.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Dr John Little reported that the Society’s funds as noted in the Income and Expenditure Account were broadly in line with those of recent years. The income showed that undergraduate and graduate subscriptions had remained constant because student numbers had not changed, but dividends and bank interest were different as a result of the relocation of funds as mentioned in the President’s Report, the apparent increase not being – regrettably – a sudden windfall, but simply the incorporation into the main Society accounts of the Society’s Old Members’ Sports Fund previously held administratively within College investments. Expenditure had also been similar with one extra meeting leading to the rise in catering costs. The College had generously agreed to waive the

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The Old Members’ Sports Fund (OMSF), a separate Society Fund established in 1980 ‘for the encouragement of sporting activities at the College’, formerly sat administratively within College funds and was re-invested during this academic year ended 30 June 2016 in a Barclays Treasury Deposit investment account in the Society’s name at an amount of £125,150. The awards made by this fund amounted to £5,365 during the year ended 30 June 2016 (2015: £5,382). The investment income available to spend during 2015–16 was £5,470.
annual contribution made by the Society to the Alumni Office as it recognised the Society’s substantial expenditure on grants to the student body, with £600 given to the Boat Club, £4400 awarded to various projects and over £5000 to athletes competing in a wide range of sporting activities. The Society Committee would be undertaking investment advice and would then review our policies with respect to grant-giving to the student body, reporting back to the Membership at the next AGM. There were no questions, and the accounts were approved nem con: Proposer Francis Warner (1956), seconder Tony Watts (1960). A summary of the accounts can be found on the previous page.

Editor’s Report: The Magazine Editor, Roger Stratford, announced that the plan to make all Magazines available for public viewing on the College website was now complete. It had involved redacting Magazines to remove personal data in order to comply with the Data Protection Act. The full text continued to be available, password protected, to registered members of the Society. The Editor went on to explain why the 2015 Magazine had some 20% more pages than previous recent editions and expressed regret that two alumni had been reported as deceased when they were in fact still alive. The 2016 edition seemed to be progressing on schedule and almost all material was to hand. The Editor thanked the College Librarian, Colin Higgins, for handling book reviews and Chris Thorne for undertaking the sometimes onerous task of extracting reports and other material from students.

Alumni Relations and Development
The Development Director, Deborah Loveluck, summarised the alumni events organised by the College during the year. A full account is available in the College Report section of this Magazine.

The Reunion Seminar
Professor Eilís Ferran addressed the subject of Future Directions for The University of Cambridge. She stressed the importance of the values of freedom of thought and expression, and freedom from discrimination – which had been critical to the implementation of the Prevent duty – together with the deep commitment to the collegiate model. She spoke of the University’s strategic research initiatives in areas such as food security, infectious diseases, big data, public health and public policy, as examples of the University’s contribution to addressing some of the most difficult economic and societal issues facing the world today.

She noted that the University was investing significantly in the space and facilities needed to remain one of the world’s leading universities: the new Cavendish, plans for Engineering and Chemistry to move West, and in the North West a new community with housing, a primary school and other community facilities, all aimed at meeting the needs of post-docs and research staff; and the growing Addenbrooke’s biomedical campus to enable fundamental and applied research.

Professor Ferran noted that the University had no plans for overseas teaching campuses but that research units such as the CARES laboratory in Singapore were likely to become more common. In addition we were linked in research collaborations, co-authored publications and research funding with effectively every region in the world.

Turning to Brexit, she identified the effect on our EU students and staff, and the potential funding hole as pressing issues; yet we remained optimistic, and intellectually and culturally European.

The Higher Education and Research Bill was another topical concern. Nevertheless she felt that Cambridge was in a good position to weather the storms, as it had done over the centuries.
Exhibition
During the Reunion Weekend the College Librarian, Colin Higgins, provided members with an exhibition in the OCR from the College Library and Archives demonstrating the contribution that John Addenbrooke made to the College and to the University some 250 years after his benefaction led to the foundation of his Hospital which opened in Trumpington Street on 13 October 1766. The display was well attended, with Colin and his staff answering further questions about John Addenbrooke, surely one of our most distinguished alumni whose legacy is remembered worldwide. Our 2016 Society Charity, for the Addenbrooke’s Paediatric Oncology Unit, also honoured his work.

Evensong
Members worshipping at Evensong again received spiritual and musical uplift from the familiar form of Anglican service that has stood the test of centuries, this year led in the Chaplain’s absence by our previous interim Chaplain the Revd Margaret Widdess, Associate Priest of Saint Botolph’s in whose parish the College sits. Our outgoing and incoming Presidents provided the readings and the Girls’ Choir – young girls from local schools in this the only college-based girls’ choir in the UK – under the direction of Dr Edward Wickham took us through the traditional musical setting, producing also a splendid 3rd century anthem in ancient Greek and Mendelssohn’s Lift Thine Eyes. Joined by the congregation, the chapel resounded lustily to the Old Hundredth (All people that on earth do dwell) and St Denio (Immortal, invisible). Members left the chapel spiritually refreshed and reassured by the comforting knowledge that some things do not change.

Annual Dinner 2016
Gathering for our pre-Dinner Reception in the McGrath Centre, some 180 of us enjoyed wine and great conviviality until we were called to order by Tony the Butler and dutifully filed through to find our places in Hall where Guy Beringer our President had an announcement to make: very sadly the Master, Professor Dame Jean Thomas, had been called away due to the serious illness of a good friend and so would not be with us that evening; the Toast to the Society would be made by Professor Sir John Baker. The President then said the College Grace and we were treated to our normal excellent meal with high quality wines, all accompanied by an ever-increasing volume of conversation, until after dessert the gong was sounded and the President proposed the Loyal Toast. We resumed our seats and then Guy addressed the gathering as our outgoing President.

Welcoming all members and guests, and noting with pleasure the large number and wide age range of members attending, he reminded them of the origins of the Society, founded by Frederick Rushmore in 1923 and remarked how well Fellows and the Governing Body had continued to support us over the years, one of the reasons why the Society had flourished. During the year he had attended a number of Society events – for a full account see the President’s Report – and he encouraged members to engage with and support their local branches. He had been particularly pleased to host a recital and reception at Inner Temple and was very grateful to Dr Wickham and choir members for their splendid performance. Separately he had organised a most successful Dinner at the Athenaeum Club in honour of Chris Clark to
mark his appointment to the Regius Chair of History, and he noted how distinguished our Fellowship was at national and international levels as well as influential in University matters, as witnessed by Professor Ferran’s talk earlier in the day.

The President then reminisced with great humour on his first arrival at College in 1972, faced with unexpected questions by Gus Caesar and the tolerance of John Thompson, and linked that with his delight that his father and other octogenarian members were in the Hall. Guy commented on the way the College encouraged its people to develop in ways beyond their particular disciplines and to provide an environment where polymaths can flourish. While not unique to St Catharine’s it was certainly a distinctive element in life in our College, and the example he particularly respected was that of our Master Professor Dame Jean Thomas. He had been invited to an early dinner for older members to which Jean was invited, and he remembered how their initial bafflement as she described her academic pursuits had turned to great enthusiasm as she moved on to give a masterly overview of College life, its academic performance, its music, sport and collegiality, at the end of which she was clearly accepted as a worthy Master. He paid tribute to the huge commitment she had made to the College as Master and to the Society as its major supporter and one-time President. The Society had intended to present Jean with some gifts together with our heartfelt thanks for the past and good wishes for the future; we would do so at some time in future and our thoughts were with her at this difficult time, to which all in the Hall agreed. Our President then asked everyone to charge their glasses and toast the College, after which he handed the emblem of office to Professor Sir John Baker wishing him much pleasure as Society President in the year ahead.

To much acclaim Sir John rose to say a few words on behalf of the College, endorsing Guy’s admiration for the Master and saying how it was shared by all Fellows. He was delighted to be our next President and he looked forward to his year in office. He then proposed the toast to the Society.

Shortly afterwards Members were invited to adjourn for further refreshments in the College Bar where the South Side Jazz band was to play until curfew at 12.00.

**The Society Charity:** We are pleased to announce that during the Reunion Members contributed £425 to Addenbrooke’s Paediatric Oncology Unit.

*David Peace (1966, Fellow Commoner 2014), Society Secretary*

**SOCIETY AWARDS**

Each year the Society does what it can from its accumulated funds to help students with special financial needs. We currently offer grants in the following areas – for details, contact the Society Secretary (email society.secretary@caths.cam.ac.uk) or see www.society.caths.cam.ac.uk/grants.

- **Music Tuition Fund** – up to £1000 per year available.
- **Performing Arts Fund** – up to £1000 per year available.
- **Travel Grants Fund** – up to £2000 per year available.
- **Old Members’ Sports Fund** – up to £4000 per year available.
- **Internship Bursaries Fund** – each bursary limited to £500, plus a possible further £500 from College.
During 2015–6 the Society, through its award panels consisting of Society and College Officers, was pleased to make:

- two awards totalling £1400 to support piano, organ and theatre tuition
- an award of £500 to support a Boat Club overseas training camp
- six awards for work experience (internships working with refugees (UN), animal welfare (Panama), language teaching (Nepal), cancer projects (WHO), and heart & liver research (London)) totalling £2350.
- 68 awards totalling £5365 to individuals to help with sports activities – athletics, badminton, basketball, cricket, cross country, cycling, diving, Eton fives, fencing, football, golf, hockey, lacrosse, mountain biking, netball, rowing, rugby, running, sailing, skiing, squash, swimming, tennis, volleyball and water polo.

David Peace (1966, Fellow Commoner 2014), Society Secretary

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Each year the Society Secretary writes to the known partners or next-of-kin of those members whose deaths were announced in the previous Magazine, unless they have requested that no more contact be made. The Society offers them Associate Member status. Associate Members of the Society do not have voting rights but they continue to receive the Magazine and are included in the Society records so that they can be invited to the annual Reunion in College and to any events organised by Society branches. They may also receive invitations to other appropriate events that are arranged from time to time. In this way we hope to encourage them to keep in touch with the Society and the College, and we are always pleased when they agree to do so.

David Peace (1966, Fellow Commoner 2014), Society Secretary

SOCIETY PRESIDENTS’ DINNER

Our sixth Society Presidents’ Dinner, scheduled for March in the Edward VII Room of the Oxford and Cambridge Club, London, regrettably had to be cancelled, fortunately in good time to avoid cost. Numbers had started well, then rose and fell slightly, but finally went below the threshold for a viable meal. There was no lack of enthusiasm for this special evening where our current President, our President-Elect and all former Presidents can discuss Society and College matters at arm’s length and with a perspective that often provides insights into how we can build on the Society’s good record of the past nine decades and so move it forward successfully towards our centenary and beyond. The difficulty this year was dates, holidays and unexpected commitments. We’ll do our best to overcome all of that next year.

David Peace (1966, Fellow Commoner 2014), Society Secretary
PRESIDENT’S RECITAL AND RECEPTION

In early June over 100 alumni and guests joined the Master and several Fellows in attending the Society President’s reception at the Inner Temple in London. This year’s President, Guy Beringer QC CBE (1973, Fellow Commoner 2008), combined his enthusiasms for law, history and music to host the event at the heart of one of the historic Inns of Court. The evening began with a recital by members of the College Choir led by Dr Edward Wickham in the splendid setting of the Temple Church. The wonderful acoustics of the circular nave were a perfect enhancement to the Choir’s rendition of arrangements of unaccompanied music ranging from Byrd to Beatles.

The President then welcomed all guests and explained a little of the history of the Church since its foundation. It was built and dedicated in 1185 as the western representation of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem, and was the London base of the Knights Templar. Later it was closely associated with the Magna Carta in its many versions. It survived the Great Fire in 1666 but was badly damaged during the Second World War blitz requiring significant restoration to its former glory. The Church sits between the Inner and Middle Temples which share responsibility for its upkeep.

Guy then thanked the Choir members for their excellent performance and also particularly thanked the Master for her contribution to, and support of, the Society during the last ten years, not least as a former President. He ended by inviting all present to explore the many artefacts in the Church and then join him for refreshments in the more modern, but equally impressive, Inner Temple Hall.

An extremely convivial evening was enjoyed by all in an environment of calm in the centre of London which few of us, who are not lawyers, normally experience.

David Sanders (1969) Society Chairman

ACHESON GRAY SPORTS DAY

The annual sports day for College dwellers and alumni took place in June 2016. It was the 16th successive version of the Acheson Gray sports day celebrating the life of Charles Acheson Gray (1991) and allowing recent graduates to come back, meet their friends and play sport. On the day, the vast Anglian skies weighed heavily upon the fields of dreams threatening rain but unable to fulfil the promise. The survivors of the May Ball were ready to do it for the wheel.

There were 14 sports – more than we have had in recent years – and all were played around the sports ground. Soccer was played on the new rugby pitch. The old boys romped away winning by 10 goals to 2. It was good to see Marc O’Shea (2007) playing again. The men’s hockey produced some fine touches, especially a goal for the old boys from the left beating the keeper from a narrow angle. Even though the College had won Cuppers hockey there was too much talent in the old boys team; result 6–3 to the alumni. Rugby brought together Alex Fries (2001), Ben Wylie (2011) and Ben Martin (2006). Ben Martin bumped his head damaging his right zygomatic bone and needed to be taken to Addenbrooke’s; the medical intervention by John FitzPatrick (2008) was impressive. The College won this match 35–27.

The cricket match featured a team of old boys captained by Mr Ponti (2008) and a College team captained by Shreyas Gopal (2014) which included Sophie Abbott (2014) who has turned out for the College men’s Cuppers team. The unusually damp June weather had not prevented Chris Tovey from preparing a magnificent pitch. The College lacked any determined batting and posted only 95 runs. The old boys passed that for five wickets. Afterwards Mr Ponti made a gift of a bottle of good champagne to the groundsman for his tireless work – a lovely touch. One umpire had to remind the students about the
accepted decorum of the cricket pitch – sledging is for Australians not Catzmen. Lunch was served from a small marquee. The sandwiches were bought from the catering department and sold in aid of the Senior Tutor’s Student Counselling Fund. Pat Caesar baked sultana buns for the event.

The attendance of Professor Broom (1961, Emeritus Fellow) was appreciated and the patronage of John Oakes (1961) noted. The Master came for the concluding sports having a busy diary.

Afternoon sports were tennis and croquet together with the mixed and ladies hockey. The alumni tennis players brought experience, led by Karen Cass (1981), the first president of the Alley Cats and notable tennis player. The College was thrashed. The croquet provided entertainment but was a short and light version of that played at Hurlingham. The alumni finished 21 hoops ahead.

Netball was played on the Astroturf tennis court. The College won the women’s netball 25–5 but the alumni won the mixed version 17–9; apparently an alumnus is a member of the English national mixed netball team. Squash and badminton games took place in the College courts with the squash won by the alumni 5–0 and the badminton 5–3. Women’s rugby was won by the College 10–0.

Most events in Cambridge are an excuse for a dinner, this year held in College. 130 sat down for the meal. Accompanying the food were a variety of speeches. John Oakes (1961), Donald Broom (1961), Alex Fries (2001) and John Xuereb (Dean) who spoke of Charles Acheson Gray, the camaraderie of sport and social behaviour. The organizer at the College end, Luke Harries, also said a few words and, at his suggestion, Jerusalem was sung outside in Main Court, to the full-throated accompaniment of the Chapel organ.

The Acheson Gray Day is a popular event when many recently-graduated sports players come back to see friends and to socialize. That the College still manages to maintain teams in most sports is a tribute to the strength of the Wheel. There is a core of the same 16 men who play rugby, hockey and football for the College, making up for absent Blues.

The Results

- **Men’s football**: Alumni won 10–2
- **Cricket**: Alumni won by 5 wickets
- **Men’s rugby**: College won 37–25
- **Women’s rugby**: College won 10–0
- **Men’s hockey**: Alumni won 6–3
- **Women’s hockey**: College won
- **Mixed hockey**: College won 4–3
- **Tennis**: Alumni won 5–0
- **Women’s netball**: College won 25–5
- **Mixed netball**: Alumni won 17–9
- **Squash**: Alumni won 5–0
- **Badminton**: Alumni won 6–3
- **Croquet**: Alumni won 21 hoops ahead

*John Oakes (1961) adds*

A lot of voluntary work goes into AG Day, so as a co-ordinator I am really pleased to acknowledge Luke Harries for his outstanding efforts, Srishti Agarwal (sandwiches), Groundsman Chris Tovey, all Team Captains of course, and the Alumni and Development team. Their backing has meant that this experiment by the Society’s London Group back in 2000 has grown into a valued contribution to College life. My faithful Alumni ringmaster – then as now – was Dominic Harding (1993), who sadly had to be abroad.

At dinner, I passed on a message of gratitude from the Acheson-Gray family, that their loss has given rise to a robust College tradition, which this year appropriately contributed £318 to the Senior Tutor’s Student Counselling fund.
THE SOCIETY BOX AT LORD’S

Now an annual event, and again embarrassingly over-subscribed, 36 of us congregated in our private Society Suite in the Tavern Stand for the one-day 50-over Varsity Matches, due to start at 11:00. Grey was the weather, and rain fell until 12:30, with play finally starting at 12:40 when the lads took to the field wearing black armbands in memory of the first day of the Somme. Five minutes later the heavens opened again. Play resumed a little later at a reduced 41-over plan and the rest of the afternoon was delightful, with huge support for both sides. Oxford batted first and set a target of 192, amended to 184 when our overs were further reduced, but alas we could not make it and at 18:30 we were all out for 140. The teams retired for a well-earned glass or two, and our Society members, in high spirits despite the result, did likewise in local hostelries: another very enjoyable Society day with, naturally, the added prospect of a triumphant one next year.

David Peace (1966, Fellow Commoner 2014), Society Secretary

BRANCH REPORTS

East Anglia Branch

The branch has had five events in the last year. Two of them have become annuals. 29 of us attended Glyndebourne on Tour at Norwich in November and we had a meal together first in Cotes restaurant. The opera was Mozart’s Seraglio. This was a splendid evening perhaps heightened by the first fall of snow outside.

The other annual event was a wine tasting in College, hosted by Professor Ron Martin in January. The evening was entitled An evening with Dionysus; the recent renaissance of Greek wines. Ron gave us four Greek whites and four Greek reds and we were all pleasantly surprised by a winery we had not heard much about before. 32 attended this event, which has become deservedly popular.

Our AGM in April was in College and we had a lecture beforehand by Edward Wickham, the College music director. Edward’s topic was Tales from Babel: making sense of music and Lyrics. This talk addressed the question of the importance of hearing the words in sung music. Is this important in order to fully appreciate the piece? Dr Wickham has researched this area in several ways and gave us some exercises that he has used in his research to illustrate the points being made. Following this 21 of us sat down to lunch but Dr Wickham couldn’t join us as the BBC were recording the 8am morning service from the College chapel the following morning and the crew were on site needing his presence.

A fourth event was a sell-out which was the visit to the Welcome Trust Sanger Institute in May, home of the human genome project, and certainly well known to everyone. This visit had been planned about two years ahead and 30 attended. We had an introductory talk first and then toured the site with guides who were on the scientific staff there. It seems that cracking the code of the human genome was just the beginning of an explosion of science, with projects covering almost all organisms and involving research groups from many parts of the world. Sequencing is the name of the game, and the process needs vast amounts of data storage which in turn needs huge electrical power; indeed the power requirement is one of the main challenges for further expansion.

A final visit was to Deene Park in Rutland in July, where our party was 21 persons. Deene Park is a Tudor manor house with most features unchanged for 500 years and still lived in by the family which purchased the house in the 16th century. Queen Elizabeth the first stayed there on her way to Burghley house, but Burghley had smallpox so she stayed in Deene Park. The Tudor part of the house is more or
less as she would have seen it. The other big claim to fame here is that the owner in the 19th century was Lord Cardigan of the charge of the light brigade fame. At the start of the charge he is reputed to have said ‘Here goes the last of the Brudenells’, but remarkably he survived thanks to his horse who is honourably remembered in the house.

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Ireland Branch
The Ireland branch of the Society was inaugurated – or revived after many years – at a dinner at Deanes-at-Queen's restaurant in Belfast in November. 21 Catzpeople attended, mainly from north of the border, but including a few from the Republic. Brief after-dinner remarks were made by Stephen Mennell (1963) and Ronnie Smartt (1954). Such was the excellence of the meal and the exuberance of the gathering that we forgot to take photographs until several of us had already departed!

And the start of a tradition, we hope: a number of us had taken a St Catharine's table at the Oxford and Cambridge Annual Dinner in Dublin last year, an occasion designated to mark the bicentenary of the Battle of Waterloo and held in the hotel that now occupies Wellington’s Dublin birthplace. This year, again, some members attended the 2016 O&C dinner in Dublin in April.

We hope to repeat these events annually, and the 2016 dinner in Belfast is planned for October, this time at Deanes restaurant in Howard Street, with speaker Society President Professor Sir John Baker, Downing Professor Emeritus of the Laws of England.

Stephen Mennell (1963) (society.ireland-chair@caths.cam.ac.uk)

London Branch
Our 2015 annual dinner was for the second year running held at the Reform Club in November, where members and guests heard Dr David Aldridge (Fellow 1997) speak on Conservation in turbulent waters.

In April we hosted a reception, preceded by our AGM, with Massimo Lando (2013), PhD Candidate in Law, giving an absorbing presentation on an international maritime dispute.

Members and guests – including a father and son, both Catz alumni – met for a convivial glass of wine in June before enjoying a performance of Macbeth at Shakespeare’s Globe.

In August, members and guests visited Strawberry Hill House, Horace Walpole’s eighteenth-century Gothic Revival fantasy villa near Twickenham. Our private tour was followed by lunch in the adjoining cloister café. A notable feature of this house, open to the public since 2010, is the running interior design motif of alternating Catharine wheels and crosslets.

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Midlands Branch
We held two well attended events in the year.

Our first event was held in February and focussed upon a visit to Darwin House in Lichfield. Our day included an entertaining introduction to Lichfield with a particular focus on the 18th century when Lichfield was known as the ‘City of Philosophers’. We then had an introduction to the life of Dr Erasmus Darwin and time to look around Darwin House. Erasmus Darwin is the grandfather of Charles Darwin. He was a true ‘polymath’ – medical doctor, inventor, botanist, poet, abolitionist and free thinker.
We then moved to the Cathedral for a brief introduction and then a tour including the Staffordshire Hoard (some of the 7/8th century finds are on display in the Chapter House), the Lichfield gospels and Angel and the restored medieval stained glass windows. We also were delighted that the organist, alumnus Martyn Rawles (2001), gave us a short recital on the superb organ there. After an excellent lunch, Canon Tony Barnard, spoke to us on the subject of *The 18th Century Age of Enlightenment in the West Midlands*. Tony studied Natural Sciences and Theology at Cambridge.

All tea and coffee on the day was Fairtrade in recognition of the strong support given to Trade Justice by St Catharine’s College. Both Lichfield Cathedral and Darwin House are supporters of Fairtrade with Lichfield being a 'Fairtrade City'. I am extremely grateful to Michael Hawkes (1960), who not only suggested the event but helped organise it all. It was our best attended event yet and we were delighted that our President, Guy Beringer, and his wife were able to attend.

In May, with the support of the Alumni Office, we held a lunch in Birmingham. The event included a talk by Professor Peter Tyler (1983), Fellow and Professor of Urban and Regional Economics, entitled *Spatially Re-balancing the UK Economy: Towards a New Policy Model*. It was extremely well received and prompted many questions. We are very grateful to Wragge Lawrence Graham who hosted the event, kindly arranged by Paul Howard (1968).

*John Moverley (1968) (society.midlands.chair@caths.cam.ac.uk)*

**Northern Branch**

In February we enjoyed a tour of Newcastle’s historic Summerhill Square, which was followed by lunch at ‘The Town Wall’, an interesting restaurant in a Grade II listed building. We were met at Cardinal Hume’s statue (near Newcastle Central Station) by a City Guide, who had kindly offered to put on a special tour for us. Summerhill Square is tucked away and not very well known, but it has some fine buildings, and at one time many prominent Newcastle citizens lived there, including the engineer Robert Stephenson. It is a conservation area consisting mainly of late Georgian housing, and has a very different feel from the more recent surrounding areas. There is a long-established bowling club in the Square, and in 1907 it hosted part of the Home International Team competition. During this event the club was visited by ‘the well-known cricketer and sportsman’ Dr WG Grace. Apparently he was an important figure in the formation of the English Bowling Association in 1903 and was elected its first president.

*Bill Schardt (1968) (society.northern.chair@caths.cam.ac.uk)*

**North West Branch**

It has been another social year in the North West Region of the Society. It has been particularly nice to welcome some new members to the region, and to our two events. We began in November with a wine-tasting at Bistrovin, Deansgate, Manchester. A group of us very much enjoyed sampling a range of wines, expertly introduced, and followed with delicious bread and cheeses as we were allowed to finish our favourites. In April we attended a performance of *The Merry Wives of Windsor* at the Liverpool Playhouse; the production was by Northern Broadsides and was much enjoyed by us all. Unfortunately we had to take the decision to postpone a third planned event, a walk in Delamere Forest, as numbers were too low. We hope to revisit this idea another time.

*Eleanor Roberts (1985) (society.northwest.chair@caths.cam.ac.uk)*

**Scotland Branch**

At the Royal Scots Club in Edinburgh on an evening in November, the Scottish Branch held a lecture entitled *The EU referendum – what is at stake and what will probably happen?* Sir John Grant (1973), former UK ambassador to the EU, gave a very interesting and informative exposition of why and how the
After graduating in French and German from St Catharine’s Sir John joined the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. Following postings in Stockholm, Moscow and London, he was transferred to Brussels in 1989. He spent 12 of the next 18 years there, in four different roles in the UK’s Permanent Representation to the EU – his final job was as Britain’s Ambassador to the EU from 2003–7. He then went to the private sector and had recently retired from BG Group, a major British oil and gas company.

John analysed the UK’s history as a member of the EU and its longstanding record of being in a minority on very many issues. He explained why the UK has always felt uncomfortable in giving away power to the EU and the differences in legal systems and culture which underpinned our natural scepticism. He discussed the four areas in which the Prime Minster was seeking to renegotiate, summarising the three which were likely to be achieved and the likely compromises which might be reached on the fourth (migration). Overall – and along with many of us – he thought that a preference for the status quo would carry the day, that the electorate would come to realise the benefits of the Single Market for both businesses and individuals, and would vote, narrowly, to remain in the EU.

Sir John also hypothesised other possible outcomes from the referendum, including the difficulties of negotiating departure arrangements and the consequential changes to all economic regulation in the UK. He also considered what Scotland’s position might be in the event of a vote to leave and questioned whether the Scots would really vote for independence and for a border between Scotland and England which would also be the external border of the EU, possibly leading to tariffs on goods exported from the rest of the UK to Scotland, as well as border controls.

Following the June Referendum and the rather startling result, this event now seems a long time ago. However, John’s talk was very insightful, with lots of relevant personal experience and reflection, and it would seem that many of his concerns are now being seen to crystallise following the Referendum result.

We were grateful to have with us Guy Beringer, our Society President, and Deborah Loveluck who gave us an update on College developments. Scottish branch members greatly enjoyed John’s very engaging talk and responded with a variety of stimulating questions. The event was followed by dinner at the club.

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South West Branch

We held one meeting this year and it was a unique event for the SW branch, combining for the first time with Girton and taking place in a prestigious venue in Bristol. The Lord Mayor of Bristol, Clare Campion-Smith (née Gerrard, Girton 1964), and her Consort, Ian Campion-Smith (St Catharine’s 1964), invited members of both colleges and their partners to a lunchtime reception at the Mansion House, the Lord Mayor’s official residence, in Clifton in early March.

60 members and partners attended and, following a short talk by Ian about the history of the Mansion House, took advantage of the opportunity to explore the main rooms and museum within the venue. Following a buffet lunch where members of both colleges intermingled happily, there was an illustrated talk by Professor Peter Fleming of UWE who, as part of the 2016 celebration of the 800th anniversary of the first Mayor of the city, had recently edited a book based on The Maire of Bristowe Is Kalendar an almanac of the mayoral year written in 1478/9, a copy of which is still in the city archive. The fascinating talk and the many questions raised by the guests brought proceedings to a satisfying end.

I am indebted to Clare and Ian for arranging such an attractive opportunity for us to meet up with other members of both colleges. It was a day to remember!

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Wessex Branch

The Branch held three events during the year.

In October we held a lunch, again at Esseborne Manor between Newbury and Andover. We were fortunate to have another interesting after-lunch speaker from within our own Branch, Colin Johnson (1953). Colin gave an illustrated talk about his experiences in the Arctic during the Cold War and spoke about survival in a climate with temperatures between –14°C and –40°C with high wind chill factors, the potential dangers of an enemy attack and what might have happened if a nuclear bomb had got lost. The lunch was attended by a total of 32 Branch Members and friends.

In March we visited the award-winning and world-famous Sir Harold Hillier Gardens. In 1977 Sir Harold left the Gardens under the sole trusteeship of Hampshire County Council. It is now run as a charity under the remit of horticulture, conservation, education and recreation. Among its outstanding features is the splendour of the seasonal planting displays set in 180 acres. They have a magnificent display in whatever part of the year you visit but they claim to have the best winter garden in the world. A total of 28 Members and their guests gathered for coffee at Jermyn House, originally the main house of the estate. After coffee David Jewel, Head of Collections, gave an illustrated talk about the Gardens including details of the winter garden. This was followed by a two course lunch and the party was then free to visit the gardens and in particular to catch the beauty of the winter garden.

In May we were guests of the Cambridge Society of Dorset where, by a happy coincidence, John Heath (1965), the chairman of that Society and also a member of our own Wessex Branch had invited Deborah Loveluck, St Catharine’s Fellow and Director of Development and Chair of the Cambridge colleges’ Directors of Development Group. The title of her very interesting and informative talk was Cambridge 2016: How the Colleges and University are looking to the Future. She spoke about a wide range of future developments from those of our own College to those of the University including Addenbrooke’s and the Cambridge Biomedical Campus. Also she spoke of the importance to the colleges and the University of endowments to fund these developments, one of the vital aspects being to subsidise undergraduates as the cost to a college is twice that which the undergraduates actually pay. She concluded with a case study of our own College and mentioned the St Catharine’s Campaign with the target of £30 million which had been reached just the day before her talk.

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HONOURS AND AWARDS

Professor Sir Christopher Bayly (Fellow 1970, Emeritus Fellow 2012, Honorary Fellow 2014) was selected by the Toynbee Prize Foundation as the honorary recipient of the 2016 Toynbee Prize. The Prize, given every other year to a distinguished practitioner of global history, was awarded posthumously at the American Historical Association's Annual Meeting in Atlanta in January 2016. Chris Bayly died in 2015.

Guy Beringer (1973, Fellow Commoner 2008), the current President of the St Catharine’s College Society, was awarded a CBE ‘for services to Export Finance and Pro Bono work in the Legal Sector’ in the 2016 New Year Honours.
Professor Don Broom (1961, Fellow 1987), Emeritus Professor of Animal Welfare in the Department of Veterinary Medicine at Cambridge, has been awarded an Honorary Doctorate by the University of Buenos Aires. Don was also awarded a Medal for Outstanding Contributions to Animal Welfare Science by the Universities Federation for Animal Welfare (UFAW).

Professor Steve Brown (1974), Director of the Medical Research Council's Harwell Institute, has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Society. Before he joined the MRC, he was Professor of Genetics at Imperial College.

His Excellency Paul Brummell (1984) was named a Companion of the Order of St Michael and St George (CMG) for services to British foreign policy in the 2016 Queen’s Birthday Honours.

Dr Gillian Carr (Fellow 2006) received a Vice-Chancellor’s Impact Award for her work on victims of Nazism in the Channel Islands. The Vice-Chancellor’s Impact Awards have been established to recognise and reward those whose Cambridge research has led to excellent impact beyond academia. 2016 was the inaugural year.

Patrick Carragher (1976) received an MBE in the 2016 Queen’s Birthday Honours for services to the coal industry and mining communities.

Jo Debens (née Thompson, 2001), Head of Geography at Eggar’s School, Hampshire, was awarded the Royal Geographical Society’s Ordnance Survey Award for excellence in geographical education at secondary level.

Dr John Dunkley (1965), founder and director of Atomising Systems Limited, has been awarded the Ivor Jennings Medal by the Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining. The citation notes that John is a noted international expert in powder atomisation technology and has founded and grown the world-leading company in that field.

Professor Giles Harrison (1985), Head of the Department of Meteorology at the University of Reading, was awarded the 2016 Appleton Medal and Prize by the Institute of Physics for his outstanding contributions and leadership in the field of atmospheric electricity, including the discovery of new global-scale atmospheric interactions, and his leading public outreach on the meteorological effects of the solar eclipse of 2015. The award is biennial.

Charles Heatley (1980), Clinical Director for Elective Care for NHS Sheffield, was awarded a CBE in the 2016 New Year Honours for services to primary healthcare.

Bob Heckford (1968) has been awarded the HH Bloomer Medal by the Linnaean Society of London. This is awarded to an amateur naturalist who has made an important contribution to biological knowledge. Bob is a retired solicitor, but he is also the most gifted field microlepidopterist Britain has had in many decades, studying British moths and publishing over 200 papers in entomological journals over a 40-year period. Bob is also a Scientific Associate of the Natural History Museum. Bob says he was inspired to take up his hobby when a student by Professor Colin Smith (1947, Fellow 1968), himself a modern linguist.
Professor Charles Higham (1959, Honorary Fellow 2008), Professor of Archaeology at the University of Otago, New Zealand, was recognised with a 2016 New Year civil honour – he becomes an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit (ONZM) ‘for services to archaeology’.

Harvey McGrath (1971, Honorary Fellow 2013) was awarded a Knighthood (KBE) in the 2016 New Year Honours for services to economic growth and public life.

Professor Ron Martin (Fellow 1974, Emeritus Fellow 2015) has been awarded the Victoria Medal for 2016 by the Royal Geographical Society for outstanding contributions to the field of economic geography, especially with respect to advances in regional economic development theory. This gold medal was introduced in 1902, in honour of Queen Victoria, who had been the Society’s Patron, to be awarded to a geographer of any nationality considered to have made contributions of outstanding merit in his or her field. There have been only four other Cambridge recipients since that time, and only one other St Catharine’s geographer, Professor Alfred Steers, in 1960.

Malcolm Martineau (1978), a pianist particularly noted as an accompanist, was awarded an OBE in the 2016 New Year Honours for services to music and young singers.

Sourdip Mookerjee (2013), a third-year pre-clinical student, worked with the Cambridge team for the 2015 MIT iGEM competition. The International Genetically Engineered Machine competition is a worldwide synthetic biology competition aimed at undergraduate university students. The Cambridge team produced a robust fluorescence microscope that cost only £150 and they were awarded a gold medal.

Olivia Pinkney (née Richards, 1988), Chief Constable for Hampshire Constabulary, has been awarded the Queen’s Police Medal for distinguished service to Sussex Police where she was formerly Deputy Chief Constable.

Professor Dame Jean Thomas (Master 2007–16) was awarded the inaugural Frances Hoggan Medal by the Learned Society of Wales at an awards ceremony in Cardiff in May 2016. The medal recognises outstanding contributions to research in any area of Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Medicine research, by a woman, resident in Wales, of Welsh birth or who otherwise can demonstrate a particular connection with Wales.

Cambridge University promotions

Stefan Marciniak has been elected to the new Professorship of Respiratory Science in the School of Clinical Medicine.

Jeff Dalley has been appointed Professor of Behavioral and Molecular Neuroscience in the Department of Psychology.
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Selected Reviews

**Vaughan Williams: Composer, Radical, Patriot – a Biography**
Keith Alldritt
Robert Hale, 2015
To those for whom Vaughan Williams represents the principal herdsman of the English pastoral tradition in music, at least one of Keith Alldritt’s titular epithets will seem provocative. But Alldritt makes a good case for Vaughan Williams not only as patriot, but also as radical: somebody whose consciousness was certainly not impervious to the political, cultural and aesthetic revolutions through which he lived.

This is a biography for music-lovers with or without knowledge of musicological technicalities. There are other sources of information on the composer’s compositional development; in these pages we find a lucid and eminently readable account of a character whose passions and prejudices must have been endearing and exasperating in equal measure. In particular, there is much here about Vaughan Williams’s extra-marital relationship with Ursula, who became his second wife; and whose own biography of her husband understandably passes over much of this material.

**Curvology: The Origins and Power of Female Body Shape**
David Bainbridge
Portobello Books, 2016
This fascinating work of popular science examines the origins of the female body shape, and its importance in our society. Drawing on both scientific research and anecdotal evidence, Bainbridge analyses the measurable biological differences between the sexes, explores the extent to which women are judged on their appearance, and presents evidence which suggests (depressingly) that we equate slimness with attractiveness, high social status, and even morality. An analysis of the psychology behind eating disorders asks whether these might stem from genetics or the ‘cult of thinness.’ The author examines how this harmful phenomenon might have persisted, through thousands of years of natural selection, without providing survival advantage. Although limited evidence exists to support some of the claims made, this book offers an intelligent analysis of available research, and will certainly cause readers to rethink their own preconceptions about female anatomy, and its power.

**The Late Bronze Age Spearheads of Britain**
Richard Davis
Franz Steiner Verlag, 2015
British spearheads of the Late Bronze Age (approximately 1000–700 BC) were used for hunting and warfare, and probably had a ceremonial function too. Pegged and looped, plain and decorated, small, large, and over-large, they displayed a diversity of form and function. This volume is a sequel to Davis’s 2012 study of the Early and Middle Bronze Age spearheads of Britain, and demonstrates the same degree of remarkable precision. In the book, Davis identifies regional differences in spearhead typology, period of currency and hoarding practices. He also considers evolving spearhead design. Without a doubt, a must for archaeologists of the period, hopologists, and those working in historical ballistics.

**Terrorists on Trial: A Performative Perspective**
Beatrice de Graaf and Alex P Schmidt
Leiden, 2016
On the stage, from Aeschylus’ *Eumenides* to Reginald Rose’s *Twelve Angry Men*, or on screen, from *To Kill a Mockingbird* to *A Few Good Men*, trials have frequently provided good material for drama. But real trials, as they are conducted and as they are reported, have a performative aspect too. In their edited volume, de Graaf and Schmidt argue that this dynamic is most evident in terrorism trials, where legal instruments frequently, and dramatically, contest political constructs. The book offers valuable insights into different types of terrorism suspects in Spain, Russia, Germany, the Netherlands, and the United States.
Public Law Adjudication in Common Law Systems: Process and Substance
John Bell, Mark Elliot, Philip Murray, and Jason NE Varuhas, eds. Hart, 2016

The Scope and Intensity of Substantive Review: Traversing Taggart’s Rainbow
Mark Elliott and Hanna Wilberg, eds. Hart, 2015

Public law is probably closer to politics than any other area of law. Yet it is not just about the practice of government. It is primarily about constraints on such practice; constraints that come in the form of written rules, unwritten conventions and aspirational principles. In fact, public law oscillates between the realm of controversy, where politics reigns, and the area of an often elusive, yet not unattainable, certainty that is, perhaps more than anyone else’s, judges’ job to explore. The three volumes Mark Elliott has recently co-edited with public law scholars from the UK and beyond are the fruit of innovative research initiatives into key instances of this oscillation. Though separate from each other, the collections can be seen as parts of a continuum whose ambitions range from revisiting pervasive disagreements over fundamental notions and institutions of the public domain to opening up new paths towards the theorization upon recent developments in public law adjudication. The Cambridge Companion to Public Law celebrates the refreshing controversies that abound in the field and calls attention to its proximity to politics. Bringing together leading academics of the common law tradition, the Companion appeals to a broad reading audience that includes, among others, established researchers and undergraduate students. The other two collections focus on one expression of another major determinant of the mixed nature of public law: judges’ struggle for certainty, particularly through the doctrinally elaborated conceptual distinctions that underlie judicial review. Public Law Adjudication in Common Law Systems, a selection of papers delivered at the first Public Law Conference held at Cambridge in 2014, provides insights into the difference, and interplay, between ‘process’ and ‘substance’ in judicial review. A robust doctrinal perspective that informs a number of chapters is complemented by contributions following a variety of contextual approaches. Purportedly narrower in its scope, The Scope and Intensity of Substantive Review is boldly forward-looking. Further developing themes from the work of professor Michael Taggart, the contributors challenge the apparent certainty of the notion of substantive review through arguing that, far from being conceptually insulated, substantive review can be expanded, intensified or even extended to other grounds for review. The comparative element across several common law jurisdictions, prevalent in each volume, suggests that all three would make an excellent addition to any common lawyer’s collection.

Transforming Tales: Rewriting Metamorphosis in Medieval French Literature
Miranda Griffin Oxford, 2015

In French literature of the twelfth to fifteenth centuries, acts of transformation were almost ubiquitous. Yet Griffin’s is the first work in English to analyze, in detail, this crucial idea. That is not to say that Transforming Tales is merely an enumeration of metamorphic legends from Mélusine to Merlin. Far from it. The book combines nuanced and meticulous readings of relevant texts with sharp contextual analyses, bringing Lacanian psychoanalysis and the instruments of Continental philosophy to the author’s studies of hybridity and change in Old French lais and romance. Griffin’s work thus builds upon scholarship in medieval studies, but also furnishes researchers with the theoretical tools needed to stimulate further scholarship. Incisive appraisals of transformation between the human and the non-human are offered. But Griffin also invites the reader to see transformation in the bodies of texts themselves. Clear, engaging, and illuminating, Transforming Tales deserves a broad audience. Onions and Garlic: A Global History
Martha Jay Reaktion, 2016

In ancient Egypt, slaves building the pyramids were given a daily ration of garlic to keep up their strength. The Graeco-Roman doctor Galen called it ‘the rustic’s cure-all.’ Its power to
ward off vampires is notorious. As late as World War I, garlic was used as an antiseptic.

The handsome, curious, and entertaining little book tells the story of the botanical cousins, onions and garlic, with verve and pungency. Beautifully illustrated, full of both scientific detail and human interest, it could be read in one sitting, or dipped into during any free moment. Though they are the simple base for so many of our favourite Asian and Mediterranean dishes, these vegetables are unpretentious, but never boring. Just like Jay’s book.

**The Poems of TS Eliot**
Jim McCue and Christopher Ricks, eds. Faber & Faber, 2015
*The Poems of TS Eliot*, edited by Christopher Ricks and Jim McCue, advertises itself as the ‘authoritative’ edition of ‘one of our greatest poets,’ and both claims are eminently true. It is a monumental achievement of scholarship, very handsomely and handily put together in two volumes. Accidental omissions to the poems have been carefully restored, and long-standing textual errors, removed; many verses from Eliot’s youth have also been included, as well as others that saw only private circulation in his lifetime. Additionally, an extensive commentary accompanies the poems – drawing upon drafts, correspondence and other original materials – that offers access to the poet’s compositional process, his reading, his influences and revisions; and there is, as well, a comprehensive textual history, recording manuscript and published variants.

Scholars and students will surely welcome this landmark contribution to Eliot studies, as I certainly do; even if – in my capacity as a teacher – it also makes me nervous. Eliot insisted that poets in our civilization ‘must be difficult.’ So what does it mean that an edition like this promises to make him ‘easier’ by providing encyclopaedic assistance at the turn of a page? There is a widespread view of Eliot as intellectual braggart who disliked explanatory notes for his poems because they might tear the veil of his cultivated superiority. In fact, he disliked commentaries because they threatened to sterilise the reading experience into an exercise in parsing. ‘Good commentaries can be very helpful,’ he allows, and Ricks and McCue have certainly produced that; but as readers, in taking up these new works, we would do well to heed also Eliot’s crucial caveat and monition, that: ‘even the best commentary on a work of literary art is likely to be a waste of time unless we have first read and been excited by the text commented upon even without understanding it’.

**Empire and Ireland: The Transatlantic Career of the Canadian Imperialist Hamar Greenwood, 1870–1948**
Roy MacLaren
McGill-Queen’s University Press, 2015
Hamar Greenwood’s was at first glance an improbable career. Born in provincial Ontario to a family of Welsh origins and modest prosperity, he moved to England aged 25 to pursue a career at the bar and in politics and became chief secretary for Ireland under Lloyd George in 1920. He was a capable orator at a time when platform speech was still a politician’s stock-in-trade. He shared platforms with Lloyd George, making common cause over temperance. He found a following among Liberals for his advocacy of Home Rule, personifying a conviction that the Canadian example furnished a solution to Britain’s incipient Irish problem. Dublin in 1920 was a difficult and dangerous assignment. Lloyd George explained that he wanted — in that post, at that time — not a ‘first-class statesman’ but a ‘good counsellor.’ Roy MacLaren’s fine book reconstructs Greenwood’s career with a deft hand and in impressive detail.

**A Woman Loved**
Andrei Makine, translated by Geoffrey Strachan
MacLehose, 2015
*A Woman Loved* is two stories in one. The first tracks the movements of Catherine the Great in astounding detail; the second, the life of a Russian scriptwriter, Oleg, who desperately wants to emulate her influence. But the light of Oleg’s imagination finds it impossible to shine within the shadow of post-Soviet consumerism, interested solely in images of violence and desire. Characteristically, Makine writes of the loneliness of his protagonist with searing accuracy. Geoffrey Strachan’s moving translation portrays Makine’s layering of words and meanings that flow back and forth through the narrative: the language itself is an exercise in making memory. As moments recur in altered contexts through the story, Strachan’s striking lexical choices make a strong echo, rendering their transformations clear and sharp.
Why the Social Sciences Matter
Cary Cooper and Jonathan Michie, eds.
Palgrave, 2015
This book is programmatic, analytical, and policy-oriented. Assembling a range of distinguished social scientists, it argues for a symbiotic relationship between the social and natural sciences in order to tackle major international and global challenges adequately. Given the sweeping overview of the eleven chapters, the notion of social sciences and its capacity to generate and convey knowledge remains vague. This is compensated, however, by a passionate plea for the multi-disciplinary and connective capacity that make them indispensable in understanding problems, devising policy-responses, and shaping public opinion. One of the key contributions of this book is to argue that rigorous and independent research is an antidote to emotional and unfounded representations of politically sensitive issues. Another key contribution is in linking analytical rigour of data-analysis to the presentation of issues with social relevance in policy-circles. This book is rewarding reading to all those supporting the social sciences in the service of the public good.

Ireland 1518: Archduke Ferdinand’s Visit to Kinsale and the Dürer Connection
Hiram Morgan
Crawford Art Gallery, 2015
In 1518, on a trip from Santander to Flanders, three barques were blown off course. Fourteen-year-old Ferdinand, who would later become the Holy Roman Emperor, was travelling to assume regal responsibility over the Bosnian and Hungarian empires. The small port of Kinsale, south of Cork, proved a convenient place to take on food and water, and to explore, once an initial distrust was overcome. The on-board scrivener, Laurent Vivat, went out to describe the Irish, attend a local church, and listen to music. Hiram Morgan has written an introduction to the Vivat’s account; the volume also includes a translation of Vivat’s text by Dorothy Convery, and illustrations by Dürer and the Belfast artist Hector McDonnell.

Rituals of Ethnicity: Thangmi Identities Between Nepal and India
Sara Shneiderman
University of Pennsylvania Press, 2015
The Thangmi are a Sino-Tibetan people, about 30,000 strong, who live in central-eastern Nepal and northeastern India. Shneiderman’s unique and intriguing book, the first comprehensive ethnography of this marginalized migratory community, uses a study of the Thangmi to ask probing questions about ethnic consciousness, citizenship, and self-identification. Like the nations they find themselves in, Thangmi identity is multi-layered, diverse, and fractured. And yet the Thangmi display a remarkable specificity, their enduring ethnic self-consciousness produced, the author argues, through collaborative ritual action. In recent years, this identity has been both shaped and threatened by a decade-long Maoist insurgency in Nepal, simmering political discontent in the Darjeeling Hills of India, and a border between the nations constantly flowing with ideas (communism, democracy, development, indigeneity) and people. Shneiderman has written an essential book for ethnographers, students of the Himalayan border zones and policy-makers trying to negotiate the narrow path between preservation and development.

What Works in Conservation?
Lynn V Dicks, Nancy Ockendon, Rebecca K Smith, and William J Sutherland
Open Book Publishers, 2015
Once again, Bill Sutherland and his colleagues have produced an online book that anyone reading this review might like to use. The information is organised as a series of questions with summary answers. The latter offer brief evaluations of the effectiveness of the conservation measure. So we learn that bat deaths caused by wind turbines can be reduced by using ultrasound, but stickers on windows, it seems, will not reduce the number of bird collisions with glass. Providing supplementary food for wild birds can increase the survival of adult birds, and improve breeding success, but only for certain individuals, and at certain seasons of the year. Some will want the printed book, but the ebook and accompanying website are both free to all. This will make the book more widely used, but presumably also more widely cited by other scientists. I look forward to further use of my online copy; thanks Bill.
The Melody of Time: Music & Temporality in the Romantic Era
Benedict Taylor
Oxford University Press, 2016
Time is progressive, sequential, measurable, and seems to have an almost material reality. It is also irreversible, indefinite, and utterly unknowable, contingent upon experience, a thing both worthless and of infinite value. Philosophers have struggled with time since the birth of the subject; the more definitive the physical definitions of science become, the less they seem to overlap with the human condition.

Taylor argues that music offers a way of understanding human temporality unavailable to scientists and philosophers. At once a deeply engaged historical study and a solid theoretical platform for future research, his new book glides between history, cultural theory, philosophy, and engaged readings of composers such as Beethoven, Schubert and Elgar. Throughout, Taylor suggests that music, the most quintessentially temporal art, might provide a key to understanding temporality, and in doing so, help us understand the significance of music within human experience.

Across the Floor: A Life in Dissenting Politics
Peter Temple-Morris
IB Tauris, 2015
Peter came up to St Catharine’s in 1958 to read law, and became one of the ‘Cambridge Mafia’: thrusting young Conservatives who included Ken Clark, still an MP, Norman Fowler, Norman Lamont, Michael Howard, John Gummer, all now in the Lords, and the late Leon Brittan. Peter became the Conservative MP for Leominster in 1974, but crossed the floor to join the Labour party in 1998, becoming a peer in 2001. His main interest has been always in international affairs, and his main reason for changing parties was the increasing Euroscepticism of the Conservative party. He tells the story of this in the book, but also covers his role in the Irish peace process, the Iranian revolution (his wife, Tahere, is Iranian) and Gorbachev’s crucial visit to London in 1984. This is a memoir which will fascinate anyone interested in the current political drama.

A Sense of Power: The Roots of America’s Global Role
John Thompson
Cornell University Press, 2015
Why do American policymakers always have the urge to project their country’s military power across the globe? And why, despite this burning itch to intervene, do they constantly feel constrained by their own political system? This longstanding dilemma lies at the heart of John Thompson’s exhaustive and meticulously documented study of American foreign policy over the past century. A Sense of Power traces the expansion of America’s military reach since the late nineteenth-century and the Great War, before zoning in on the public debate surrounding Washington’s tortuous route to the Second World War.

Unlike any other book on the subject, Thompson is primarily concerned with the collective psychology of a nation getting in terms with its own strength, and the great responsibilities and perils that invariably come with it. American hegemony is not a reflection of economic expansion or security threats, but essentially the product of a ‘subjective consciousness of America’s potential power’. It is therefore a ‘luxury good rather than a necessity’. This important book could not have come at a better time, considering how both US presidential nominees seem to be struggling, above all, with their country’s power and its limits.

Equity and Administration
Peter Turner
CUP, 2015
As Dr Peter Turner observes in the opening chapter of this book, equity is often thought of as something that operates ‘negatively’ by (for example) qualifying legal rights or requiring otherwise lawful transactions to be undone so that equitable principles may be upheld. However, that negative conception of equity’s role is inadequate, it is argued, and should not be permitted to obscure equity’s other qualities — including its capacity to facilitate ‘administration’, in the sense of the performance of practical tasks and the undertaking of practical processes. In successive chapters, the stellar cast of authors assembled by Dr Turner examines equity’s role from this perspective by considering the ways in and extent to which it serves to facilitate and support the discharge of myriad socially useful functions, from the...
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DEATHS

**Akester (1947)** On 29 August 2015, Arthur Roger Akester of Cambridge. Roger came to St Catharine’s from Greenock Academy following war service with the Royal Signals in the Far East. After two years studying agriculture, he switched to the new veterinary course and was one of the first eight Cambridge veterinary students. After graduating in 1955, he joined Veterinary Anatomy as a Demonstrator and took part in expeditions to Africa, leading one to Tibesti in 1957. He became a Lecturer in 1960 and a Fellow of Wolfson in 1975. He retired in 1990. His widow Brenda writes ‘During his academic career he was given sabbatical leave to teach, and sometimes to help establish new veterinary courses, at institutions and universities in Lebanon, Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe. He never lost his spirit of adventure – he enjoyed sailing, mountain climbing and exploring, and he continued to travel widely with his wife and family for as long as he was able.’

**Asdell (1945)** On 13 March 2016, David Asdell of Winchester. David came to St Catharine’s after war service from King Edward’s School, Birmingham, and read Engineering and Law. He had been badly wounded several times in the war and lost his left leg when a tank commander in Italy. After graduating and a two-year scholarship at a business school in the USA, David had a successful career working for Baker Perkins at Peterborough and Bestobell Engineering, Slough, before founding the Churchill Instrument Company, a key supplier to the plastic industry. He was an active member of many organisations including the Worshipful Company of Horners, the British Limbless Ex-servicemen’s Association and the Swanage Sailing Club; he was a trustee of the last two. His son John writes ‘He spent many hours in his workshop using his engineering skills. His Christian faith was an integral part of his life and he attended church regularly. He did not let his disability hinder his achievements despite having an artificial leg from his early twenties.’

**Barker (1953)** On 6 January 2016, Peter Alan Barker of Blairgowrie, Perthshire. Peter came to St Catharine’s from Skinners’ School, Tunbridge Wells, and read Natural Sciences followed by a PGCE in Chemistry. His sister Valerie Waring writes ‘After St Catharine’s Peter followed a career in teaching. He spent brief spells at Saltwood Secondary Modern School, Eton College, and Chiswick Grammar School. He went to Strathallan School, Bridge of Earn, Perthshire, in 1959. Whilst there he was appointed Chief Examiner in ‘O’ Level Chemistry, London University. In 1979 was appointed Contingent Commander of the Strathallan CCF, retiring as Wing Commander. He was Head of Strathallan Science Department until he left in 1988 and bought and ran an hotel in Nairn. From 1991 to 1993 he was at Kilgraston School, Bridge of Earn, as teacher and Estate Manager. In 1999 he became a Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemists and in 2001 graduated with an MEd from the Open University. He was a committed Christian and an Elder of Coupar Angus Abbey Church, Perthshire.’ He left a generous legacy to the College.

**Benn (1955)** On 19 May 2016, Martin Jonathan Benn of London. Martin came to St Catharine’s from Epsom College after National Service and read Economics and Law. After graduating, Martin had a successful business career spanning well over 55 years, principally in the property area. Cambridge has cause to be especially grateful to Martin for his part in the establishing of modern Hebrew in the University. He was keenly interested in the development and played a crucial part in organizing funding. Lunch at St Catharine’s would greatly add to the enjoyment. After one of his last visits he remarked on how Catz still felt like home. His widow Sybil writes ‘Waterways gripped Martin’s leisure interest. On board Shaldag (Kingfisher) we would cruise peacefully up the Thames as far as Lechlade and we also cruised the Caledonian Canal alongside spectacular Scottish landscape. When it was not ‘boating weather’ we enjoyed driving Martin’s old Bristol for her weekly outing. He was a dedicated Catsman as well as husband, father, grandfather and greatgrandfather.’

**Bowen-Jones (1939)** On 20 October 2015, Professor Howard Bowen-Jones of Barnard Castle, County Durham. Howard came to St Catharine’s from Ammanford County School, South Wales, and read Geography. He was awarded a Scholarship on his Part I results, but left for war service in India and Burma before returning in 1946 to complete his degree. He was appointed to a Lectureship at Durham in 1947 and rose rapidly through Senior Lecturer to Professor and Director of the Centre for Middle-Eastern and Islamic Studies. Over the course of a very full and active academic life, Howard developed a specialist interest in land use and economic development at local, regional and international levels and a passion for research-informed planning in rural economic development. He was widely regarded in his field and was engaged nationally and internationally as a development consultant to government, commonwealth and regional development bodies in the UK and abroad, from his early years at Durham up to, and even after, retirement.

**Briggs (Honorary Fellow 1977)** On 15 March 2016, Asa Briggs, the Rt Hon. Lord Briggs of Lewes. For obituary see the College Report section of this Magazine.

**Brimacombe (1957)** On 21 October 2015 Peter Keith Brimacombe of Withington, Gloucestershire. Peter came
to St Catharines from Kelly College, Tavistock, Devon, and read Geography and Law. Tony Thompson (1958) writes 'Always a jazz fanatic, he established Daddy's nightclub in Cambridge with his close friend Richard (Dick) Davis (1957). Among the entertainers were Peter Cook and David Frost. On leaving Cambridge, Peter joined Dingles, the department store group based in Plymouth, eventually becoming Managing Director of the company. In 1971 House of Fraser acquired the Dingles stores, incorporating them into their UK-wide department store group. In 1980 Peter was appointed Merchandise and Marketing Director of House of Fraser's 90 stores, based in London. In 1988 Peter left House of Fraser to fulfil a long-term ambition to become a writer and photographer. Over the next 25 years he wrote numerous books of varying sizes, often featuring his own photography. Many of his books published by Pitkin are still used in schools today and are sold widely through bookshops and heritage shops such as English Heritage and the National Trust. Peter wrote many books on the Tudors, culminating in 2000 with the publication of All the Queen's Men, a study of Elizabeth the First and her relationships with the key men of her kingdom which were so vital to the success of her reign.' Peter was a regular donor to College funds.

Brown (1951) On 8 November 2015, Professor Keith Conrad Brown of Oslo. Keith came to St Catharine's from St Albans School and read English after National Service in the Intelligence Corps. Following an MA in Philosophy from McGill University, he eventually became Professor of British Literature at Oslo University.

Chapman (1955, Fellow Commoner 2005) On 22 November 2015, Roy Chapman of Bromley, Kent. For obituary, see the College Report section of this Magazine.

Cooper (1953) On 28 February 2015, Desmond Rudolph Cooper of Port Alfred, South Africa. Desmond came to St Catharine's as a Research Student in Colloid Science after taking his MSc at Rhodes University in South Africa. He received his PhD in 1958. He spent his career as a scientist in the leather industry and in 1975 was appointed Chief Director of the Leather Industries Research Institute.

Curry (1942) On 13 December 2014, Revd David John Curry of Lindfield, West Sussex. His son Richard (1974) writes 'David came to St Catharine's from Denstone College and read classics. His studies were interrupted by war service as a fighter pilot in the RAF; he returned as a flight lieutenant. He represented the University at the pole-vault and was awarded a Half-Blue, and then represented Oxbridge against Harvard and Yale. He subsequently worked as a colonial administrator in Nigeria and a school teacher before taking Anglican holy orders at the age of fifty, finishing his career as the parish priest in Great Chishill south of Cambridge. He was pre-deceased by his son John (Trinity 1971) and survived by his daughter, Anne, and his son Richard (1974).'

Davies (1952) On 6 May 2016, Christopher Miles Ianto Davies of London. Miles came to St Catharine's from Uppingham School and read Architecture. His widow, Sue Parry Davies, writes 'Miles was a photographer for Varsity and remained an excellent photographer all his life. During his time as an architect Miles worked in a number of London practices and set up an information service for the last of them, taking a further degree in Information Science at City University. Miles also worked for local government as a Director of Research & Development and in the provision of homes for homeless families. Perhaps his happiest working years were the period he spent working for Shelter and its housing aid centre (SHAC). Early retirement on health grounds allowed Miles to take a diploma in Art History and another in Archaeology at London University. He retained his intellectual curiosity until his end, despite increasing ill-health. Miles is survived by his partner of 60 years, Sue, and four of their five children.'

Dodds (1939) On 8 March 2016, Allan Edward Russell Dodds of Winchester. Allan came to St Catharine's from the Royal Masonic School, Bushey, and read Modern & Medieval Languages. As a linguist he was allowed to complete a wartime degree before his war service. He finished his service supervising the surrender of the Japanese in Burma. He returned to College in 1946 for teacher training and then briefly joined the staff of Worksop College before moving to St Peter's, York. In 1950 he was called up again to re-join the army for a stint in the Korean war. He returned to St Peter's becoming a housemaster and also played hockey for Yorkshire, then in 1964 he was appointed Head of Ottershaw School, Surrey, steering the school through challenging times until its eventual closure by Surrey County Council in 1980. After a brief spell working for the Ministry of Defence, he was appointed personal assistant to the Bishop of Southwark, retiring in 1985. He served as a magistrate, parish councillor and a Samaritan, and in retirement he became Secretary of the Society of Heads of Independent Schools and edited a local National Trust Newsletter. His sons Alastair Dodds (1974) and Richard Dodds (1978) are also alumni.

Edwards (1953) On 21 February 2016, John Islwyn Edwards of Bristol. John came to St Catharine's from King Alfred School, Germany, after National Service in the Royal Engineers, and read Mechanical Sciences. He boxed for the University (though injury prevented him getting his Half-Blue), joined the Scott Polar expedition to Spitzbergen, learned to fly with the University Air Squadron, won an oar, and attended lectures on subjects from poetry to relativity, feeding his fierce intellectual curiosity. After graduating
John was the sole survivor of the original Anglo-German team on the ill-fated 1959 Batura Mustagh Expedition to the Himalayas, an adventure which he reported for *The Mountain World*. He then attended Harvard Business School where he met and married Elinor. Together they had three children: Catharine, Gareth, and Elisabeth. John's career as an engineering entrepreneur coexisted with his passion for music as a prize-winning bass-baritone; an interest in other cultures (especially Russia); an encyclopaedic grasp of history; and a love of absurd humour. He is greatly missed by his family and the companion of his later years, Olga.

**Elderfield** (Fellow 1984, Emeritus Fellow 2010) On 19 April 2016, Professor Henry ‘Harry’ Elderfield of Cambridge. For obituary see the College Report section of this Magazine.

**Eldred** (1943) On 15 December 2015, Vernon Walter Eldred of Cockermouth, Cumbria. Wally came to St Catharine’s from Bishop Vesey’s Grammar School, Sutton Coldfield, and read Natural Sciences. His studies were interrupted for war service which he spent initially working on fuel research and then at the Atomic Energy Research Establishment at Harwell. In 1948 he returned to College to take Part II Metallurgy and stayed on for his PhD. His career was spent in the nuclear industry where, following his research, he was responsible for setting the criteria for maximum allowed radiation levels to avoid fuel element failure in reactors and then for the assessment of numerous designs for fuel elements in nuclear power stations in the UK and abroad. He was appointed Head of Division and then Head of Laboratories at Windscale from which post he retired in 1990. He was awarded an MBE in 1970 and won the Royal Society’s Esso Award for Conservation of Energy in 1979. He was elected a Fellow of the Institution of Metallurgists in 1964 and an Honorary Fellow of the Institution of Nuclear Engineers in 1988.

**Ellis** (1933) On 26 January 2016 at the age of 101, Eric Leslie Ellis of Fareham, Hampshire. Eric came to St Catharine’s from Rydal Mount School, Colwyn Bay, and read Natural Sciences and Medicine. His son Charles writes ‘Eric won the mile race in the Varsity match in 1936. In a distinguished athletics career, he also won the 3-mile Inter-Counties event at the British Games held at the White City in May 1939 and, like so many of his fellow athletes, he had been hoping to compete in the 1940 Olympics. Although he did resume athletics on returning from war service in the Far East, his best years were then far behind him. After Cambridge he attended Leeds University where he qualified as a doctor. After war service he became a village GP in Titchfield, Hampshire, where he worked for 37 years before retiring at 70. He also served on Fareham District (later Borough) Council, chairing the housing and policy and resources committees, and served as an officer on a number of local charities.’

**Farrar** (1948) On 2 August 2015, Donald Jones Kenyon Farrar of Halesowen, West Midlands. Donald’s son Justin writes ‘Donald came to St Catharine’s from Kingswood School, Bath, after a Royal Artillery Short Course at Queen’s College, Oxford, where he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant and posted to India. He was demobilised in 1948 with the rank of Lieutenant. He enjoyed his time at St Catharine’s where he read Economics and played hockey for the 1st XI (1948–51). After graduating he attended the Institute of Education at the University of London and then entered Her Majesty’s Colonial Education Service and was posted to Northern Nigeria where he held various posts before being appointed Chief Inspector of Education, Benue Plateau State. He returned to England in 1972 where he was appointed Principal Assistant Education Officer (Primary) in Warley and Sandwell Local Education Authorities and stayed there until his retirement. He was an active church member serving on various Church Councils in the local area and a very keen Bridge player belonging to three separate clubs so that he could play three times a week.’

**Fawcett** (1966) On 5 August 2016, Richard Benjamin Noble Fawcett of Wimborne, Dorset. Richard came to St Catharine’s from the King’s School, Ely, and read English and Theology. He rowed in the College 1st VIII and trialled for the Blue Boat. His widow Melanie writes ‘After getting his CertEd, Richard worked in publishing for a short period, then moved to teach English and Latin at Chigwell School. Most of his career was at Canford School, where he ran the Boat Club and directed plays. He was a boarding Housemaster for 13 years. He retired early from teaching to work at Sarum College, Salisbury. He had a good tenor voice and would have been a stalwart in the College Chapel.’
Ferguson (1952) On 10 September 2015, Ian Edward Jenner Ferguson from Trinity College, Glenalmond in 1950 and came up after National Service as a Captain in the 1st and 8th Royal Scots Battalions to read Modern & Medieval Languages. According to College records, he worked for Coats Viyella as managing director of several of their subsidiary companies before becoming a management consultant in 1984. He was President of the British Chamber of Commerce in Brazil in 1975–6.

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known at school. We shared a common interest in music and Guinness. Despite these distractions Dave came out with a good civil engineering degree. He worked for Kier as a site engineer in Belfast, Plymouth and Jamaica before returning to his studies by taking a Masters in structural engineering at Imperial. He spent the rest of his career with Ove Arup, eventually becoming an Associate Director and a founder member of their Resilience, Security and Risk section. Dave’s brief ensured that he travelled widely, and his approachable manner and command of his subject made him an effective media performer. He featured in three TV reconstructions covering the Battle of Stalingrad, Churchill’s Secret Bunker and the ITV programme Gunpowder Plot – Exploding the Legend presented by Richard Hammond. In latter years, Dave and I liked to play guitar and sing UK and US folk songs together. Our interest in this genre was furthered in 2005 when we first attended Merlefest, a leading bluegrass festival in North Carolina. In all we visited six times, often with David Johnston.’ See also the Guardian 18 January 2016.

**Hay** (1950) On 7 July 2016, Hugh Cameron Hay of Dorset. Hugh won an Exhibition to St Catharine’s from Bishop’s Stortford College in 1948 and came up after National Service to read History. His brothers Alan Hay (1960) and Donald Hay (1962) are also alumni. Alan writes ‘While an undergraduate Hugh played both hockey and tennis for the College. After graduating he worked for a while as an executive with the Eastern Counties Bus Company; he then did accountancy training in Birmingham later moving to Hampshire and then Dorset as a finance executive living in his latter years in Sturminster Newton. He was father of Jonathan and Deborah and grandfather of Jessica and Millie.’

**Heath** (1942) On 24 March 2016, Geoffrey John Heath of Girton, Cambridge. Geoffrey came to St Catharine’s from Cambridge and County School for Boys and read Geography. He was awarded a Half-Blue for sailing. He spent his career working for Eaden Lilley & Company of Cambridge, first as a Buyer then rising via Department Manager and Head of Personnel to Director. His son Nick Heath (1971) is also an alumnus.

**Heron** (1951) On 11 February 2016, John Brian Heron of Rochdale. Brian came to St Catharine’s from Manchester Grammar School and read Mathematics. He was in the University sailing team all three years and its Captain in 1954. He was National Firefly champion in 1958, 1960 and 1961. He worked with Turner & Newall for 35 years as Chief Executive of TBA Industrial Products. For many years he was Chairman of the Rochdale NHS Trust and was Chairman and Pro-Chancellor of UMIST in 1990. From UMIST he joined Lancaster University as Pro-Chancellor and was Chairman of Council 1997–2003; reputedly Brian was largely responsible for rescuing that university from bankruptcy and for its subsequent recovery. His daughter Jo Frost (1989), a Catz alumna herself, writes ‘He was a talented after-dinner speaker much in demand, and a wonderful father and husband’. He received honorary degrees from both UMIST (DSc 1997) and Lancaster (LLD 2005).

**Honour** (1948) On 20 May 2016, Patrick Hugh Honour of Tuscany. Hugh came to St Catharine’s from King’s School, Canterbury, and read English. After graduating, he worked in the Print Room of the British Museum before becoming assistant to the Director of the Leeds City Art Gallery. In 1954 he moved to Italy to join his lifetime partner John Fleming whom he had met while at Cambridge. Hugh wrote art reviews for the Times and collaborated with Nikolaus Pevsner on the Penguin Dictionary of Architecture. He subsequently wrote several books on art for Penguin; the peak of his career was the publication of A World History of Art in 1982. See also the Telegraph 23 May 2016.

**Hope** (1953) On 31 August 2015, Sir Colin Frederick Newton Hope of Stratford-upon-Avon. Colin came to St Catharine’s from Stowe School and read Engineering. After graduating he joined his father’s garage business, but joined Allied Engineering in 1962 and was made a director in 1968. He moved to Dunlop in 1975 and became Director of Tyre Production in 1979. In 1985, he was recruited by the chairman of Turner & Newall to be its Managing Director. He led the bid by T&N for his old company Allied Engineering and eventually won though Robert Maxwell was a counterbidder. He was president of the Society of Motor Manufacturers & Traders 1991–3 (a rare accolade for a component manufacturer). An advisor to Prime Minister John Major, he was knighted in 1996. His hobby was Armstrong Siddeley cars of the 1920s and 1930s, and he was a trustee of the National Motor Museum. See also the Telegraph 22 September 2015.

**Hughes** (1945) On 13 November 2015, Michael John Hughes of Beckenham, Kent. Michael came to St Catharine’s from Westcliff High School and read Modern & Medieval Languages; he also played cricket for the College. According to College records, he did his National Service in the RAF after graduating and then taught for five years at Solihull School before moving to become Head of Languages at St Dunstan’s College. He remained there for the rest of his career until retirement in 1987. He was Second Master for his last ten years there. Michael left a substantial legacy to the College.

**Hyam** (1952) On 10 March 2014, Joseph Isaac Hyam of Tunbridge Wells, Kent. Joe came to St Catharine’s from Westminster School and read Law. He spent his career as a hotelier and caterer and for 15 years from 1975 was the editor of Caterer & Hotelkeeper Magazine. He launched the
‘Catey Awards’ in 1984 and used his magazine to raise the profile of the hospitality industry. In 1990 he left Caterer & Hotelkeeper to become Director of the Academy of Culinary Arts.

**Hyam** (1965) On 27 February 2016, Kenneth Lucas Moses Hyam of London. Kenneth came to St Catharine’s from Westminster School and read English. His daughter Vanessa Brown writes ‘Kenneth taught English for many years in further education at the Willesden College of Technology, London. He retired in 2010 and enrolled at the City Lit College in Holborn, taking courses in poetry and photography as well as book binding. After taking the poetry course, Kenneth became a published author and his work appeared in *Villanelles (2012)* – Everyman press. Kenneth was an ardent cricket fan and often visited Lords. He leaves a wife, a daughter and a grandson.’

**Jones** (1943) In 2016, Alan Roy Mercer Jones of Lutterworth, Leicestershire. Alan attended Hawarden Grammar School and came to St Catharine’s as an RAF cadet on the wartime Arts Course. According to College records he took a regular commission in the Army after the war and, after that, spent some 40 years in commerce, mainly the retail and wholesale hosiery industry.

**Jones** (1949) The College has learned of the death of Derek Lethbridge St Clair Jones of Kingston-upon-Thames, Surrey. Derek came to St Catharine’s from Royal Liberty School, Romford and read History.

**Jones** (1951) On 2 April 2016, Gareth Hywel Jones QC of Cambridge. Gareth came to St Catharine’s from Rhondda County School and read Law. He decided against going to the Bar and entered academia via lectureships at Oxford and Kings College, London. In the 1960s he returned to Cambridge as a Teaching Fellow at Trinity and stayed for the remainder of his career, serving at various stages as Senior Tutor and Vice-Master. In 1974 he was elected Downing Professor of the Laws of England, retiring from that chair in 1998. One of his great achievements was the invention of the subject of restitution, publishing its seminal text *The Law of Restitution*, a book which has already been through eight editions. His son Christopher (1979) is also a Caius alumnus.

**Jones** (1951) On 12 June 2016, Günther Robert Norman Jones of London. Robert came to St Catharine’s from Harrogate Grammar School and read Natural Sciences. After National Service in the Army he returned to College to research for a PhD in biochemistry, but never completed it. He subsequently took a teaching post prior to completing a PhD in biochemistry at the University of London. His father Ernest (1928), who ran the Yorkshire branch of the Society in the 1950s, and son Peter (1990) were also at St Catharine’s. Robert published *The Darker Shadow of Science* about his perceived difficulties in researching cancer – reviewed in the 2008 Magazine. More recently he published on Alzheimer’s Disease. See also News of Members in this Magazine.

**Jones** (1961) At Christmas 2015, Peter Wingate Jones of Bedford. Peter came to St Catharine’s from Bedford School and read Estate Management. After becoming a qualified Chartered Surveyor, Peter became a partner at DTZ Debenham Thorpe (a leading global property adviser and real estate services company) for nine years and then, following the company’s flotation, served as a main board director for ten years, responsible for the Professional Services Division. He resigned from the company in 1996/97 to join other companies including Internet startups like Carlow Radio and ShopFront.co.uk.

**Kaye** (1943) On 15 December 2015, John Maurice Kaye of North Ferriby, East Yorkshire. After attending Malet Lambert High School, Hull, John came to St Catharine’s as an RAF Cadet on the wartime Arts Course. He served as a Spitfire pilot in the war and was re-admitted to the College in 1947 to read Law, obtaining his BA in 1948 and LLB in 1949. He qualified as a solicitor in 1951 and the following year entered into Partnership in Sanderson & Co. Hull (Marine Practice). He was Senior Partner 1965–86 and a Consultant from 1956 to 1990.

**Kimberley** (1944) On 27 August 2015, Ramsay Frank Kimberley of Retford, Nottinghamshire. Ramsay came to St Catharine’s first as a Royal Navy Cadet from King Edward VI School, Lichfield. After the short wartime course he served on minesweepers in the Mediterranean and returned to College after the war to read Economics, graduating in 1949. His widow Caroline writes ‘After Cambridge, Ramsay became a school teacher and most of his teaching career was spent at Worksop College Preparatory School, Ranby House, in Nottinghamshire. He continued to enjoy sport, particularly rugby, and he became a successful coach. Throughout his life he enjoyed many visits back to Cambridge to attend College Garden Parties and the annual bumps became a regular event for the family. On his 80th birthday we enjoyed a wonderful family meal in College. His granddaughter recently graduated from Caius and he was very proud to have her follow in his footsteps.’

**King** (1949) On 11 April 2016, Anthony Derek Edward King of London. Tony came to St Catharine’s from Alleyn’s School to read Geography, but changed to French and Spanish. He joined the army from school and was a captain in the East Surrey Regiment before he came to St Catharine’s. His brother Howard writes ‘His forte was teaching, and he spent 25 years as housemaster at Bushey Masonic School until it
closed, then in a number of other schools. A bachelor, he devoted much of his remaining life to caring for his elderly aunts, father and mother; after that, he remained a cheerful and courteous gentleman throughout a long decline into Alzheimer’s disease. His cousin Chris Godfrey writes ‘Tony was one of the best-loved and kindest of men, and devoted most of his life to the service and care of others. In his prime, one would far rather have encountered him at a concert than in the scrum!’

**Love** (1961) On 19 June 2016, John Duncan Love of Canberra, Australia. John came to St Catharine’s from Tiffin School, London, and read Mathematics. After a spell at a government research establishment, he became a graduate student at Oxford, receiving his DPhil in 1969. He was then a Research Fellow first at the University of California, San Diego, and then at the University of Toronto before joining the Australia National University as Professor of Guided Wave Photonics in their Physics Education Centre. He wrote the seminal textbook on Optical Waveguide Theory in 1983. He received his DSc from Oxford in 1991 and ScD from Cambridge in 2015.

**Lucas** (1975) On 26 February 2016, Peter Alexander Lucas of Edinburgh. Peter came to St Catharine’s from Prescot Grammar School and read Economics and History. He played rugby for the College. After graduating he researched for a PhD at Manchester University. He spent most of his career as an investment manager for Scottish Equitable which he joined in 1986 after working as an analyst for the Royal Bank of Scotland. In 2003 he joined Franklin Templeton as an investment writer and researcher.

**McHugh** (1950) On 24 April 2016, Bernard McHugh of Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. Bernard came to St Catharine’s from St Mary’s Training College, Twickenham, and read History and Geography. After teacher training in London, he taught for a time in England before moving to Canada in 1974. There he spent the remainder of his career teaching at Victoria High School, British Columbia, retiring in 1993. His son Frank writes ‘Bernard always spoke fondly of his years spent at St Catharine’s and Cambridge University. I myself was able to visit this special place a number of times with him’

**Millward** (1937) On 25 January 2016, Roy Millward of Leicester. Roy came to St Catharine’s from King’s School, Macclesfield, and read Geography, graduating with a double starred first in 1940. He was a life-long pacifist and registered conscientious objector. This led to difficulties in finding a job, but in 1941 he was offered a position at St Lawrence College (evacuated from Ramsgate to Northamptonshire). In 1947 he joined the Geography Department of the then University College of Leicester and remained there until retirement. His first book, *Lancashire* (1955) was part of the series *The Making of the English Landscape* of which he later took over editorship when WG Hoskins retired. He wrote a further 16 books including 14 co-authored with Adrian Robinson on the geography of Britain. His friend Malcolm Elliott comments that his puckish sense of humour was never far from the surface and he would chuckle gleefully even in the most earnest of discussions.

**Morgans** (1943) In May 2016, John Francis Croil Morgans of Kwa-zulu Natal, South Africa. John came to St Catharine’s from Christ’s Hospital School as an RAF Cadet. After war service he returned to College in 1947 and read Natural Sciences. His son Peter writes that his father went on to do his doctorate in marine biology at the University of Cape Town. He lived and worked in Zanzibar, New Zealand (where he was Head of the Department of Zoology at Canterbury University), and South Africa.

**Newsham** (1944) On 25 October 2014, Roy Newsham. Roy attended Rutlish School and went on to Reading University in 1941 where he was the Surrey County Agricultural Scholar and obtained a BSc in Agriculture in 1944. He joined St Catharine’s in 1944 as a Colonial Agricultural Scholar. He resided for one year only, but there are no records of whether he took any exams while here.

**Northen** (1943) In October 2015, (Robert) Ian Northen of Pulborough, Sussex. Ian came to St Catharine’s from Exmouth Grammar School as a Royal Engineering Cadet on the wartime short course in Engineering. He wished to return after the war, but was rejected because the College was already overfull (only about 1 in 5 of those who had studied here as Cadets in the war were able to return as undergraduates). Ian worked for Capital & Counties plc for much of his professional life and became the Assistant Managing Director responsible for developing major shopping centres in Newcastle, Nottingham, Stoke, Wakefield, Watford and Thurrock.

**O’Brien** (1982) On 11 February 2016, Andrew Simon O’Brien of Worsley, Manchester. Andrew came to St Catharine’s from St Mary’s Roman Catholic High School, Manchester, and read Mathematics. He took a double first and was awarded a Scholarship and the Drury-Johns Mathematics Prize. His widow, Carole, writes ‘He began his career as a Systems Engineer at IBM. Various roles in the company followed including a period as Marketing Manager. He remained within the IT sector throughout his career, as Service Provision Director with Barclays, Director of IT Operations and Services at Co-operative Financial Services, and Service Management Director at the Ministry of Justice. His final role was with Computer Services Corporation as General Manager for Defence Ministry Business, responsible for overseeing the personnel and pension systems for our Armed Forces. He was a keen skier."
and avid cruciverbalist. He is survived by his wife, Carole, and son, Rhys, a medical student at Leeds University.’

**Paget** (1966) On 9 February 2016, Jonathan Paget of Swindon. Jonathan came to St Catharine’s from King Edward’s School, Birmingham and read Mechanical Sciences. He won the Alexandria Prize and an Exhibition in 1969. On graduating he joined the Royal Navy and served until 1975 when he left to work for Raychem Corporation where he had a variety of executive posts in the UK, USA and Belgium. In 1992 he joined Motorola as Vice-President and General Manager.

**Perkins** (1942) On 14 February 2016, Professor James Oliver Newton Perkins of Brighton, Victoria, Australia. Jim came to St Catharine’s from Bedford School to read History, but his studies were interrupted by the war. He served in the army and returned after the war in 1947, changing subject to read Economics. He was awarded the Wrenbury Scholarship in 1949 and, after graduating, stayed on for his Cambridge PhD with a Junior Research Fellowship from St Catharine’s and a grant from Melbourne University where he was a research student 1950–1. He spent most of his working life in the Department of Economics, University of Melbourne.

**Potter** (1961) On 3 April 2016, Denis Kynaston Potter of Sutton, Surrey. Denis won a Scholarship to St Catharine’s from Malvern College and read Mechanical Sciences. After a spell at the British Aircraft Corporation working on the TSR2 project, he returned to Cambridge on a BAC Scholarship for his PhD in Control Engineering. He was a St Catharine’s Research Fellow 1968–9 and then returned to BAC to work on flight testing analysis. The Potter method is still used today on projects far removed from those for which it was devised. After a brief secondment to the Department for Trade and Industry, Denis left BAC and founded his own consultancy business. In retirement he was able to devote more time to his hobbies; in particular his extensive model railway, and Bentley cars. The Bentley Drivers Club turned up in force at his funeral in their vehicles – Denis was to have been their next Chairman. His brother writes ‘Wherever Denis went he engendered friendship. Honest to a degree, he was caring and generous with time and spirit, always willing to help others even to the detriment of himself.’

**Powell** (1943) On 22 October 2015, Richard Alan Powell of Bristol. Richard came to St Catharine’s from Lydney Grammar School as an RAF Cadet on the wartime short course in Natural Sciences. The College has no information about his subsequent career.

**Powell** (1962) On 7 February 2016, Christopher Gordon Powell of Much Dewchurch, Herefordshire. Christopher came to St Catharine’s from Ludlow Grammar School and took a double first in Law. His widow Meryl writes ‘After graduating, he qualified as a solicitor, becoming senior partner of a firm in Hereford. Christopher had two sons and a daughter with his wife, Meryl, and enjoyed a warm and loving family life. He was a well-respected member of his village community and his thoughtful, calm and considered manner was appreciated by many. He had a deep Christian faith and love of music and was organist at his local church for many years.’

**Pyle** (1977) On 9 October 2012, Jonathan James Pyle of Bristol. Jon came to St Catharine’s from St Brendan’s College, Bristol, and read English. He taught English at Wycliffe College and, after commenting on his untimely death, Head Teacher Mrs Burnet Ward wrote ‘As a colleague, he was greatly respected and well-loved for his intelligence, warmth and wit. He was exceptionally well-read and cultured, and was a true gentleman.’

**Reid** (1951) On 17 August 2015, William (Bill) Arbuckle Reid of Amberley, Gloucestershire. Bill won an Exhibition to St Catharine’s from the Marling School, Stroud, and read Modern & Medieval Languages. After graduating, he went into teaching and then academia, becoming a Reader in Curriculum Studies at the University of Birmingham and a Visiting Professor at the University of Texas, Austin. Glynn Jones (1952) writes ‘I met Bill when he had rooms in Gostlin House, which was demolished during the re-building projects that led to the creation of the McGrath Centre. We enjoyed many holidays together, entering chess tournaments or travelling in search of signs of Roman occupation, one of his pervading interests.’ Maurice Holt (1952) writes ‘Although we were both at St Catharine’s in the 1950s, we didn’t meet until we each became education specialists and Bill brought out his excellent book Thinking About the Curriculum in 1979. He regularly presented papers at the annual meetings of the American Education Research Association and we had separate listings in the 2009 book Leaders in Curriculum Studies.’

**Robjant** (1961) On 31 October 2015, Peter Robjant of Cople, Bedford. Peter came to St Catharine’s from Buckhurst Hill County High School and read English followed by Law; he was the College Junior Librarian in 1964. He worked as a solicitor at first in London, then briefly in Cambridge before becoming a partner in a practice in Trowbridge. After over 25 years there, he ‘retired’ in 1997 and accepted an appointment as full-time Chairman of Industrial Tribunals in Bedford. Sadly, he developed Parkinson’s disease and was forced to reduce his workload; he spent his last three years being cared for at home by wife Jean and two live-in carers. He was a regular supporter of College alumni events, particularly after moving to Bedford.
Ryder (1957) On 6 September 2015, Revd Canon Derek Michael Ryder of Calne, Wiltshire. Derek came to St Catharine’s from King Edward’s Grammar School, Aston, and read Theology. After studying at Tyndale Hall, Bristol, he was Chaplain at Brentwood School and then Ipswich School before becoming a missionary to Jewish people in 1972. He 1987 he was appointed Rector of Wexcombe near Marlborough and remained there until he retired in 1999. He was a Rural Dean and a Canon of Salisbury Cathedral. He was a member of the Woodlark Society.

Salter (1953) On 23 May 2015, David Salter of Newcastle. David came to St Catharine’s from the Stationers’ Company’s School, Hornsey, and read English. His step-daughter Nicky Zeeman writes ‘Multi-talented, vivacious and witty, David hugely enjoyed his time at Cambridge, where he was President of the JCR and later warmly remembered by his director of studies, Tom Henn. David then taught English at the Studio School, Cambridge, and in Greek Cyprus, which he loved. Realising that his métier was in the sciences, he retrained as a psychologist at Birkbeck College, London, and the University of Sheffield. For the rest of his career he taught at the universities of Sheffield and Newcastle. David was a very successful teacher whose students regarded him with great affection. Formerly married to Elizabeth Salter, in 1980 he met Hanna Osterrmann, with whom he lived in great happiness for the rest of his life. David had many interests and artistic skills; after his retirement he continued to pursue his reading, writing poetry, collecting, painting and artwork more actively than ever.’ David is survived by his partner Hanna, Nicky and his son Mark.

Shapland (1949, Chaplain 1955–61) On St Valentine’s Day 2014, the Revd David Edward Shapland. David came to St Catharine’s from the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, and read History. The Very Revd Dr Alec Knight (1958), Dean of Lincoln, writes ‘Having served in the navy and a curacy in Kent, David brought to Cats a cheerful, friendly and welcoming presence that set at ease the anxious and the sceptical. His innate holiness and lack of any sense of piety attracted a group of young men wanting to explore contemporary spirituality, many becoming ordinands. David had a particular style of listening combining empathy with compassion; his comments were perceptive but never controlling. There were no ‘strings’ to his advice or his friendship and many valued his guidance and mentoring long after leaving Cambridge. David was always on the move, both physically and spiritually, yet never losing his ‘still centre’. His enquiry into the mystery that is God took great courage and integrity and led him beyond the outer fringes of the institutional church to a place of retreat overlooking the Brecon Beacons as a 20th-Century desert father. He leaves a son and a daughter – his wife, Julie, died last year.’ David’s brother Peter (1941) was also an alumnus.

Skinner (1957) Early in 2016, William Skinner of Middlesbrough. Bill came to St Catharine’s from Mill Hill School and read Natural Sciences and Economics. He was President of the JCR 1959–60 and captain of College Hockey. His widow Margaret writes ‘Bill was a beloved husband, father, grandfather and a good friend to many. While at St Catharine’s, as well as playing hockey, he took part in Gilbert & Sullivan productions. After graduating he joined United Steel in Sheffield, working his way up from shift work to Director of Engineering at the Teesside works in 1972.’ He was a governor of both Mill Hill School and Macmillan College, Teeside.

Smethurst (1953) On 7 May 2016, Peter Ralph Smethurst of Crowthorne, Berkshire. Peter won an Exhibition to St Catharine’s from Ludlow School and read Geography. After graduating he worked for British Railways before becoming a Civil Servant in 1962. His positions included Head of Urban Economic Division, Department of Transport, Head of Local Government Finance Economies Division, Department of the Environment, and Head of Roads & Local Transport and Head of the London Transportation & Policy Unit, both at the Department of Transport. Peter was treasurer of his local church diocese and was awarded a diocesan gold medal by the Bishop of Portsmouth for service to the church.

Smith (1948) In September 2015, Revd Kenneth Maltus Smith of Norwich. Ken came to St Catharine’s from Eltham College and read Geography. He played hockey for the College and was a member of the Cuppers winning team in 1950. He obtained a DipEd from Oxford and became an educational missionary for the United Reformed Church. He served in Rhodesia and Botswana, and was awarded an MBE in 1974.

Smith (1958) On 4 June 2016, Revd Cecil Havelock Smith of Pinner, Middlesex. Cecil came to St Catharine’s from Sir Roger Manwood’s School, Sandwich, Kent, and read English and Theology. After graduating he trained for the Methodist Ministry at Richmond College and was stationed at Stoneleigh, Burford, Wealdstone in Harrow, Haslemere, Uxbridge and North Hillingdon, and finally at Ealing before retiring to Pinner, Middlesex. His widow, Barbara, writes ‘For Cecil, his family and his faith were all-important. Gentle, scholarly, modest, kind and caring with a sense of humour, he was generously giving of himself, his gifts and his time, always looking for the good in others. Cecil’s interests included calligraphy, theatre-going and days out. Cecil and his son Alan enjoyed days of cricket and conversation at Lord’s. He always had a great love of reading and poetry.’

Stedman (1948) The College has learned of the death some years ago of Richard James Stedman of Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire. Richard came to St Catharine’s from Wilson’s Grammar School, London, and read
Geography. He played cricket and football for the College and was secretary of the CUAFC Falcons. He became Head of Geography at King Edward VI School, Chelmsford, where he was also Head of Cricket and Soccer. In the 1960s he held similar positions at Bradford Grammar School before becoming Deputy Headmaster of Grove Hill Comprehensive School in 1966 and then Headmaster of St Audrey’s School from 1973 until his retirement in 1985.

Turner (1949) The College has learned of the death of Donald Milne Turner of Bath. Donald came to St Catharine’s from Highgate School following National Service and read Natural Sciences. He retired in 1992 from his post as Director of Research at the Avon Rubber Company having worked there since graduating. During his career he was involved in several research programmes with Bath University, such as the modelling of the mechanics of tyre wear, the development of sports surfaces, the anti-radar cladding of warships, and the adhesion of rubber to metals. He was awarded an Honorary DSc by Bath in 2000.

Ward (1962) On 9 December 2015, Peter Adrian Ward of Guildford, Surrey. Peter won an Exhibition to St Catharine’s from Dulwich College and read Natural Sciences followed by Chemical Engineering. According to College records he was Vice-President for Product Training at Shell and Director of various Shell companies.

White (1955) On 5 June 2015, Anthony Frank White of Rye, Sussex. Tony came to St Catharine’s from Southampton University for his PGCE. We have no information about his subsequent career.

Whitworth (1970) On 26 November 2015, Simon William Battams Whitworth of Godalming, Surrey. Simon came to St Catharine’s from Radley College following a gap-year in Argentina and read History and Law. He played hockey and cricket for the College. He returned to Argentina and married Julie, Argentine-born daughter of alumnus Barney Miller (1949). Simon worked in reinsurance law, setting up Estudio Whitworth y Asociados. After five years in Argentina he returned to England and joined Kuwait Petroleum International, transferring to Kuwait for eight years as General Counsel for KPI. Tony Hawksley (1969) writes ‘We were attracted by his loyalty, humour and geniality, and his even temperament and good judgement’. Chris Lowney (1968) writes ‘He was highly popular and his understated wit was appreciated by friend and foe alike’ referring to the Hub Wanderers, a touring cricket team of former Catz men. Aidan Ford (1970) writes ‘Exact contemporaries at school and Catz, working together (for a stint immediately after University), and both of us with strong Argentine connections, I knew Simon from our early teens to our middle sixties; in all that time, I never saw him other than smiling, happy, considerate and sympathetic. A man of the sharpest wit, engaging charm and of immense intelligence, lightly worn: much loved and much missed by all.’ Simon was a conscientious governor of Radley for 30 years, and representative of the Argentine Cricket Association to the ICC.

Wilkin (1936) On 16 July 2016, Timothy David Wilkin of Hove, Sussex. Tim came to St Catharine’s from Harrow and read Modern and Medieval Languages (French and German). His daughter Margot Chaundler writes ‘Born ten days before the October Revolution, his early years were more Brideshead Revisited than Days of the Turbins. At Cambridge he rowed and coxed the College’s second eight. His studies involved stays in Paris and Freybourg. What he saw in Germany led him to join the Army immediately after graduating. He spent the war in East Africa, training Askaris and learning the local languages. After the war, Tim started working in the City, first importing wines and later, as a working name at Lloyds. His great interests were the City Livery Companies, particularly the Worshipful Company of Broderers, where he became Master in 1966 and later was an active Senior Past Master. Foremost a family man, he was happily married for 69 years.’

Windsor (1953) In December 2015, Joseph Boswell Windsor of Poole, Dorset. Joseph came to St Catharine’s from St Alban’s School and read Engineering. According to College records his career was in personnel and management training; he was director of several companies and founded his own.

Winton Thomas (1954) On 29 July 2016, David John Winton Thomas of Toronto, Canada. David came to St Catharine’s from the Leys School, Cambridge, and read Geography and Economics. He spent his career working for Shell in Canada. His father, also David, was a Catz Professorial Fellow from 1943 until his death in 1970 and his brother Barry (1955), also an alumnus, died in 1974.

Yolland (1961) On 6 March 2016, Anthony Christopher Yolland of Chislehurst, Kent. Tony came to St Catharine’s from Wellington College and read Mechanical Sciences. His brother Mike (1964) writes ‘After leaving Cambridge, Tony spent his working life in the City of London, starting with advertising in Fleet Street (Sunday Express advertising manager) and then into financial asset management and risk assessment (Morgan Grenfell, Deutsche Bank etc.). His main hobbies were horse racing, golf, skiing, travelling and good living. He died in Chislehurst, Kent, where he had lived most of his life.’ College records show that Tony was an active member of the St Catharine’s Society London Group and its vice-chairman in 2008–9.

Young (1961) On 30 December 2015, Hugh Benet Young of North Crawley, Buckinghamshire. Hugh came to St Catharine’s from St Benedict’s School, Ealing, and read Classics and English. His daughter Anna Atkinson (1992) is an alumna.
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.


Herbert Rowse Armstrong (1887) Yet another book has been published about the trial of this alumnus who was hanged for murder in 1922. See the list of publications donated to the College Library in this Magazine.

Tom Henn (1919, Fellow 1926) See Reg Gadney (1962)


Donald Perrens (1936) sent a booklet for the College Archives; it is a record of Donald’s service history in WWII between graduating from Catz in 1939 and being demobbed in December 1945. He was a Wing Commander in the RAF and received both the DSO and the DFC.

Norman Sheppard (1940), who was the Founding Professor of Chemical Physics at the University of East Anglia and whose death we reported in the 2015 Magazine, left a generous legacy to St Catharine’s.

Wylie Gregory (1942, Fellow 1962) See David Cruttenden (1967)

Norman Harpur (1943) See Duncan Steel (1959).

Allan Garraway (1944), whose death was reported in the 2015 Magazine, was a steam enthusiast who gave up his career with British Railways to run the Ffestiniog Railway. At College (and later in retirement), Allan was a keen oarsman; he left a substantial legacy to College Boat Club funds.


Noel Lobo (1950) – Commander Indian Navy, retired – writes ‘A dismal three years at St Catharine’s mercifully ended in 1953 with nothing whatsoever to show for it except captnacy of the hockey third eleven (soi-disant!). But the subsequent 60 odd years have been most felicitous in one respect, thanks to the Society Magazine. In my mail awaiting me in Singapore as our flagship INS Mysore steamed in on a courtesy visit in July 1959 was the Magazine. That was how it started. I called the very next day on Colin Fitch (1952) and invited him and his wife on board – in 1959 he was with Commercial Union in Singapore
(and still it continues; I last spoke to Colin in March 2016). And that would have been that but for a postcard from him and (the late) Ian McDougall (1951) written from the Garden House Hotel in Cambridge some years later. A happy chance indeed, followed soon by another when in the very next issue I read that Peter Wolton (1975) was the secretary of the London branch of the Society, whereupon I invited him to visit Darjeeling where I was then bursar of a boys’ residential school, St Paul’s. The lure of a walk in the Himalayas led several Catsmen to stay with us in Darjeeling where the most stupendous mountain range in the world could be seen from our bedroom windows: the late Ian Andrews, Peter Merttens (both 1949) and, of course, Peter Wolton who shortly thereafter passed the hat around among some Catsmen to enable me and my wife and two sons to visit England – an astounding gesture which we have not forgotten. Sadly, some of them are no longer with us, including John St Lawrence (1950). However, we are in touch with Bridget Andrews and Mimi Merttens on the telephone. I also see from the 2015 Magazine that Michael Brookbank (1950) is still kicking a football around (I often wondered how he managed such a robust game while wearing spectacles).

Robert Comline (Fellow 1951) See John Shakeshaft (Fellow 1961).

Robert Jones (1951) wrote to say that he should have retired in 1998, but instead published his work on cancer from 1974 (his book In the Darker Shadow of Science: the Subjugation of Cancer was reviewed in the 2008 Magazine). In 2000 he suspected that paracetamol was a major cause of Alzheimer’s disease and his papers on the topic may be found by entering Jones 2014 paracetamol Alzheimer’s into Google. Sadly Robert died in June 2016; see Notices in this Magazine.

Tony Pearce (1952) was reminded of the Sherlock Court he knew just after WWll by an article in the 2015 Magazine. He writes ‘In December 1949 I sat the Entrance Examination for St Catharine’s at my school and I subsequently received a telegram inviting me to the College for an interview. When I arrived the Porter showed me to a room on the first floor of Sherlock Court. Apart from an empty fireplace I could find no other source of potential heating and I remember that night as one of the coldest experiences of my life. I can recall little of my interview except that it seemed to be a very relaxed conversation in front of a blazing fire. This must have been in the Christmas vacation since the College appeared to be deserted. Wandering around I found a television set in what was probably the JCR. This did not engage me for long since the reception was so poor each programme appeared to have been filmed in a blizzard. I had an altogether happier experience when, in the Easter Term of my second year, I moved from Brookside to rooms on the ground floor nearest to Main Court. I remember Sherlock Court as a sunny and peaceful corner of the College. Even better, in my last year I moved to a fine set of rooms at the top of ‘C’ staircase where, as President of the Shirley Society, I could entertain our distinguished guests.’

Robert Turner (1954) writes ‘I retired from the High Court and the Office of Senior Master of the Supreme Court of England and Wales and as Queen’s Remembrancer in 2007. Since then, apart from lecturing at various universities in Europe, I have been a visiting Professor of Law at the Law Faculty in Cambridge for the past four years.’

Dudley Robinson (Fellow 1955) See David Cruttenden (1967).

Hugh Searle (1956, Fellow Commoner 2008) points out that the Editor missed an opportunity to mention the murdered Master Joshua Waterhouse in the article on Masterships elections in the 2015 Magazine. Waterhouse was Master for only a brief period before being ousted by Procter. The story of Waterhouse appears in the 1978 St Catharine’s Magazine in an article written by former Master Edwin (Teddy) Rich.

Michael Weston (1956) See Duncan Steel (1959).

Roger Bason (1959), John Cooper (1960), Don Broom (1961), Bob Harris (1962) and Rod Muddle (1962) attended the CU Swimming and Water Polo Club reunion hosted by Catz in July 2016. In the early 1960s, Catz was the leading swimming and water polo college, winning Cuppers in both sports and providing several captains for the University teams as well as representatives at national and Olympic level. The reunion included 21 members from the 1960–5 CUSWPC teams along with partners, some of whom had travelled over 5,000 miles and were meeting for the first time since leaving Cambridge. Activities over the weekend included a fantastic dinner in the College SCR with many reminiscences, along with a visit to the site of the riverside University swimming sheds (now burnt down) and a nostalgic swim in the Leys School Pool which was used for training in the 1960s. (See picture overleaf.)

Valerie Steel, widow of Duncan Steel (1959), wrote to express thanks for the June Garden Party and the tent at the Bumps. ‘My daughter and I would like to thank you for a very interesting and happy day. We thoroughly enjoyed all of it, including the walk back from the Bumps along the river.’ Valerie also included a photograph (overleaf) of three Catharines at Catz, all daughters of alumni; from left to right: Catharine Kingcome, daughter of Norman Harpur (1943); Catharine Weston, currently studying Classics at Churchill, daughter of Michael Weston (1956); Catharine Archibald, daughter of Duncan Steel (1959).

Michael Brown (1960) and his wife Susan have now published their survey of Historic Houses in Walsingham (Norfolk Historic Buildings Group Journal Volume 6). In the course of surveying some seventy houses they identified a number of late medieval buildings which seem to have been pilgrim hostels, now lurking behind later eighteenth and nineteenth century facades. A bonus was finding a fifteenth century wall painting in a normally inaccessible roof space. The Walsingham project was their third localised study following New Buckenham (Volume 2) and Tacolneston (Volume 4) – the College Library has copies. Having surveyed some three hundred historic houses in Norfolk since they moved from Essex, they continue their search to find the earliest house of all.


Peter Haigh (1960) writes noting the relatively few references in recent Magazines to alumni of the early 1960s and to express disappointment at the brief mention of the ground-breaking 1963 University Challenge team of which he was a member. Peter provided all the information we have: other members of the team were Philip Bowring (1960) and Alan Pardoe (1961) – neither he nor Alan could recall who the fourth member was, but apparently it was a whirlwind week at the Granada Studios in Manchester. The Magazine for 1963 notes that the St Catharine’s team were knocked out in the first round, but raised £80 for JCR funds.

Three Catharines at St Catharine’s – see Steel (1959)

Paul Johnson (1960) writes ‘Our Residents Association holds a hustings before each General Election. In 2015 we invited the candidates from the five main parties, one being Boris Johnson, then also Mayor of London. We booked the local town-centre church – St Margaret’s, Uxbridge, – as the venue. As the date approached we discovered that this was the only hustings event Boris would attend. We became increasingly concerned by the extent of national media interest and the prospect of very large numbers coming to attend or demonstrate – we requested a strong Police presence. On the day, there was a demonstration outside against the Mayor by London taxi drivers. Inside, everyone managed to get a seat…except me! Just before the start, the Anti-Corruption candidate jumped onto the podium and insisted on his right to participate. He was persuaded to step down – under protest – and I was able to take my seat and start the proceedings. It was a lively event with further interruptions, but the residents put their questions and the candidates managed to get their messages across. In summing up, the Labour candidate said “if you want a dedicated local MP, vote for me. If you want an after-dinner speaker, vote for Boris”’. See also article by Paul about Catz in the 1960s in this Magazine.

John Shakeshaft (Fellow 1961) has come to light following his obituary in the 2015 Magazine. It was taken by Dudley Jackson (Fellow 1971–6) forty years ago at the dinner to celebrate Robert Comline (Fellow 1951) receiving his ScD. See also the article on John’s pottery in this Magazine.
Reg Gadney (1962) writes about the article on Concrete Poetry in the 2015 Magazine. ‘The 1964 exhibition was very much a Cats affair given a blessing by both Tom Henn and the Master, Teddy Rich (whom I had to persuade to let us do it – he overruled the objection of the egregious Major Stanley Aston). It isn’t entirely true that the Brazilian contribution was the centre-piece of the exhibition. I would say Hamilton Finlay was. The light mobile I showed at a Shirley Society meeting (accompanied by some recorded Bach) no longer exists. It was an uncanny evening. There was a large light machine which three of us had to carry to the Ramsden Room – the same room where both Norman Mailer and Ted Hughes (and, I think, CS Lewis) addressed us. Tom Henn was very fond of Lewis whose wife was dying (see A Grief Observed). The meeting between Tom and Norman Mailer was memorable; they got on very well because of a shared love of boxing. Regarding the light machine, Reg notes that he is mentioned in Mark Blake’s Pink Floyd: Pigs might fly: the official biography. Reg says ‘Apparently I knew Syd Barrett at Cambridge and showed him how to make his first light projections in my room in Cats.’


Jon Lewis (1962) sent photographs of three pictures of our patron saint. He writes ‘The first is from the Museo San Matteo in Pisa, one of the finest collections of early medieval religious art anywhere I think. Italy continues to surprise, even after 25 years! The next is from the Cathedral of Le Puy en Velay in central France. The third in my view is the greatest of all paintings of St Catharine. When my wife and I were doing our project of visiting all the works of Caravaggio in the world, we left this one till last. It is in the Thyssen Bornemisza Gallery in Madrid. This is a wonderful collection, but Caravaggio’s St Catharine dominates it.’

John Shakeshaft (1961) forty years ago.
Professor Sir John Baker (Fellow 1971, Honorary Fellow 2012) writes ‘Of all the world’s religions, one of the most intriguing is that found on the remote Pacific island of Tanna in the nation of Vanuatu. The inhabitants there have come to revere Prince Philip as the human form of an ancestral spirit which emerged from the Yasur volcano and travelled afar to marry a queen. One of the chief’s prize heirlooms is a fading black-and-white photograph signed by the Prince. The cult apparently started after a royal visit to the island in 1974, and in recent years there was some expectation of a second coming, though it is now accepted that it occurred in spirit rather than as a corporeal manifestation. Very little is known about the accompanying theology, which has proved impenetrable to visiting anthropologists, but one of its noble features is a belief by the people of Tanna that every white man is their brother. On a recent expedition to Vanuatu, Professor Baker’s sister Rosemary Zanders presented Chief Siko (in full ceremonial undress) with a coloured photograph of Prince Philip engaged in conversation with Professor Baker in the SCR. This caused much excitement and now hangs prominently in the chief’s small portrait gallery (which is kept in the best hut). While not exactly revered himself, Professor Baker now possesses a modest cult status in Tanna as someone who is manifestly on speaking terms with the most revered person on earth.’

Dudley Jackson (Fellow 1971–6) See John Shakeshaft (Fellow 1961).

Sir Harvey McGrath (1971, Fellow Commoner 2004, Honorary Fellow 2013) has been elected to the Cambridge University Campaign Board. Harvey also featured in a double-page spread in the Cambridge News in April 2016 about the London/Stansted/Cambridge Corridor Growth Commission which Harvey chairs. He thinks Cambridge is at risk of becoming a victim of its own success with the rate of growth outstripping the city’s capacity to manage. Professor Ron Martin (Emeritus Fellow) is also a member of the Commission and Professor Pete Tyler (Fellow 1983) an Expert Advisor.

David Green (1972), after four years as Head of the Serious Fraud Office, has been reappointed for a further two. As a result he was featured in the Sunday Interview in the Telegraph in April – it seems it is unusual these days for Heads of the SFO to be reappointed.

Martin Smith (1973) writes that he attended the funeral of Dave Hadden (1973) – see Notices in this Magazine – and met Chris Harding (1973) there. ‘I hadn’t seen Chris for about 30 years. He and I formed a band called Block Capitals and the Bold Types that played at the 1974 Catz Christmas Dinner.’

Malcolm Molyneux (1962). Professor Emeritus of Tropical Medicine at Liverpool University, writes ‘I spent 30 years in Malawi, first with the hospital service and then with the new Medical School – the College of Medicine. I was co-founder and first Director of a research unit, the Malawi-Liverpool-Wellcome Trust Research Programme, one of the major overseas programmes of the Wellcome Trust, UK. I have been living in Liverpool since January 2016, but still making visits to Malawi for collaborative work.’


David Cuttenden (1967) writes that he was sorry to read of the death of Dick Joseph (1967). ‘He and I shared some rather dismal digs in our first year which may have contributed to his co-founding the Hobbit Society. At the end of our second year we shared the doubtful distinction of failing to satisfy the examiners and were summoned for a Long Vacation Term under the eagle eyes of Messrs Robinson and Gregory. Incidentally Dudley Robinson was still very much “Freddie” to us at that time – any thoughts as to when and how the transformation to Dudley took place?’

Chief Siko with a picture of Prince Philip and Professor Sir John Baker.


See John Shakeshaft (Fellow 1961).
James Stewart (1973) writes to say that he came across this cutting from 1920 (6 July) during his research on the Cologne Post (published for the British Army of the Rhine between 1919 and 1929). It seems John Shrapnel Warren (1848) was a prominent teetotaller and keen cricketer in his younger days! The editor thinks that Canon Warren was related to the inventor of the anti-personnel device which bears his middle name, but he has failed to find the reference.

Professor Ron Martin (Fellow 1974, Emeritus Fellow 2015) has been elected President of the Regional Studies Association – a world-wide academic organisation of regional and urban economists and economic geographers – to succeed another eminent St Catharine’s geographer, the late Sir Peter Hall (1950, Honorary Fellow 1988) who died in 2014. See also Harvey McGrath (1971).

Peter Wolton (1975) See Noel Lobo (1950).

Nick Brown (1978) has been appointed Chief Operating Officer of GOVIA Thameslink Railway (sometimes known as Southern). Nick was formerly Managing Director of London Underground.

Ian Flude (1979) writes that he has been living in southwest Kerry on the rugged Beara Peninsula since September 2014. Apparently he keeps busy with beekeeping and hobby farming (sheep).

Jim McCue (1982) is a joint editor of The Poems of TS Eliot which was a Times Literary Supplement Book of the Year 2016. The book also won the Poetry Foundation’s Pegasus award for criticism; the citation reads ‘The authoritative and remarkable editing of the poems of TS Eliot by Christopher Ricks and Jim McCue is unprecedented; their work illuminates every one of Eliot’s poems in ways unimaginable until now. This work will remain invaluable to readers and students of poetry for many generations.’ See also Reviews.

David Harding (1982), founder and CEO of Winton Capital, formally opened the Maxwell Centre at West Cambridge in April 2016. David has provided £20m to establish the Winton Programme for the Physics of Sustainability within the Cavendish Laboratory.

Professor Pete Tyler (Fellow 1983) See Harvey McGrath (1971).

Sarah Metcalf (née Bailey, 1984) is alive and well. We very much regret that we published a notice of her death in the 2015 Magazine. This error was caused by a spurious response to a telephone call which assured us she was deceased.

Rob Cooper (1985) is not deceased as was erroneously reported in the 2015 Magazine. We very much regret the error which was due to confusion with another alumnus with the same surname.

Giles Harrison (1985) is a Professor and Head of the Department of Meteorology at the University of Reading. In June 2016 he gave a public lecture on 1816 – the year without a summer at the Kings Place Arts Centre in London. See also Honours & Awards in this Magazine.

Ben Miller (1985), in an interview for Varsity in April 2016, tells the story of his turning up for the Matriculation photograph on his first day at Catz and being told by the Head Porter (Mr Monument) that he could not be photographed ‘in those shoes.’ No-one had explained how important the Matriculation photograph was, so he retreated to his room to play his electric guitar in a ‘screw-you’ kind of way. Soon Mr Monument was banging on the door: ‘Where are you? Everyone is waiting.’ Ben had to walk across the court in front of everyone jeering and clapping – a most alienating experience. After that he wanted to pack up and go home, but Mr Monument came to his room and apologised; he persuaded Ben to stay for ‘just one more night.’ Ben stayed – and came to enjoy Catz and Cambridge so much that he even stayed on for research after graduating.

David Candlin (1986) is training for ordination at Ripon College, Cuddesdon, which may surprise those who remember him well in his undergraduate days! In the course of discerning his calling, he and Matthew Sleeman (1987) have renewed regular contact and warm friendship over greasy spoon breakfasts and mutually encouraging conversations about life and faith. Matthew teaches New Testament and Greek at Oak Hill College, London.
Associate Member Christopher Barlow, the father of Matthew Barlow (1987) who died in 1992, has given a generous donation to the College in memory of both Matthew and his sister Kate Barlow (Trinity Hall), the well-known conservationist and explorer, who died last year. Matthew was a haemophiliac and had known since age fourteen that he would not have long to live because he had been given infected blood as a child.

Khalid Mahgoub (1991), who works for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, has transferred from Lebanon to Musina in South Africa. In what has become a regular report, he writes ‘Musina is a small town at the border with Zimbabwe and it is one of the main points of entry to South Africa. There are more than 900,000 asylum seekers in the country (from Congo, Somalia and other countries), but the recognized refugees among them are only about 130,000. The backlog is just enormous and I don’t think the government will ever be able to clear it. In Lebanon we used to complain about dwindling funds and lack of interest of donors, but here in South Africa I’m shocked. Africa is totally forgotten by the international community.’ Khalid comments that displacement of populations means that UNHCR is now looking after six million people.

Simon Godwin (1994) directed Paapa Essiedu as Hamlet at Stratford for the Royal Shakespeare Company in the Spring of 2016 and the play received very positive reviews. Simon based the play in Africa. Simon gave the 2015 Tom Henn lecture in the McGrath Centre at College.

Jonathan Gair (1995, Fellow 2004) was one of the authors of a major scientific paper published in Physical Review Letters in February 2016 which announced the discovery of gravitational waves. Cambridge has a long-standing involvement in the field of gravitational wave science, and specifically with the LIGO experiment which made the discovery. Until he left for Edinburgh, Jon spearheaded the Cambridge group. We note that the paper had 1004 authors; this breaks the previous College record, rumoured to be only 141 (Nature 475, p36) of which Fellow Professor Bill Sutherland was one.

Rob Ainsley (1996), for the past three years has been Head of Music Staff, Chorus Master and Coach at Minnesota Opera and Opera Theatre of Saint Louis. He has now taken over as the Director of the Domingo-Cafritz Young Artist Program and the American Opera Initiative at Washington National Opera.

Hamish Symington (1999) sets cryptic crosswords under the pseudonym ‘Soup’. He set the Guardian’s ‘Genius’ puzzle in February 2016, and is scheduled to be featured in the same slot in November 2016.

Rebecca Hall (2000) featured in a double-page article in the Guardian in July 2016, triggered by her part in the Spielberg film BFG.

Rick Colbourne (2004) of the University of Northern British Columbia has been awarded a Fulbright Visiting Research Chair in Indigenous Entrepreneurship and

Entrepreneurial Ecosystems at the University of Arizona. Rick remarks that indigenous peoples embody strong incentives for entrepreneurship and the award will enable him to compare the similarities and differences between Canada and America.

Matt Cook (2005) has moved from Sevenoaks School to become Head of Music at Millfield School, Somerset.

Edward Wickham (Fellow 2006), the College Director of Music, had his thousandth item published in the Church Times in April 2016. He commented that it has been the most stable source of income he has ever had.

Ben Cox (2007) has been selected as the 2016–7 Genesis Sixteen Conducting Scholar.

Freddie Brown (2008) has been appointed to one of the repetiteuring posts at the National Opera Studio.

George Nash (2008) has added another to his medals – he was in the GB men’s coxless four which won Olympic Gold at Rio in August, improving on the bronze he won in London in 2012. The crew was described by Sir Steve Redgrave as the best four GB has ever produced. George has now won gold for GB at U16, U18, U23, World Championships and Olympics, and has won a world or Olympic title every year since 2013.

Anni Bates (2010) began and ended the 2015–6 academic year in high style. In October 2015 she rode ‘Gay Cavalier’ in the newly-established Oxford v Cambridge horse race at Newmarket, and would have won but for Cambridge’s only male rider obtaining a very advantageous false start, which the race stewards did not penalise. Then, in the Easter Term she captained the Cambridge athletes to their customary victory over Oxford in fine style, winning the High Jump with a personal best; this last she improved to 1.70m a few weeks later. Returning to her equestrian interests, she helped to formalise the situation by founding the Cambridge University Horse-racing Society, of which she is the initial President (and Fellow Dr David Bainbridge the founding Senior Treasurer).

Matthias Egeler (Research Fellow 2010) writes that, following his Fellowship at the Institute of Advanced Studies in Berlin, he has been awarded a Fellowship at Cork in Ireland for 2016–7. Both the books he was working on while at Catz have now been published, plus a facsimile of a 19th century Iceland travel book which he edited. He remarks that, whereas he wrote books in German while in England, he wrote in English when in Germany.

Will Fairbairn (2013) has joined the music department at Sevenoaks School.

Ben Morley (2013) whilst in his second year reading maths was an author on a research paper from CalTech. It is rare for an undergraduate to achieve such distinction. Ben was on an exchange visit to CalTech over the summer and became involved in this paper as part of his project. The paper is concerned with the computation of stresses on an immersed surface.

Nicholas Widdows (2013), currently a Catz research student in Theology, has been appointed Chaplain of Magdalene (Cambridge) after a year as the Acting Chaplain at Jesus. He served his curacy in Fowey, Cornwall, having obtained a Masters in Theology from Trinity Theological College, Bristol. Prior to training as a priest Nick graduated from Exeter College, Oxford, with a first class degree in Engineering Science and then qualified as an accountant with Ernst and Young, before working as a consultant and project manager in the construction industry.

Theresa Maier (2014) is a WD Armstrong Scholar and researches a novel device for administering life-saving drugs to infants during breastfeeding. The JustMilk project, which provides a hygienic, accurate, and potentially more natural means of drug delivery, won a highly selective biotechnology competition organised by the Duke of York at St James’s Palace, London, in March 2016. The object of the event was to seek support, funding, and partnership from an audience including venture capitalists and pharmaceutical company executives.
Tom Simpson (2014) used some College bursary funding to help with his engineering project. He writes ‘Building bicycle frames is not easy, but building full suspension mountain bike frames is even harder. The craft of the custom-made bicycle has undergone a resurgence in recent years and I decided, being a keen mountain biker, that it was time to attempt such a design. I hoped that the design and manufacture of this frame would be a good opportunity to apply principles that I had learned on the engineering course at Cambridge. With the help of Catz I bought an existing carbon fibre rear triangle to supplement my chosen material – steel – for the front to help keep the weight down. I wrote a simple program to analyse a number of different suspension layouts before fillet brazing and TIG welding the frame together from T45 steel tubing (designed for restoring Spitfires) after machining material from the tubes to reduce the weight. Unfortunately, after a few rides and a particularly heavy landing, disaster struck and I crumpled my carefully butted top tube at a section I had made too thin! However, I was able simply to cut out the faulty tube and replace it with a stronger item. The finished bicycle descends much faster than anything I’ve ridden before, and over the next year I hope to race it for the University cycling club. I’m really grateful to the College for their help and I hope the Catz pink paint does it justice!****

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 pray by name for the following who remembered the College in 2015 at the places listed: Ian Beer (1951), St Michael and All Angels, Ledbury, Herefordshire; Mark Bonney (1975), Ely Cathedral, Cambridgeshire; David Bradley (1958), All Saints, East Sheen, Richmond upon Thames, London; David Cruttenden (1967), Christchurch, Borrowdale, Harare, Zimbabwe; Bevis Cubey (1956), St Cuthbert’s, Lorton, Cockermouth, Cumbria; Larry Culliford (1968), St Andrew and St Cuthman in Steyning, West Sussex; Ian Fallon (1969), All Saints’ Church, Clevley, Shropshire; Ian Goodfellow (1958), St Andrew’s, Whitchurch, Tavistock, Devon; Peter Hartley (1963) Norwich Cathedral, Norfolk; Michael Hiatt (1967), St Mary the Virgin, Horncastle, Lincolnshire; Lester Hillman (1970), St Katharine’s Precinct, Regent’s Park, London; Neil Johnson (1957), St Mark’s, South Teddington, Richmond; Graham B Jones (1952), St Andrew’s, Colyton, East Devon; Chris Knowles (1960), All Saints, Winteringham, Lincolnshire; Simon Langdale (1956), St Mary’s, Culworth, Oxfordshire; Brian Larkin (1945), Notre Dame de Gattigues, France; Andrew Lenox-Conyngham (1986), St Paul’s, Hamstead, Birmingham; Anthony Minchin (1956), St Cyr’s, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire; Charles B. Palmer (1963), St Paul’s, Howell Hill, Ewell, Surrey; Keith Pound (1951), Old Town Parish, Hastings, Sussex; Christopher Powell (1985), St Francis House, Guildford; William Tyson (1943), Cartmel Priory, Cumbria; GF Willett (1946), St Mary’s, Goldington, Bedfordshire; Hugh Searle, (1956), Ely Cathedral, Cambridgeshire; Derek Smith (1970), St Barnabas, Limassol, Cyprus; Alan Stokes (1964), St Devenick’s Church in Aberdeen, Scotland; Ron Swan (1956), St Mary’s, Harrow on the Hill, London; Derek Turnidge (1956) Norwich Cathedral, Norfolk; Harvie Walford (1949), Canada; Peter Whiteside (1955), St Mary the Virgin, East Preston, West Sussex; Alan Wilkinson (1951), Chichester Cathedral, Chichester.

Please let the Chaplain know if you keep St Catharine’s Day. Drop a note to the Chaplain at College (address inside the back cover) or email chaplain@caths.cam.ac.uk and include your matriculation year and details of the church or other institution at which you celebrated if appropriate. The Chaplain will then be able to pray for you by name on St Catharine’s Day the subsequent year. Any other news is also welcome and will be passed to the Editor of the Magazine for inclusion in News of Members.
THE STORY OF ST CATHARINE

Dr Miranda Griffin (2006), Admissions Tutor and Dawson Lecturer in Modern and Medieval Languages, explores the story of our patron saint.

The Catharine Wheel is a popular, recognisable symbol of our College. It is visible on our flag, in our gates, walls and windows; on bottles of College water and port; on our notepaper, menus and business cards; it’s our Twitter picture, our Facebook profile picture, and it’s all over our website. The wheel also appears on one of the most recent acquisitions made by the College, the rather splendid new gazebo, beneath which the Admissions team has recently been greeting visitors to College Open Days. Images of St Catharine herself can also be seen about College, as part of the High Table Silver, in Chapel – and she is the subject of a rather dubious song often heard reverberating around the College’s latest sporting success.

The unusual spelling of the saint’s name in the College’s official title dates from as recently as 1860: in College documents from the fifteenth to the nineteenth century, her name is spelled as Katerine, Katharine and Catherine as well as the now-standard Catharine. St Catharine and her emblems are ubiquitous in the College, yet many alumni, students and Fellows of the College know only a few details of the legend surrounding our patron saint. In recent years, however, the celebrations to mark the feast of St Catharine of Alexandria on 25 November have included a few more of these details. In 2014, some extracts from an account of her life were read in Chapel. In 2015, the Sermon (see below) for the Feast Day was given by Janet Soskice, Professor of Philosophical Theology and President of Jesus College, Cambridge. ‘What a great saint!’, Professor Soskice exclaimed in her sermon – and she was quite right. Although Catharine was almost certainly not a historical figure, her story was stirring and resonant enough to be retold and translated from Latin into several European vernaculars.

My own field of specialism is medieval French literature, which I teach in the MML and ASNC Triposes. I often set my students essays on medieval hagiography, and they tend to be pleasantly surprised by these action-packed tales – which, after all, were expressly written to inspire shock and awe in their listeners. One of these saints’ lives is La Vie de Sainte Katerine, composed in the late twelfth century by a nun, Clemence of Barking. Clemence adapted the life of St Catharine from the Latin Golden Legend, writing in Anglo-Norman, the version of French which was spoken and written in England at the time. The Abbey of Barking was an important centre of learning and writing at the time that Clemence was writing: she is not alone in producing accomplished translations of hagiography into the vernacular.

The story tells us that Catharine was a princess who lived in Alexandria, whose father ensured that she learned from scripture, how to debate, and to defend her point of view. When Catharine witnesses the mistreatment of Christians by the Emperor Maxentius, she determines to reason with him, and fearlessly
states her case. The emperor is torn between exasperation at this challenge to his authority and admiration for Catharine's beauty. Unable to make any headway in his own discussion with her, he summons fifty of his most skilled clerics to argue with Catharine and to convince her to renounce her faith. However, Catharine's eloquence is such that, instead, all fifty of these seasoned debaters are defeated: they fall silent in recognition of her superior reasoning, and report to the emperor that Catharine's words have converted them to Christianity. The emperor wastes no time in commanding the execution of all fifty of the clerics. Miraculously, their bodies remain untouched by the fire into which they are cast: they become martyr saints, and their feast day, Clemence tells us, is 13 November.

Maxentius at this point changes tack, offering Catharine the status of a queen. Not only that, he promises, he'll have a statue made of Catharine, which his people will be ordered to worship. Unsurprisingly, this does not go down well with Catharine, who uses her rhetorical facility to point out to Maxentius that what he is offering is quite worthless, since, while he may have the power to create artificial objects, only God can give them life. Angered by this rejection, Maxentius imprisons Catharine in his dungeon, where not only is she nourished by the Holy Spirit, but she also manages to convert the empress and one of her trusted advisors to Christianity (they, too, are executed by the emperor). In desperation, the emperor turns to torture, which is where the infamous wheel makes its appearance in the tale. Clemence goes into quite some detail in order to explain this instrument of torture: it in fact involves four wheels, ‘fashioned in such a way that sharp nails stuck out from the spokes both forwards and backwards’. They spin together rapidly, chopping anything put between them into tiny pieces. Catharine, however, retains a cool head when confronted with this horrific machine. In answer to her prayer, an angel descends from heaven and spins the wheels so fast that they shatter – Clemence relates that no fewer than four thousand spectators were killed by the flying pieces, while Catharine remains unscathed. (Fellow pedants will note, then, that Catharine did not actually die upon the wheel, whatever the lyrics of the aforementioned song may claim).

The emperor's fury with Catharine is so severe by now that he commands that she be beheaded. Before the executioner strikes his blow, Catharine prays that anyone who asks for help in her name be given it, and that they be protected from plague and famine. After her death, her sanctity and purity are proven by the flow of milk, rather than blood, from her severed head. Her body was borne away by angels to Mount Sinai – today still the site of a monastery dedicated to the saint, in a location which has known more than its fair share of instability and violence.

Catharine's story appeals today to readers of all faiths and none. In supervisions, students are often struck by Catharine's self-possession and grace under duress, as well as by Clemence's skill in conveying a great story in the medium of Anglo-Norman octosyllabic rhyming couplets. This is a metre which,
in English, tends to sound comical rather than uplifting (think Roald Dahl’s *Revolting Rhymes*). Yet Clemence brings to this affecting and rather gory tale deft intelligence and a sure, subtle humour. In her version, Catharine’s speeches revel in the paradox and contradiction so beloved of medieval thinkers and theologians, while carrying a clear, convincing message. Clemence’s Catharine not only uses her eloquence to wrong-foot the emperor, but also her facial expression and body language. When Maxentius offers to create a costly statue of her, she smiles and employs what Clemence calls ‘un afaitié gab petit’ (a witty little joke), rather sarcastically repeating his words back to him, before delivering the killer blow of her clever point. And in what is a devastating medieval example of dealing with mansplaining, Catharine carefully dismantles all the mockery and objections of the fifty clerics with precision and patience, leaving them literally dumbfounded.

In keeping with many saints who become associated with the instruments of their torture, St Catharine of Alexandria is the patron saint of wheelwrights, spinners and millers. Because of her learning and rhetorical skill she is the patron saint of scholars – presumably one of the reasons that Robert Woodlark chose the name for his new foundation in 1473, and the reason that we welcome Scholars (those who have achieved Firsts in their Tripos) to the Commemoration dinner on 25 November. Catharine is also the patron saint of girls and young women. What the Catharine of this story wanted, as Janet Soskice pointed out in her sermon, was ‘a good, fair, argument’. It matters little, Professor Soskice astutely observed, that the tale of Catharine is not entirely historically accurate, but that its audience over the years – including Clemence in the twelfth century and students in the twenty-first – understand its central character as a rational, articulate woman who stood up for her beliefs and used her voice to argue for them with reason and wit. St Catharine is a fitting patron indeed to remember this year as we bid a fond farewell to Professor Dame Jean Thomas, an exceptional scholar and the College’s first female Master, who is certainly not averse to a good, fair argument and who has been a source of inspiration to her colleagues, both men and women, throughout her tenure as Master.
I must confess to being envious. Catharine of Alexandria, what a great saint! It is true my own college
is named for two women out of its three patron saints (College of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St John the
Evangelist, and the glorious Virgin St Radegund). And it is true that St Radegund, like Catharine, is of
noble birth, but with the further advantage of being soundly historically attested. However this hasn’t
stopped Radegund, or even the Virgin Mary, from being rubbed out of everyday speech where the
college is simply known as ‘Jesus’. Your college, by contrast, carries always the proud and noble name of
Catharine. I was delighted to see the flag flying as I cycled past today.

The dedication to St Catharine of Alexandria marks yours as an ancient foundation. Catharine of
Alexandria was extremely popular across western Europe in the middle ages. Her relics were sought, her
prayers were powerful. Today she’s largely forgotten in our country, her feast demoted in the western
calendar and known in the British public imagination, if at all, only through a firework – the Catharine
wheel – an implement of her martyrdom.

Catharine of Alexandria was esteemed by earlier generations, and is still by Eastern Orthodox
Christians, not for her manner of death – the wheel and the sword – but for the testimony of her life,
particularly her legendary commitment to scholarship, to reason and to sound argumentation.

So we see in her rich iconography, most of it in eastern icons, not just the wheel, the sword and
the martyr’s palm, but manuscripts, quill pens, ink, astrolabes and compasses. Catharine is more
specifically the patron Saint of philosophers, an association no doubt in the mind of Robert Woodlark
when creating his community of students of theology and philosophy here in Cambridge in 1473.
She was already by this time a chosen protectoress of the Order of Preachers, or Dominicans, whose
founder, St Dominic, apparently had a vision of St Catharine. No doubt if Emmanuel College retained
more physical traces of its origins as a Dominican past priory we would have more representations of
Catharine in Cambridge today. It would be good to have more iconic representation of the quill pens,
astrolabes and compasses, along with the sword and wheel – reminders of the excellence of her life
and reminders, too, that philosophy in antiquity and through the early modern period was a wider
discipline than it is today. Aristotle wrote on logic and metaphysics but also physics, biology, music and
government. Philosophy encompassed much of learned reasoning, today vestigially recognised by the
fact we award to all these disciplines ‘doctorates in philosophy’.

Elsewhere in the Christian world, particularly the Christian east, St Catharine is not forgotten; she is
the dedicatory saint of the venerable Catholic church in Bethlehem – the site, it is claimed, of the birth
of Jesus. If we were to visit today what is perhaps the most ancient of houses dedicated to St Catharine
and certainly the longest lasting, St Catharine’s Monastery at Mount Sinai, we would find a day of great
rejoicing and celebration in which both the Orthodox Christian monks, and the Muslim Bedouin of
Mount Sinai join, since Catharine is the saint of the Sinai Bedouin as well.

We have to confess that Catharine’s anchorage in history is not secure, at least not as an historical
individual. The oldest accounts we have of her life were written some time after the times they record.
None the less we can trace truths within them. We are told that Catharine lived in Alexandria in the
4th century, and was both beautiful and nobly born. As a young girl she became convinced of the
truth of Christianity, not the religion of her parents, and during the time of fierce persecution of
the Christians and Jews of Alexandria by the Emperor Maximinus she is said to have upbraided
him publicly. [There is disagreement as to whether Catharine suffered under Maximian, Maxentius
or Maximinus. Ed.] Impressed, it seems, by her boldness he engaged the 50 best philosophers of
Alexandria to engage her in debate. To my mind the most delightful representation of St Catharine is the early 15th century fresco by Masolino (or perhaps Masaccio) in the church of San Clemente, very near the Colosseum in Rome. There, in the largest of a number of frescoes depicting the life of St Catharine, you see Catharine, a young girl with a young girl’s unbound hair and simply dressed in black robe, standing between two seated rows of angry looking male academics while she quietly picks off the points of her argument on the fingers of her hand.

Victory in argument then, as now, does not always bring immediate benefit to the victor for Catharine was thrown in prison. However, while in prison, she received many visitors, including the Empress whom Catharine converted to Christianity. The Empress was beheaded and Catharine condemned to death on a spiked wheel. Some say an angel intervened to help her at this stage, because the wheel broke and freed her, after which she was beheaded. (Why the angel did not intervene a second time we are not told.)

In the 9th century her body was transported by angels to a mountain at Sinai, and found by monks who venerate her relics to this day – and especially on this day. My own interest in Catharine, which began as a graduate student of philosophy of religion in Oxford, was heightened by a number of trips in recent years to St Catharine’s monastery in the course of writing a book about two Scottish sisters who travelled the footsteps of Moses in the 1890s – *Sisters of Sinai: how two lady adventurers found the hidden gospels* (Vintage, 2010).

The monks do not speak of a St Catharine ‘legend’. We *do* think in this way, but should we? The Catharine story, if not historical, has anchorage which bears witness to features of early Christianity, as do numerous other early stories of women martyrs. Some of these were young and virginal, some seasoned courtesans, but all defied convention in embracing the Christian faith. St Barbara, another popular Palestinian saint, refused the suitor her pagan father had chosen for her and, imprisoned within a tower with two windows, punched out a third in a defiant Trinitarian demonstration of true light. These may be legends, but historically attested is the martyrdom of Perpetua and Felicity, put to death in Carthage in the 3rd century. We have reason to think that Perpetua’s martyr diary really is that – and if so, the first Christian account composed by a woman. Perpetua was highly born, educated and married but steadfast in her Christian convictions, despite the urgings of a pagan father to renounce her faith and the needs of her baby, who had still to be brought to the prison to be breast fed. Imprisoned with Perpetua was Felicity, a heavily pregnant slave. The two young women remained adamant in their convictions. In her prison diary Perpetua records a series of dreams, anticipating her martyrdom, in one of which she sees herself like a gladiator being anointed with oils before a battle. Felicity’s main concern is that she give birth in time to be martyred with the others since law forebade the execution of a pregnant woman. These women and others like them were termed ‘men for Christ’ because they did things women were thought simply incapable of doing, and certainly in their disobedience to fathers and sometimes husbands, and even the loyalty due to children, they were offending against social norms.
Did Catharine ‘exist’? Women like her certainly did. They were defiant, and they were killed. Catharine’s nemesis, the Emperor Maximinus, existed and was known to renew the persecution of Christians in the early 4th century. The first historian of Christianity, Eusebius, writes of Maximinus as a drunk and a debaucher of women – and intent on spreading his style of life. Eusebius also records that this Emperor seized the wealth of a noble Christian woman who refused him and fled the country. This story, some believe, may have developed into the legend of Catharine.

On this feast day we should especially remember that house of St Catharine deep in the southern tip of the Sinai peninsula on what the monks revere as the site of the burning bush from which God spoke to Moses. Now, as many times in its past, it stands on the edge of violence and butchery. Christians have lived and studied there since at least the 3rd century. Constantine’s mother, the Empress Helena, had a church built there in the 4th century on the site of an already extant church dedicated to Mary. After a series of incursions by barbarian tribes the Emperor Justinian had the present walled monastery built in the 6th century.

Sinai, despite being a male community, seems to have a strange affinity for women. There is the dedication to Mary, the benefaction of Helena. The first pilgrim account we possess (and it is that, not a legend), is by a woman called Sylvia of Aquitaine who travelled in the footsteps of Moses in the year 380 CE and was shown by the holy men all the places shown to pilgrims through the 19th and 20th centuries. Sylvia of Aquitaine actually preceded St Catharine’s arrival at Sinai by many hundreds of years, since it was only in the 8th or 9th century that St Catharine’s body was, according to the monks, transported unblemished to the top of a nearby mountain. We may read a degree of monastic opportunism in this, or perhaps just some very charitable and forward-thinking angels since these relics ensured a steady stream of pilgrims (rather like the opportunistic discovery of the graves of Arthur and Guinevere at Glastonbury by monks in the 12th century). Catharine’s relics remained in the monastery, renamed St Catharine’s, and there were visited by many crusaders who in turn brought her cult to western Europe.
To Empress Helena, Sylvia of Aquitaine and St Catharine, I can add, by way of coming to a conclusion, Agnes and Margaret Smith, the Scottish twin sisters I mentioned earlier and the founders of Westminster College here in Cambridge. In the 1890s, when well on in years and both widows, these two Scottish and Presbyterian ladies made their way, on camel and by foot, ten days across the Sinai desert to St Catharine’s and discovered there a priceless manuscript of the Gospels in the Syriac language. This find catapulted them into several decades of bible hunting and scholarly research in what was a very frosty male world, no warmer than Catharine faced in Alexandria – at least not here in Cambridge. Amongst their legacy is a well-known text from Ecclesiasticus. It is perhaps not without irony that a text praising famous men was recovered, or reinstated, by largely unknown women. Ecclesiasticus, or Ben Sira as it known by Jews, was deemed Apocryphal by the Reformers and compilers of the King James Bible not least because, while clearly Jewish, no Hebrew text was known – only the Greek. It was Agnes and Margaret Smith who came back from one of their expeditions to Egypt with fragments of Ecclesiasticus in Hebrew, fragments that enabled their Jewish friend the great Solomon Schechter, then Reader in Rabbinics, on a trail that eventually determined that Ben Sira was known to the early Rabbis in Hebrew and thus marked a step in its restoration to posterity.

Agnes and Margaret Smith were far too Scottish and Presbyterian to harbour a devotion for St Catharine, but they proved readily able to develop deep friendships with the Orthodox monks at St Catharine’s Monastery and their Jewish fellow-lover of ancient writings, Solomon Schechter. It speaks of a time of firmly-held convictions coupled with generosity of spirit and is, I think, in the temper of St Catharine of Alexandria and of her legacy to this house and the wider academy. In taking on the fifty philosophers of Alexandria, Catharine was not hoping to convert everyone to her point of view. She was hoping to get an honest hearing for good argument – no bad basis for a shared life together today.

ROBERT GRUMBOLD AND THE BUILDING OF THE MAIN COURT

Karen Lim (Wolfson) wrote a thesis on Robert Grumbold for her History of Art course from which she has extracted and adapted the following for the St Catharine’s Magazine. It complements the article by Sydney Smith (1929, Fellow 1939) on The 17th Century Rebuilding of St Catharine’s in the 1963 Magazine, though there is clearly some duplication of material.

Within the graveyard of St Botolph’s Church in Cambridge, embedded in the south-facing nave wall of the church, is a stone memorial to Robert Grumbold (1639–1720). It commemorates the life of a seventeenth-century stonemason involved in building Cambridge colleges including Clare, St Catharine’s and the Wren Library at Trinity College. Robert Grumbold came from a distinguished line of Northamptonshire stonemasons. By the seventeenth century they had established a
reputation as elite craftsmen working stone from the local quarries. An earlier generation of Grumbolds had worked on the University Church Great St Mary’s, the south and east ranges of Clare College and the library at St John’s.

They were literate and able to draw. At a time when ‘architecture’ was an emerging profession, their role as master builders would have given them an opportunity to influence the design of the buildings they worked on.

The precise date of Robert’s arrival in Cambridge is unknown; however the parish records of Little St Mary’s Church record the baptism and burial of a ‘Robard Grumbell, son of Robert and Bridget’ in 1663 so it may be assumed that, at the age of twenty four, Robert had completed his apprenticeship and was able to marry and start a family. His name first appears in college records in connection with a ‘bargaine’ (an early form of building contract) that he and his partner, Bradwell, made with Clare College in 1669. From 1674 Robert’s yard was situated just to the east of St Catharine’s College, adjacent to Hobson’s Saddlery and facing Trumpington Street. This location would have been ideal during his involvement at St Catharine’s which commenced in 1673 and continued intermittently over the following 23 years.

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Nothing now remains of the founder’s original quadrangle that had evolved piecemeal since the mid fifteenth century. We know from personal and financial accounts that the buildings were ‘meane’ in quality and in poor repair. They are likely to have been two-storey and a mixture of stone and timber frame with pitched, tiled roofs. There was one exception to the group and that was Gostlin (Walnut Tree) Court – the last building to be completed before the rebuilding of the College. It was completed in 1634, a three-storey range of red brick with stone dressings, more akin to Queens’ College, which it faced on Milne Street (Queens’ Lane), and the Second Court at St John’s College (1598–1602) which was built thirty or so years before, than to any of the buildings on the site. Gostlin Court was demolished in the 1960s to make room for a new hall, library and combination room. Photographs from the 1950s show that it set a precedent for scale and materials.

The style and layout of the buildings undertaken by Robert Grumbold were influenced by practical considerations. The north range (1674–5) containing a new Hall and Buttery with Combination Room above was built next to the Gostlin Building so that the kitchen and library located there could continue to be used. The second phase of the work involved student accommodation in a west range (1674–7) facing Milne Street. A stone archway marked the entrance to the College and allowed an adjacent student’s ground-floor room to serve as a porters’ lodge. The third phase was the Master’s Lodge in the south range (1679–83) and the fourth and last phase was the Chapel (1695–6) which was added to the east end of the north range.
Top left: Gostlin Building (old E staircase) completed 1634
Middle left: Phase 1: North Range 1674–5
Bottom left: Phase 2: West Range 1674–7
Top right: Phase 3: South Range (Old Master’s Lodge) 1679–83
Bottom right: Phase 4: Chapel 1695–6
The Design

‘Old Court’ or ‘Main Court’, as the rebuilding is known, covers an area approximately 193 ft by 111 ft. It is unusual in that it forms an open-ended quadrangle; until 1921 there had been nothing but an elm tree grove forming a boundary between College and town. This was not the original intention as demonstrated in an etching by David Loggan published in 1690 which depicts a quadrangle with the main entrance from Milne Street (Queens’ Lane). It was not until the eighteenth century that land acquisition allowed the College to re-orientate itself towards the east and Trumpington Street.

The first record of payment to Robert by the College was 23 February 1674. He was paid £2 3s. 0d for ‘surveying’ the first phase of the work. This was the north range comprising the Hall and Buttery with Combination Room above. The Hall range was completed by Whitsunday, 23 May 1675 as verified by a payment in the accounts for £119.14s for the ‘opening of the Hall.’

It is difficult to identify an ‘architect’ as Robert Grumbold (as noted above) is paid £2 3s. 0d in February 1674 for ‘surveying’ and there is also a payment to ‘Mr Elder, surveyour’ who is paid a fee and expenses for his journey from London. Robert Grumbold is also paid a sum of £2 3s. 0d for ‘surveying’ on 27 November 1676 corresponding to the second phase, which was for the construction of the west range including the stone archway. There are also payments made to Mr Elder 1676–7. A payment of, ‘£100–0–0 to Robin Grumbold the stone cutter’ may indicate that he designed the structure. ‘Robin’ is understood to be a misspelling of Robert.

The role of surveyor could involve developing a concept, producing a ‘platt,’ measuring the site and setting out the building or a combination of those tasks. At St Catherine’s there is no description of

The Loggan etching.
the design process, but it is likely to have been a collaborative effort between the client, the surveyor and the master builder. This would involve a roughly worked out scheme that could be altered at short notice. The master builder would be responsible for filling in the details, unlike Trinity College Library where Sir Christopher Wren was responsible for producing drawings of the overall scheme and the large-scale details for stone, plasterwork and joinery.

Although there is no evidence of how design decisions were reached for the north, south and west ranges, the interior fitting out of the Chapel is known. The College paid for a sample of wainscot from a London joiner to be produced and, once the pattern and details were agreed, the work was executed by a local joiner, John Austin, whose contract reads ‘that all the above-mentioned work is to be done exactly in the same manner, with the work in Christ’s College Chappel, & every way to be as good as that.’

The flexible arrangement of working to an outline plan that allowed the details to evolve, might explain the variations in height between the different ranges. For instance, the north range containing the Hall and Buttery might be expected to be taller than the adjacent accommodation ranges, but the west range, which was a continuation of the Gostlin Building, was built slightly taller than its neighbour with different window and roof details. The junction between the south corner of the west range and the west end of the south range is awkward. Symmetry about the central archway is lost, as the two ranges appear to collide. This is thought to have resulted from unsuccessful land acquisition negotiations with Queens’ College – an issue that was finally resolved by a letter from Charles II. There is an entry in the 1676 accounts for a payment to ‘Howard’ (John Howard was the master bricklayer) for ‘taking down five weeks’ and on 18 October 1676 an entry for ‘pulling down next Queens’ and work done inside the second building.’

The College accounts record payments made direct to individual master craftsmen, carriers and suppliers. Bricks came from Ely and Trumpington and there was coal on site for brickmakers to fuel the bricks and to fire a kiln for burning lime which was slaked for mortar. John Howard was the master bricklayer, John Caverly, the master blacksmith, Cornelius and, later, John Austin supplied joinery, John Kindall followed by Philip Prigg provided plumbing, Israel Malden was the master glazier. Robert Grumbold’s name is a regular occurrence entered first as ‘Grumble’ and later as ‘Grumbold’ in connection with working the stone on site and supplying stone from the quarry. Unlike the accounts for Trinity College Library, Eachard’s accounts do not mention individual workmen under each of the master craftsmen. It can be assumed that the masters of each trade received payment on a fortnightly basis from the College from which they paid their team a regular wage.

Robert Grumbold had a supervisory role as there is an entry on 27 November 1676, ‘p⁰ to Rob:Grumbold for over looking –(?) we did this year foundation and stone worke, £1.10s.0d.’ He makes ‘bargaines’ for the supply of certain items such as the cornice, which includes carriage costs, and on 25 July 1673 there is an entry referring to paving for the Hall. An entry dated 29 October 1674 shows that
the College paid Robert for stone in advance – the entry reads, ‘lent Rob: Grumbold towards next years stone £3.0s.0d.’ He appears to be in charge of both dressed stone and clunch, which was used for the foundations. The materials used at St Catharine’s College were a departure for Grumbold who had used ashlar stone at Clare College and Trinity College library. However he would go on to use red brick with stone dressings at Ampthill Park House (1694) and the Master’s Lodge at Peterhouse (1702).

Unfortunately there is no evidence of a ‘platt’ for the Chapel. The accounts show that payment was made to ‘Mr Talman ye King’s Comptroller for advice about ye chapel, £2.45.0d’. William Talman, a pupil of Sir Christopher Wren, had recently completed the chapel at Chatsworth for the first Duke of Devonshire. Interestingly the amount paid to Talman is roughly equivalent to the amount paid to Robert Grumbold for ‘surveying’ during the previous phases. Robert Grumbold had provided a design for a new chapel at St John’s College in 1687 (which wasn’t built) so it was not beyond his capabilities to carry out the design.

Finance
Dr Eachard raised money from a wide circle of friends, masters and fellows and by subscriptions and annuities. The College was restricted from the sale of property until nineteenth century Acts of Parliament afforded greater powers. Instead the College sold its plate. Despite these efforts, at Dr Eachard’s death he left a personal debt of £630 to relatives and friends and a College debt of £3,100. He had borrowed £950.175.5½d from the University during his time as Vice Chancellor.

Dr Eachard was succeeded by Dr Peter Fisher. He was a former commoner who rose to Vice-Chancellor the following year and became Bishop of Chester (1707–8) and Archbishop of York (1714). His efforts to raise funds for the Chapel led to its successful completion in 1704 when it became the first post-restoration consecration to take place.

Conclusion
Robert Grumbold died in 1720 at the age of eighty-two. He had acquired the sizeable fortune of £938.10s.0d in goods, (comparable to a prosperous farmer in the countryside). His will shows that he held several leases which was customary for families of the middling classes involved in business, since freehold tied up capital which was required for financial security and to safeguard against late payments. However, a purely financial assessment of Robert Grumbold’s life would be to disregard the body of work that endures as a testimony to his achievements.

At St Catharine’s the buildings have aged gracefully and maintained their integrity despite pressures from changes in style and modern-day requirements. The nineteenth century gothic revival alterations to the north range, the 1960s demolition of the Gostlin Building and alterations of the stair tower are the only major wounds. On 26 April 1950, Clare College, St Catharine’s College and Trinity College were designated grade I listed, ‘signifying that they are considered to be of exceptional interest.’

So what can be said of Robert Grumbold? At the age of eighty-two he had established a successful family business. He continued to work until the time of his death in 1720, despite evidence that financially he didn’t need to. He was a skilful designer and craftsman. Of his seven children, five predeceased him. It is likely that his direct descendants were able to leave the building trade as Robert’s name is the last of the Grumbolds to be mentioned in college archives. There is an absence of biographical detail on Robert Grumbold’s memorial stone. We must allow the buildings to speak for themselves of the life of this skilful designer, mason and businessman.
The following is adapted from the eulogy presented at John’s memorial service by John’s friend and fellow-potter Phil Rogers of the Marston Pottery in Rhayader, Wales.

John began buying studio pottery in the late 1960s and, during 40 years of ardent (almost obsessive) collecting, built one of the largest, most comprehensive collections of the highest quality ever assembled. John was a student of the genre and developed a very good eye and was often first in the queue at exhibition openings and fairs so as to have the first choice of what he considered the very best pieces. He became a regular and welcome visitor to shows and auctions and often travelled long distances to get the pot he wanted. Indeed, potters viewed a purchase by John as a feather in their cap and a reassuring measure of acceptance that their work had reached that point where John Shakeshaft would add it to his collection. His arrival at a fair was often the beginning of a Chinese whisper as one potter would whisper with some anticipation and hope to their neighbour, ‘Shakeshaft’s here.’

John would buy the very best – Bernard Leach, Shoji Hamada, Lucie Rie, Hans Coper, Michael Cardew all appeared in multiple numbers in his eclectic collection. Current living potters too – he had his favourites – Nic Collins, Svend Bayer, Lisa Hammond, Mike Dodd, Richard Batterham and myself were all represented with up to 100 pieces each. However, John was a kind, generous and thoughtful man, and he often bought pots from potters whom he wanted to support and not necessarily because he wanted or needed their pot. He wanted very much to be supportive. As an amateur potter himself, John admired potters as much as their pots and felt that potters are not rewarded sufficiently for the immense amount of hard work required to make a living making pots, particularly if the potter built his own kiln, made his own clay and glaze, fired the kiln for sometimes days at a time together with all the other, often laborious tasks that result in that sometimes glorious and sometimes crushing moment when the kiln is opened and the pots taken out.

John will be remembered for a very long time by the potters he so readily and happily supported and I will remember him as a good friend and someone who certainly made a difference to my life at a time when I really needed a helping hand. Above all John was simply a very good and gentle man.

Helen Ritchie, Research Assistant, Department of Applied Arts, Fitzwilliam Museum, writes

Dr Shakeshaft’s incredible foresight meant that, unusually, he approached the Fitzwilliam Museum with his wishes before his death. Understanding that his collection in its entirety was too large for the Museum and that it was likely to contain pots similar to those already in the permanent collection, he gave the Department of Applied Arts carte blanche to select the best pieces, and to sell the rest, with
the proceeds returning to the museum in order to increase accessibility to those pots remaining in the collection. This resulted in the retention of 700 pieces; highlights of the rest are to be sold in November 2016 by Woolley & Wallis auction house, Salisbury. St Catharine’s has also retained a small selection of his pots, soon to be put on display in the library, which has been re-named after Dr Shakeshaft in his honour.

Dr Shakeshaft’s extensive generosity is being celebrated with a permanent display of around 100 of his pots on the ground floor of the Fitzwilliam Museum, in the Glaisher Gallery, named after another philanthropic donor from the University, who bequeathed his collection of ceramics to the museum on his death in 1928 – one year before Dr Shakeshaft was born. In 2016, the bicentenary of the founding of the museum, we are celebrating the altruism and public-spiritedness of donors such as Dr Glaisher and Dr Shakeshaft, as it is their bequests, as well as the numerous other gifts and loans that the Museum receives, that help to create our unique collections and bolster our world-class research and teaching.


J ohn not only collected pottery – he was himself a potter. This example of his work – a stoneware rectangular bottle with dark brown tenmoku glaze – is also part of the Fitzwilliam Museum display.
LOOKING BACK: 40 YEARS OF CHANGES

Philip Oliver (Fellow 1988) looks back on reaching Emeritus status

I came to Cambridge in 1974, the year that Ron Martin was appointed to a fellowship; beer was 14 pence a pint and Harold Wilson ran a hung parliament. The College had 32 fellows and there were 390 undergraduates. We now have 68 fellows and 424 undergraduates. Perhaps Fellows know less than they used to – a distinct possibility – or there are more subjects upon the palette of undergraduate education, the modern trivium. It may well be that the reason for Fellow appointments has changed – a teaching need rather than an intellectual need. The University was a lean beast. Heads of House acted as Vice-Chancellor in exchange for expenses and a chauffeur. The result of a review of the management and government of the University by the head of Marks and Spencer (Vass) changed a cheap-to-run horizontal management system to a pyramidal expensive one.

The seventies in St Catharine’s were under the stewardship of Gus Caesar who carried on the tradition of John Andrews and Tom Henn of mixing scholars with sportsmen. Places were offered throughout the year and there was no gathered field. The benches in main court are testament to the achievements of the sportsmen who won many Cuppers competitions culminating in 1978 with victories in soccer, rugby, hockey and cricket. Twenty-two firsts were obtained and we had twenty full Blues and seven Half-Blues. The first female fellow was elected; a physiologist, Dr Marian Silver. The decision to admit girls (and upset some alumni – they know who they are) was taken. The Magazine has a mention that we may expect a woman Master.

Recruitment then required entrance exams and subsequent interviews, but there was no limit to the applications to colleges and no limit to one but not both of Oxford and Cambridge. Modern recruitment and admissions use the contextual data from school achievement and, until this year, could rank-order all applicants who had taken GCSE and AS levels. Now, thanks to the intervention of a politician, we do not have complete year-12 examination data and so we are reintroducing entrance exams which will deter able students. The College participated in a scheme in Southwark to encourage students to apply to Russell group universities. Many of these children had no food in the mornings and were suffering from low blood sugar levels. Their performance at school must have been compromised by malnutrition. I had not seen this since I was at infant school.

The College attempts to offer places to the most able which includes those with potential. However, the government reached an agreement with the University to ensure that we have 66% from the state sector and 13% from deprived socioeconomic regions. Just like the Athenaeum.

GREAT WAR EMERGENCY STATUTES

One hundred years ago the First World War had already been going on for two years. The predicted ‘short’ conflict had turned into a war of attrition with both sides taking heavy casualties in trench warfare. 1916 saw offensives at Verdun and the Battle of the Somme, both of which resulted in little gain of territory for either side. Back in Britain, 1916 brought the arrival of conscription, which further reduced numbers of men able to attend University. The University calendar for 1916–17 has a whole section devoted to the War, detailing the number of members on military service, the numbers in residence, the workings of the University’s ‘War Committee’, and emergency measures within the University, including the adoption of Emergency Statutes.
Having looked at the Red Cross Hospital at St Chad’s, and the activities of student clubs and societies during the War, this year the Archivist turns her attention to the Emergency Statutes brought in to facilitate the running of the College during the wartime period. Statutes are rules or regulations ‘made by a guild, corporation, university, or other organization, especially concerning the conduct of its members’ (OED Online, Oxford University Press). St Catharine’s College has Statutes back to the Mastership of Richard Roche (1475–80), though Woodlark may have had a hand in drafting these. The earliest surviving copy in the Archive is believed to have been made between 10 November 1487 and 14 October 1504.

These early Statutes were revised by Royal Commissioners in 1549 to remove the ‘superstitious’ features of the original foundation. The 1549 statutes governed the College until 1860. Subsequent changes were made in the 1870s and 1880s, but it is the 1915 changes we look at here.

The Emergency Statute agreed by the College’s Governing Body in December 1915 was supplemental to the existing Statutes and was designed to take account of the change in circumstances for the College that the War had brought about.

The Statute allowed those taking part in the War as military personnel, in the service of the Crown, working with the Red Cross or St John Ambulance or similar, or as a prisoner of war to remain eligible for Entrance Scholarships or Exhibitions for a period of up to nine months after the emergency period. The College was also granted the right to suspend payments of emoluments to students, scholars, exhibitioners or sizars for the duration of their war service, and resume them at the end of the emergency period, so that the actual tenure of the emoluments would correspond to the period for which the student was originally elected. Vacant Fellowships, studentships or scholarships, or the payments of any moneys distributable in Exhibitions, Fellowships, Studentships or Scholarships were also allowed to be suspended during the emergency period. Money not paid would go into the Tuition Fund and for other emergency purposes. From the Burrell Fund, the College was allowed to make payments for ‘the maintenance of the Establishment of the

**Copy of the revised 1549 Statutes.**

**Extract from the new Emergency Statute for St Catharine’s College.**
Extract from the College Order Book approving the Emergency Statute.

Previously, the Burrell Fund (also known as the Patronage Fund) had been used to buy the advowsons of Marnhull (1873), Newent (1874) and Little Shelford (1879) as a means of securing the rapid succession of Fellows, most of whom were in holy orders.

The Statute drawn up by the College was very similar to those of other colleges. The same provisions for the suspension of elections and payments can be seen in the Jesus, Downing and King’s College Emergency Statutes, for example. The University and Colleges (Emergency Powers) Act gave the Colleges direction on the drawing up of Emergency Statutes, which explains their similarity.

The Act provided for the Emergency Statutes of the colleges to be in place until “the end of the next calendar year after that in which the present war terminates.” Once the so called ‘emergency period’ ended, St Catharine’s would revert to its 1882 Statutes before passing a new set in 1921.

Lizzy Ennion-Smith, College Archivist

RECOLLECTIONS OF THE EARLY 1960S

Paul Johnson (1960) contributed the following piece. The contribution was timely as the Editor had received a comment (triggered by the rather brief mention of the 1963 University Challenge team in the 2015 edition) that there was very little in the Magazine pages about the early 1960s. The College Archivist comments that the archives for the time are also rather thin; does anyone have photographs from that era, particularly of the old Hall? If so please do let the College have copies. The Editor was an exact contemporary of Paul and a close neighbour in College; he adds some recollections of his own. Paul writes:

Each of us has a unique set of recollections of our time at St Catharine’s. Here are some of mine.

I came up to St Catharine’s straight from school in 1960, then barely 18, to read Classics. At that time almost all first-years were in ‘digs’ with landladies in private houses scattered around the city, but, as a scholar, I had a room in College. My room was at the back of the Bull and not much more than a ‘lean to’ shed on the first floor with store rooms below. It had a corrugated roof, which leaked and needed constant attention. I was often lulled to sleep by a symphony of pings and pongs from water dripping into various bins and buckets. Also it was freezing in winter, with only a single radiant gas fire.

Next door lived Dave Wilson (1960) – a fellow first-year scholar. His room smelt of climbing boots and wet socks. He toasted crumpets on his fire, which he invited me to share. They were coated with a mysterious brown substance, so I declined. Nevertheless I have since become quite partial to peanut butter.

My other neighbour was Doug Crawford (1958) – a third-year. He later became famous as a Scottish politician. When I told him I was doing an essay on Catullus, he said ‘I did that in my first year – borrow mine!’ I was quite impressed by his comparison of the lyrical Catullus with the full-blooded love poetry of Robert Burns. I used his conclusion. My Director of Studies, Dr Pat Lacey, must have spotted the source immediately, but he never said a word.
Dave Wilson went off to see his Director of Studies one day – Dr Sydney Smith. Dr Smith said ‘Come in. Shall we start with a little Scarlatti?’ Dave knew that Smith was the College Wine Steward and said ‘Ooh, yes!’ Dr Smith then uncovered his harpsichord and started playing his favourite piece.

On the subject of wine, Dr Smith had some advice for us youngsters attending College Feasts for the first time. ‘If you drink the fine wines, keep off the port. If you must sample everything, only take small amounts and drink copious quantities of water.’ We were very impressed by such events as feasts – the ceremonial and the passing round of the Loving Cup. One can see where JK Rowling got some of her ideas.

I was passing a tailor’s shop one day and took it into my head to buy a fine red waistcoat. I wore it when coming to dinner. Wilson spotted me and said ‘Look, guys – a new species – the great red-breasted tit!’ I didn’t wear it again. On the plus side, Wilson did show me later how to ‘dissect a kipper’.

I had a similar experience with growing a beard. I had managed to produce three weeks’ growth when I almost collided with Gus Caesar at the entry to the Porter’s lodge. Now Gus had a thing about beards. He said ‘Shave it off, boy.’ I did so – it was getting prickly anyway. Gus was a wonderful person to have as a Tutor. He had a row of miniatures on his mantelpiece, arranged symmetrically in order of height, as a pyramid. He said ‘When I feel my end is near, I am going to drink the lot’.

In those days the Dining Hall was where the SCR now is. It also had the traditional musicians’ gallery above it and this was used as an overflow area for dinners. One day, as our group was assembling down below for dinner, a chap leaned over the balcony and began making insulting remarks. I picked up a bread roll, took aim and hit him square on the nose. In later years, I have impressed my grandchildren with my prowess at the Coconut Shy!

The only other sport in which I excelled was punting – being the only one of my contemporaries who never fell in, got pushed in, misjudged a bridge or was otherwise submerged. A decade or so later, I took my wife and her parents on a punting trip. I started by removing my outer clothing, glasses, emptied my pockets and took my shoes and socks off before mounting the platform. My mother-in-law watched the
procedure with increasing alarm – ‘Hey, Paul, are we going to be alright?’ Nowadays my family forbid me to tempt providence again.

One morning, in 1963, I went down for breakfast and noticed a hubbub in front of the College. Someone had painted, in giant black letters, on the wall of Corpus Christi opposite ‘FREE NELSON MANDELA’. I said to the chap next to me ‘Who is Nelson Mandela?’ Later that year I was sitting in Hall – I can remember exactly where I was sitting – when a chap rushed in and said ‘They have shot Kennedy…!’

In my second year I moved to superior accommodation in Woodlark. Upstairs, Canon Waddams, the Senior Tutor, had his suite of rooms. There is a ventilation shaft in Woodlark connecting all the bathrooms with the upper atmosphere. One day, I took my rather powerful radio into the bathroom, got into the bath and sank back to enjoy some music. I was interrupted by that familiar squeaky voice shouting down the ventilation shaft ‘Turn that thing off!’

One night I misjudged the timing of an external event and got back to find myself locked out of College. I decided to climb in by the usual route – over the Bull Gate as it was then. I did so and landed lightly on my feet. I nearly died of fright when a gowned figure stepped out of the shadows. ‘What is your name?’ It was Freddie (Dudley) Robinson, the Dean. ‘Johnson, sir.’ ‘Do you make a habit of this, Johnson?’ ‘No’ I said (truthfully). ‘Well then, don’t do it again. Be off with you’.

I went to a concert by CUMS in Kings College Chapel. It was the Bach Mass in B Minor. At the dramatic opening bars of the Sanctus I had an electrifying experience. I seemed to be lifted up from my seat and my hair stood on end. Extraordinary. Another, less dramatic, musical experience took place at the start of Evensong in our College chapel. The Master and Fellows entered to a slow and stately theme. Professor Rich, Professor of Imperial and Naval History, was an impressive figure. He reminded me of paintings of sea captains of old – men with fine strong features and a powdered wig. Anyway, in they came. The music seemed familiar. Suddenly the penny dropped – it was The Teddy Bears’ Picnic! I am not sure what happened to the Organ Scholar after that stunt.

Another stunt was the appearance overnight of a mini Stonehenge on the College lawn – widely thought to have been the work of the Rugby Club. It was not in the same league as the Austin Seven on the Senate House roof (1958) or indeed the visit of the ‘Sultan of Zanzibar’ (1905).

During my last year I became Junior Librarian under Dr Shakeshaft. It was a bit of a sinecure really, but it came with a splendid set of rooms – now remodelled and known as Sky Hall – on the top far right of Main Court. The beams were so low that I spent the first few weeks with a very sore head. When in that year I switched to the Law Tripos, my Director of Studies was Dick Gooderson – a wise, kindly and patient man. I still recall the way he furrowed his brow and then the twinkle in his eye.

Tom Henn was another extraordinary man. I only heard him speak once as a Guest Speaker in a College lecture. His subject was Blake’s poetry. He spoke about the underlying imagery of such phrases as ‘arrows of desire’. I was entranced. I thought ‘Classics lectures were never like this…!’

Some years after going down, I returned with my wife to join friends for the St Catharine’s May Ball. It was a lovely evening. Afterwards, in the early hours, we wandered through the nearby Colleges. We stopped at Trinity Hall to listen to the music. Acker Bilk (in his signature striped waistcoat) and his Jazzmen were playing A Nightingale sang in Berkeley Square …

Looking back, it was a privilege to be at St Catharine’s. I am still bemused as to how I
came to be at Cambridge…! I know I did not really make the most of the experience. People like Dick Gooderson and Gus Caesar remain strongly in my memory. On the road towards maturity one could not wish for better role models.

The Editor adds

At the start of the 1960s, the undergraduate body consisted of two main groups – those who had come to College straight from school and those who had done two years’ National Service between school and College. Paul and myself and the other first-year scholars coming up direct from school (the only first-years in College rather than in digs) seemed to be surrounded by older men.

I recall from my first Rag Day (in those days coinciding with Poppy Day) that those who had done their National Service could lay hands on almost anything one might require for a Rag Day stunt (‘Oh, I’ve got a mate with one of those’) from life-size statues to a steam roller.

Paul comments on the first-year scholars’ accommodation. Although it was a privilege to be in College at all, first-year scholars were allocated the least desirable College accommodation. It was, however, pretty cheap – see my Michaelmas 1960 bill – Room and Service £16/5/– for the whole term. Third-year Doug Crawford elected to live in such accommodation alongside us first-year scholars because it was well away from unwelcome prying eyes; he occasionally had a lady guest overnight and men could be sent down for such misdemeanours.

Nevertheless, there was one College senior member who had an ‘office’ on this same corridor, albeit nearer to the main Bull building and therefore somewhat more salubrious. This was Captain Benstead (1914), the then Editor of the Magazine. He would occasionally invite us in for sherry. He was six-foot-six and so the ornaments adorning the ceiling beams were at his eye level.

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**ST CATHARINE’S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE**

Ms. R. STRATFORD

Michaelmas Term, 1960

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We have placed £_____________ to the St. Catharine’s College Tutorial Account.
Incidentally, I notice that the illustrated bill has no charge under Buttery Supplies. I had clearly not yet discovered that excellent facility. Other later bills were certainly not devoid of an entry under that heading!

The bill also reminds me of the meal arrangements: Kitchen Establishment Fee and Meals Contract. For men in College this contract covered breakfast, lunch and formal dinner every day in Full Term – yes, Formal Hall every day; there was no evening buffet service, so almost everyone dined. Alumni who were at Catz after the opening of the new Hall may wonder how this was achieved with undergraduate numbers not very different from those today. There were three Formal Halls every evening, at 6:30, 7:05 and 7:40, three courses and table laying all within 35 minutes; one learnt to eat fast. As Paul notes, the Musicians’ Gallery (now the OCR) was needed as a supplement to the Hall to accommodate the numbers. Fellows’ High Table was at Third Hall which allowed a more relaxed dining pace. First years went to First Hall, second years to Second Hall and third years to Third Hall; there were many fewer graduates than now. Second or third years who wished to eat early and go out for the evening (to a film for example) would seek out first years with whom to swap; first years who desired the occasional more relaxed meal over a bottle of wine would swap with third years. The system worked surprisingly well. Scholars read grace – with so many formal halls, one’s name on the rota came around pretty frequently. If one read competently at Third Hall, one was bought a drink by the Master or Presiding Fellow.

Paul and I both moved in to Woodlark after the first year. I had a room directly below Canon Waddams and I also had trouble with the Canon’s intolerance of music. I had managed to fit a small piano into my first-year room with the leaky roof. The much larger Woodlark room gave the opportunity to add another piano in order to play two-piano duets with friends. Two of us were hammering away one day when Waddams came down and knocked at the door – a knock which, of course, we failed to hear. He flung open the door and my friend promptly stopped playing. I myself was playing the instrument behind the door and, at first noticing nothing, I continued playing for a few seconds. The Canon’s head appeared round the door. ‘Oh no! Two!’ he said, and retreated back upstairs.

I can only agree with Paul – it was indeed a privilege to be at St Catharine’s in the early sixties. With hindsight, I also could have made much more of the experience.
OK, so I’m not a real Fellow, but I am a member of a select group. Each year, six HM Armed Forces officers are matriculated, undertaking what is known as the Mountbatten Fellowship (MPhil in International Relations and Politics). HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, during his Chancellorship of the University, secured Ministry of Defence funding for the nascent Department of International Relations, naming the programme after his uncle, Lord Mountbatten of Burma.

Cambridge’s academic influence on the RN and wider Armed Forces cannot be understated: John Knox Laughton (Caius, 1852) founded the subject of Naval History as a discrete discipline and Sir Julian Corbett (Trinity, 1876) took the study of Naval strategy to new levels. Since then numerous alumni have made the transition from gown to service dress. Reversing the transit for a few individuals, if only for a year, has huge benefits not just for the Services, but for the colleges and departments too. Mature students with fresh practitioner experience (prior to matriculation I was involved in rescuing survivors at sea in the Southern Mediterranean migrant crisis) add an additional dimension to studies and life. In turn, the analytical skills we learn enhance the conceptual component of fighting power.

Professor Lambert (KCL) characterises the relationship between academia and the RN as having formal and informal approaches: formal through educational programmes; informal through relationships. The Fellowship embraces both. What are my takeaways from this year? First, that theory and practice are connected; each influences the other and to try and separate them creates unnecessary dissonance. It is a lesson all academics and practitioners must learn and, most importantly, actually learn and change behaviours as a consequence; too often we relapse to our comfort zone and ignore contrary experience. Personally, Cambridge has broadened horizons narrowed by eight years of service life. Meeting future global decision makers, thinkers and doers has opened new avenues for discourse. For me, though, most important is a simple truism: in rugby as in life, if you’re a winger never play second row! Winging it, in more ways than one, has its dangers, but nowhere near as intense as pack-work attrition (three broken ribs attest). This physical lesson also has a cognitive one; move thought wide, find space and gain ground. It is certainly something that has aided and transformed my approach.

As I write my time at St Catharine’s is drawing to a close, but it has already left its mark. Military effectiveness is underpinned by thorough knowledge and understanding, themselves the product of a detailed and comprehensively analytical education. It is wisdom derived from experience that determines how we use knowledge to best effect in practice. September will see me taking the lessons I have learnt and transferring them to practice, influencing the thought and decisions of future Royal Marine and Navy Officers. I cannot think of a more worthy outcome than that.
SOCIETY-FUNDED INTERNSHIPS

Each year the St Catharine’s College Society provides grants to students who need financial support for work experience (internships) where the employing organisation itself does not give funding.

Eating bacteria
Phoebe Wilsmore (2014) writes ‘I would like to thank the Society for providing me with the funds that made my placement possible. I had a wonderful eight weeks and have gained experience that will be extremely useful to me in my future applications.’ This is her report.

In the summer of 2016 I spent eight weeks in a research laboratory at the National Heart and Lung Institute, a department that forms a part of the Faculty of Medicine at Imperial College, London, where Honorary Fellow Professor Peter Barnes is Head of Respiratory Medicine.

Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, COPD, is a lung disease that encompasses emphysema and chronic obstructive bronchitis; the World Health Organisation predicts that by 2020 it will be the third most prevalent death-causing disease worldwide. In COPD, airflow in the lungs becomes progressively and irreversibly worse. The group that I worked with are looking into the role of a particular white blood cell, the macrophage, in COPD. The main role of macrophages is to ‘eat’ bacteria, preventing the establishment of infections. The lungs of COPD patients tend to contain above-average amounts of macrophages and yet these patients are extremely prone to bacterial lung infections. This indicates that there is an issue with the ability of the macrophages of such patients to ‘eat’ bacteria – a possible reason for this I investigated during my placement.

In order to ‘eat’ a bacterium (see diagram), a macrophage must first bind to it using a receptor. The macrophage then ingests both the bacterium and the receptor. Normally, the receptor is recycled and returned to the cell surface so that it can bind to a new bacterium and thus the macrophage can continue to ‘eat’ more bacteria.

My hypothesis was that the ability of the macrophages of patients with COPD to return ingested receptors to the cell surface after eating a bacterium is attenuated. This means that, despite the lungs

A macrophage (purple) ingests a bacterium (blue) following its binding to a surface receptor (red). After the bacterium and receptor have been internalised, the receptor is usually recycled and returned to the cell surface.
being full of macrophages, bacteria cannot be cleared because each macrophage is only capable of eating very few bacteria before it effectively runs out of available receptors as they’re all stuck inside the cell.

In order to investigate my hypothesis I isolated macrophage precursors, monocytes, from the blood of patients that were healthy non-smokers, healthy smokers or people with COPD and grew them over two weeks in an environment that promoted them to differentiate into macrophages similar to those that you find in the lungs. I then gave them fluorescently-labelled bacteria to ‘eat’ at different time points before fixing the cells and labelling certain surface receptors with fluorescent molecules such that I could then record how much bacteria had been ‘eaten’ and how their receptors had changed in the process. I investigated the role of receptor recycling by treating half of my cells with a drug that blocks the making of new receptors – meaning that any receptors found on the cell surface after a macrophage had eaten any bacteria must have been recycled.

I found that macrophages from patients with COPD both had less of two of the receptors that I investigated to start with and were less able to do what healthy-patient macrophages do when exposed to bacteria and put more receptors on their surface, meaning that they had fewer receptors available to bind to bacteria. For both receptors, blocking the making of new receptors had a greater effect on COPD-patient macrophages than healthy-patient macrophages. This indicates that COPD-patient macrophages rely more on the making of new receptors than healthy-patient macrophages which suggests that they do indeed have a problem in their receptor recycling abilities and have to compensate for this by making more of their receptors from scratch.

Future work needs to look into the molecular mechanisms of the recycling of these two receptors to investigate where the problem lies in the macrophages of COPD patients, with the aim of developing a treatment that could improve the ‘eating’ ability of these macrophages and thus reduce the number of debilitating lung infections.

**The Cost of Vaccines**

Shreya Nanda (2013) writes ‘In the summer of 2016, with the support of an Internship Bursary jointly funded by the St Catharine’s College Society and the College, I spent eight weeks as an intern at the Department of Immunization, Vaccines and Biologicals at the World Health Organization headquarters in Geneva.’ The following is extracted from her report.

My project was to analyse the costs of introducing the HPV vaccine in GAVI-supported countries in order to identify the main cost drivers in past introductions and so predict the costs of future introductions in other countries. GAVI is the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunisation.

The internship – and in particular my work in collaboration with GAVI, given their role in funding the HPV programme – gave me valuable insight into the realities of working in global health. I was able to gain some understanding of the way parts of the industry operate and relate to each other, as well as the detailed understanding gained in the specific area I worked on for my project. It also gave me useful experience to take into my position as an economist at the Civil Service in September.

None of this would have been possible without the generosity of the Careers Service, St Catharine’s College, and the St Catharine’s College Society. I owe them a great deal of thanks for giving me this insight into the workings of the World Health Organization.
THE CATZ SHOPS

Many alumni will recall Sam Smiley who ran the grocer’s shop which still bears his name in the parade of shops in Trumpington Street between the main entrance to Catz and Silver Street corner. Sam died in April 2016 aged 87. According to an obituary in the Cambridge News, Sam managed high-class grocer HDK Curtis in Hills Road before starting his own business. Apparently on one occasion when negotiating renewal of his lease with the College he told the Bursar there would be no more chocolate, Bath Olivers and special tea until negotiations were concluded to Sam’s satisfaction – the story does not relate who was Bursar at the time. Sam’s son Robert reports that Sam quietly helped poor students with a box of groceries or an unofficial loan. On occasion when the Catz kitchens were temporarily closed, the shop would provide filled rolls to order, delivered to the Porters’ Lodge.

As noted above, Sam Smiley’s retains the name though, of course, under new management. They have extended into the adjacent premises, formerly Ben Hayward Cycles, where they have diversified into the Samuel Smiley Gift Shop. Ben Hayward relocated to Horningsea in 2014 after a century of trading from their Trumpington Street shop.

The remainder of the block is occupied by outfitters Ede & Ravenscroft (Established in Chancery Lane, London, in 1689) who bought up outfitters James Neale in the 1970s. Ede & Ravenscroft also expanded into an adjacent shop when Oddbins moved out in 2008. As part of that expansion, their shop entrance moved from the corner to the archway along the Trumpington Street frontage. The original corner still has the Queens’ College crest above; St Catharine’s bought the property from Queens’ after the war; negotiations started in 1936, but the sale was not completed until 1946.

Oddbins was formerly GP Jones grocer’s shop from whose elderly proprietor (Senior) Tutor Canon Christopher Waddams would purchase his coffee beans well into the 1960s.
THE MYSTERY OF THE COLLEGE MOTTO

Kelvin Appleton (1958) writes

The shield pictured to the left had hung on the wall (or various walls) of an alumnus for about fifty years before he wondered about the meaning of the motto, School Certificate Latin long forgotten. His vague memory was that it had been purchased during a graduate recruitment visit some ten years after he graduated. The mystery is that the College does not have and never has had a motto. There is no mention of a motto in The Story of St Catharine’s College Cambridge by WHS Jones published in 1951, and he did include a section on the College arms and seal. Our neighbours, Queens’, Corpus and King’s, have mottos, together with eleven other colleges.

*Sapientia et Felicitate* means ‘With Wisdom and Happiness’. Note that Sapientia is mispelt. The shields available today from Ryder and Amies and AE Clothier exclude mottos for the fourteen colleges which have them. The shields are supplied either with or without the name of the college on a gold coloured scroll. It is possible that college mottos were included at some time in the past. Where did the rogue St Catharine’s shield come from? It is well made and has survived for fifty years almost as new, albeit under the benign operating conditions of hanging on walls. It was not a cheap imitation from a souvenir shop. The shields would be made in a joiner’s workshop in batches and probably painted by hand using a drawing supplied by a designer. In the absence of information on other similar shields, it is impossible to decide who missed out the first ‘i’ in Sapientia. Presumably the designer of the shield included what he or she thought was the College motto or at least one associated with St Catharine of Alexandria. What the designer specified was actually the motto of St Catherine’s, Oxford, before it became a college in 1962. Prior to that it was called a ‘society’, originally ‘The Delegacy of Non-Collegiate Students of Oxford University’ founded in 1868. The students socialised in premises on Catte Street, believed to be the reason for the eventual name of the society and then the college. *Sapientia et Felicitate* was formerly the motto of Oxford University and was centuries old. St Catherine’s just added a Catherine wheel to the University’s coat of arms, as illustrated. The designer of our College shield may have thought the two institutions, both named after St Catharine (or Catherine) of Alexandria, were linked. On becoming a college, St Catherine’s, Oxford, changed its motto to *Nova et Vetera* (The new and the old).

Should St Catharine’s have a motto, or in heraldic terms a ‘legend’? A motto discarded by Oxford University and then by St Catherine’s, Oxford, would obviously be unacceptable. The Catharine Wheel was such a well-known and ubiquitous symbol and reminder of the story of Saint Catharine in the Middle Ages that a motto would be unnecessary. Nowadays it brings to mind a firework. Most Cambridge college mottos are uninspiring, for instance Queens’ *Floreat Domus* (May this house flourish). It is rarely used and is completely absent from the hotch-potch of souvenirs in their shop. Exceptions are Sidney Sussex *Dieu me garde de calomnie* (God preserve me from calumny) – quite right too, and Homerton *Respice Finem* (Look to the end) which represents that long irksome cycle ride up Hills Road remembered by alumni with Homerton girlfriends. Could a Cats motto capture excellence in study, sport and music and life-long friendships, let alone the touchline cries of ‘The Wheel, The Wheel’ or ‘Cats for Cuppers’? We have managed without a motto for 543 years, and I suggest we continue to do so.

Footnote. Please let the Editor know if you have a College shield with a motto, or can shed any light on the above.
THE MYSTERY OF TWO RUDDERS

Two Catz rudders were spotted on eBay by John Baker and purchased on behalf of the College.

The Editor thinks these rudders must have been made as ornaments or as advertising for a signwriter – they do not appear to be real rudders. Traditionally, when a crew was awarded ‘Oars’ (or ‘Blades’ these days), Bow got the bow (the front of the boat), all the other oarsmen got an appropriate oar each and the cox got the rudder. However, note that one of these rudders is from a coxless IV. Sometimes the bow of the boat went to the coach, Bow getting an oar instead.

Lizzy Ennion-Smith, College Archivist, writes as follows.
We do not have pictures of any crews from as far back as 1872 and unfortunately we do not have pictures of any 1902 crews either, but the Boat Club minute book does cover 1902. The minute books start in 1894 so too late to be helpful for the 1872 crew.

I have looked through all the 1902 entries in the minute book and none of the crew lists tally with what is on that year’s rudder. Furthermore, I can find none of the men listed on either rudder in the 1907 College Register. A check of Alumni Cantabrigienses: A Biographical List of All Known Students, Graduates and Holders of Office at the University of Cambridge, from the Earliest Times to 1900 by Venn and Venn reveals that none of the 1872 men are listed as members of the University. Those coming up in 1902 may or may not be listed in Venn depending on exactly when they came up but two of them with more unusual names (Towey and Fitzroy-Lowe) do not appear.

This all seems rather curious. Could Colleges make use of non-University members in their boat club crews back then? Could the rudders have been mock-us to advertise rudder painting by a local artist?
Dates of Full Term
Michaelmas 2016: 4 October – 2 December
Lent 2017: 17 January – 17 March
Easter 2017: 25 April – 16 June

Society Magazine
News for inclusion in the Magazine should be sent to the Editor at the College (tel: 01223 338303, email: editor@caths.cam.ac.uk) as early in the year as possible. Material received after August will normally be held over to the following year.

The Society’s Annual Dinner and AGM
Saturday 23 September 2017.
Further details on the website and the Wheel in 2017. Members are strongly encouraged to book via the website www.caths.cam.ac.uk/events wherever possible. Material for the AGM will be placed separately on the Society website under ‘Events’.

Donations
Donations to the Old Members’ Sports Fund (generating grants for students) or the Society’s General Fund (funding the Society as well as student grants) are welcomed. The Treasurer can be contacted at society.treasurer@caths.cam.ac.uk and on 01223 338357

Career Link
The Society’s web-based service aims to assist St Catharine’s students in exploring possible career paths. Alumni willing to help as advisers and mentors can find further details on the Society website.

Society Committee Officers and Membership
Anyone who wishes to be recommended by the Committee for election at an Annual General Meeting should write to the Society Secretary (email: society.secretary@caths.cam.ac.uk) before the end of February. This will enable the Spring meeting of the Committee to consider each person against anticipated vacancies and the need to encourage a diverse Committee profile, in order to recommend a suitable nominee for each vacancy. If anyone wishes to be considered for election at the AGM without a Committee recommendation and in addition to the Committee’s nominees, he/she may write to the Secretary to that effect at any time up to 21 days prior to the date of the AGM. Proposers and seconders are not required but in all cases members should provide a short statement of background and the reason for interest in the Committee’s work.

Society Branch Membership
In the UK the Society has 11 branches; members are advised of local events within each branch based on their home postcode. Anyone who wishes to be included in more than one branch email list should advise the Society webmaster by email to society.webmaster@caths.cam.ac.uk.

College Reunion Dinners
The Governing Body hosts regular invitation dinners:
1 April 2017: 1999–2001

Hospitality
Subject to availability those with Cambridge MA status or who have graduated from a postgraduate course, and who are not in statu pupillari, are entitled to dine at High Table once a term during Full Term only. This should be arranged through the Alumni and Development Office (01223 748164 or events@caths.cam.ac.uk) who will liaise with the President to ensure High Table will take place. Dining under these circumstances is only possible providing at least one College Fellow is booked in to dine on the date you wish to attend. High Table runs Sunday–Friday during term.

Guest Room
A Guest Room in College, designated for the use of Members and their spouses, is available at a modest charge for a maximum of two consecutive nights. It may be booked through the Porters’ Lodge (telephone 01223 338300).

Car Parking
We regret that the College cannot provide parking. There are a number of car parks in town, or pay and display on many roads, as well as Park and Ride buses. More information can be obtained from the Porters or via the Council website at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk.

Society Matters
All enquiries on Society matters, other than those for the Magazine Editor or the Treasurer, should be made in the first instance to the Secretary at College, email: society.secretary@caths.cam.ac.uk, otherwise to the Alumni and Development Office on 01223 338337 or alumni@caths.cam.ac.uk.