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The cover picture shows the inaugural
Christmas Luminaria held immediately
after the end of Michaelmas term.
See the Chapel and Chaplaincy Report.
(Picture: Igor Chodur)
EDITORIAL

The first edition of the Society Magazine appeared in 1927 and, except for the war years, has been published every year since. In the late 1920s and early 1930s there seems to have been a parallel College Magazine which did not survive. Oddly, the Society Magazine editor is apparently always appointed by the College Governing Body. Until 2003, the main emphasis was certainly on the Society and alumni matters. However, when I took over as editor that year, an oral survey suggested that readers would value more detailed news of the College, so I introduced the College Report which has subsequently become an informal, but very much valued, Annual Report. Consequently, when copyright issues were raised, I vested it with the College even though, officially, the Magazine is published by the Society.

Originally funding came from Society subscriptions, then by a levy on students (at first nine terms at one guinea per term gave life membership of the Society including the Magazine). Later, rather than raise the levy, the College agreed to a 50/50 split of the costs. Finally, at about the time I became editor, the College agreed to pay the full cost. The student levy for Society membership – now £5 per term for a maximum nine terms – is still raised; however, at least as much is distributed back to students as Society grants and bursaries; these are very much appreciated (see Society Awards and an article by two recipients of Internship Bursaries).

I am hopeful that the position of the Magazine will be settled as part of the clarification of the relationship between College and Society (see the report of the 90th AGM in the Society section).

This edition contains news of some exciting library and archive acquisitions, particularly of interest to scientists, thanks to the extraordinary generosity of an alumnus – see the Library Report and the article on the Periodic Table.

Miranda Griffin takes over as Senior Tutor from 2018, so the Senior Tutor’s Report in this Magazine is Paul Hartle’s last; he retires after 17 years in the post.

In Sports News, once again St Catharine’s won the hockey triple (men’s, women’s and mixed); a St Catharine’s cox guided the winning women’s Boat Race crew; and, for the first time in a while, the current students beat the Society on Acheson Gray Day.

Record numbers are applying to study at St Catharine’s; see the report from the Admissions Tutors. Head Porter Dom Mulcrone’s reminiscences in the 2017 Magazine mentioned the 2001 streakers leading to ‘constant salvos of abusive fire from the … public press’ concerning the ‘naked bodies streaking fearlessly’ around Main Court; the quotes are from the 2002 Magazine. Rumours followed that applications to Catz were up considerably over the next couple of years. Then in 2005 the College topped the Tompkins Table of Cambridge colleges based on tripos results. I have checked the numbers and it is true that applications were up (though only very slightly) for the three years following the streakers. However, numbers were down by a similar amount in the three or four years after topping the Tompkins table! I doubt either correlation is significant, but the increase in numbers in recent years certainly is.

The twin sister of fellow Sriya Iyer read mathematics at Balliol, Oxford, and drew attention to Balliol’s link with St Catharine. John Balliol and his wife the Princess Dervorguilla of Galloway founded Balliol around 1260. According to an article in the 2008 edition of the Balliol College Record, Dervorguilla was a special follower of St Catharine and, when the college received its licence from the Bishop of Lincoln in 1284, he noted that she had included St Catharine prominently in the dedication. As Professor Sir John Baker notes from his visits to Balliol, the college is covered in Catharine wheels. The article also describes various chapels in the college precincts which were dedicated to the saint over the years,
and an adjacent inn ‘The Catherine Wheel’ whose affairs were linked to the college and in which various plots (including the Gunpowder Plot) were hatched. It seems that Balliol, like Catz, customarily feasts on 25 November (St Catharine’s Day) each year and has probably been doing so for considerably longer than we have – maybe for over 750 years.

During the summer of 2017 a replacement water main had to be installed through the main court. At first it was intended to lay this under the lawn to save excavation costs, but part of the route revealed extensive buried archaeology, so the main was re-routed under the paving where any such remains had already been disturbed. Clearly further investigation of what lies beneath the grass is needed, but, in the meantime, a ground-penetrating-radar survey has been undertaken and, among other things, seems to indicate that footings of earlier College buildings are not quite in the positions shown on contemporary maps. See the article on early maps in the 2017 Magazine.

Some older readers may recall the controversy over the abbreviations of the College name – Cats-v-Catz. It seems that we now also have Caths and Cath’s – see the Senior Tutor’s report and other items in this edition. As editor I have tried to resist these latter two and edited them out over the past two or three years. However, it is becoming hard to kick against the pricks.

Once again, my thanks to Chris Thorne for his help in extracting Magazine reports from students and for sourcing other sports material, and to Hamish Symington for detailed layout work and liaison with the printers. When I took over as editor some 16 years ago, there were three volunteers on the editorial team – myself, Chris Thorne and John Shakeshaft. We sadly lost John in 2015; perhaps, once the position of the Magazine is settled between College and Society, the team could be made back up to three, hopefully with a younger volunteer.

Roger Stratford
FROM THE MASTER

As with all institutes with the longevity of St Catharine’s there will be periods of stability where the business of College proceeds without significant challenge and there will be periods of adjustment where change is required.

In the last year the College, through the Strategic Planning Committee, has been doing a very detailed analysis of all aspects of College life: the student experience; our estate; our academic needs; our financial position and our staff. The consequence of these reviews is that we now understand what we, as a college, need to do over the next years. We must ensure that the undergraduates and postgraduates of the future will have an experience that builds upon what makes St Catharine’s special today, but that also means adapting to the changing demands of the 21st century.

Although the College has not yet completed a detailed set of priorities for the next years I did want to share with you some of the more substantive items. Let me start with the estate.

Perhaps the most pressing issue is that we need to bring a number of our student rooms, primarily on the Island site, up to modern standards. This is not simply about a lick of paint and a new carpet. We need to replace infrastructure such as heating systems and electricity supplies, bathrooms require considerable modernisation, we need to be mindful of energy efficiency, the future maintenance and cleaning of rooms needs to be considered, and we want our rooms to be at least as good as the ever-improving average across Cambridge colleges. Similarly, our kitchens are reaching the end of their life and need replacing. In doing so we will also look to improve the dining experience for all by making modifications to the Hall and immediate spaces. More broadly we are looking to consolidate our room stock and have plans for a singular extension to St Chad’s that will accommodate a further 26 students.

Beyond the estate we have recently completed a review of College staff that has led to the appointment of an Operations Director; our current Bursar has been overloaded with responsibility for too long. We are also looking at staff retention, incentive schemes and support for career progression. We have an incredibly loyal staff but we need to make certain that we aim to provide the very best working environment that collegiate Cambridge offers.

Although the above changes will all impact positively on the student experience we will also be supporting students more directly through, for example, an enhanced bursary scheme so that no student would be turned away through financial hardship. Very shortly all College alumni will be receiving a detailed description of our strategic plan of which the above are part. I hope that you will be convinced that the work we have done to date and our priorities for the future will ensure that we remain proud of St Catharine’s for many years to come.

Mark Welland
THE FELLOWSHIP

As at 1 October 2018, in order of seniority following the Master and President. For the Governing Body the year of appointment to the current period of service 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; DoS in Land Economy, President

Dr Paul N Hartle (1977) College Lecturer in English (on leave Lent and Easter)


Dr Patrick R Palmer (1987) Reader in Electrical Engineering; Dudley Robinson Fellow and DoS in Engineering (on leave 2018–9)

Professor Ellis 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 (on leave Lent and Easter)

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 (on leave Michaelmas)

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

Dr Rose A Melikan (1993) Sir John Baker College Lecturer, DoS in Law, Fellows’ Registrar

Professor Michael PF Sutcliffe (1993) Professor of Biomedical Engineering; 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 Old Testament Literature & Theology; DoS in Theology

Dr Caroline Gonda (1996) Henry Philpott College Lecturer, DoS in English, Secretary to the Governing Body

Professor Nora Berend (1996) Professor of European History

Dr David C Aldridge (1997) University Senior Lecturer; Dawson College Lecturer, DoS in Biological Natural Sciences, Steward and Wine Steward

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

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

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 (on leave 2018–9)

Dr Abigail Brundin (2000) Reader in Italian; DoS in Modern & Medieval Languages

Dr Sergei N Taraskin (2002) Sir 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 Senior Lecturer; DoS in English (on leave Michaelmas and Lent)

Dr Edward Wickham (2006) Director of College Music, DoS in Music, Tutor

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

Dr Miranda Griffin (2006) Senior Tutor


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) Sir Harvey McGrath College Lecturer, DoS in Geography, Admissions Tutor

Professor William Sutherland (2008) Miriam Rothschild Professor of Conservation Biology
Dr Peter Turner (2009) University Senior Lecturer; DoS in Law (on leave Lent)

Dr Jerome Neufeld (2009) Reader in Earth Sciences and Royal Society Research Fellow (Geophysics); DoS in Physics

Dr Simon Taylor (2016) Senior Faculty in Management Practice;
Professor Stuart Althorpe (2010) Professor of Theoretical Chemistry

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

Professor Stefan Marcinak (2011) Professor of Respiratory Science and MRC Senior Clinical Research Fellow; DoS in Preclinical Medicine

Dr Hazem Kandil (2012) Reader in Political Sociology; DoS in Human, Social & Political Sciences (Sociology) (on leave 2018–9)

Dr Michael D Hurley (2012) University Lecturer; DoS in English (on leave Michaelmas and Lent)

Rev’d 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 (on leave Michaelmas)

Dr Jessica Gwynne (2014) University Teaching Fellow; DoS in Materials Science, Graduate Tutor

Dr Mairi Kilkenney (2016) Senior Research Associate; DoS in Biochemistry, Tutor

Dr Jennifer Sidey (2016) University Lecturer in Engineering (on leave 2018–9)

Dr Yujiang River Chen (2017) Bevil Mabey College Lecturer, DoS in Economics, Tutor

*Professor Michael Nicholson (2018) Professor of Transplant Surgery

*Professor Julian Allwood (2018) Professor of Engineering & the Environment; DoS in Engineering

*Dr Valentina Caldari (2018) College Lecturer, DoS in History

*Dr Colin Higgins (2018) Librarian

*Liron Shmiovits (2018) College Teaching and Research Fellow, DoS in Law

*Dr Sura Qadiri (2018) College Associate Teaching Officer and DoS in Modern & Medieval Languages, Tutor

*Dr Chiara Ciccarelli (2018) University Royal Society Research Fellow in Physics

*Dr Ozgur Akan (2018) University Lecturer in Engineering

*Dr Niamh Gallagher (2018) University Lecturer; DoS in History

† Inducted the following year

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

Research Fellows

Dr Milan Pajic (2016) Violet & Ian Campbell Research Fellow in History; Warden of Russell Street

Dr Marcel Elias (2016) Jeremy Haworth Research Fellow in English; Warden of Russell Street

Dr Alpha Lee (2017) Research Fellow in Physics

Dr Étienne Fodor (2017) Oppenheimer Research Fellow in Mathematics

*Dr David Callander (2018) Research Fellow in Anglo-Saxon, Norse & Celtic

*Kristin Grogan (2018) Research Fellow in English

Honorary Fellows

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)

Rt Hon Sir Geoffrey Pattie (Fellow Commoner 2005)

(2007)

Professor CFW Higham (2008)

Sir Emyr Jones Parry (2008)

Dr NB Penny (2009)

Professor H Bedelian (2010)

Professor PJ Barnes (2011)

Professor Sir John Baker (Fellow 1971–2011, Emeritus 2011)

(2012)

Professor A Blix (2012)

Baroness Rona Fairhead (2012)

Mrs J Harris (2012)

Sir Harvey McGrath (Fellow Commoner 2004) (2013)

Mr DW Harding (2013)

Professor RLA Saxton (2015)

Professor SM Springman (2015)

Mr NJ Hess (2016)

Professor SB Gaunt (Fellow 1988–98) (2016)

Professor DR Armitage (2016)

Professor Dame Jean Thomas (Master 2007–16) (2017)

Professor JS Reed (Fellow 1996–7) (2017)

*Mrs E Ng (2018)

*Professor HW Small (Research Fellow 1990–3) (2018)

*Professor D Tilbury (2018)
NEW FELLOWS

Ozgur Akan is a University Lecturer in the Internet of Things and the Head of the Internet of Everything (IoE) Group at the Department of Engineering. He is also an adjunct Professor of Electrical and Electronics Engineering, Koç University, Istanbul, Turkey. He obtained his PhD in Electrical and Computer Engineering at Georgia Institute of Technology, USA. He conducts highly interdisciplinary theoretical and experimental research on nanoscale, molecular, and neural communications, Internet of Everything, cyber-physical systems, 5G/THz wireless communications, distributed social sensing and sensor networks. He authored more than 250 articles in the field of next-generation communication technologies. He is an IEEE Fellow, IEEE NanoTechnology Council and IEEE Communications Society Distinguished Lecturer.

Julian Allwood is Professor of Engineering and the Environment. He leads the Use Less Group, aiming to support the mitigation of climate change through reducing demand for the energy intensive materials, particularly steel, cement, paper, plastic and aluminium. His group is inter-disciplinary, spanning from the invention of new materials processing techniques through the business and policy case for reducing material demand to holistic analysis of environmental systems. He was a lead author of the Fifth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, has been chairman of the metal forming branch of the International Academy of Production Engineering and for ten years was joint editor-in-chief of the Journal of Material Processing Technology.
Valentina Caldari studied History in Rome before completing a PhD jointly at the Universities of Kent (Canterbury, UK) and Porto (Portugal). Her research addresses early modern European politics and diplomacy, and the ways in which they were informed, and affected, by global events. Her doctorate explored the imperial rivalry between England and the Iberian Peninsula in the early seventeenth century by focusing on the protracted diplomatic negotiations between England and Spain for a dynastic union. While preparing her book manuscript for publication, she has co-edited a volume of essays on Stuart Dynastic Politics (Boydell and Brewer, 2018). She joins St Catharine’s as Fellow and Director of Studies in History.

David Callander is a medievalist, specializing in Medieval Welsh and Old and Middle English literature. His research is comparative in nature, and seeks to look at what can be learnt by bringing divergent contemporary literary traditions into dialogue with one another. Other areas of particular interest include examining how modern literary theory and works of medieval literature can inform each other, and studying the post-medieval readers of medieval texts. His current project examines the multilingual reception of Middle English literature in early modern Wales.

Chiara Ciccarelli is a Winton Advanced Fellow and Royal Society University Research Fellow in the Department of Physics. She moved to Cambridge in 2008 to do a PhD. From 2012 to 2016 she held a Junior Research Fellowship at Gonville and Caius College. She is interested in quantum spin-effects in magnetically ordered materials, from ferromagnets to anti-ferromagnets to chiral magnets. In the past years her research has focused on current-induced torques in spin-orbit coupled ferromagnets by using microwave transport techniques. She also recently setup a lab on time-domain THz emission spectroscopy to study these effects at 1000 times faster timescales.

Niamh Gallagher comes from County Armagh in Northern Ireland. She read Anthropology and Geography at UCL before completing her postgraduate studies at the Faculty of History at Cambridge as a student of St Catharine’s. She returns to Catz as a Temporary Lecturer at the Faculty of History specialising in British and Irish political and social history since 1880. Her doctoral research (and forthcoming book with IB Tauris, now Bloomsbury) is a revisionist history of Irish participation in the Great War. Niamh also masquerades as a professional fiddle player. She has performed with Michael Flatley’s Lord of the Dance and other well-known artists within the world of Irish traditional music.

Kristin Grogan works on American literature, modernism, and poetry and poetics, focusing particularly on the relationship between poetry and its political and economic contexts. Her current project theorises the relationship between American poetry and anarchist movements from the late nineteenth century to the present. She completed her DPhil at Oxford, where she wrote a thesis on modernist poetics and the history and theory of labour and working life. She also holds a BA and MA from the University of New South Wales, Australia.
Colin Higgins has been Librarian of St Catharine’s since 2010. He holds a BA in Philosophy from Trinity College Dublin, an MSc in Librarianship from the University of Wales, and an MPhil and PhD in Ancient Philosophy from King’s College London. His doctoral thesis examined the ways Plato’s representation of the trial and execution of Socrates suggested that the philosopher’s death was self-inflicted, and the implications this reading might have on the Platonic corpus. Colin’s main research interests are now in the history of bibliographic description, and the socio-cultural assumptions embedded in cataloguing standards and classification schemes. His book, a guide to cataloguing film, was published by the American Library Association in 2015.

Elaine Poh Choo Neo (Elaine Ng) matriculated in 1984 and spent three memorable years at St Catharine’s reading English. Today, Elaine is Chief Executive Officer of the National Library Board (NLB) of Singapore which oversees the country’s network of 26 public libraries, the National Library, the National Archives, and the Film Archive. Elaine believes that books are doors to new experiences and reading holds the keys. She hopes that through her work, reading resources are accessible to more and more people in Singapore. Before joining NLB in April 2011, Elaine was the Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the National Heritage Board (NHB) which oversees the museum and heritage sector in Singapore.

Michael Nicholson is Professor of Transplant Surgery at the University of Cambridge and the Director of the National Institute for Health Research IHR Transplant Research Unit. His clinical interests are in the field of live donor kidney transplantation and, in particular, the use of laparoscopic surgery. His research group are investigating novel methods of organ preservation with the aim of increasing the number of successful transplants. He enjoys teaching clinical anatomy to Catz medical students and joins St Catharine’s as a Professorial Fellow.

Sura Qadiri obtained her BA, MPhil and PhD in Modern Languages at Cambridge before going on to teach in the French Departments at Oxford and University College, London. She now joins St Catharine’s as a College Teaching Officer in French. She specialises in francophone postcolonial literature, particularly from North Africa, and has a growing interest in literature from France which explores themes of ethnic and religious diversity. Her current book project focuses on post-secular visions of society in literature from North Africa and France.

Liron Shmilovits is joining St Catharine’s as a College Teaching and Research Fellow in Law. His main research interests lie in private law, with particular emphasis on contract law and legal fictions. He has recently completed a PhD on the topic of legal fictions in private law. He is passionate about teaching and the College community. Liron is coming from Downing College, where he was first an LLM student, then a PhD student and, in the last academic year, also a Bye-Fellow. Before moving to Cambridge, Liron was a solicitor in Sydney, Australia. He had obtained an LLB and a BCom (Bachelor of Commerce) from the University of New South Wales.
Helen Small, from October 2018, is Merton Professor of English Language and Literature at the University of Oxford. She held a Junior Research Fellowship at St Catharine’s from 1990–3, before moving to the University of Bristol (1993–6), and then Pembroke College, Oxford. Her teaching, editing, and much of her writing have concentrated on Victorian literature. She has wider interests in the connections between literature and philosophy (especially moral and critical philosophy). Her book *The Long Life* (2007) argues that to understand old age we have to consider more fundamentally what it means to be a person, to have a life, to have or to lead a ‘good’ life and to be part of a just society. *The Value of the Humanities* (2013) is a critical account of the arguments standardly employed to defend the public value of the humanities. She is currently working on a Leverhulme-funded book entitled *The Function of Criticism at the Present Time*.

Daniella Tilbury was a PhD student at Catz in 1990. Her early work on frameworks for reorienting higher education towards sustainable development led to UN policy advisory roles and to her chairing several UN Committees. Daniella has held academic leadership positions in the UK, Australia, Hong Kong and Gibraltar. She is the recipient of the Macquarie Innovation Award (Research) and a Marie Curie Fellowship. She has travelled extensively across Africa, Asia, Latin America, Oceania and Europe to evaluate the investment and impact of sustainability programmes. She was a member of the Board of WWF Australia that created Earth Hour in 2007. Daniella was the inaugural Vice-Chancellor of the University of Gibraltar. Over five years she established the research specialisms, strategic direction and commercial viability of this ambitious institution. Her latest challenge is as Commissioner for Sustainable Development to HM Government of Gibraltar.

**RETIREFEMENTS AND FAREWELLS**

Matt DeJong left in July 2018 to take up a faculty position in Civil Engineering at the University of California, Berkeley. He is very grateful for his time at St Catharine’s and particularly enjoyed teaching enthusiastic engineering students and working with the other engineering fellows.

Paul Hartle retires as Senior Tutor after 17 years in post and a total of 35 years as a Tutor. Paul is the longest serving Senior Tutor since AW Spratt who was Senior Tutor from 1893 to 1917. See the Senior Tutor’s Report in the Magazine.

Glenn Masson leaves his Henslow Junior Research Fellowship to take up a post as a Medical Research Council (MRC) Career Development Fellow at the MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology, Cambridge, to continue work on heart disease and cancer, funded by the PTEN Research Foundation, AstraZeneca, and the MRC. He writes ‘I have very much enjoyed my time in the fellowship, especially our conversations over dinner that touched on so many learned topics such as whether pineapples rot or wither, baobab trees, the myoglobin content in various duck-breasts, the correct method of catching the adrenal glands of cattle, and the ergonomic benefits of typewriters. I thank everyone who humoured me during my time as a Research Fellow, especially the Cambridge Philosophical Society that funded the Henslow Fellowship.’
Haris Psarras has been appointed to a Lectureship in Law at the University of Southampton. He writes: ‘I have benefited greatly from the academic community of St Catharine’s. I am grateful to the Master and the Fellows for their effective support of my research and teaching. I am also glad that I worked with our talented and dedicated students. Finally, I owe thanks to the College staff for making life at St Catharine’s comfortable and pleasant.’

John Pyle writes ‘Having reached the normal retirement age this year (2018), I stand down as Head of Department in Chemistry at the end of September. I am transitioning to Director of Research and will carry on with my research for another three years. I will also continue as Chief Scientist of the National Centre for Atmospheric Science. I am hoping to devote my time to two research areas. I am still very involved in the science of the Montreal Protocol and, in particular, understanding the recovery of the ozone layer. I am also involved in a number of projects which aim to unravel the mysteries of the atmospheric methane budget.’

Robert Smith left at the end of Lent term 2018 to take up an Associate Professorship in the Department of Physics at the University of Oxford and a Tutorial Fellowship at Worcester College. He is sad to be leaving Catz but looking forward to his time at our sister college.

Rao Vadlamani has been appointed to the post of Assistant Professor in the Department of Aerospace Engineering at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras. He writes ‘I am extremely thankful to all the fellows, staff and students for welcoming me to St Catharine’s in October 2015. I am grateful for the opportunities offered to me and for the invaluable support I received from the fellowship during my stay. The Bowring Research Fellowship was instrumental in establishing my career as an independent researcher. I am sad to leave Catz, but I very much hope to continue my collaborations with the Engineering Department and be able to contribute to the College in future.’

PROFESSOR SIR ALAN BATTERSBY MSC PHD DSC SCD FRS

4 March 1925 – 10 February 2018
Such was the diversity of his interests and the length of his life, the eulogies for Alan could fill many pages of this Magazine. What follows is therefore distilled from addresses given at his funeral and memorial service by Dean of Chapel David Neaum, Alan’s sons Martin and Stephen, Chemistry Fellow Peter Wothers and Alan’s colleague in Chemistry Ted McDonald.

Alan Rushton Battersby was the son of a Lancashire builder and was raised in a small end-of-terrace house in Leigh, Greater Manchester. He himself described his upbringing in a speech at a College dinner to celebrate his 90th birthday – see 2015 Magazine. He left school at 16 to work in the local electrical cable factory in order to support the war effort, but soon realised that he would need a degree to fulfil his ambitions; thanks to the support of his old headmaster and a lot of home study, he qualified to read chemistry at Manchester. Thereafter his academic career followed more traditional lines.

He met Margaret on a walking holiday (of course) and they were married in 1949. They complemented each other perfectly and were superheroes to his sons as they were growing up. Martin writes:
“All holidays were camping adventures in the UK and Europe – it just seemed right to be independent, and also close to nature. His care for natural resources led to a love of nature, a concern for the environment and a desire to explore the wilder unspoilt parts of the world. In 1977, Mum and Dad bought a small cedar-wood cottage about 20 miles along a single-track road by the shore of a Scottish loch. There was no electricity and no telephone; gas came in cylinders and water from the nearby burn. It was isolated and peaceful, and they loved it. Here, he could indulge his love of fly fishing, catching brown trout from the local lochans. They added a balcony and a wood-burning stove – with typical resourcefulness, they installed these themselves (with help from Steve and me). Dad had determination and precision which he brought to everything; sometimes it went a bit too far. Everything he did was planned – usually on dozens of pieces of paper. Almost to the end, everyone required an appointment to talk to Dad – including us, his sons. He would often phone us to fix an exact time to call us again – sometimes just half an hour later – and then he would occasionally apologise for being a minute late. He had demanding standards in food, and the quality of the fish in College was a subject of regular reports. When we were preparing potatoes for baking, he would insist on providing ‘quality control’ to ensure all blemishes and eyes had been removed. He loved salads, but each lettuce leaf was washed to an extent that made one wonder how the leaf remained in one piece – and certainly none of the family had the right qualifications to stack his dishwasher.”

Alan was devastated when Margaret died in 1997. However, in his 70s, he learnt to cook and taught himself the necessary skills to be independent right up until the last few months of his life. He turned his never-ending enthusiasm to exploring the world – in particular hiking in the Himalayas and Patagonia, and fishing in New Zealand.

Returning to Alan’s academic career, at Manchester Alec Todd (later Lord Todd of Trumpington) was an inspiring research leader in the chemistry of natural products, and, after graduating, Alan began research to determine the structure of the active ingredient in Tincture of Ipecachua. This is a medicine used to induce vomiting in patients who may have swallowed poison. The compound is called emetine and today a structure like this might be solved in a matter of weeks using a combination of spectroscopic tools, but these methods were not available to chemists in the 1940s. Instead Alan needed to smash the emetine molecule into small fragments, typically by boiling with strong acids and oxidants, and to identify any small fragments that could be isolated. Then began the intellectual jig-saw-puzzle of trying to guess how these fragments and missing pieces might have been joined together in emetine itself. He completed this work at the University of St Andrews after his supervisor, Harry Openshaw, moved there, and the successful outcome of the work was published in five research papers in 1949.

In 1951–2 Alan held Fellowships at Rockefeller University and at the University of Illinois, where he gained valuable experience in new techniques (e.g. chromatography) for the separation of complex mixtures derived from plant extracts. In 1954 Alan was appointed Lecturer at Bristol and he set forth on a quest to study the pathways leading to natural products, starting with the morphine alkaloids produced by the poppy family. These have fascinating complex structures and earlier generations of chemists had speculated that these compounds might derive from amino acid building blocks via a sequence of multiple transformations but there had been no possibility of testing these ideas experimentally.

In the mid-1950s radioactive isotopes such as Carbon-14 became commercially available for the first time and Alan realised that these could be used to study biosynthetic pathways in plants. For example, radioactive formaldehyde, CH₂O, would be used in the laboratory to prepare a sample of an amino acid (9–12 carbon atoms) labelled with ^14C at a specific site. Alan would then inject this chemical into the seed-head of a poppy and, after a week or so, isolate pure morphine from the plant and measure its radioactivity. To clinch the result, the labelled morphine sample would be degraded to test whether the radioactivity was confined to the single expected site. In this way the biosynthetic pathway to the
morphine alkaloids was mapped out rigorously and in detail, and then described fully in around 20 research papers.

After eight years at Bristol Alan was appointed to a Research Chair at Liverpool. Here he built a substantial team of around a dozen PhD students and postdoctoral co-workers, and invited junior colleagues Jim Staunton and, later, Bob Ramage, to collaborate and assist with running his group, alongside their own research interests. With this help, Alan continued his quest to map the pathways leading to many complex alkaloids including the tropolone colchicine (used to treat gout) and the indole alkaloids quinine and strychnine. These two classes are especially noteworthy because Alan’s work revealed for the first time how each is formed by totally unexpected pathways.

Alan was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society in 1966 and in 1969 he accepted an appointment to a Chair of Chemistry at Cambridge where he stayed for the remainder of his career, known to his colleagues as ‘Prof’ or ‘ARB’. Jim Staunton and Ted McDonald moved with him. Alan clearly felt that this was an opportunity, with an expanded research team, to tackle a different and potentially more important set of problems. He therefore began work on the important class of natural pigments that includes the bright red oxygen-binding site of haemoglobin; the green chlorophylls; and purple vitamin B<sub>12</sub>. In the event, this project could not be solved by existing methods and the group became pioneers in the use of multiple <sup>13</sup>C labelling for studying molecular rearrangements; and, later, with collaborators Chris Abell and Finian Leeper, of importing genetic approaches to solve biosynthetic problems.

In 1992 ARB reached the University retirement age and was knighted, but a little more effort was needed to complete the definition of the pathway to vitamin B<sub>12</sub>. Fortunately Sir Alan was granted an extension of his research funding, supported by his departmental colleagues, and was able to complete the project at age 70 in 1995.

Alan’s work is published in nearly 400 research papers, and, in the 30-year period from 1960 to 1990, a new paper appeared on average once every five weeks. Alan’s famous Science article on *How Nature Builds the Pigments of Life* begins ‘There are those wonderful times in scientific research, when a formidable problem is solved: Discoveries are made that not only fit new pieces into the difficult puzzles we study but, by so doing, transform our view of entire areas of research.’

When Alan was appointed to the Chair in Cambridge in 1969, he joined St Catharine’s as a professorial fellow. Peter Wothers writes

“Both of us being chemistry fellows in St Catharine’s, Alan and I had a natural bond. He was always keen to hear how our students were doing and took genuine pride hearing of their achievements. A number of years ago, he generously provided for prizes to be given to our top students in biochemistry and in chemistry, but he was always keen to congratulate the recipients personally where possible. With incredible generosity, he donated his magnificent medal collection to the College, with the intention that it would be on display to provide inspiration for others. In characteristic style he brought the valuable collection into College on his bicycle, wrapped in newspaper and stuffed into a plastic Sainsbury’s bag, but you can now see them beautifully displayed in the McGrath Centre in College. Similarly, it was with others in mind that he set up a fund to help graduate chemists and biochemists attend conferences. Again, he was delighted when the students would write to him afterwards to detail what they had been up to and to show how valuable the assistance had been. It brought a sparkle to his eye when he received such letters. Even more so when he learned that his own grandson, David, was given a Battersby award – although in that case I gather a ‘Thanks Granddad’ was sufficient, rather than a more formal letter.

When the International Chemistry Olympiad was held in Cambridge in 2009, we thought it would be fun to have a giant molecular model on Main Court to mark the occasion. Of course, the natural choice was to have a model of vitamin B<sub>12</sub> in recognition of Alan’s achievement in elucidating the biological
pathways in its synthesis. The video of Alan explaining the significance of the molecule and the problems he encountered with his work on it is still available online and it is lovely to hear him speak and see him with his fishing rod being used as a pointer, and his windcheater tucked deep into his trousers. I also really liked the fact that a molecular model – albeit a much smaller fragment – featured in his stunning portrait by Paul Brason.

But this brings me to my main point. I said that I felt that Alan and I had a natural bond because of our shared interests. But actually, the same could be said for virtually any one of the fellows of St Catharine’s. Obviously, there was that natural link of our College, but there was so much more to Alan that was outside my own sphere of interests, but which brought him closer to others.

Lunch in College was extremely important for Alan for so many different reasons. Part was to keep up with some daily exercise – like the true scientist he was, he would report how long the walk to College took each day to keep track of his fitness. But the main reason was the social side. Alan loved chatting over lunch with the other members of the Fellowship – and we all loved chatting with him. With some, there was a bond over fishing – I know our Bursar spent many a day with Alan in a boat on a lake. There was also the discussion of the fish at lunch – what type it was, and often, how it was cooked. With another group, gardening was a favourite topic. Alan not only reporting on what was happening in his own garden, but also often bringing in packages of various vegetables for different members of the College. His love of wine also frequently came up and Alan would always try to attend to fulfil his duties on the wine committee – something that gave him considerable pleasure.

Of course, it really was not all about food and drink. His love of music resonated with many. All of us would marvel at his hiking achievements which put the rest of us to shame, but also his wonderful knowledge of so many exotic places that he had visited. I was often amazed when we had visitors from overseas and Alan would magically seem to possess local knowledge of the area where they were from. I was also impressed that he seemed to understand cricket and keep track of who was playing and what the current scores were – not something that I understand, but it brought him closer to others. Finally, Alan was genuinely interested in our younger fellows and their families, and I think this was because he was clearly extremely proud of his own.

In short – Alan really was a master bond-maker. Not just with his internationally-recognised chemical skills, but also, perhaps more importantly, on a personal level. He was a key part of the Fellowship of St Catharine’s. We all miss him.”

In July 2018, Princess Chulabhorn of Thailand visited the College to present a wreath in memory of Alan. A ceremony was held in the McGrath centre in the presence of the Master and Alan’s sons; the wreath was set up alongside Alan’s portrait.
(JOHN) BENJAMIN ‘BEN’ BIBBY

19 April 1929 – 21 January 2018
Matriculated 1949, Fellow Commoner 1996

Ben Bibby matriculated in 1949 and read Natural Sciences, changing to Economics for his final year. He was a generous benefactor and endowed the Bibby Fellowship. He was elected a Fellow Commoner in 1996 and was a 1473 Foundation member from 2009.

The following obituary is based on the eulogy given by Ben’s son William.

Ben was born in Hoylake in 1929, the fourth and last child by seven years of John Pye and Doris Bibby. His father was a director of the family business which manufactured animal feeds, soap and edible oils in Liverpool. He was sent to a local boarding school at age eight. On the outbreak of war the school was evacuated to Glenridding on Ullswater. Letters to his mother suggest a happy time spent exploring the local fells and racing model yachts, and he later returned to Ullswater many times with his wife Sue and his family.

Ben won a scholarship to Oundle and from there gained a place at St Catharine’s, coming up in 1949 after National Service in Cheshire and Northern Ireland (he always maintained that the army was where he really learnt the most about life). He spent much of his time at Cambridge rowing and playing golf – and making lifelong friends.

Family expectations were that he would join the family firm, J Bibby and Sons, but Ben had decided that he would like to run a pub. He therefore took a job at the Old Ferry Inn in Bodinnick near Fowey in Cornwall. It seems that a cousin was dispatched to bring him back to Liverpool. Given Ben’s preference for early nights this might have been a lucky escape for some poor village pub. He joined the firm in 1953 (aged 24), the last of at least seven fourth-generation cousins who were then working in the business, and took on various roles. He attributed his deafness to his time among the presses on the shop floor. He always remarked how difficult it was joining the company – everyone assumed that, because you were a Bibby, you would know how everything worked. Ben served as a Director 1969–72 and Chairman 1970–8. Before retiring as Chairman he co-wrote the history of the company to commemorate its 100th year and then remained a non-executive Director.

Ben then went on to study law at Liverpool Polytechnic, being called to the Bar in 1982, but he found the practice of Law less interesting than the theory and decided not to take it any further. Instead he kept himself physically active by sailing his Squib, walking and doing unskilled gardening (he never did learn to distinguish flowers from weeds) and mentally active by doing a crossword every day, playing scrabble, writing poetry and running the Squib Owners Association.

Ben was opposed to corporate philanthropy, so when the company was taken over in 1982 he was very pleased to be able personally to donate a lifeboat to the RNLI and to endow a fellowship at St Catharine’s. He enjoyed maintaining relationships with these institutions for the rest of his life. Ben’s son William writes ‘I accompanied Ben to his last dinner at St Catharine’s three years ago by which time his dementia was making his conversation quite unpredictable. Luckily he didn’t stand out in a Cambridge college.’

Ben was a Member of the Council of the University of Liverpool 1978–81 and held various positions on the Committee of West Kirby Residential School including Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and Chairman. He was a keen sailor and his collection of pewter tankards and glassware is testament to his skill on his local tidal waters; he was a member of the Royal Thames Yacht Club, the West Kirby Sailing Club, the Royal Mersey Yacht Club and the Royal Anglesey Yacht Club. As noted above, he was also a poet and published two anthologies. We end with one of his poems which is particularly apposite.
To Cease Upon the Midnight
In the brave days of yore when an old man lay dying
And his family around the four-poster stood crying,
They would send for a priest to give Unction Extreme,
For they hadn’t then heard of a Life Support Team.

Now, when an old man is quite ready to die,
Some officious young doctor will probably cry,
‘Men are often not nearly as ill as they seem.
Though he’s ninety I’ll send for a Life Support Team.’

‘We’ll not ask his permission. It’s not his affair.
He’s unconscious and so he won’t know they are there.
In fact he will probably not even dream
That he’s under the care of a Life Support Team.’

‘We can keep him alive for a good week or two,
Though he’s bound to die sometime, old men always do,
But our hospital gains in professional esteem,
By showing it’s got a good Life Support Team.’

So when even one step becomes too much to climb,
And I’ve told the same joke for the four hundredth time,
When the ferry lies ready at the bank of the stream,
Please, Family, don’t send for a Life Support Team.

Just help me aboard to a comfy deck-chair,
And give me the money for the ferryman’s fare.
Shed tears if you must and then leave me to dream,
Till I’m out of the reach of the Life Support Team.

Afterthought
But if death should assail me before my good time,
If I’m victim of accident, mishap or crime,
For goodness sake, woman, don’t stand there and scream,
But send for the very best Life Support Team.

Illustration by Ben’s great niece Lucy Reynolds.

SIR PETER REGINALD FREDERICK HALL CBE
22 November 1930 – 11 September 2017
Exhibitioner 1950, Honorary Fellow 1964

Peter Hall was born in Bury St Edmunds; his father was a railway worker who was, in due course, promoted to Stationmaster at Shelford, just south of Cambridge. Peter won scholarships, first to the Perse School and then to St Catharine’s, by which time the family had moved down the line when his father became Stationmaster at Whittlesford. Peter’s contemporary at St Catharine’s, Roger Jenkins, shared a room with him in their second year and was invited for a stay with Peter’s family; he writes ‘I shall never forget the sound of the London Mail thundering past in the early hours of the morning within eight feet of my head!’ For full obituaries see the Guardian and Telegraph 12 September 2017 and The Times 13 September 2017 as well as others in various theatre magazines.
Paul Hartle (1971 English, Fellow 1977, Senior Tutor) writes

St Catharine’s first heard of Peter Hall, who was to become for his lifetime possibly the most influential figure in the Arts in Britain, in 1948 when his Perse School referee noted that: ‘He plays the usual games, [and] is particularly interested in Music, Art and Dramatics.’ This clearly did the trick with then Senior Tutor, Tom Henn, who asked him to perform a Petruchio speech he’d learned and offered him a place on that basis. Two years later, after his compulsory National Service, he duly came up as an Exhibitioner in 1950.

By his own account, in Making an Exhibition of Myself (1993): ‘I loved Tom Henn because he was eccentric and emotional. He was a military man with a poet’s soul, [who] could easily reduce himself to tears by intoning great verse … in an environment that was more like a country gentleman’s study than a Cambridge don’s.’

He was, he tells us, ‘lucky enough to have rooms in the roof of the central court of St Catharine’s, looking out towards King’s Parade’ – C6 [my own rooms for forty years now], I wonder? – although ‘I had been an invisible member of St Catharine’s, … spending all my time in theatre circles. My attic in the roof of that lovely quadrangle had been largely uninhabited. The College had little connection with the drama.’

That will have been in his third year, for in his second, according to Roger Jenkins (1950, English), the two shared a dusty and poky set of rooms on M staircase in the corner of Sherlock Court, long since demolished, where we had a pet mouse called Hubert … Peter hired a square piano where he played Bach and Vivaldi enthusiastically, and also taught me a number of Elizabethan songs by Rosseter, Campion and Dowland, which I was later to sing in a production of his of Love’s Labour’s Lost at the ADC.

It is perhaps not surprising, then, that the only Supervision Report on Peter’s file, from 1952, dryly notes that he ‘[h]as found it difficult at first to adjust his studies to his dramatic activities.’

Graduating with relief at his 2.2, what he claimed for his education was that ‘[a]lthough I wouldn’t pretend that I am a Shakespearean scholar … I don’t feel at a loss confronting a Shakespeare play. I know the background, and I know where to look.’

He certainly did; within two years of graduating he had made a name for himself by directing the first performance of Samuel Beckett’s Waiting for Godot at London’s Arts Theatre, a début which led swiftly to an invitation from the then Stratford Memorial Theatre to direct Peggy Ashcroft in Cymbeline, Charles Laughton as Bottom in A Midsummer Night’s Dream and Laurence Olivier in Coriolanus. Aged just 29, he founded the RSC in 1960 and ran it for eight years before taking over from Olivier at the National for fifteen years between 1973 and 1988, opening Denys Lasdun’s brutalist masterpiece in 1977, notwithstanding massive opposition to the project from many, including Olivier himself, who wryly acknowledged when opening the theatre which bears his name that ‘only the strength of the cladding on Peter Hall’ could have brought the seedling to fruition. His own Peter Hall Company flourished from 1988–2011, when he retired from the theatre and public life due to ill health, in that last year directing the Henry IVs at Bath and Twelfth Night at the National, with his daughter Rebecca (2000) as Viola. His career in theatre was enhanced by a brilliant series of opera productions, especially at Glyndebourne, where his 1981 production of Britten’s A Midsummer Night’s Dream is still in the repertoire.

He visited the College several times: to be installed as an Honorary Fellow as early as 1964; to speak to the Shirley Society more than once (I particularly recall one hectic post-talk drive to catch the late London train with Peter leaning over from the back seat to continue his diatribe to my wife Wendy and me – a sympathetic audience – against the unspeakable philistinism of the Thatcher government); to give the first Tom Henn Memorial Lecture; and in 2003 to receive an Honorary Degree from the University.

We held a dinner for that occasion in College, which was also attended by his daughter Rebecca, now doing quite well in Hollywood, and the Hall-Cats connection runs deep: Peter’s elder son Christopher (1976) read English here before embarking on a successful career as a television producer, while his brother Edward, who founded the brilliant all-male Shakespeare Company Propeller, has also addressed...
the Shirley Society in his time. And – rather more personally – Christopher’s twin sister Jenny appeared with me in my first Cambridge rôle, in John Mortimer’s *What shall we tell Caroline?*

Sir Peter Hall was fittingly characterized by his collaborator the playwright David Hare as ‘Rabelaisian’, a bundle of opinionated and passionate energy, whose impact on the Arts in this country has been huge and who publicly defended their importance with often breathtaking combativeness.

But first and foremost, he was a truly great director; of his many successful productions, in some ways the most extraordinary was his collaboration with John Barton, *The Wars of the Roses*, staged by the RSC in 1963–4 and recorded at Stratford for television broadcast in 1965, a version which has recently been released on DVD, and which I recommend to you both for its exceptional brilliance and for the recently recorded interviews with Janet Suzman and David Warner (whom Peter directed as an iconoclastic Hamlet), recollecting their work with him on this genuine theatrical landmark, which revolutionized our understanding of Shakespeare’s historical plays and established for them a central place in the national culture.

I was honoured to attend the opening of the Perse School’s new Peter Hall Performing Arts Centre in March 2018, a fine building and a fitting commitment to the future of performance, which Peter would have liked; the national tribute to him in September, at Westminster Abbey and his own National Theatre, was attended by Hester Lees-Jeffries as Director of Studies in English.

In an interview quite late in life, Peter summed himself up: ‘I do what I like and I like what I do.’ So did we, Peter, and so we continue to do, with profound gratitude for your legacy. In Roger Jenkins’s words, ‘it was a privilege to have known him.’
SENIOR TUTOR’S REPORT

‘I have done the state some service’, opines Othello, and – as I pen my final Report as Senior Tutor – I hope that I may claim at least that for my tenure of this office in the College – ideally without the sanguinary conclusion towards which Othello’s speech is leading him. If my seventeen years in post have not made me the longest-serving Senior Tutor in the College’s history (Drs Corrie and Thorpe each served a decade longer in the 19th and 18th centuries respectively – albeit that Thorpe was the only Tutor), I can at any rate claim the distinction of being the longest-serving Senior Tutor for a century.

In last year’s Report, I undertook, at our former Master’s request, ‘to regale you with what [a Senior Tutor – this one] actually did during his years of office. Well, I have attended a great number of Committees and chaired some of them, I have managed the educational and pastoral business of the College, having overall charge of the systems of Direction of Studies and Supervision for the first and of Tutorial and professional welfare support for the second, and I have sought to forward the College’s core aim to be a place of excellence in learning, research and student support.

One of my more satisfying roles has been to act as the Financial Tutor, thereby sharing in the creation of many additional ways of supporting our students, with grants for hardship, travel, sporting and cultural endeavour, workplace internships and academic enterprises beyond the usual scope of Tripos. The huge generosity of College members now no longer (to deploy the useful but discarded phrase) in statu pupillari, has enabled us to ease the financial burdens on undergraduates through entrance bursaries and to support graduate students on both one-year and doctoral courses with the majority or even in a few instances all of the costs of their postgraduate work. The pleasure of being able to make these awards, and to engage with the donors through Alumni and Development events, has been very real. I have written in the latest issue of The Wheel about the positive impact made by the Senior Tutor’s Counselling Fund on the professional resources the College has been able to devote to the mental welfare of our students, and that too has been an area where I am proud of what we have achieved in recent years and grateful to those who have enabled it.

But what I have mostly done for seventeen years is worry: worry about academic provision and attainment, worry about the strain on my colleagues of dealing with increasing workloads and scant recognition, worry about students with complex and seemingly intractable problems which even seventeen years ago seemed uncommon and now are almost quotidian. The impact of student fees, student debt, an unstable secondary education system and unhelpful government interference in universities have all been challenges which we have struggled with and will continue to in the years to come; I wish I felt I could promise my successor better times ahead, but all the evidence is that the Office for Students (the newly-constituted and powerful body which is now running the English university system) intends to be more aggressively interventionist than its predecessors. Having just allowed universities to ‘register’ with itself, and thereby retain degree-awarding powers, the OfS has imposed ‘special conditions’ relating to Access Bursary Funding on just two, Oxford and Cambridge, by almost any measure the two most globally successful British universities. Truly, Fings ain’t wot they used t’be.

And that, of course, is in many ways a good thing. The College is now more diverse than it was seventeen years ago, let alone the forty-seven since I first joined it, and – while International Women’s Day was a highlight of the past year – it will be excellent for the whole College to join in the celebration of the fortieth year of women’s admission as students in 2019. The year brought a record number of applicants for undergraduate admission to the College – more than a thousand – and I am very...
happy that, notwithstanding the pressure of managing those numbers, Catz (Cath’s if you prefer) still interviewed a higher proportion of its applicants than any other college. This is a community where we have always sought to give everyone the fullest range of opportunities that we are able, and it is fitting that this should apply to entry as well. We have also tried to encourage – and I have sought to foster – a creative, tolerant and – let me risk saying it – a friendly college, with understanding for the difficulties faced by both colleagues and students, a willingness to listen and a sufficient measure of empathy to see how the world looks through others’ eyes. ‘Pray you now, forget and forgive’, says Lear (currently superbly played by Ian McKellen (1958, Honorary Fellow 1982) at the Duke of York’s); I have always aimed for the latter, while the former has become all too easy with the passing years.

Experienced readers will have noted that the Bard has already snuck twice into this piece, and will no doubt expect the usual round-up on Cath’s (Catz if you prefer) thespians. Elsewhere in this issue will be found my obituary on the most influential of them all, Peter Hall (1950, Honorary Fellow 1964), but I would note here that Ian’s Lear – in London as I write; see above – was a triumph when I saw it at Chichester last autumn, whilst Simon Godwin’s (1994) Antony and Cleopatra (with Ralph Fiennes and Sophie Okonedo) opens in September 2018 at the National Theatre and his Timon of Athens (with Kathryn Hunter) at the RSC in December. The boy done good. So, it would appear, has Sam Knights (professional name Haygarth), a more recent graduate (2014), who, after performing in Footlights and as Hamlet here, will shortly grace the screen in Jojo Rabbit, starring Scarlett Johansson. And I must not forget the delight brought to me and several other millions by Paul King’s (1995) Paddington 2, which might even have improved on the first outing; although a third film has been mooted, Ben Whishaw (voice of the Bear) commented that ‘Paul quite rightly needs a break.’

I have left Tripos performance until almost the end this year, but this is not because it was disappointing; in the Tompkins Table (now only published in Varsity), the College rose from nineteenth to tenth place, the biggest upward shift of any college, whilst a smidgeon over 30% of our undergraduates achieved first-class results, the second-highest number [117] after our Annus Mirabilis of 2005 [122] – when we topped Mr Tompkins’s Table – and actually a higher percentage than in that year. In an earlier Magazine column, I commented on some ‘lacklustre’ 2.2 and third-class performances, and our guiltless editor was taken to task by an alumnus for this pejorative description. I accept the rebuke, especially because, in the case of several students struggling with severe academic or personal issues, those results may in fact represent a very real achievement, which I and the fellows involved would wish to celebrate as much as a First elsewhere. But it is only fair (to myself that is) to point out that not all are cases of this sort, and that nowadays only a little over 12% of results are either 2.2 or 3. Of course, an unimpressive Tripos result (or the reverse) is no indication of the success or otherwise of a future career.

So, nearing the end now, let me thank all my friends, colleagues and former students who enabled me finally to see my academic magnum opus into print: The Poetry of Charles Cotton, 2 Vols, cxiv + 669; xv + 831pp (Oxford University Press, 2017); it was a delight to ‘launch’ the sturdy vessel in College in November. And let me report my less selfish delight at the award of a DLitt to Jim McCue (1982) – editor of TS Eliot – and the election to Honorary Fellowships of my former colleague Helen Small (Research Fellow 1990) and student Elaine Ng (1984); these are gifts deserving ‘no curtain before ‘em.’

Thus, dear readers, I come to my final paragraph, opportunely expressing my thanks to all in College for their support over the past seventeen years, to the fellows, the staff and most of all the students – both past and present – and I am confident that Miranda Griffin (Fellow 2006) who takes over this role, will both need and receive the same engaged commitment from all. Those of my readers who know me will also know how much I owe to my wife Wendy, without whose robust support I would never have weathered the storms of office.

Paul Hartle
Last year we reported on a busy, record-breaking year for the Admissions Office. After nearly 800 direct applications to St Catharine’s in the 2016 admissions round, we held our breath as October 2017 approached. Would that success be repeated? Or might 2016’s unprecedented numbers have put off prospective applicants? On 15 October 2017, the closing date for applications to Cambridge, we learned that we had in fact received over 1000 applications. Only Trinity received more applications this year; St Catharine’s had the most applicants across the University in Natural Sciences, History, English and Modern and Medieval Languages. In a year that saw a 7.6% increase in applicants to Cambridge overall, St Catharine’s applications shot up by 31%.

It is difficult to be sure which has been the most important factor in this dramatic continued increase in applications. One of the principal reasons is surely our augmented presence at the University open days, when we are able to capitalise on our central location and open, inviting architecture. Many College fellows dedicate a significant portion of their time to outreach work, visiting schools to discuss their particular areas of expertise; and talking to parties of school pupils who visit the College to find out what it is like to be taught by experts in their chosen field of studies. Another great strength is our charming student ambassadors, who greet prospective candidates on these days and show them around College. Indeed, meeting current students is the best way for prospective applicants to imagine themselves thriving at what might otherwise seem a daunting institution. However, we are well aware that not all bright school pupils interested in studying at Cambridge are able to travel to open days, so we have also increased our web and social media profile to ensure we are communicating with students virtually as well as in person. And thanks to the generosity of some of the College’s donors, we can subsidise travel to Cambridge for some prospective students and candidates who would otherwise struggle to afford to make the journey.

St Catharine’s is committed to interviewing as many candidates whose applications indicate that they have a realistic chance of attaining our standard offer for the subject for which they are applying (A*A for most Arts and Humanities subjects and Veterinary Science; A*A*A for Science subjects, as well as Maths and Economics). Over 800 applicants were invited to St Catharine’s for interview in early December. The enormous logistical challenges this posed could only be overcome with the commitment and efficiency of all the College staff, in particular Lucy Murray, our Admissions Coordinator. When interview candidates arrived, they were met by our student ambassadors who guided them to their interviews, chatted about what to expect, and were founts of calm and reassurance on a nerve-racking day. Feedback from both successful and unsuccessful applicants indicated that the friendly welcome they received on the day of their interview made a huge difference to this challenging process.

We realise that the chances of success may not seem high to prospective applicants. When we give presentations at open days or schools, we remind our audiences that the University receives approximately five applications for every available place. However, despite this year’s large number of candidates, around one in four St Catharine’s applicants received an offer from Cambridge, either from Catz or from another college through the pool – showing there was quality as well as quantity in this year’s candidates.

We are delighted to report that 77% of our UK applications came from the state sector, and that the same percentage of our incoming freshers from the UK are also from this sector. We now look forward to
welcoming this new cohort to St Catharine’s at the beginning of Michaelmas term – and building on this year’s admissions success.

In other news, Jessy Ahluwalia, our Schools Liaison Officer, left to pursue new career opportunities in London. We were sorry to see her leave, but delighted to welcome Kathryn Singleton to replace her. Kathryn continues Jessy’s vital work in forging and maintaining links with schools in our link areas (Suffolk, Rutland and North Yorkshire), as well as liaising with the Access Project and the Brilliant Club – two organisations committed to encouraging more young people from diverse backgrounds to aspire to education at the best universities. Miranda Griffin steps down as Admissions Tutor at the end of August to take up her new role as Senior Tutor. She will be replaced by Dr Ivan Scales (Fellow 2008).

Shifting into the first person, Miranda writes ‘I’d like to say what a privilege it has been to work in Admissions over the past three years. It has been a delight to work with David Bainbridge and Lucy Murray, as well as our excellent Schools Liaison Officers. I am confident that they, along with Ivan Scales, will continue to work hard to make sure that St Catharine’s attracts and recruits the most brilliant and promising candidates from a wide range of backgrounds.’

Miranda Griffin and David Bainbridge

REPORT FROM THE FELLOW IN DEVELOPMENT

During the 2017–8 academic year, more than a thousand of our Members and friends together donated £2.1 million to St Catharine’s. Such tremendous generosity will mean so much in terms of student support, investment in College facilities, and teaching and research. On behalf of the Master, fellows and students, I thank everyone who supported the College last year.

I want to use this opportunity to draw particular attention to the achievements of the College’s Annual Fund, as it is a story that demonstrates clearly the value of many individual donations. While a typical gift is less than £200, the combined value of more than 700 individual donations has made a significant impact, including:

• 90 undergraduate Entrance Bursaries.
• Seven graduate bursaries (MPhil and PhD).
• 55 Annual Fund Sports Bursaries for students playing 27 sports at College and/or University level
• Funding for the College Library’s digitisation project which enables free access for anyone, anywhere, to our unique collections via the University Library website.
• Grants to support language courses, internships and electives.
• Support for the College’s Graduate Symposium and International Women’s Day celebration.
• Funds for the development of CatzConnect, the College’s forthcoming peer-to-peer networking and mentoring platform for students and alumni.

I hope that these examples illustrate what donations of all sizes can mean for our students, and I encourage everyone to consider supporting St Catharine’s with a gift to the Annual Fund. Details can be found on the College website: www.caths.cam.ac.uk/annual-fund. Alternatively, please do feel welcome to contact Mr Guy Lawrenson, our Senior Development Executive, on +44 (0)1223 338334 or via giving@caths.cam.ac.uk.

Our thriving events calendar has allowed us to welcome hundreds of you back to St Catharine’s this past year. With the dates for our forthcoming Reunion Dinners now finalised, I thought it might be helpful to share these (overleaf):
‘Many of the happiest messages received in my e-mail inbox are the expressions of thanks from students who have benefited from the Annual Fund in helping them with learning additional foreign languages, pursuing their sporting passions or, crucially, enabling them – via the St Catharine’s Entrance Bursaries – to live and work without the financial concerns that an award of up to £1,000 can substantially alleviate or entirely remove.’
Dr Paul Hartle (1971, English; Fellow and Senior Tutor)

‘Arriving in Cambridge was a transformative experience for me. The generosity of our alumni via my bursary helps quite significantly to alleviate the financial aspect of this challenge. It is because of such generosity that I can focus on pursuing my goals without having to worry about not having enough money to live a normal university life.’
Saif Jalali (2016, Law), Entrance Bursary recipient

Ten Years On (2008) – Friday 8 February 2019  
Members’ Reunion 1956–62 – Saturday 30 March 2019  
Members’ Reunion 1988–90 – Saturday 14 September 2019  
Ten Years On (2009) – Friday 7 February 2020  
Members’ Reunion 1963–66 – Saturday 28 March 2020  
Members’ Reunion 1991–93 – Saturday 12 September 2020

In addition to welcoming so many of you back to your College, the Master and I have enjoyed meeting Members at Society events including the London Dinner at the Reform Club, a gathering for the North West branch in Manchester, a luncheon for the Wessex branch, and a lecture and dinner in Edinburgh for the Scottish branch.

We have also hosted Members events in San Francisco, Vancouver, Hong Kong and New York. In April this year, the 1473 Asia Pacific Gala was hosted in Singapore by Elaine Ng (1984, English) and Kenneth Tan (1993, Economics).

I would like to offer a special thanks this year to Sir Michael (1955, Economics; Fellow Commoner) and Lady Heller (Fellow Commoner) who kindly hosted the 10th 1473 Foundation Gala in College in January, as well as to Rich Nichols (1984, Economics) in whose offices we held the annual Economics reception in March, and to James Witter (1982, NatSci) who hosted a consultation with our Members in his London offices in May.

Back in Cambridge the Woodlark Society continues to grow. Founded to celebrate those who remember St Catharine’s in their Will, the Society’s membership has increased by more than 25 percent since 2008. In addition to the luncheon and talk in December 2017 (see report later in this Magazine) and the 2018 Summer Garden Party, Woodlarkians and their guests will join us for a luncheon in College in December. This will include a lecture by Professor Jeff Dalley (2007, Psychology, Fellow) on The Inflamed Mind: new ideas on the puzzling relationship between stress and depression. This will be followed by drinks in the Master’s Lodge hosted by Sir Mark and Lady Welland, and then lunch in Hall. The programme will be rounded off with a short presentation by the Master regarding the College’s Strategic Plan, in the Ramsden Room in the early afternoon.

Lastly, I would like to introduce two new members of my team in the Alumni and Development Office.

CatzConnect

Earlier in the year, the College took the decision to invest in CatzConnect: an online peer-to-peer networking and mentoring platform for students and alumni.

We understand the value that many Members place on the social and professional contacts available through the College community, while sharing professional advice and expertise with current students can be one of the most valuable and rewarding ways in which to support St Catharine’s. It is pleasing that so many Members are attending College events, and the enthusiasm with which Members agree to provide careers advice to students, be it one-to-one or at events such as the Careers Society’s annual dinner, is always uplifting.

CatzConnect will enable many more such interactions. Alumni can make use of an online directory supported by a variety of filters and search functions; all users can choose to sync their CatzConnect and LinkedIn profiles, while retaining control over what information is shared with others; and those interested in seeking or offering mentoring can select from a wide variety of opportunities.

I am grateful to the alumni and students who have helped us to develop this new service. CatzConnect will launch in January, with further details to be distributed by email.
Mrs Rachel Lawson joined us earlier this year as Deputy Development Director, and Miss Imogen Black joined the team in September as Development Officer.

If you are passing through Cambridge, please do call into the Alumni and Development Office (in A1, next to the Porters’ Lodge), and for any enquiries do not hesitate to contact us by telephone (01223 338337) or email development.director@caths.cam.ac.uk.

Deborah Loveluck

LIBRARY REPORT

For twenty years or more, people have been worrying that the internet is going to obliterate libraries. This attitude misunderstands what libraries are for, and what they can do. Libraries are crucibles of change, workshops for new knowledge, not dusty bookrooms; librarians have been coping with technological revolution since the invention of parchment, first widely used at the ancient library of Pergamum in Asia Minor. At St Catharine’s, we embrace these changes. We were, after all, one of the first colleges to bring computers into our libraries in the 1980s.

So the Easter Vacation saw our silence disturbed by the whirring of drills and the clacking of network cables as we upgraded our wireless facilities, future-proofing ourselves for a few years at least. With many other colleges, we implemented new library management software in partnership with the University Library in January. We’ve continued to collaborate with the University Library, and our colleagues across other college libraries, to source, purchase, promote and encourage the use of ebooks. Ebooks – as publishers and lazy journalists are finally coming to realize – aren’t a rival to, or a replacement for, printed books. Books and ebooks are complementary media. There is space, and need, for both in the library ecosystem.

The collaboration across the Collegiate University which underpins the College Library service exists for our oldest materials as well as our newest. Our two magnificent thirteenth-century Bibles can now be viewed in high-resolution through the Cambridge University Digital Library, along with several other manuscripts, rare books and archival items. Putting digital surrogates of these Bibles online has already led to several important discoveries about their previous ownership and use. The existence of digital copies has led to more, not fewer, requests to view the material objects in person. High-quality digitization and good digital infrastructure enable remote study, but also provoke questions that only encounters with physical volumes can answer.

Still we buy books – about a thousand new items last year, pulled from reading lists, academic recommendations and student requests. With contributions raised through the Annual Fund, we bought a book once owned by Mary Ramsden. And then, as outlined in the article by Dr Peter Wothers on the Periodic Table later in this Magazine, we received an extraordinary gift from an alumnus, which enabled us to buy a first edition of Dmitri Mendeleev’s Principles of Chemistry, the book in which a periodic table of the chemical elements was first printed. The gift also allowed us to buy many other volumes which contextualize Mendeleev’s discovery, situate it in the intellectual environment of his time, and trace its development until the end of the nineteenth-century. It is this mix of the old and the new which makes a College Library thrive.

Colin Higgins
Publications

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

- **Brundin, Abigail** (Fellow 2000), Deborah Howard and Mary Laven. *The sacred home in Renaissance Italy.*
- **Culliford, Larry** (1968, Medicine). *Seeking wisdom: A spiritual manifesto.*
- **Egeler, Matthias** (Fellow 2010). *Islands in the west: Classical myth and the medieval Norse and Irish geographical imagination.*
- **Elliott, Mark** (Fellow 1999), **Jack Williams** (2009, Law) and Alison L. Young. *The UK constitution after Miller: Brexit and beyond.*
- **Garbutt, John** (1951, English). *Selected poems.*
- **Hartley, Nick** (1962, Economics). *The prince of privateers: Bridger Goodrich and his family in America, Bermuda and Britain, 1775–1825.*
- **Sutherland, William J.** (Fellow 2008), et al. *What works in conservation 2018.*
- **Sweeney, Emma Clare** (1998, English) and Emily Midorikawa. *A secret sisterhood: The hidden friendships of Austen, Brontë, Eliot and Woolf.*
- **Warner, Francis** (1956, English, Honorary Fellow 1999) and David Goode. *Four songs of time’s return: Vocal score.*
- **Warner, Francis** (1956, English, Honorary Fellow 1999) and David Goode. *A legend’s carol: Full score.*
In the depths of winter, just before Christmas, after all the undergraduates had gone down and the first flurries of snow had fallen, we held our inaugural Christmas Luminaria in the Main Court of College. The walls of main court were lit with bright colours, a stage was set in the middle of the lawn and a huge fire prepared in a free-standing fire pit. Open to all in order to showcase our Girls’ Choir and welcome members of the public into the College, over 400 people gathered around the court, drinking mulled wine and singing carols before the bell rang, the crowd hushed and the girls’ voices echoed around our self-made amphitheatre. The girls processed into the court from under the original front gateway and arch, carrying candles and singing, before the lighting of the fire to the strains of the *Phos Hilaron*, the ancient Christian hymn that starts our service of Luminaria sung regularly on Tuesday nights. The fire took, after a moment of doubt and a swift prayer muttered under breath, and the Lord mercifully gave us a break of moonlight between two bands of rain to enable a stunning service, a beautiful performance, and a new Christmas event in the College calendar.

With this highlight the year has followed the patterns of worship and prayer with faithfulness and creativity. We had two sermon series on Sunday evenings, the first commemorating the Reformation, with the Rev’d Dr Hannah Cleugh, The Rev’d Dr Canon Jeremy Worthen, Professor Richard Rex, Peter Stanford, the Venerable Cherry Vann and the Rev’d Professor Canon Mark Chapman all contributing from the perspective of historians, theologians, the Church of England’s Renewal and Reform programme, and the Ecumenical Relations. We followed this up with a series on Faith in the Media, with Claire Foster-Gilbert from the Westminster Abbey Institute, the Rt Rev’d Martin Seeley, Martin Bashir from the BBC, Andrew Brown from the Guardian, the Rev’d Charlotte Bannister-Parker and the Rev’d Canon Dr Alison Joyce. A rich polyphony of voices and perspectives to enrich the service of Choral Evensong.

As I sit down to write we have just finished a mid-week service entitled ‘Praise Loops and Divine Samples’ with James Welland premiering a choral and electronic setting of the Magnificat, a performance of the extraordinary *Jesus’ Blood Never Failed Me Yet* by Gavin Bryers, with the choir doubling as an orchestra using their multifaceted musical talents, and modular synthesizer music underpinning thematic reflections on the Magnificat in light of the plight of the homeless. Very different but just one of the ways in which we try to continue to uphold the best of our traditions while also being creative.

We also had a wonderful retreat this year at the Community of the Resurrection in Mirfield, where we spent the *Triduum* from Maundy Thursday to Easter Monday, enjoying both the silence and the liturgies, as well as the hospitality of the Community and College.

From the register we have baptized Richard Rogan, Katrine Ermgairsen, and Eugenie Bailhache, baptized and confirmed Beatrice Greenhalgh and Céline Sun (2017, Theology) and confirmed Nathan Jenkins (2015, NatSci). We married Rebecca Park (2010, Engineering) and James Hutchings (2010, Engineering), Catherine Scahill (2003, NatSci) and Adrian Barker, and Naomi Arnold (2010, NatSci) and Samuel Cox (2010, Maths) and held the funeral service for our Honorary Fellow, Professor Sir Alan Battersby, in the College Chapel and his Memorial Service in the University Church.

David Neaum
THE COMMEMORATION SERMON

Below are the concluding paragraphs of the Commemoration Day sermon, preached on St Catharine’s Day 2017 by the Dean of Chapel, the Rev’d Dr David Neaum:

The Church of England, largely by historical accident, finds itself in the position of being culturally embedded within the ancient institutions of English public life. In most of its forms the Church of England now exhibits an understanding of this privilege as a responsibility; the responsibility to keep open the space within public discourse for values and the deep value-laden traditions of our society. I feel fortunate here at St Catharine’s that the Chapel, and its sometimes strange and archaic traditions, are widely supported, and not just by those who are Christian but by those who hold very different faiths and indeed by those with no faith. This support, I think, comes from the way in which so many of you have an appreciation and attentiveness in your own lives to the very values that imbue religious traditions, and want to see them flourish wherever they are found – even if some of the trappings aren’t your cup of tea.

The culture of benefaction, that we are gathered here in part to express our gratitude for, and indeed the culture of gratitude itself, are a part of these deep value laden traditions. Within the Christian tradition, the very concept of God as Trinity can be construed as a pattern of reciprocal self-giving in love for the other, where each person gives and forgives seeking one another’s good within a shared pursuit of the common good. The desired end of Christian life is reconciliation after rupture, peace as social harmony, and individual flourishing within the mutual benefit of all. Gratitude is the response to realising that everything is a gift and that to receive with gratitude is to be free to give again. Of course in the Christian tradition we wrap this up as a paradox and then disguise it as an enigma and call it the Trinity. But really it is just another way of saying we understand God to be love.

So as we commemorate our founder and benefactors and the patronage of St Catharine of Alexandria, I hope that we are drawn again to realise the extraordinary gifts we have received as an institution and indeed how much we receive as individuals who are now members of this institution. I suspect that most of the time we are all very aware of this, but particularly at the end of a busy term I hope that this day’s opportunity to give thanks enables us to liberally give of ourselves afresh – to give of ourselves to our teaching and research, to our studies and to our support and encouragement of one another. To give our whole selves from out of the deep values that make us who we are and contribute to making this such a rich college in our benefaction towards the common good.
There is nothing average about the average St Catharine’s Choir Music List. In any given term you will find, liberally peppering the usual Anglican offerings, little-known treasures from the 15th and 16th centuries, Byzantine chant and Medieval conductus, as well as contemporary works featuring live electronics. That all this is possible is a tribute to the versatility, patience and tolerance of our musicians and chapel community. Within the relatively narrow confines of our nevertheless beautiful chapel, we encompass as wide a world of musical expression as any of our larger counterparts.

The focus of the College Choir for much of this year has been the music of the Late Middle Ages and Renaissance. With a disc of music from the French Reformation (Mon Dieu me paist: available on the Resonus Classics label) released in March, the choir has been working on the repertoire for the next CD, this one devoted to Renaissance motets in honour of St Catharine. The majority of this programme was recorded in the summer, and includes English works which would have been fresh and modern in the ears of our College’s founders in 1473. This music featured in the choir’s March concert at the Temple Church in London, alongside a substantial anthem for St Catharine’s Day composed by David Goode with words by Francis Warner; a welcome revival of a piece first performed in 2004, and here accompanied by the composer himself.

As a bracing palate-cleanser, the College Choir also premiered a new Magnificat by James Welland as part of a special service involving choir, instruments and live electronics. The Welland was coupled with Gavin Bryars’s moving, contemplative Jesus’ blood never failed me yet, a minimalist work which has achieved something like cult status since its creation in the 1980s. The Choir’s programme for its summer trip to Italy was, by contrast, traditional, as befitting the magnificent basilicas of Crema, Milan and Lodi in which we were singing. Sunday morning mass in the Basilica Sant’Ambrogio in Milan was a particular highlight, as was the opportunity to work with the choir of the Catholic University of Milan on Scarlatti’s sumptuous Stabat mater.

The Girls’ Choir’s opportunity to experience grandeur came in the form of a performance of Mahler’s Eighth Symphony in Ely Cathedral in July, and the UNICEF Carol Concert in a packed St Paul’s Cathedral. The Girls give all the appearance of taking these big occasions in their stride; but even for them our new outdoor Christmas Luminaria event presented something of a challenge, not least singing a Latin hymn off-by-heart while processing, lanterns in hand, across a darkened Main Court. But nobody tripped, nobody’s music ignited and the event – to be repeated this year – represents a notable addition to the Cambridge Christmas calendar. See also the Chapel Report.

The Girls’ Choir has grown every year, with more talented children from around Cambridge wishing to join than ever before. The choir is now in the high twenties; ten more than when it started in 2008. And as we prepare for our tenth anniversary, it has been useful to remind ourselves of the characteristics which makes this ensemble distinct from any other choir in the UK: its accessibility by girls from any school, its breadth of activities including both regular chapel services and numerous outside engagements, and its commitment to outreach activities such as the Stem in Song initiative. This project, intended to encourage girls to engage in the STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics), has resulted in a video, to be released in September, whose backing track features a newly commissioned song with words by Isabella Bridge – winner of our Stem in Song competition. Keep an eye out for it this year; coming to a social media site near you.

This year a third vocal ensemble was created, albeit temporarily, to represent the College for a fund-raising event in Singapore. The St Catharine’s Consort – consisting of eight singers – took the
opportunity to augment their trip with a concert at St Andrew’s Cathedral, Singapore, and a workshop with a local choir. And at this point special mention must be made of our sole organist for the year, Owen Reid, who multi-tasked throughout the year as accompanist, recitalist, countertenor and tenor (sometimes all in one concert). We wish him all the best in his new job in Dallas.

Edward Wickham

THE KELLAWAY CONCERT SERIES

The Cambridge concert scene is a busy one, and bewildering to those attempting to pick their way through the listings calendar unprepared. But over the past fifteen years, the Kellaway Series has gained a reputation for consistency and innovation, as witnessed by the loyalty and indeed forebearance of its audiences. For there are few who would, without this reassurance, attend concerts of contemporary jazz and pastoral partsong; of music from the Californian avant-garde and the Baroque. Kellaway audiences, it seems, are up for pretty much anything.

We began the season with Stravinsky – a performance of The Soldier’s Tale directed by St Catharine’s student William Barnes-McCallum. And St Catharine’s students (past) featured in The Godwine Choir’s programme of rarely-heard choral songs by Holst and Dyson, which they have recently committed to disc. Near contemporary yet an aesthetic world away is the music of Hungarian Matyás Seiber, whose outstanding Third String Quartet – every bit as good as the Bartok quartets – featured in a recital by The Villiers Quartet.

By far the most daring concert title of the season was provided by The Vocal Constructivists – Threnody for the Hieroglyphic Cicada – a programme of improvisatory polyphony inspired by the work of Pauline Oliveros. Those of us who attended the afternoon workshop were invited to commune with our fellow musicians through vocalisations which took on a ritualistic, incantatory form; and in the choir added to this simple movement and gesture.

For visual stimulation this could only be equalled by the sight of two Steinway grand pianos in Chapel, put to work by piano duettists Nora and Zora Novotny; their appearance made possible through the generosity of an alumnus donor. And the season finale was suitably grand: a performance involving the joint choirs of St Catharine’s and the Hong Kong Polytechnic University of Scarlatti’s Stabat mater: a treat for our loyal audience from the repertorial dessert trolley after so many challenging courses.

Edward Wickham
The College Boatman, Steve Summerlee, decided to retire from the post after almost 43 years of service to the College. Successive Bursars and Amalgamated Clubs’ Senior Treasurers have been very grateful for all of Steve’s hard work and dedication to College rowing over that long period.

The College Gardener Alan Kidd also decided to retire, in his case after well over 20 years of service to the College. The College is grateful for Alan’s diligent care of the many lawns and gardens around our estate over so many years.

Bursar Simon Summers writes ‘We thank both Steve and Alan for their many years of service and we wish them both a long, happy and healthy retirement.’

Lauren Thomas (Communications) is a member of Ely Runners and was the first female home over 5,000 metres in the Waterbeach Running Festival held on the old RAF site. Over 700 entrants ran to raise money for the local school.

Rodney Barton, Chief Clerk and Manciple of St Catharine’s from 1960 to 1996, married Merle Smith at Fen Ditton Church in 1958 – see Notices in this Magazine for the announcement of their Diamond Wedding. Since retirement Rodney has been Treasurer, Churchwarden and now Verger at All Saints Church, Haslingfield, Cambridge. He writes ‘We have been very fortunate to have good health, and so enjoyed our retirement years.’
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
- Michael Rivera (PhD in Biological Anthropology) *There’s plenty of fish in the sea: coastal living and eating in the prehistoric Baltics*
- Basile Wicky (PhD in Chemistry) *Take it with a pinch of salt: revisiting a century-old phenomenon in the context of protein disorder*
- Natasha Watts (PhD in Geography) *Investing for impact: finance and farming in the Southern Highlands of Tanzania*
- David Battersby (PhD in Chemistry) *High-throughput Chemistry: The art of doing more with less*

Lent Term
- Sarah Foley (PhD in Sociology (Centre for Family Research)) *Great Expectations? Do Mothers’ and Fathers’ Prenatal Thoughts and Feelings about the Infant Predict Parent-Infant Interaction Quality? A Meta-Analytic Review*
- Etienne Fodor (Junior Research Fellow in Mathematics) *Statistical mechanics of active matters: dynamics and structure of self-propelled particles.*
- Anca Serban (PhD in Geography) *Can we have it all? Feeding a hungry world while conserving biodiversity.*

Easter Term
- Rachel Seary (PhD in Geography) *Mangroves, fisheries and community livelihoods – Case studies of Indonesia and Cambodia*
PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

The subject for the 2018 Photography Competition was *The people of St Catharine’s*. Judged by Sir Mark and Lady Welland, the winner this year was First Year Student Emma Hide with her picture taken in the Sherlock Library. In second place, second year student Hebe Hunter-Gordon submitted an image of fellow Dr Jessica Gwynne, which was taken as part of the International Women’s Day celebrations at the College in March: The College Communications Officer Lauren Thomas was third with her photo of Fellow Commoner Dr Glen Cavaliero taken at his 90th birthday celebrations and which appeared in the 2017 Magazine. PhD student Frances St George-Hyslop was highly commended for her snowy photo. Pictures from the competition have been used for fronting sections in the Magazine.
JCR REPORT

It has been a delight to take over the reins of Catz JCR this year. I owe a great deal to Dylan Carroll and the previous committee who have steered me through the transition. All members of the JCR, past and present, will share my gratitude for the time and effort they put in to make Catz a second home. Once again, the JCR welcomed a new cohort of freshers admitted in Catz’s most competitive year of applications yet. True to their reputation, they have thrown themselves at every opportunity that’s come their way. In the Lent term, thoughts turned to the new committee elections. A record 37 candidates stood for election, a testament to the good work of the previous committee in encouraging so many freshers to get involved.

There was a lot of novelty for the JCR this year. The constitution was updated to introduce liberation officers formally onto the committee providing them with voting rights to better reflect the diversity we have at Catz. Despite having no predecessors to learn from, they hit the ground running. Our international officer, Gaia Reyes, interviewed international students at Catz as part of a project called ‘Fresher off the Boat’. In doing so she has made the transition process for those coming not just to a new city, but to a new country, that little bit easier. In order to celebrate International Women’s Day, our women’s officer, Esther Raffell, arranged a formal dinner in Hall showcasing women’s artwork alongside several fantastic women speakers across the evening. Esther also worked alongside the female welfare officer, Maddy Rose, to introduce free tampons and sanitary products in the women’s and gender neutral toilets; work which has been continued by their successors.

The VP, Alex Wallace, has been instrumental in bringing a new discipline and organisation to the JCR allowing us to be more productive. Our academic affairs officer, Ben Norris, has worked tirelessly alongside the Librarian, Colin Higgins, to make Catz a comfortable place to work by introducing revision snacks in the bar, and purchasing laptop stands. To complement the good work of the Admissions Office in making Catz the second most popular college, our access officer, Ashley Woodvine, has continued to promote University-wide access and outreach schemes, such as being a CAMbassador or a CambTweeter. She’s also helped to implement a scheme to reward people for visiting schools to give Oxbridge admissions talks and produced an alternative prospectus ready for the summer open days. Catering & facilities officer, Nina Cisneros, has successfully introduced ice cream in Hall, pancakes at brunch and invested in more airbeds to match the increased demand.

In an effort to make the JCR more cosy and homely, a PS4 has been acquired along with a selection of board games. Plans are in place to reinvigorate the room through decorations on the walls, and potential insurance for bikes, laptops and other valuables thanks to our treasurer, Maisam Merali.

There’s been a notable increase in interaction between the committee and the rest of the JCR which can be largely attributed to the introduction of an anonymous form. This allowed the JCR to be held more accountable as we could receive and act on authentic, unrestrained feedback. Our new communications officer, Timo Wilken, took this concept further by developing an anonymous messaging platform built into the JCR website (which he also updated) allowing for an anonymous dialogue between the JCR and its members.

Charity has always been at the forefront of what we do and this year was no different. Former charities officer, Kate Merry, created a Charities Bulletin to publicise various causes. Her successor,
Lukha Aggarwal, seamlessly took over introducing us to novel ideas such as ‘tab for a cause’ which raises money for charity by simply opening new tabs from your computer/laptop. A YMCA Sleep Easy was hosted at Catz sports pitches to help young people who are sleeping rough find more permanent accommodation. With our help, YMCA raised over £12,000! This year we allowed members to suggest charities to which the JCR should donate. In light of the particularly cold weather this Lent, the collective £529 raised by the JCR was split between Sarcoma UK (a personal request from a JCR member) and Jimmy’s Cambridge. Sarcoma is a rare cancer that develops in the bones and soft tissues, and the money donated will be put into research, information/support and education about sarcoma. Jimmy’s Cambridge is a local charity that helps look after the homeless in the local area, providing them with food and shelter so they are able to survive the winter conditions.

On the environmental front, our environmental officers, Dylan Amin & Chloe Newbold, were incredibly proactive in leading Catz to victory in the NUS Student Switch Off winning 100 tubs of Ben & Jerry’s ice cream for the third time in the past four attempts. Through this campaign, the NUS raises awareness about climate change and energy-saving by emphasising the importance of switching off lights and appliances when not in use. Chloe has also worked to get rid of disposable cups from the College bar and, from October, all freshers will be provided with a free reusable cup in the fresher’s pack. In order to celebrate Green Week, she has organised the first JCR Green Formal due to take place in Michaelmas.

For this upcoming year: treasurer, Maisam Merali, is working on acquiring a licence for public viewing; accommodation officer, Paul Gardner, hopes to make a database of room photos; catering & facilities officer, Nina Cisneros, is looking into acquiring a portable oven for the JCR; and our freshers reps, Beth Hermaszewska and Ollie Evans, are well under way to ensure next years cohort have the best time at Catz.

It only remains for me to offer my thanks. I wish all the best to those leaving us and we are grateful for the work they’ve done to make Catz what it is today. Naturally, the College would not be as special as it is without our friendly bedders, talented kitchen staff, very proactive maintenance staff, understanding librarians and dedicated and inspiring fellows. As the friendly front of College, our porters are very approachable, and the Master has been especially keen to work and build stronger relations with the JCR. This year Simon Summers, Dr Peter Wothers, Craig Driver, Martin Cullum, Lauren Thomas, Dr David Bainbridge, Revd Dr David Neaum, Dr John Xuereb and Rob Jonas have all been incredibly helpful and supportive of JCR endeavours for which we are very appreciative. I’d like to give a special thanks to the outgoing Senior Tutor, Dr Paul Hartle, who has always been there to advise and guide us in all our efforts and the JCR look forward to working closely with Dr Miranda Griffin in the future. It has been an honour to work alongside so many dedicated individuals all striving to improve the lives of everyone here at Catz.

President: Muhammed Khan

MCR REPORT

The MCR has had a busy year. As co-presidents we would like to take this opportunity to share a few of our highlights.

From the beginning of the year, the provision of graduate support has been extremely important to both of us, as something we began to pursue in our previous committee roles as education and welfare officers. With the support of our new education officer, Alice Porter, we are delighted to say that an additional Graduate Tutor will be joining Dr Peter Wothers and Dr Jess Gwynne in October.

Our education and welfare officers, Alice Porter and Frances St George Hyslop, have done a great job
to further graduate support, acting as key points of contact throughout the year and reinstating regular welfare/education drop-in sessions. In her role as education officer, Alice has also maintained the Sunday afternoon mini-seminars, which provide graduate students with an opportunity to share and discuss their research with fellow MCR members. Similarly, as welfare officer, Frances has had a busy year ensuring that the graduates receive the support they need, pointing people in the right direction. She has organised numerous welfare events including walks to Grantchester and the College’s inaugural, and very popular, puppy therapy day. In May, we held the third Graduate Research Symposium, organised by a committee led by our education officer, Alice Porter, and Annabel Taylor. This is reported separately below.

Outside of academic matters, this year the MCR decided to make a charity commitment to support homeless people in Cambridge. The committee now buys a weekly *Big Issue*, from different sellers around the city. We also took part in the annual YMCA Sleep Easy Challenge, hosted by Catz and in tandem with this, set up a donation box for clothes and toiletries in the bar – thank you to those who donated! The YMCA Trinity Group provide emergency and short-term accommodation for homeless young people. In 2016–7 their accommodation at Queen Anne House, Cambridge, was able to provide a safe place to stay for over 250 young people who had nowhere else to turn. The Sleep Easy raised over £12,000, beating last year’s total. On a cold, wet night in March lying under a sheet of tarpaulin, on a bed of cardboard, we could hear the snores of Sleep Easy veterans and the restless rustling of newbies – all in the safe confines of the Catz pitches. Our Sleep Easy was not! But we were warm, dry, safe and when the event ended we were able to go home to our beds. For homeless people they’re not safe and there is no alternative – for them ‘sleep easy’ is an every night challenge! We hope that this annual event will continue to be supported by Catz, and we would strongly encourage people to come along next year.

Formal Hall dinners remain a crucial part of the MCR social calendar, providing an opportunity for our members to come together each week and enjoy pre- and post-prandial entertainment. Within these, our ‘themed formals’, frequently held in tandem with Bops, are a particular highlight of every term. The MCR held Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas Formals in Michaelmas term; Burn’s Night, complete with traditional haggis, toasts to the lads and the lassies, poetry readings and a post-dinner ceilidh, Valentine’s and St Patrick’s Day formals in Lent term; as well as an Easter formal in ‘Exam’ term before rounding off the year with the Midsummer Formal and Bop, which this year had a 1920s theme and included a jazz band and casino.

A notable addition to Formal Hall this year was the introduction of a Green/Vegan Formal, held in February, which used only local produce. This was organised by our green officer, Iacopo Russo, formal officer, Jonny Davidson, and food & drink officer, Conrad Watt, in collaboration with the College Conference & Catering team, and will now become a regular feature running once a term next year. In addition to the Green Formal, our diligent Catz students also had the highest level of participation in the *Student Switch Off* climate quiz, winning the desirable prize of 100 tubs of Ben and Jerry’s ice-cream, which was then used in Easter (‘Exam’) term as part of an ‘Ice-Cream De-Stress’ event.

As well as Formal Hall, our social team, Julien Mahin and Dermot Trainor, have put on a wide and varied series of events this year. This has included international film nights, walks to Grantchester, board game and karaoke nights as well as the exceptionally well-received St Catharine’s College concert held in the SCR, which showcased the musical talents of JCR and MCR members alike.

Throughout the year the MCR has had a number of key issues to deal with, not least graduate accommodation. This led to the introduction of a new committee role, that of accommodation officer, Joe Cooper, to act as a liaison with College in discussions about security, rent, and how to allocate rooms given the ever-increasing numbers of graduates. Through all of this our treasurer, Fynn Krause, has been on hand not only to ensure our budgets remain balanced and keep us in line, but also to help
us find ways to provide the MCR with the best value for money possible.

All of this and more was recorded and shared by our secretary, Helen Wilkes, in the weekly newsletters and by our computer officer, Souradip Mookerjee, on our brand new, and very snazzy, MCR website.

We have learnt a lot during our time as co-presidents; it has been hard work and at times incredibly challenging but we have been supported by numerous people, our committee, and by College fellows and staff.

We would like to thank the porters and Dave Dove, the bar staff, especially Craig Driver, front of house, Conference & Catering – in particular Lynne Bushell, Robert Jonas and Martin Cullum. We would also like to thank the Master, Sir Mark Welland, Deborah Loveluck, Dr Philip Oliver, Lauren Thomas and Catriona Wilson for all of their advice and support. Additionally we would like to thank the core team at College who have provided much advice and many a cup of coffee! Dr Peter Wothers and Dr Jess Gwynne our Graduate Tutors, Dr Hester Lees-Jefferies for stepping-in as Graduate Tutor in Michaelmas term, Rev’d Dr David Neaum, Dr John Xuereb, and Simon Summers. Thank you to Bethan Lewis and her predecessor Rosie Bell.

A huge thanks, not just from us, but from MCRs past and present to Dr Paul Hartle who has served as Senior Tutor for 17 years and to Dr Miranda Griffin who has been shadowing as the Senior Tutor elect.

A final thanks to the MCR members and our Committee, for their tireless efforts in delivering a jam-packed year. Jonny Davidson (Formal Hall), Conrad Watt (Food and Drink), Souradip Mookerjee (Computer), Iacopo Russo (Green), Frances St George-Hyslop (Welfare), Alice Porter (Education), Helen Wilkes (Secretary), Fynn Krause (Treasurer), Joe Cooper (Accommodation), Dermot Trainor and Julien Mahin (Social Secretaries).

We are delighted to be handing over the Co-Presidency to current committee members, Jonny and Frances.

Co-Presidents Sarah Paris and Charlotte Kenealy

THE ST CATHARINE’S GRADUATE SYMPOSIUM

The St Catharine’s College Graduate Symposium took place in May this year, with a trio of eminent female alumni giving keynotes alongside selected student speakers. This event is in its third year and brings together students, staff and alumni to showcase their work; this year we were delighted to have participation from Masters and PhD students alike.

The day was opened by author Dr Felicia Yap (2004, History), who gave an inspiring keynote about her journey from scientist to historian, journalist and author. Felicia also brought along copies of her debut novel, *Yesterday*, for which she was named ‘Rising Star of 2017’ by the *Observer*. Next, beginning the student talks was clinical PhD student Tim Lindsay who described his research into physical activity, advocating the benefits of short bursts of high intensity exercise for those who cannot manage longer periods. Closing this session was PhD student Conrad Watt, who discussed WebAssembly, an open platform which will revolutionise website appearance and functionality.

After a buffet lunch in the OCR, our second alumni guest Promise Knight (2007, English) delivered a moving keynote, describing how her time at College changed her future prospects. She also described the admirable work of the Promise Foundation, which she set up to give young people regular access to mentors in their communities. Following this, MPhil student Hope Doherty shared her evaluation of medical theology and the character Haukyn in the poem *Piers Plowman* by William Langland. PhD student Iacopo Russo then presented his work to develop metal spinning technology, which is an
innovative method to reduce wastage in car parts and other metal component manufacturing.

Our final keynote Dr Annabelle Lewis explained how she uses small changes in people’s DNA to diagnose different types of colorectal cancer. This type of cancer has a particularly low survival rate, but Dr Lewis’s work may help doctors to identify those at risk and begin treatment earlier for improved prognosis. Following this, student Cihat Cengiz gave his insights into how patent lawyers may influence the process of creating intellectual property and detailed how he plans to test this during his PhD. Finally, PhD student Adrian Baez-Ortega showed his impressive analysis of the history of an unusually-transmissible cancer in dogs, tracking it across geographical location by calculating the extent of its mutation in UV light.

Congratulations to all our student presenters who took part and helped make the day a great success. Prizes were given to Conrad Watt and Adrian Baez-Ortega for their talks, who both made their subjects highly accessible and engaging for our audience. The Symposium was followed by drinks and a dinner for student speakers, keynotes, fellows and the Symposium committee, which was highly attended and enjoyed by all.

We would like to thank our MCR co-president Sarah Paris for chairing the event, as well as the Conference & Catering Office, Deborah Loveluck, Guy Lawrensen and the Alumni and Development Office, Kathy Malley, the Bursar, the Fellowship and the Master for their support. Finally, thanks to Alice Porter, Annabel Taylor, Dina Ashour, Ravi Raninga, Souradip Mookerjee, Charlotte Kenealey, Niall Di Lucia, Liz Orrin, Helen Wilkes and Fynn Krause for their contributions in planning the day.

Annabel Taylor

MAY BALL 2018: LUMINESCENCE: LIVING LIGHTS

The May Ball took place on the beautiful, sunny evening of 20 June. This year’s theme was Luminescence: Living Lights which produced a light- and nature-inspired Ball.

For the dining guests, the evening commenced with a drinks reception followed by a delicious dinner in Hall, which had been transformed into a Moonlight Jungle with an elegantly decorated tree taking centre stage. The rest of the guests entered the Ball in record time, less than 40 minutes, thanks to an excellent ticketing system developed by Souradip Mookerjee. The guests enjoyed a glass of bubbles before venturing to the different parts of the Ball. Guests wandering through to Sherlock Court would find the Firefly Grove where they could listen to local talent, such as the Footlights Comedy Troupe, in a secluded spot below draped wisteria while enjoying some sushi. For a more up-beat atmosphere guests could take refuge in the frosty cavern of the Main Stage and dance beneath the stars to our stellar headline lineup of S Club, Blonde, JONES and Artful Dodger. The music was rounded off with a ceilidh dance at 4:30 am. Main Court also featured a variety of food options and a couple of very well-stocked bars, with two highlights being the wheel ice sculpture and the bespoke projections onto the walls.

Annabel Taylor
Moving into Chapel Court would lead guests into The Cove where they could relax on a deck chair under trees lit with fibre optic art. After a rejuvenating milkshake and pizza, guests danced the night away at the silent disco in McGrath under our glowing jelly fish hanging from the ceiling. Venturing down to the Bar, guests would enter The Depths where strange and wonderful colours and creatures sparked their imagination. Here, guests could play Glow in the Dark Ping Pong, indulge in cocktails from award winning mixologists or sing along to Karaoke.

Other highlights of the Ball included a Ball Pit in the OCR, a Casino in the Ramsden Room, Swing Boats in the Car Park, Cheese, Wine & Port in the SCR and a Belly Dance Workshop along with Henna Tattoos in Hall.

Overall, the Ball was a huge success thanks to the tireless efforts of the Committee, as well as the full support of the College fellows and staff throughout the year.

President: Richard Alloway; Vice-President: Lucy Purnell
SOCIETIES

Careers Society
The Annual Catz Careers and Entrepreneurs Society Dinner was held in March 2018. We open positions up to students and ask them the career sector they are interested in and then search for appropriate alumni. We welcomed 31 alumni this year, a record number. Guests included Paul Baumann, the chief financial officer for NHS England, and Michael de Kare-Silver who runs the advisory firm Digital 360 having held the positions as managing director of Argos and CEO of Burberry. If anyone is interested in attending the next Dinner, please contact Emilie via the Careers Society email address careers.society@caths.cam.ac.uk.

President: Lucy Purnell

Catzappella
Catzappella have had another good year, with a bunch of new joiners providing fresh energy as they integrated into the group. As usual, our main highlights are performing at the Catz summer concert and at the May Ball. We had a well-received set at the summer concert, with a particular highlight being the infamous I'm a train. We enjoyed our opening slot on the Sherlock stage at the ball too!

President: Katie Daehn

Engineering Society
This year has been another fun and successful year for the College Engineering Society. The first years joined and quickly cemented themselves together as a good working unit, whilst still playing a big part in the society. I have found that engineers in other colleges will always mention SCCES and having been president for a year I see why. Not only do you receive the famous hardhat, but get a fantastic opportunity to meet, and learn, from fellow Catz engineers in the full spread of years.

In terms of events, we have had socials throughout the year to try to have some fun despite looming coursework and exams. The annual dinner was an excellent affair. With the usual speeches we were sad to hear the last from Dr DeJong and Dr Vadlamani who left us this year. But the highlight of the evening was crowning Yan Yan Cheng as next year's president. She has already set to work in her duties and the annual BBQ, on Catz pitches, ran like clockwork. With a quite shocking level of cricket and football it’s a wonder how we engineers manage to make anything with our lack of co-ordination. I look forward to next year and welcoming next year’s first years into our famous society.

President: James Dougal

Gardening Society
The St Catharine’s Gardening Society has enjoyed its first year as a green initiative in the MCR two years ago. The Society’s main pursuit is to grow vegetables in an allotment by the Catz sports field. Last year’s season came with a lot of lessons, from digging beds to warding off slugs, but also with a successful harvest of courgettes, cucumbers, onions, beans, turnips, carrots, potatoes and berries. Working from last year’s foundation, we have rotated the crops and have also expanded, nearly doubling our space. We are trying again some plants that were difficult last year and hope tomatoes, sweetcorn, melon and peppers will flourish in this summer’s hot weather. We started all of the plants from seed and are happy to see them off to a fantastic start. As we cultivate our veggies, we hope the society will also take root and grow – with new members and with some additional activities, such as container gardening at the residences, and socials.

President: Toby Cowell

Hyperbolics
Michaelmas term began the usual way with the annual pub crawl, welcoming the new faces to the College (plenty of fancy dress involved). We also had our bowling social later in the term, a great excuse to leave the example sheets alone for an evening.

This year, however, saw two of our Part 3 mathmos, James and Paul, set up ‘office hours’; an hour in hall during dinner when any undergrad with an exceptionally tricky problem could ask for a bit of guidance. This later turned into regular seminars in Easter term, specifically for the first years in the lead up to exams.

In Lent term the annual Hyperbolics dinner had a record turn out, and ended with various anecdotes, limericks and jokes being shared around. Paul Minter was elected as the new president and I have no doubt he’ll carry on the great work he has already been doing behind the scenes.

President: Michael Diggin

John Ray Society
The John Ray Society is the College’s Natural Sciences society and is open to all Natural Sciences students. The society has enjoyed another successful year packed with a variety of interesting speaker events.

In Michaelmas term we welcomed Dr Silvia Vignolini who spoke about her work on how colours arise from the nanostructures in plants, and Dr Sohini Kar-Narayan introduced us to the field of energy harvesting devices and how they could potentially revolutionise how we power our society.

In Lent term Mark Richer, St Catharine’s alumnus, Fellow Commoner and serial businessman, shared his insights on how to start a company. Professor Dame Athene Donald, Master of Churchill College and the University’s former...
gender equality champion, also inspired us with her personal accounts of becoming the first female professor at the Cavendish as well as her work in scientific policy making and combatting the gender issues that still exist in science.

Our last talk of the year was delivered in Easter term by Professor Arnoldus Blix of the University of Tromsø, a Norwegian physiologist, arctic explorer, and Honorary Fellow of St Catharine’s. He shared with us his work on seals and their adaptations to deep diving, and the talk was an excellent end to our presidency. Other highlights included the annual dinner at the end of February, and a formal swap with the St John’s College Natural Sciences Society.

The JRS presidents would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has attended and contributed to the success of our events this year. The society would not be able to host events without the generous support of the College and its benefactors – we would like to thank you all for giving us and other students an outlet for our scientific passion.

Presidents: Michael Ballentine, Haleh Taghinejadi and Alessandro Zanre

Languages Society
The Languages Society is new this year and, as I’m sure is the case with many new starters, it has been a relatively quiet first year. Our main event of the year was a film night held in Michaelmas term where we screened Samba, a French film directed by Olivier Nakache and Eric Toledano, the same men who directed the award-winning Untouchables. It was a great opportunity to get some of the linguists in College together for an evening and the film, and snacks provided, were greatly enjoyed by all. We are hopeful that the Languages Society will continue to grow next year and there are some grand plans in the works to expand student involvement, so stay tuned.

President: Amy Cooper

Law
It has been yet another active year for the College Law Society. Michaelmas term began with a social, hosted by the second year subject rep, which welcomed the fresher Catz lawyers into the Society and College life. We have been fortunate to enjoy numerous dinners and drinks events sponsored by commercial law firms, which provided very useful insights into commercial law as a career, as well as contacts who can provide crucial career advice and guidance. Our Annual Dinner, kindly sponsored by Herbert Smith Freehills, was an enjoyable evening where fellows and students were able to come together and celebrate a year of hard work. Election results for next year’s committee were also announced: Kate Merry (president), Emilie Dorrian (secretary), Kia Aoki (treasurer).

President: Rebecca Gough

Life Drawing
This year I set up a life drawing society in College. We called it ‘Life~Lines’. I ran weekly sessions in the OCR every Saturday from 8–10 and the JCR funds us so we can provide wine, tea, biscuits and music to get the creative juices flowing. It has been really popular; some weeks we have had up to 35 people squished in there. Where we are lacking in funds we make up for it in enthusiasm. We borrow the College dinner trays as backing and we buy 100 long rolls of white, brown and black paper that we cut up and Sellotape on to our dinner trays. As our finale for the year I organised an after-closing-hours life-drawing session in the Classical Archaeological Museum. It was something very romantic and special that we faced the same task, depicting the human form, as Roman sculptors did nearly 2000 years ago, side by side, flesh next to stone. These life drawing sessions are free for Catz students but I charge other students who attend £5 a session. This way we have managed to build up a small life-drawing fund and I hope maybe to hire a professional artist to teach the sessions in future.

We took part in an exhibition arranged by the Magdalene society ‘Fleapit’ (see picture) and we also exhibited at a University-wide art exhibition in the Sidney squad courts in June. Reflecting on the year as a whole, what has been most rewarding and moving about setting up ‘Life~Lines’ is watching people who would never self-identify as ‘arty’ really enjoy drawing.

President: Clover Godsall

MedSoc
2017–8 saw a busy academic and social calendar for Catz MedSoc. As always, the annual Pizza Night and Bar Social proved popular, serving to integrate medics and vets across all year groups within the College. Summer project talks from current undergraduates (Srini Sundaram, Natasha Prindezis, Claudia Santoni, Lydia Akaje–Macaulay and Raunak Rao) drew in audiences from a broad spectrum of academic disciplines, whilst the Medical Electives Evening (organised by James Wilkinson) marked the anticipated return of our sixth year students (now doctors!). Inter-college dinner gatherings with Murray Edwards and
Girton further served to strengthen ties across the University, a theme which the incoming committee are certainly keen to maintain.

Catz alumnus Dr Nisha Nesaratnam received a warm welcome for our well-attended Clinical Cases Evening, alongside Dr Alex McSloy from the RVC, whose interest in camelid medicine allowed for insight into areas currently not included in the Cambridge veterinary course. Rather coincidentally, the much-awaited Catz MedSoc Dinner hosted integrative yet contrasting talks on pathology from Dr Lorna Williamson OBE and Professor Jim Kaufman, addressing thought-provoking aspects of clinical medicine and basic science respectively. Following on from the success of last year’s event, the John Addenbrooke Lecture delivered by Professor Sir John Savill FRS on The Future of Medical Research provided an outstanding conclusion to this year’s diary. As ever, we are extremely grateful to all of our external speakers for their outstanding conclusion to this year’s diary. As ever, we are extremely grateful to all of our external speakers for their efforts.

We look forward to the events in store for 2018–9, under our highly capable successors: Toby MacCarthy, Claudia Santoni (presidents) and Jack Robins (welfare officer).

President: Raunak Rao

Music
In Michaelmas term 2017, we put on a Christmas concert in the Chapel, in which the orchestra played Saint-Saëns Danse Bacchanale as well as a selection of festive tunes. We also had Christmas music from Catzappella, the Woodlarks and Jazz Catz. At the end of term, a group of us went to Cambridge Railway Station to carol sing to the commuters, and we collected money for the charity Health Poverty Action. At the end of Lent term, we held a relaxed evening of music in the Chapel, featuring Catzappella, the Woodlarks, Jazz Catz, and some very talented soloists.

The music society concluded the academic year with our annual summer concert, which took place outside on main court and was well attended. The concert featured a wide variety of music from Catz orchestra, Catzappella, Jazz Catz, Irish seisín and a brass quintet.

As is traditional, the concert concluded with Elgar’s Pomp and Circumstance – but this year No. 4 – and audience members enjoyed Pimms and strawberries in the sunshine. As I write, Catzappella and Jazz Catz are busy preparing for multiple May Ball performances.

President: Freya Kalus

Shirley
This year it has been such a joy to see Shirley Society grow! One of our greatest desires as presidents has been to create a community that becomes a weekly part of people's lives, and gives people across years and subjects an opportunity to interact with poetry, literature and their own writing in an unstructured and joyful way; in these ways, and in many others, Shirley has surpassed our expectations. Our meetings have been consistently warm and thoughtful, and the responses to our weekly conceptual prompts have been wonderful in their diversity of form, content and perspective: better yet, many of our members have brought pieces of original writing throughout the year, some selected from past writing and some more recent, which we are always pleased and inspired to hear. Likewise, many pieces of writing and thought have been submitted by their authors to the ‘Fragment’-themed issue of Volta, the yearly society anthology, currently in the works and of which we are very proud – a stellar end to a vibrant and wonderful year! Here's to next year's presidents and another year of Shirley.

Co-Presidents: Ygraine Siemens and Caitlin Carr

Shirley Players
I produced a short film this term called The Tortoise about a girl with undiagnosed agoraphobia dealing with the death of her tortoise. It was written by a Sidney Sussex student and won the Fletcher Players New Writing Prize. The script was an interesting challenge to convey cinematically, mixing narrated flashbacks of her life, anxiety-induced imaginings of her trip to the pet's funeral and her present state of room-bound limbo. The project proved to be a really fun and rewarding experience, and all our hard work paid off in a short of which I’m truly proud. The film was shown at the Cambridge Shorts evening this term and we plan on sending it for showcase at some film festivals.

Seth Jordan

Smoothie Society
St Catharine’s College Smoothie Society, open to any and all members of the College, has once again enjoyed providing healthy smoothies every Sunday in the JCR. The Society gains many new members during Freshers’ Week, with this year being no exception, and we see students from all different years regularly attending. As ever, the Society has retained a focus on student welfare, and it has been particularly popular as a revision break during the Easter term. Members are now not only interested
in consuming smoothies, but also in creating their own recipes. I am confident that the next presidents will maintain and expand this unique and welcoming society.

President: Haleh Taghinejadi

Sayers (Economics) Society
The Society organised a drinks reception on 9 March 2018, kindly hosted by our alumnus Richard Nicholls in his wonderful London offices. At this well-attended event, Dr Simon Taylor gave a thoughtful and interesting talk on infrastructure. In January, Jordan Heath travelled with the Vice-Chancellor to Stoke-on-Trent Sixth Form College to launch the University’s HE+ programme of outreach inspiring students to apply to Cambridge. Following on from Dr Sriya Iyer’s International Economic Association Roundtable in July 2017, Dr River Chen organised a Search and Matching Conference in May 2018; and Dr Michael Kitson’s St Catharine’s Political Economy Seminar series continued with its excellent programme of speakers, attracting University-wide participation. The Society is now planning a new series of career-related talks from our alumni next year.

Presidents: Jordan Heath and Shashwat Jha

Steers
The St Catharine’s College Steers Society has had another active academic year, with events incorporating both undergraduate and postgraduate geography students. Our annual welcome evening at the start of Michaelmas was a friendly event, introducing the first years to the inclusive Geography community at St Catharine’s. The third year undergraduates had spent the summer of 2017 scattered across the world doing fieldwork for their dissertations, and presented their initial findings at a dissertation symposium in Lent term. Topics included investigations of UBER in New York and fishing livelihoods in Cambodia. The annual dinner was an evening enjoyed by all, first years and PhD students alike. Alumna Clemency Cooper returned to speak at the dinner, giving an insightful and inspiring talk about the relevance of geography and her experiences since graduating. The Steers Society Garden Party at the end of May Week was a wonderful event to end the year, with fellows and students meeting to celebrate geographical achievements at the College over nibbles and Pimms.

Co-Presidents: Isobel Shears and Beth Barker

Tea Society
The St Catharine’s Tea Society (or Tea Soc, as it’s more commonly known) offers students the opportunity to break up slow Sunday afternoons with a few hours of sampling a delightful range of Whittard’s teas, eating biscuits, and socialising. This year I developed this (highly successful) formula further with the introduction of various arts and crafts activities, ranging from mindfulness colouring to creating snowflakes at Bridgemas! As president, my primary aim has been to provide a friendly and welcoming environment, one in which students have the opportunity to study alongside others or to take a break from work altogether. I hope members of Tea Soc from both the JCR and MCR alike found these afternoons to be as enjoyable and relaxing as they were designed to be.

President: Hannah Kirwan
Association Football (Men)
This year, the SCCAFC brought a new flair brand of football to Cambridge with their liquid interplay. During the first half of the season the team shredded all the opposition between them and promotion, as the squad moved into the promotion spots in second place over the Christmas period. But an unlucky spate of injuries and illnesses meant that in Lent term the team had to settle for solid mid-table position.

During Michaelmas term the team went unbeaten in the League. The season opener was a match for the purists of the game with a gritty 1–1 draw against Emmanuel which saw a mesmerising goal of the season. Daniel Yip collected a clearance from the keeper, took one touch and lofted the ball into the back of the net from just over the half-way line. SCCAFC’s liquid interplay went from strength to strength from that steady start as they clocked a 4–1 win against Darwin and a 1–0 win against title favourites St John’s. Freddy Wilkinson channelled his inner Harry Kane in a breath-taking hat trick against Darwin including a left-footed half-volley rifled into the top corner. John’s were then duly dispatched as Ben Bolderson curled a delicious delivery met by Sam Woods with a Van Persie-esque header swept in under the keeper’s flailing arms. A frustrating 3–3 draw then followed where Catz’s natural flair came up against the true anti-footballing force of Christs. Catz wrapped up Michaelmas term with a heroic defensive display against Trinity, the eventual League Champions. Captain Henry Hall and Dylan Amin’s immense pairing at centre back invoked memories of Chelsea’s stoic defence in Munich in 2012 as they kept Trinity’s attack firmly in their back pocket for the full 90 minutes. Keeper Matt Rowe was like an Atlantic salmon, diving along the goal line to deny all that Trinity threw at him.

Player of the season was Freddy Wilkinson who had an incredible goal-scoring run and was the playmaker at the heart of SCCAFC’s mesmerising tiki-taka play. Overall it was a promising season for SCCAFC who’s golden generation came just short of promotion, but proved that it will only be a matter of time until SCCAFC come home to the premier Division.

Captain: Henry Hall

Association Football (Women)
St Catharine’s Women’s Football Team had a great season this year. Our continued struggles to field eleven players, as one of the few women’s football teams made up of a single college didn’t stop us from finishing second in our Division! The Catz spirit and enthusiasm for the wheel saw us unfazed, even facing eleven players as a side of six. Unfortunately, our Cuppers campaign came to a quick end, being beaten narrowly by Magdalene-Sidney-Sussex in our first game. Magdalene-Sidney-Sussex went on to win Cuppers which is a great sign for the strength of our team and our hopes for next year. Great enthusiasm came from several third-years that we will be sad to lose; after two years of hearing how much fun women’s football is they discovered this for themselves! We also gained two new top scorers this year: fresher Noor Jafree who certainly isn’t fresh to football and Sophie Abbott, who returned from her year abroad in Guadeloupe with a new-found passion for football and skills to match. Our successful season is also thanks to Grace Plastow’s and Isabelle Ormsby’s defensive domination and our resident football Blue Fiona Colon who continues to provide wisdom for those of us newer to the game. We hope next year we’ll be able to persuade even more women to try football and finally get ourselves some silverware.

Captain: Julia Simons

Catz men’s soccer team with the alumni team at the Acheson-Gray Day.
Athletics

St Catharine’s College Athletics Club enjoyed a stellar year. After a few fallow years, the College’s athletes provided a sizable contingent of the team put out by the University Athletics Club for the Varsity Match. Additionally, the College’s women gave a strong showing in the year’s Cuppers competition, placing second to Sidney Sussex.

Hosted by Oxford University Athletic Club (OUAC) at the newly-christened Sir Roger Bannister Running Track, the 144th Varsity Match, the first since Bannister’s passing, saw ten St Catharine’s athletes compete in light blue. This made St Catharine’s the best represented Cambridge college in the match.

For the men, both Phillip Crout and Chris Kneale-Jones achieved Blues, respectively in 5000m and discus. On a scorching day in the Oxfordshire sunshine, Crout tore away from the field over the course of twelve and a half laps. Dousing himself with water on the back straight, Crout’s perseverance in the heat saw him win yet another Blue as part of a Cambridge 1, 1. Chris Kneale-Jones, a sometime pilot, returned to the Varsity Match for a second time, though this time in light blue having represented OUAC in 2013. Throwing 43.61m, beating his closest rival by nearly six metres, Kneale-Jones secured his Blue and was the solitary victor in the field in the Men’s Blues for Cambridge.

In the Women’s competition, Chloe Billingham and Becky Martin finished 1 and 2 in the pole vault, with Billingham securing her second Blue in clearing a height of 3.30m. In the 2000m steeplechase, one of the most demanding events of the Match, Hannah Morton finished an admirable fourth in her second appearance in the Blues steeplechase in as many years.

The Men’s second team match, which pits Alverstone of Cambridge against the Centipedes of Oxford, saw four St Catharine’s men compete, three of whom made their Varsity Match debuts. In the javelin, first year Josh Maiklem threw a lifetime best of 45.70 to beat Will Parrott into third, whose season’s best performance forced Oxford to foot the table. Matthew Harris and Lawrence Hopkins, the latter to be Secretary of CUAC for the coming year, also finished second and third, this time in the 400m hurdles, with Hopkins throwing away a sizeable lead in the second half of the race, though both still ran personal bests. Rounding off the St Catharine’s representation was Anni Bates, who appeared in her final Varsity Match having been a great servant to both St Catharine’s and Cambridge sport during her time. Her clearance of 1.50m in the high jump equalled the best of her Oxford opponent, but she was edged out on countdown.

Though the 144th Varsity Match was a disappointing affair for Cambridge, the efforts of all the St Catharine’s athletes are to be commended. For his performance in the discus, Chris Kneale-Jones was awarded the St Catharine’s College Athletics Victor Ludorum Cup, an accolade which has been awarded to the most deserving athlete from the College since at least as early as 1920.

Badminton (Men)

This year was one of change for the Badminton club. Three of the six members of the previous year’s first team had graduated, along with members of the second team, leaving many spaces up for grabs. With this in mind, the aim for the first team in Michaelmas was to remain in Division 3 and to determine the best pairings moving forwards. This was achieved with a third place finish, losing only to the Clinical School and to Clare. Going into Lent term with further match experience, the aim was promotion. After an early loss to eventual Division winners Selwyn, we required five victories from five games. Subsequent wins against Peterhouse and Caius put us well on track. However, despite having beaten all the other teams in the Division in the previous term, an agonisingly narrow 5–4 defeat to Fitz, in what would turn out to be a promotion decider, ended our hopes. We finished strongly with an 8–1 victory over St John’s, once again finishing third in the Division. The second team struggled for numbers this year, and as a result were relegated from the 4th Division in Lent term, however the 5th Division may be the best place for the team to rebuild next year. Third team likewise struggled for numbers but managed to retain their place in the 6th Division. Away from the League, Men’s Cuppers once again proved successful for Catz as we welcomed back two University players on our way to the semi-finals. This was a great achievement, as we were the lowest ranked team left at that stage of the competition.

Captain: Daniel Garlick

Though there was no St Catharine’s representation in the Freshers’ Varsity Match, a competition whose future seems uncertain in its current form, Becky Martin and Chloe Billingham competed in the women’s pole vault as part of the Field Events and Relays Indoor Varsity Match in March.

For the first time in recent memory, the inter-collegiate athletics Cuppers competition was split into two, with a first part in Michaelmas and a second in Easter; a good turnout by all in the warmer months helped propel the women to the podium. The likes of Immy Collins and Charlotte Mackey in the 3000m; Becky Martin in pole vault; Hannah Morton in the steeplechase; and, Emma Pierce and Chloe Billingham in seemingly everything, pushed the women of the wheel to the upper echelons of inter-collegiate athletics. The men were less successful in their pursuit of glory, though there were stoic efforts from both Maisam Merali and Matthew Harris in the steeplechase, and Tom Wade in the 3000m, in the part of the summer portion of Cuppers that was affected by pouring rain, as well as by an officiating and drenched Dr Chris Thorne, to whom University and St Catharine’s athletics owe an ever-increasing debt of gratitude.

With Jith Josh Maiklem taking over as Captain next year, we hope Catz athletes can continue their success.

Captain: Chloe Billingham

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Badminton (Women)
Catz women’s badminton got off to a good start this year with some wins and closely fought matches. It was great to have some new players and we enjoyed playing together. Unfortunately we just missed out on staying up in our Division, but we’re excited for next year and hopefully we should be back in Division 2 in no time!

Captain: Lucy Allington

Basketball
This was the most successful year for the Catz Basketball Team (and one of the most successful for any college team) in the University’s basketball history. Due to a general lack of players in the past, Catz has never been ranked higher than Division 4 in the League. This year, however, due to an influx of very skilled players and steadfast commitment, Catz basketball finished the year in Division 2. We will continue in this Division in the following year to come, but have high hopes that we can advance to Division 1.

We won all but one of our matches this year, and some in a very triumphant manner. This year’s success was a product of the team’s commitment to training and ability to work well together. Particularly outstanding and committed players should be recognised for their contributions, including: Dominic O’Tuminu, Erdem Djorkhand, Francisco Huhn and Archie Herrick. It has been a real pleasure to train with the team this year, and I look forward to further success next year.

Captain: Saif Jalali

Boat Club
The 2017-8 season has been a historic one for SCCBC, with all parts of the club seeing success during the year, and a record four Women’s boats on the river for May Bumps. In Michaelmas our focus on athlete development paid off, and we were able to enter eight boats into the Fairbairn Cup: two boats and two novice boats for both the Men and Women. Our seniors posted their best results in many years, with M1 and W1 as the fourth and sixth fastest college crews respectively. Thanks to the efforts of a combined seven volunteer coaches – all of whom learnt to row at St/Catharine’s – our novices proved almost as successful, with the men and women coming fourth and eleventh respectively.

With such a depth of talent in the club, we were all excited and feeling positive through our January training camp and the early mornings of Lent term – keen to show the other colleges what we could do in Lent Bumps. Results were promising in the early parts of term, with W2 winning their Division at Newnham Short Course; however our dreams threatened to be crushed as inclement weather nearly cancelled Lent Bumps. The so-called ‘Beast from the East’ froze the towpath and made it impossible for people to cycle by the river; without support from the bank, bumps cannot run safely; so the decision was made to cancel the races. The rowers of Cambridge collectively refused to accept this, and thanks to an overnight operation consisting of 200kg of grit and nearly two hundred people, the towpath was cleared and some racing could resume for the final two days. All our crews performed admirably, but our most notable results were M1, who bumped on both of the days that they were able to race, and W2, whose heroic campaign included an overbump on Queens II. Unfortunately though, they had to settle for a gain of only five places as their Division rowed on only three days. We would like once again to thank personally all the St Catharine’s rowers involved in gritting the towpath, you made sure that a term’s worth of effort didn’t go to waste. [See also News of Members in this Magazine under Philine Hagenmeyer (2015). Ed.]

After Lents we sent our first boats down to London to compete in the Head of the River races. These are held on the Tideway, where a few weeks later many of us would gather to watch St Catharine’s own Sophie Shapter cox the Cambridge Women to their 43rd victory in the Boat Race. In Head of the river, the women came 197th and the men 184th out of 300 crews in both categories. Given that these races are also rowed by everyone from Olympians, university crews and the top clubs around the country, we are proud of these results and look forward to improving on them in the future.

The May bumps are always an exciting event, and the atmosphere on the last day was as good as it always is, with thousands of spectators lining the banks and great cheers coming from the St Catharine’s marquee on first post corner as we raced past. We were able to have seven boats racing this year, three men’s crews and four women’s. A few injuries towards the end of term and a large dose of terrible luck meant the men were unable to repeat their success from Lent; however for the first time in a few years the first boat did not get spoons and only went down three places. Ever the optimists, the crew decided that this was a sign that the times are changing and are ready to come back next year to begin a charge up the bumps tables. The women, on the other hand, had their most successful year ever. There was a lot of celebration at our Boat Club Dinner to mark W4 earning their blades, and the top three women’s boats all went up three places. Having lost their position in the W1 Division to a strong Homerton crew in 2017, this year saw W1 move back into the first Division with bumps on Magdalene W1, Jesus W2 and Queens’ W1 on the Saturday; a late and somewhat unexpected bump on the reach!

We would like to thank all our coaches for making the year possible, especially our student volunteers who give up their free time to coach the lower boats. We would also like to thank our boatman Steve Summerlee, who after an incredible 43 years with us is taking a well-earned retirement. His replacement and our new head coach, Carmen Failla, will be joining us in September to capitalise
Cross-Country Running
The St Catharine's College Cross Country Club (SCCCCC) has seen another active and successful year of both competitive and social running. However, St Catharine's stalwarts had departed over the summer of 2017. Significantly Arnav Kapur, the former SCCCCC Captain, left us in favour of the nation most closely associated with distance running: Kenya. Others moved to academia or medicine.

Cycling (Catz Velo Club)
The year kicked off to a good start for Catz Velo Club with two members representing the University by riding at BUCS Hill Climb: Tom Simpson placed 18th and Toby Cowell 36th. A week later, Tom went on to win the CUCC club hill climb. In the spring, Toby and Tom each rode three rounds of the Hog Hill winter series. These races were brutally cold and tough, but both riders racked up some top ten placings – the best being a third for Tom. Ely Hardriders, north of Cambridge, is one of the earliest 25-mile time trials in the calendar and is often held in foul weather. Toby and Tom both rode, battling high winds to complete the course in just over an hour. The first sign of Toby's improving form came with a top ten placing, 1 1/2 minutes up on Tom.

Late in February, four CVC members represented the University at Varsity XCC MTB. Tom Simpson placed 4th to count for the winning Cambridge men's team, Fin Allen rode a strong race for 6th and Tom Wade was 11th. Unfortunately Toby Cowell suffered from a mechanical and was unable to finish. More CVC members turned out for Cycling Cuppers Time Trial in March, placing 3rd overall despite missing our strongest TT rider Toby Cowell, who was out with 'flu. Sasha Bailey earned the College the most individual points with a 2nd-place finish.

Toby Cowell was recovered and racing for the University by April, placing 22nd at BUCS 10 mile TT and another 22nd at the 25-mile TT. Toby's form was still on the up, and by May he'd ridden a 49:03 25 mile TT at the VC Norwich open, averaging over 30 miles per hour! With two other riders, he broke a University club record with this time.

Captains: Tom Simpson and Toby Cowell
Hockey (Men)
Catz Hockey has had another exceptional year by continuing to break records and further distinguish the name of St Catharine’s both at the College and University level. After seeing a number of very valuable members leave us last year, the future was somewhat uncertain, however a strong cohort of freshers enabled us to add both strength and depth to the squad. As usual one of the difficulties of getting a strong League squad out is the fact that we have so many hockey Blues – four this year in the men’s squad – and along with an early injury to Harry Leng we were somewhat low on numbers (at least for a usual Catz side). Despite this we managed to come joint top of the League in Michaelmas term only narrowly losing to Downing on goal difference, a gutting end to a tough term’s worth of hockey that left us three goals short of reaching Super Cuppers. Not to worry – due to the bad weather in March the game did not happen, so we retain the title for another year.

Lent term was characterized by bad weather with game after game being cancelled due to frozen pitches. This did not, however, stop nine members of St Catharine’s Men’s team competing in Varsity at a number of different levels. The pinnacle of the year was seen in Easter term despite it being in the depths of revision season. Caesarian Sunday saw Wilberforce Road Astro invaded by a sea of claret and rose – with teams in all three finals the supporters came out in force. The men, up first, did not disappoint with equal amounts of flair and composure being expressed by all. After 50 minutes it was 7–0 and Robbie Zhao was bursting to get out of goal to show the Blues forwards how to score. Unfortunately this did not happen with Selwyn getting a cheap goal in the dying moments of the game. A 7–1 victory was the perfect way to end a season that has seen Catz hockey prove that it has strength in depth, and continues to strengthen the ranks with every new intake of freshers and postgrads.

It has been a pleasure captaining such a great squad and huge thanks goes out to those who are leaving, many of whom have given so much to hockey and Catz sport in general over their time here. Additionally, I would like to thank Peter Boizot (1950) for the very generous donation that allowed the club to enjoy a spectacular meal in the OCR and all members of the winning Cuppers sides to receive Honours Caps.

I hand over the baton to Jonny Walker who I hope will be able to build on history to show that we can do it again!

Captain: Alex Bird

Hockey (Women)
We had a glorious Cuppers Match against Trinity-Fitz, allowing Catz to win all three Cuppers matches, on a very sunny day with great support from the sidelines. The team had five Blues players: Molly Buxton, Sophia Padt, Georgie Burrows, Rhiannon Osborne and Alicia Murphy, and the rest of the team included seven players who play for the University. The first goal of the match came midway through the first half, when Beth Barker, the Second’s captain, deflected the ball past the keeper. The pressure culminated in the goal of the day from Sophia Padt who picked up the ball on the 25-metre line, beat two defenders and scored with a flick. After half-time, we scored a further three goals in five minutes to put the result beyond doubt. Unfortunately, we then suffered an injury which dampened our spirits, allowing Trinity-Fitz to get a goal. The match ended with us as the 6–1 winners.

The trophy cabinet outside Hall is looking particularly grand with all three trophies taking pride of place. The disadvantage of having so many University players, however, is that we’ve struggled to make a League team because many of the players are busy with their University-wide hockey commitments.

Captain: Lucy Purnell

Hockey (Mixed)
Mixed Hockey had another hugely successful year. A team was entered for the mixed Cuppers competition, which consisted of four matches in a knockout format. For the first match, Catz were drawn against Kings; however Kings were too intimidated by our stellar record and so conceded the match. In the quarter-finals, Catz were drawn against Emmanuel and despite a lot of the team being missing, the match ended with a 3–2 win. In the semi-finals, Catz played Jesus and finally were able to show their flair, ending with a 7–1 win.
The final was played against a mixed Trinity-Fitz team. This proved to be the most competitive Cuppers match of the day. Although on paper, the Catz lineup looked better, tiredness from the earlier men’s and women’s matches showed and the Trinity-Fitz team threatened the Catz goal with massive aerials and some impressive individual skills from star University players. However, at the end of the day the pure strength of the Catz team won over and the match ended 1–0 to Catz. This result was the highlight of another incredibly dominant year for Catz hockey. As a show of this, for the final there were 20 Catz players who play for the University teams to choose from, meaning some University players missed out on selection. Nine Blues players played in the match. Despite this, the depth of talent in the College is also very important – non-University players are the mainstay of the College League teams and add to the incredible hockey atmosphere and tradition. Thank you to everyone who has been involved in mixed hockey this year – it has been an honour to captain the team.

Captain: Alicia Murphy

Lacrosse (Mixed)

2017–8 was yet again a highly memorable and enjoyable year of Mixed Lacrosse at Catz. There was great enthusiasm from week 1, from both existing as well as new players, marked by a record number of fresher sign-ups. The majority novice team quickly picked up the skills allowing us to maintain a constant middle position in Division 3 of the League table in Michaelmas. In Lent, we saw the team rise up to finish second to top of the 3rd Division, an impressive ascend! Catz own Freya Wooding was chosen to play in the University Women’s Lacrosse Seconds team and was an undeniable asset to our team! Cuppers saw Catz Lacrosse competing in group stages against Johns, Emmanuel, Selwyn and Homerton, the majority of which were teams in 1st Division. Despite a small team of six, we managed to win one game, draw two and lose one – overall a notable achievement and we were unlucky not to make it to the semi finals. We have thoroughly enjoyed captaining this year’s Mixed Lacrosse Team and are pleased to hand over to Ellie and Emille for what we hope will be another successful season next year.

Captains: Isabelle Ormsby and Dan Martin

Lawn Tennis

Catz had a fantastic year of tennis in the 2017–8 season, with strong performances across League, Cuppers and the alumni games.

Throughout Michaelmas (far from ideal tennis conditions), the team battled hard but narrowly missed out on promotion to the League’s 1st Division. In Lent, we played a seasoned Homerton side in the first round of Cuppers. Unfortunately, snow stopped play and they were awarded the win on a coin toss. Nevertheless, I am proud of the boys for staying level in the rubbers that were played. Our alumni series on Acheson-Gray day was undoubtedly my highlight of the sporting year. A fantastic time had by all, and I look forward to doing it all again next year.

I hand over to an extremely capable Jack Gibbs, who I am certain will take Catz tennis to new heights – perhaps even into the vertigo-inducing Division 1.

Captain: Jonathan Ho

Netball (Women)

Catz Ladies Netball was played excellently this year; winning over half of our games to keep us comfortably in Division 2. At Cuppers we unfortunately narrowly missed the quarter finals but maintained our reputation as the nicest team in Cambridge. Everyone has given it their all this year, despite some early Saturday mornings and some games in freezing temperatures. We are sad to be losing some of our talent as they graduate, but hope they continue their netball careers elsewhere and are ready for AG day next year. Particular thanks go to Sally Ledger, Anna Faulkner, Molly Buxton and Tasha Pinnington for their continuous dedication to the team over the last few years. The ladies netball team goes into the 2018 Michaelmas season with high hopes for fun and exciting netball to come!

Captain: Jess Forsdyke

Pool

This was the third year since the rebirth of College pool. With a promising intake of first years, we were looking to be promoted from Division 2B to Division 2A in the League this year. After a promising start, by beating Caius 5–4, the rest of the League matches were not as good as we had initially hoped. Our next match was against Jesus, who narrowly beat us last year, and unfortunately we were narrowly beaten 5–4 once again, with many games being down to just the black ball. Several teams then dropped out of the Division for unknown reasons, which then left us with only two games left to play. After suffering two more narrow losses to Christ’s 2 and Queens’ 2 we ended up finishing fourth out of the remaining five teams in Division 2B. This unfortunately led us to being relegated to Division 3. However with some rising stars in just their first year, we can be confident that we will rise through the League soon. One star player was Joe Walker, who won all of his singles games and was ranked the sixth best player in Division 2B this year.

Another key moment for College pool this year was the first College-wide pool tournament. This saw 48 people entering with the chance of being crowned the champion of College pool. The tournament got underway in Easter term, and provided some very entertaining matches for people to watch. Unfortunately due to time constraints and the College’s pool table breaking down,
the tournament was not fully completed and so we had no overall winner. Notable achievements include those of Soleh Cifonelli, George Watson, Ben Dudgeon and Joe Walker, who all reached the quarter-finals. In particular, Soleh managed to knock-out current pool captain Paul Minter to reach the quarter finals in a tight 3–2 match.

All in all, despite the performance in the League Catz has gained many incredible pool players who will help revive Catz pool back to its prime. I would personally like to give a special thanks to Ben Donaldson for reviving the pool team and being central to College pool throughout his time at Catz, providing endless support to less experienced players. Ben will be graduating this year and will be sorely missed by pool players all over College.

**Captain: Paul Minter**

**Rugby (Men)**

After a difficult season last year that saw the Catz Rugby Team almost fold, we started the season in Division 5 (out of 5). Thankfully, a strong recruitment drive and a good fresher intake resulted in us gaining five promising new players who slotted well into the existing team. After a tricky start against a large Trinity side, the team went from strength to strength. This success did not go unnoticed with local talent from the surrounding schools and sixth-form colleges wanting to become involved with the SCCRUCF youth academy. Naturally, we obliged and under Ashpit's guidance, these players flourished and became an integral part of the team. As such, the team went on to gain double promotion in the Leagues (out of a possible three promotion opportunities). A highlight of the season was the 76–0 destruction of Selwyn-Peterhouse in the penultimate game leading up to the start of Cuppers. Sadly, our Cuppers run was less spectacular. We were knocked out in the first round by Fitzwilliam, after being 19–19 at full time, then losing to a dropped goal in extra time. Thus we went into the Cuppers Shield competition, where we beat Magdalene 17–5 in a scrappy but close-fought contest. This took us to the final at Grange Road where we were sadly edged by a larger CCK+friends team. Sam and I are extremely proud and grateful for the effort that the lads have put in this season and also hugely grateful to the support that we’ve had this season; particularly Aunty Jane. We’re very pleased to hand over the reigns to the fresher trio of Ollie Evans (Captain), Sam Wasson (Social Secretary) and Josh ‘Smiley Boy’ Maiklem (Secretary).

**Captain: Robbie Zhao**

**Rugby (Women)**

The Women’s Rugby Team has had a successful season, with the newly reorganised college structure linking Catz with Corpus, Pembroke and Peterhouse to establish greater depth in the squad. The team was bolstered by the experience of Catz players Jenny Orriss, Emma Pierce and Lucy Gimson, and also of Pembroke forward Fiona Shuttleworth, who all played for the Blues at Twickenham, while the regular commitment of new Catz players Bryony Warnock-Horn and Ellie House won them each Varsity places in the Tigers team (the University 2nds), as well as becoming joint College captains for the 2018–9 season. The team has benefitted from the coaching offered by the University rugby club, with rapid improvement in technique and tactics. This has established the squad as one of the powerhouses of women’s college rugby, consistently outperforming the other college clusters both in numbers and results. Unfortunately, we were unable to display this in a Cuppers tournament as it wasn’t held this year, but the team played well in various friendly tournaments throughout the year.

**Co-Captains: Fiona Conlon and Jess Forsdyke**

**Water Polo**

Water Polo at St Catharine’s returned with force this year following a hiatus, being absent from Cuppers for the last several years. We thus began to take training sessions at Addenbrookes to hammer the team into shape ahead of the Cuppers season. This proved fruitful, and the Catz team soon began play extremely proficiently, combining the skill of a few University Blues with the enthusiasm of some newer players. Our first test came in Michaelmas when we played in a small tournament, which culminated in Catz beating the Trinity team 18–4.

In Lent the preparations continued, and Catz faced a plethora of college teams, producing generally encouraging results, but the real test began at the beginning of Easter term with Cuppers. Catz entered the first rounds and played extremely well, beating contender teams such as Johns and Churchill, whilst drawing against other strong teams such as Clare. Catz lost no games, and in the final round we faced one of the strongest teams in Emmanuel and won 3–1. This put us in the semi-finals, where we again defeated Emmanuel, this time 5–4 in a tense game. Our victories propelled us to the Cuppers final, where we fought a tough game against Queens’. The Queens’ side were incredibly skilled and put us through our paces, in the end defeating us 6–3. To come second in Cuppers when we didn’t even enter in previous years is a fantastic achievement and was incredibly well deserved by the hard-working and fast-learning team.

**Captain: Bayley Hockham**
KITTENS

This academic year has been yet another strong one for the Kitten Club. Following on from the rethinking of the ethos of the club in 2015, we have continued to focus on how the club can be the most positive force for Catz sport. A good measure of how good a year it has been for the Kittens is to consider how the College sports teams have done over the past year, and also to look at the representation of Catz students at University level sport. From a College perspective, it has been an extremely strong year across a range of sports. The Hockey Club managed to win the treble (Men’s, Women’s and Mixed) in Cuppers, a feat that has only been achieved twice in University (and St Catharine’s College) history. The Mixed Netball team had an undefeated season in the League, whilst the Men’s Water Polo team reached the finals of Cuppers after not having had a team for the previous several years. In a similar vein, the Catz Rugby team saw a similar renaissance after a particularly tough season last year, gaining double promotion and a place in the Cuppers Shield final.

From a University perspective, Kittens (and Catz sportsmen and women generally) are extremely well represented across a wide range of sports. Focusing on members of the Kittens specifically, we provided eight players and coaches to the University Hockey Club (including four Blues), three players to the University Rugby Club (including one Blue) as well as players to the University Fencing, Rifle Shooting, Football, Lawn Tennis, Athletics, American Football and Sailing teams. Special mention should go to Darshan Chohan (2014) for captaining the Blues Cricket team.

Relationships with the Alleycatz has been stronger than ever, with the two societies presenting a united front in the pursuit of promoting College sport. A weekly sports newsletter, featuring match reports and upcoming fixtures as well as special historical features has been maintained and sent out to the whole of College (JCR, MCR, staff and fellows) as well as to certain alumni who have asked to be put onto the mailing list (if you would like to be added to the mailing list, then please email headkitten@caths.cam.ac.uk). Likewise, the annual Kittens and Alleycatz Garden Party was well attended and featured copious amounts of wholesome fun, including an awards ceremony hosted by the Master.

A secondary function of the Kittens is to act as a social club for its members, and the calendar for the past year has been diverse. Highlights include a taxing, albeit in a different way, game of Pub Golf with the University Women’s Lacrosse Club, a tour of the Milton Brewery and a fantastic annual dinner with Finn Russell as our guest of honour, who told us tales of his ‘strictly-performance’ experience with the Barbarians and his love of the game Fortnite. However, my favourite event of the past year was the inaugural Hornbearer Games. This was a competition of Olympian proportions and saw the Kitten Club wipe the floor with the Churchill Bulldogs and Fitzwilliam Onions in the various sporting challenges. The event was hosted in the Chad’s Octagon, and a huge thank you must go to the Porters (especially Head Porter, Dave Dove) as well as to the Dean, Dr Xuereb, for allowing such an event to occur and run so smoothly.

Reflecting on my three years at the College, the Kitten Club has meant a huge deal to me. It has pushed me further, both as a sportsman and in other facets of my life. It has been an honour to lead the Kittens this past year and put my small mark on the rich and illustrious history of the club. I must thank Alex Ho for all the help he has given me in the running of the Club over the last year as secretary and I am confident that the Club will continue to remain strong under the leadership of HK-elect, Henry King.

Head Kitten: Robbie Zhao; Secretary: Alex Ho; Hornbearer: Henry King
ALLEYCATZ

It has been a brilliant year for the Alleycatz. We are very proud to have been co-Presidents of a society that individually, and together, achieved so highly in sport at collegiate and University level.

We have welcomed a record number of Alleycatz this academic year, with a total of 20 new members, based on their commitment and excellence in their respective sports. This is in line with an amended constitution which was brought to the Dean for review. We are proud to announce that the Alleycatz now include the sporting achievements of the University Dance and Cheerleading teams. Cheerleading is just one of the many sports that an Alleycat has achieved a Full Blue for in this year. St Catharine’s officially have the highest number of any college, with 13 women achieving Blues across a diverse range of sports. In Hockey alone there were five women achieving this status. Further outstanding achievements include Sophie Shapter coxing the Women’s Blue Boat to victory in the 2018 Varsity Boat Race, and Hebe Hunter Gordon becoming the first woman ever to play on the Cambridge American Football Team. Furthermore, Chloe Billingham continued to dominate the Pole Vaulting event at the Varsity Athletics match, with another gold medal placing.

We have continued to promote the integration of Alleycatz across different years through a variety of social events. These have included brunches, dinners, bowling nights and a strong turnout of supporters to many Cuppers and Varsity fixtures. Alongside this, events have been opened to the wider Catz community, such as an inaugural wine tasting event, a well-attended dinner on the Boat Race Day and, of course, the always successful Kittens and Alleycatz Garden Party (KAGP). We were delighted to welcome the Master, the Chaplain and fellows to the Garden Party, where awards were given to teams and individuals who displayed sporting prowess.

We are pleased to announce Hannah Morton, an Athletics Half Blue, as the new Alleycatz President. With the continued support of College, we hope that the Alleycatz, alongside the Kittens, will continue to promote Catz sport and remain societies that the College can be proud of. We are sad that our days of playing For the Wheel are coming to an end, but feel blessed to have been part of such a special community of exceptional women!

Presidents: Sophia Padt and Sally Ledger
**Full Blues**

**Association Football**: B Bolderson, Fiona Conlon  
**Athletics**: Chloe Billingham, P Crout, C Kneale-Jones  
**Cricket**: D Chohan  
**Cross-Country**: P Crout  
**Fencing**: E Ren  
**Hockey**: Georgina Burrows, Molly Buxton, B Dudgeon, K Gilmore, Alicia Murphy, Rhiannon Osborne, Sophia Padt, H Parry, R Watts  
**Lacrosse**: Ella Benson  
**Rifle Shooting**: W Johnson  
**Rowing**: Sophie Shapter  
**Rugby Football**: H King, Jenny Orriss  
**Sailing**: Jemima Lawson

**Half Blues**

**American Football**: R Alloway (for 2016–7)  
**Athletics**: Rebecca Martin, Hannah Morton  
**Badminton**: Stepanie Potter  
**Cricket**: Charlotte Kenealy  
**Dance-sport**: Beth Hermaszewska, Karoline Oakes  
**Fencing**: Elena Gelzynte, K Juhasz  
**Modern Pentathlon**: Clover Godsal, A Shillito  
**Rugby Football**: Lucy Gimson, Emma Pierce  
**Sailing**: Bethan Matthews

**Colours**

**American Football**: Hebe Hunter-Gordon  
**Archery**: Eleanor Brug  
**Athletics (Alligators)**: Annabel Bates  
**Athletics (Alverstone)**: M Harris, L Hopkins, J Maiklem, W Parrot  
**Athletics (Field events and Relays)**: Annabel Bates, Chloe Billingham, Rebecca Martin  
**Badminton**: J Heiskanen, T Wade  
**Cycling**: T Cowell, T Simpson, T Wade  
**Hockey (Wanderers)**: H Leng  
**Hockey (Squanderers)**: A Bird  
**Hockey (Blunderers)**: W Entwisle, J Walker, R Zhao  
**Hockey (Nomads)**: Elizabeth Barker, Georgina Jones, Harriet Potter  
**Hockey (Bedouins)**: Anna Faulkner, Lydia Michaelides, Isobel Shears  
**Ice Hockey (seconds)**: R Blukisi, Andrea Chlebikova, J Lancaster, H Rendell  
**Lacrosse (seconds)**: Freya Wooding  
**Lawn Tennis (Grasshoppers)**: H Hall, N Sharma  
**Rugby (under 20s)**: O Evans, R Zhao  
**Rugby Football (Tigers)**: Lucy Gimson, Eleanor House, Emma Pierce, Bryony Warnock-Horn  
**Triathlon**: Sasha Bailey  
**Water Polo (seconds)**: V Peciuienas
THE 2018 UNIVERSITY BOAT RACE

The Boat Race is a unique sporting event, not just for Oxbridge, but globally now. It is estimated that over 250,000 people watch from the banks (well, mainly from the pubs) along the river Thames, and a further 15 million across the world watch on TV. To have had the opportunity to be a part of such an incredible race was a once in a lifetime experience, and one I will certainly never forget.

I grew up in Putney, London, only a ten-minute walk away from the Boat Race start line. As a family, we never really knew much about rowing, but we would watch the race regardless every year. I had the opportunity to learn to row at school aged 13 and it was from there that I fell in love with the sport, and in particular, coxing. After that, watching the Boat Race was something I looked forward to and avidly followed the crews throughout the year. It was a race I could only dream of coxing as I never once believed I would find myself studying at Oxbridge.

But how wrong I was. Ten years later, I was accepted onto the Psychology and Education MPhil course and warmly welcomed into St Catharine’s. I trialled for the Cambridge Women’s squad as I had heard from past members about the fantastic atmosphere, and the recent success of the club not just in the Boat Race, but at additional national and international races. Also, I wanted to be part of the ever-growing coverage of women’s sports and promote the women’s club as much as possible.

Throughout this year, training consisted of three early morning water sessions a week (this involved catching the 5.55am train from Cambridge to our boathouse in Ely), four evening gym sessions and weekend water training. It’s gruelling, and at times it all felt like too much (particularly when it’s 6:30am, minus four degrees, snowing and painfully dark on the water!). But as a squad, you have one goal, and everyone is training and aiming for the same thing: to win the Boat Race. To know that everyone is putting as much time and energy into the same thing is an incredibly strong motivator.

As a cox, you steer the boat, give the commands and motivate the crew. It’s a bit like being a jockey or a conductor. Although there is only so much a cox can do to help their crew win a race, a mistake from a cox could certainly lose it. The Boat Race is one race where coxes can really show their skill. It’s 6.8km on a tidal river with multiple bends and, to cox it well, you need to know where the fastest water is and be prepared to fight for it. Poor steering can cause your crew to be in slow water, to clash with
the opposition and, worst case, disqualification. There is so much to lose if you mess up on the day, and that’s what makes it so unique to cox.

“Oxford. Cambridge. Attention... GO!” the words I had been waiting to hear Matthew Pinsent exclaim for months had finally left his mouth. We were off. Our plan was to stay internally focused for the first two minutes, ignore Oxford, and get into our rhythm. And that is exactly what we did. Two minutes into the race, I turned to my right to look over at Oxford. We had a lead. I told my crew that this was our chance to move away and close the door on Oxford. I gave the command and the crew responded. It was from there that we started to fly, gaining inches on Oxford every stroke.

Crossing the finish line was a strange mixture of celebrating internally as a crew and a club, but also hearing the public on the bank and bridge cheering for us. After the race, everyone felt a huge range of emotions; happiness, relief, exhaustion and then nervous again, as there were still three more races to happen. For the first time since 1997, it was a clean sweep for Cambridge. It was an unbelievable day that will go down in Boat Race history.

I couldn’t possibly have done this without the help of St Catharine’s. I have been incredibly lucky to have received so much support from the College and I am so proud to have represented the College in the Boat Race. Unfortunately I was unable to participate in any College rowing during Michaelmas and Lent; however I jumped into College boats for the rest of the academic year!

Sophie Shapter

AMERICAN FOOTBALL (A GIRL IN A ‘MACHO’ SPORT)

If you were to look at me, a girl of slim figure weighing 45 kilograms and looking like she could imminently break, then your first thought – and probably not even your last thought – would not be that I play American Football for the University. It is a mixed team but I am the only girl in a team of about 40 – five months ago I would have thought exactly the same and never would have believed that I would one day be in the starting team. However, I am so glad that I got involved as it has been one of the most fun experiences in my time at Cambridge, and I have made some of the best friends from it.

Although we haven’t been incredibly successful this year, in the sense of actually winning games, I have never met a closer, inclusive and simply friendly team including the coaches (who volunteer their own free time). Sunday night socials in our own Catz bar were the highlight of the week and practice on Wednesday evenings up at Grange road was just as much of a social event as it was training.

At no point did they ever make me feel like I had any less of a right, as a girl, to be there, nor did I ever feel like I had any less potential than any of the other guys on the team. Despite being mixed there are few girls who have played and never more than two at a time but I strongly recommend more ladies joining in what is considered a historically ‘macho’ and male-dominated sport.

Hebe Hunter-Gordon
In previous years we have printed the names of secondary schools at which new undergraduates were educated; following legal advice we have been advised to discontinue this practice for reasons of data protection.

**Adeline, Audrey**: Natural Sciences

**Aggarwal, Lukha**: Economics

**Andrews, Will**: Law

**Atherton, Lucy**: Medicine

**Backhouse, Isabel**: Modern and Medieval Languages

**Baid, Sahil**: Natural Sciences

**Barbour, Felix**: Natural Sciences

**Battersby, Finlay**: Natural Sciences

**Beckett, Elizabeth**: Modern and Medieval Languages

**Blackburn, Ella**: History

**Bolton-Gabrielsen, Miriam**: Philosophy

**Bouten, Nathan**: Veterinary Medicine

**Bowers, Alex**: Economics

**Bradridge, Ellen**: Human, Social and Political Sciences

**Bryant, Shannon**: English

**Buller, Ross**: Asian and Middle Eastern Studies

**Bundock, Alligan**: Anglo-Saxon, Norse, and Celtic

**Carro, Edmund**: Natural Sciences

**Carter, Joseph**: Veterinary Medicine

**Cheng, Yan Yan**: Engineering

**Cheung, Edmund**: Chemical Engineering (via Natural Sciences)

**Chew, Pin Yu**: Natural Sciences

**Chikhliwala, Priya**: Psychological and Behavioural Sciences

**Cifonelli, Soleh**: Mathematics

**Cisneros, Nina**: Modern and Medieval Languages

**Croucher, Cameron**: Mathematics

**Davis, Ellie**: Geography

**Davis, Eleanor**: Medicine

**de Spoelberch, Henry**: Engineering

**Deans, Jacob**: Theology, Religion and Philosophy of Religion

**Dempsey, Ryan**: Natural Sciences

**Denny, Alex**: Archaeology

**Dinakaran, Vineet**: Medicine

**Dobson, Susie**: Geography

**Dorjkhand, Erdem**: Economics

**Dorrian, Emilie**: Law

**Dunstan, Emily**: English

**Eden, Rebecca**: Natural Sciences

**Elijosius, Rokas**: Natural Sciences

**Evans, Oliver**: Natural Sciences

**Evans, Sophie**: Psychological and Behavioural Sciences

**Everson, Juliet**: Natural Sciences

**Ferguson, Jonathan**: Asian and Middle Eastern Studies

**Finnie, Alexander**: Natural Sciences

**Fleet, Alexander**: Medicine

**Friedman, Susanna**: Human, Social and Political Sciences
Gardner, Paul: Engineering  
Gilbert, Laura: Engineering  
Ginnis, Thomas: Natural Sciences  
Hamill, Aisling: Modern and Medieval Languages  
Hermaszewska, Bethany: Human, Social and Political Sciences  
Hide, Emma: Geography  
House, Ellie: History  
Huang, Jiaming: Economics  
Hunt, Adrianna: English  
Jafree, Noor: Economics  
Jones, Rhianna: Modern and Medieval Languages  
Jordan, Seth: English  
Kendal, Rachel: Music  
Kirby, Tai: Engineering  
Kumar, Karamvir: Natural Sciences  
Lawford, Sarah: Natural Sciences  
Leng, Harry: Economics  
Li, Yunan: Natural Sciences  
Liu, Sean: Medicine  
Lo, Ethan: Law  
Lobont, Cyril: Asian and Middle Eastern Studies  
Mach, Jakub: Computer Science  
Maiklem, Joshua: Natural Sciences  
Manoharan, Shivani: Medicine  
Matthew, Bethan: Land Economy  
McAuley, Cian: Natural Sciences  
McCready, Eve: Land Economy  
McKellar, Isobel: Modern and Medieval Languages  
Mendel, Jake: Natural Sciences  
Miller, Bethan: Classics (4 years)  
Montgomery, Rohan: History  
Mould, Rhys: Medicine  
Munshi, Tohin: History  
Newbold, Chloe: History and Politics  
Nisser, Kaia: Human, Social and Political Sciences  
Norris, Benjamin: Natural Sciences  
Page, Charles: Law  
Palmer, Nick: Engineering  
Parker, Joanna: Medicine  
Parkin, Anousa: Geography  
Patel, Nishil: Natural Sciences  
Pencil, Lauren: Classics (4 years)  
Pickett, Lydia: Medicine  
Pratt, Bartholomew: Natural Sciences  
Quach, Jason: Engineering  
Reidy, Megan: English  
Riecke, Lena: Law  
Rivers, Eilidh: Natural Sciences  
Robertson, Helena: History  
Saaw, Daniel: Computer Science  
Saddiq, Hannan: Engineering  
Saik, Hanna: Natural Sciences  
Santini, Isabella: Anglo-Saxon, Norse, and Celtic  
Savage, Isabella: Natural Sciences  
Senior, Emily: History  
Smales, Isabella: Mathematics  
Spratley, Leyla: English  
Stenczel, Tamás (Tommy): Natural Sciences  
Sung, Jenny: Medicine  
Szathury, Balint: Natural Sciences  
Tabbush, Jonathan: History and Politics  
Talwar, Anand: Human, Social and Political Sciences  
Tang, Austin: Medicine  
Tapadar, Nusrath: English  
Thomas, Brogan: Veterinary Medicine  
Tiller, Lucy: English  
Toal, Daire: Modern and Medieval Languages  
Toth, Norbert: Natural Sciences  
Turi, Soma: Natural Sciences  
Walker, Jonathan: Land Economy  
Walker, Joseph: Mathematics  
Wang, Yuxuan: Chemical Engineering (via Natural Sciences)  
Warnock-Horn, Bryony: Natural Sciences  
Wasson, Sam: Philosophy  
Watson, George: Mathematics  
Wearden, Matthew: Mathematics  
Wilkinson, Amy: Natural Sciences  
Wong, Paul: Natural Sciences  
Wood, Victoria: Veterinary Medicine  
Wooding, Freya: English  
Woods Rogan, Richard: Music  
Wyllie, Tom: Engineering  
Xie, Junyu: Natural Sciences  
Yao, Qinnan: Geography  
Ying, Leo: Mathematics  
Younus, Raafay: Mathematics  
Zielinska, Karolina: Law
NEW GRADUATE STUDENTS 2017

In previous years we have printed the names of universities at which graduate students had received their undergraduate degrees; following legal advice we have been advised to discontinue this practice for reasons of data protection.

Abu-Halawa, Ossama: MPhil, History, Philosophy & Sociology of Science, Technology & Medicine
Adams, Jonathan: MPhil, Economic Research
Ali, Quosain: MPhil, Conservation Leadership
Aubrey, Damian: MPhil, Energy Technologies
Baker, Mollie: MPhil, Education
Beaupre, Suzanna: MPhil, Early Modern History
Bolgar, Peter: PhD, Chemistry
Byng, Laura: MPhil, Social Anthropology
Cengiz, Cihat: PhD, Engineering
Chan, Kar Wing Kelvin: MPhil, Real Estate Finance
Chan, Wai Yeap: PhD, Politics & International Studies
Connolly, Jonathan: MRes, Gas Turbine Aerodynamics
Crawford, Samuel: MASt, Applied Mathematics
Crosby, James: PhD, Earth Sciences
Crout, Phillip: PhD, Materials Science
DeBolle, Stephanie: MBA
Didouan, Amandine: PhD, History of Art
Dilucia, Niall: MPhil, Political Thought and International History
Doherty, Elizabeth: MPhil, Medieval and Renaissance Literature
Donderwinkel, Serte: MASt, Pure Mathematics
Doreth, Christian: PhD, Medicine
Durkan, Leanne: MASt, Applied Mathematics
Duruisseaux, Valentin: MAS, Applied Mathematics
Elmentaite, Rasa: PhD, Biological Science
Fox, Jonah: MPhil, Genomic Medicine
Fujita, Sayaka: MPhil, Education
Gauthier, Steven: MBA
Gilmore, Kieran: PhD, Earth Sciences
Gioia, Michael: MPhil, Political Thought and International History
Goodhart, Joseph: MPhil, Early Modern History
Gordillo Dagallier, Lorena: MRes, Sensor Technologies & Applications
Griggs, Laura: MPhil, Planning Growth and Regeneration
Guth Jarkovsky, Jiří: MASt, Applied Mathematics
Handa, Anoushka: PhD, Chemistry
Hanly, Peter: MPhil, Industrial Systems, Manufacture & Management
Hill, Luisa: MPhil, Philosophy
Hong, Jintao: PhD, Engineering
Howell, Brittany: PhD, Biological Science
Howison, Toby: PhD, Engineering
Huang, Yijie: MPhil, History, Philosophy & Sociology of Science, Technology & Medicine
Huhn, Francisco: PhD, Engineering
Irvine, Alexander: PhD, Biological Science
Jartseva, Aleksandra: PhD, Biological Sciences
Ji, Yingfeng: MPhil, Development Studies
Karapanagiotis, Solon: PhD, Medical Science
Khorisantono, Putu: PhD, Physiology, Development and Neuroscience
Kneale-Jones, Chris: MBA
Kreitem, Joseph: MPhil, English Studies
Lake, Philip: MPhil, Engineering for Sustainable Development
Le, Elizabeth: PhD, Medicine
Lee, Seullee: MPhil, Education
Leggat, Jennifer: MRes, Medical Science
Lewis, Corey: MPhil, English Studies
Macrae, Robyn: MRes, Medical Science
Mareva, Silvana: PhD, Biological Science
Mariner, Simon: PGCE, Modern Foreign Languages
McAlister, Rufus: MPhil, Education
McConahay, Brandi: MPhil, Archaeology
Mekler Von Dydiowa, Max: PhD, Physics
Mikutis, Sigitas: PhD, Biological Sciences
Mookerjee, Souradi: PhD, Haematology
Moran, Katherine: MPhil, Biological Science
Morley, Benjamin: PhD, Pure Maths and Mathematical Statistics
Muller, Daniel: MPhil, History, Philosophy & Sociology of Science, Technology & Medicine
Orrin, Elizabeth: MPhil, Film and Screen Studies
Panetta, Margaret: MPhil, History, Philosophy & Sociology of Science, Technology & Medicine
Parish, Hannah: MPhil, Archaeological Research
Pedrina McCarthy, Antonio: PhD, Chemistry
Pinnington, Natasha: PhD, English
Porter, Alice: PGCE, Geography
Potter, Harriet: MPhil, Medieval History
Preece, Elizabeth: MPhil, Music Studies
Radzevicius, Antanas: PhD, Chemistry
Reid, David: MPhil, Planning Growth and Regeneration
Rinkel, Bernardine: PhD, Chemistry
Royakkers, Jeroen: PhD, Chemistry
Rööig, Christian: CPGS, Economics
Schwaller, Philippe: PhD, Physics
Scott, James: MPhil, Classics
Sekirime, Susan: MPhil, Conservation Leadership
Shapter, Sophie: MPhil, Education
Sharma, Lisa: PhD, Chemistry
Slater, Jack: MPhil, Multi-Disciplinary Gender Studies
Temple, Matthew: PhD, Astronomy
Teng, Josephine: MPhil, Education
Thomas, Grant: MPhil, Theoretical & Applied Linguistics
Thompson, Marianne: MPhil, Management
Thurston, Georgia: MPhil, English Studies
Tiong, Ngee Derk: PhD, Education
Tiong, Ngee Derk: PhD, Education
Trainor, Dermot: PhD, History
Tsang, Bernard Tsz Kin: MPhil, Economics
Upton, Nigel: PGCE, Mathematics
Van Gerwen, Lotte: MPhil, European, Latin American & Comparative Literatures & Cultures
Wells Dion, Bathsheba: MPhil, Anglo-Saxon, Norse and Celtic
Wilsmore, Phoebe: MRes, Medical Science
Yang, Duhan: MPhil, Asian & Middle Eastern Studies
Zimarino, Carlo: PhD, Medical Science

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS AND PRIZES

Buller, R: The Michael Loewe Prize for Asian & Middle Eastern Studies
Clayton, BAJ: The Archibald Denny Prize for Engineering
Mitchell, CP: The Robert Somers Prize for Asian & Middle Eastern Studies
Ng, JY: The Middle Eastern Studies Dissertation Prize
Taghinejadi, H: The Armourers & Brasiers’ Prize for Materials Science

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.

Baid S, Elijosius R: The Ray Driver Prizes in Chemistry
Bailey S, Kalvaitis D: The Alan Battersby Prizes in Chemistry or in Biochemistry
Barr LR, Clarke B, Kirwan H, Loxton EV, McGeachin LM, Page HGN: The TR Henn Prizes in English
Bausch LH, Schofield HL: The Ivo Forde Prizes in History
Beckett EE, Jones R: The Tasker Prizes in Modern & Medieval Languages
Bolderson B, Hengeveln N, Merry KE: The Kemp-Gooderson Prizes in Law
Clayton BAJ: The Alexandria Prize in Engineering
Clayton BAJ: The Jeremy Haworth Prizes in Mathematics or in Engineering
Clayton BAJ, Dudgeon BP, Dunlop A, Kirby T, Patel H, Pawson JD, Saddiq H: The Birfield Memorial Scholarships in Engineering
Conlon FG: The Robert Comline Prizes in Systems Physiology
Cripps I, Eden RM: The Belfield Clarke Prizes in Biological Sciences
Dluzewski GB, Donderwinkel S, Tsangalidou Z: The TW Armour Prize in Mathematics
Dobson S, Lefroy NS, Wales AG: The Gus Caesar Prizes in Geography
Faulkner A: The Arthur Andersen Prize in Finance, Accounting, Management Studies, Economics, Law, Mathematics or Modern & Medieval Languages
Fox T: The Figgis Memorial Prize in History
Friedman C, Lepper E: The Sean Mulherin Prizes in Modern & Medieval Languages
Fu Z: The St Catharine’s Prize for Distinction in Research
Ho JT, Mann K: The Sayers Prizes in Economics
Hooton PR: The Daniel Owen Morgan Prizes in Veterinary Medicine
Kalus F, Vaughan A: The Posener Memorial Prizes in Modern & Medieval Languages
Khoo, NLY: The Higham Prizes in Archaeology
Kleeman JAC, Plastow G: The Rasa Prize Fund in Economics
Knowles S F: The VLM Lairmore Prizes in Physics
Lai YN: The Adderley Prize in Law
Lai YN: The Lauterpacht Prize in International Law
Liu S: The RS Briggs Prize for Outstanding Tripos Performance
Michaelides LML: The Stephane Francis Prize in Veterinary Science
Minter PDTW: The Drury-Johns Prize in Mathematics
Moller T: The Engineering Members’ Prize
Ng JY: The Jarrett Prize in Theology or in Asian & Middle Eastern Studies
Stevens, JEJ: The William Balchin Prize in Geography
Stinton EJ: The Cuthbert Casson Prize(s) in Theology
Tabbush J, Taghinejadi H: The DW Morgan Prizes for Academic Excellence
Wales AG: The Stephen Hinchliffe Dissertation Prize in Geography
Watts R: The Richard Walduck Prize for History
Xie J: The John Shakeshaft Prize for Natural Sciences
Zator K: The James Brimlow Prize in Chemistry
The Bruno Laurent Memorial Prize in Chemical Engineering, The Lacey Prize in Classics, The Palmer Prize for Classics, The Jacobson Prize in Law, The Peter Le Huray Prize in Music, The Mennell Prize in Politics, Psychology & Sociology and The Corrie Prize in Theology were not awarded.

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.

Barnes-McCallum W: The HH Hull Award for Outstanding Contribution to College Instrumental or Vocal Music
Beckett EE: The Bishop Browne Prize for Reading in Chapel
Doherty H, Pinnington N: The Christopher MacGregor Memorial Awards for English Literature
Hafner A, Hulse OM: The Richard Hardy Awards for Biological Science
Kalus F: The Wilshaw Bursary
Kalus F: The Weaver Prize for Choral Music
Lando M, Soselia MB: The Gooderson Memorial Grants for Legal Practice
Morkunas D: The Master’s Sizar
Paris S E: The Higham Award in Archaeology
Raffell E: The Nicholas Prize for Leadership
Ross S: The Martin Steele Memorial Award for Theatre
Wheeler MR: The Karen Kerslake Memorial Prize for College Music
Zielinska KRP: The Mooting Prize
The Drury Memorial Exhibition for Anglican Ordination Training was not awarded.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Senior Scholars
Ager, WJ (Engineering): Dr John Gostlin (1626)
Bates, A (Veterinary Sciences): Moses Holway (1695)
Bogachev, I (Natural Sciences): Skerne (1745)
Clayton, BAJ (Engineering): Dr John Gostlin (1626)
Dudgeon, BP (Engineering): Dr John Gostlin (1626)
Dunlop, A (Engineering): Dr John Gostlin (1626)
Faulkner, A (Management Studies): Thomas Hobbes (1631)
Kalvaitis, D (Natural Sciences): Skerne (1745)
Khoo, NLY (Human, Social & Political Sciences): Lady Cocket (c.1635)
Kleeman, JAC (Economics): Robert Skerne (1661)
Knowles, SF (Natural Sciences): Skerne (1745)
Michaelides, LML (Veterinary Sciences): Moses Holway (1695)
Minter, PDTW (Mathematics): John Cartwright (1674)
Ng, JY (Asian & Middle Eastern Studies): Thomas Jarrett (1887)
Page, HGN (English): Sir John Cleypoole (1613)
Pawson, JD (Engineering): Dr John Gostlin (1626)
Sirlinskaite, G (Natural Sciences): Skerne (1745)
Stakes, TD (Engineering): Dr John Gostlin (1626)
Stevens, JEJ (Geography): Sir John Gostlin (1613)
Tarrant, E (Veterinary Sciences): Moses Holway (1695)
Webb, EJK (Natural Sciences): Skerne (1745)
Yeung, YK (Engineering): Dr John Gostlin (1626)
Yip, DLZHR (Asian & Middle Eastern Studies): Thomas Jarrett (1887)
Zanre, AC (Natural Sciences): Skerne (1745)

Scholars
Adeline, A (Natural Sciences): Thomas Hobbes (1631)
Akajie-Macauley, L (Medical Sciences): Moses Holway (1695)
Al Shedefat, S (Medical Sciences): Moses Holway (1695)
Baczyn, M (Natural Sciences): Skerne (1745)
Baid, S (Natural Sciences): Skerne (1745)
Bailey, S (Natural Sciences): Skerne (1745)
Barr, LR (English): Sir John Cleypoole (1613)
Bausch, LH (History): Lady Katharine Barnardiston (1633)
Bolderson, B (Law): Mrs Payne (1610)
Buller, R (Asian & Middle Eastern Studies): Thomas Jarrett (1887)
Burrows, G (Natural Sciences): Thomas Hobbes (1631)
Carro, E (Natural Sciences): Skerne (1745)
Cepitis, R (Natural Sciences): Skerne (1745)
Charlton, I (Veterinary Sciences): Moses Holway (1695)
Charytiniwicz, D (MPhil in Bioscience Enterprise): Thomas Hobbes (1631)
Chen, JS (MPhil in Modern European History): Lady Katharine Barnardiston (1633)
Chew, PY (Natural Sciences): Skerne (1745)
Cheyney, ML (Psychology & Behavioural Sciences): Thomas Hobbes (1631)
Cinamon Nair, Y (Geography): Sir John Cleypoole (1613)
Cisneros, N (Modern & Medieval Languages): Henry Chaytor (1954)
Clarke, B (English): Sir John Cleypoole (1613)
Conlon, FG (Natural Sciences): Thomas Hobbes (1631)
Cowell, T (Engineering): Dr John Gostlin (1626)
Cripps, I (Natural Sciences): Thomas Hobbes (1631)
Croucher, C (Mathematics): John Cartwright (1674)
Curtis, F (MPhil in Early Modern History): Lady Katharine Barnardiston (1633)
Dar, T (Medical Sciences): Moses Holway (1695)
de Spoelberch, HAG (Engineering): Dr John Gostlin (1626)
Diggin, M (Mathematics): John Cartwright (1674)
Dilucia, N (MPhil in Political Thoughts & Intellectual History): Lady Katharine Barnardiston (1633)
Dluzewski, GB (Mathematics): John Cartwright (1674)
Dobson, S (Geography): Sir John Cleypoole (1613)
Donderwinkel, SA (Mathematics MAst): John Cartwright (1674)
Draksas, D (Natural Sciences): Skerne (1745)
Dumitriu, RE (Computer Science): Mr Spurstow (1646)
Dunstan, EI (English): Sir John Cleypoole (1613)
Eden, RM (Natural Sciences): Thomas Hobbes (1631)
Elijiosius, R (Natural Sciences): Skerne (1745)
English, ESA (Natural Sciences): Thomas Hobbes (1631)
Eyre, K (Land Economy): Robert Skerne (1661)
Ferguson, JD (Asian & Middle Eastern Studies): Thomas Jarrett (1887)
Fleet, AA (Medical Sciences): Moses Holway (1695)
Fox, T (History): Lady Katharine Barnardiston (1633)
Friedman, C (Modern & Medieval Languages): Henry Chaytor (1954)
Gerhold, AP (Geography): Sir John Cleypoole (1613)
Gimson, LJJ (Veterinary Sciences): Moses Holway (1695)
Hamill, A (Modern & Medieval Languages): Henry Chaytor (1954)
Harris, MOB (Natural Sciences): Skerne (1745)
Harrison, M (MPhil in Modern European History): Lady Katharine Barnardiston (1633)
Heath, J (Economics): Robert Skerne (1661)
Ho, JT (Economics): Robert Skerne (1661)
Hooton, PR (Veterinary Sciences): Moses Holway (1695)
Jones, R (Modern & Medieval Languages): Henry Chaytor (1954)
Kalus, F (Modern & Medieval Languages): Henry Chaytor (1954)
Kirby, T (Engineering): Dr John Gostlin (1626)
Kirwan, H (English): Sir John Cleypoole (1613)
Kovacs, DP (Natural Sciences): Skerne (1745)
Kumar, S (Medical Sciences): Moses Holway (1695)
Lai, YN (Law): Mrs Payne (1610)
Lefroy, NS (Geography): Sir John Cleypoole (1613)
Leng, H (Economics): Robert Skerne (1661)
Lepper, E (Modern & Medieval Languages): Henry Chaytor (1954)
Liu, SX (Medical Sciences): Moses Holway (1695)
Loynton, EV (English): Sir John Cleypoole (1613)
MacCarthy, TJ (Medical Sciences): Moses Holway (1695)
Mach, J (Computer Science): Mr Spurstow (1646)
Mann, KS (Economics): Robert Skerne (1661)
McGeachin, LM (English): Sir John Cleypoole (1613)
McKellar, I (Modern & Medieval Languages): Henry Chaytor (1954)
Mendel, JA (Natural Sciences): Skerne (1745)
Merry, KE (Law): Mrs Payne (1610)
Mitchell, CP (Asian & Middle Eastern Studies): Thomas Jarrett (1887)
Moller, T (Engineering): Dr John Gostlin (1626)
Murgoci, A (Natural Sciences): Skerne (1745)
Osborne, RE (Medical Sciences): Moses Holway (1695)
Palmer, NPD (Engineering): Dr John Gostlin (1626)
Patel, H (Manufacturing Engineering): Robert Skerne (1661)
Plastow, G (Economics): Robert Skerne (1661)
Potter, HE (Medical Sciences (Part II Physiology)): Moses Holway (1695)
Raffell, E (Human, Social and Political Sciences): Lady Cocket (c.1635)
Reidy, M (English): Sir John Cleypoole (1613)
Rowe, MJ (Natural Sciences): Skerne (1745)
Saddiq, H (Engineering): Dr John Gostlin (1626)
Saik, HM (Natural Sciences): Thomas Hobbes (1631)
Schofield, HL (History): Lady Katharine Barnardiston (1633)
Sharman, DL (Philosophy): Mrs Julian Stafford (1627)
Short, I (Natural Sciences): Thomas Hobbes (1631)
Smith, B (Natural Sciences): Skerne (1745)
Stinton, EJ (Theology & Religious Studies): Mrs Julian Stafford (1627)
Sundaram, SK (Medical Sciences): Moses Holway (1695)
Tabbush, J (History & Politics): Lady Katharine Barnardiston (1633)
Taghinejad, H (Natural Sciences): Skerne (1745)
Telbot, R (Natural Sciences): Skerne (1745)
Tang, ZX (Medical Sciences): Moses Holway (1695)
Tiller, LJ (English): Sir John Cleypoole (1613)

Toal, DJ (Modern & Medieval Languages): Henry Chaytor (1954)
Toth, N (Natural Sciences): Skerne (1745)
Tsangalidou, Z (Mathematics): John Cartwright (1674)
Turi, S (Natural Sciences): Skerne (1745)
Vaughan, A (Modern & Medieval Languages): Henry Chaytor (1954)
Vettorel, D (MPhil in Advanced Computer Science): Mr Spurstow (1646)

Wales, AG (Geography): A A L Caesar (1980)
Warnock-Horn, B (Natural Sciences): Skerne (1745)
Wasson, SLR (Philosophy): Mrs Julian Stafford (1627)
Watts, R (History): Lady Katharine Barnardiston (1633)
Wilkinson, FJ (Medical Sciences): Moses Holway (1695)
Wong, HC (Natural Sciences): Thomas Hobbes (1631)
Xie, J (Natural Sciences): Skerne (1745)
Yang, E (Natural Sciences): Skerne (1745)
Zator, K (Natural Sciences): Skerne (1745)
Zhang, C (Medical Sciences): Moses Holway (1695)

PHDS AWARDED 2017–18

Bennett, Maxine: Improving the efficiency of clinical trial designs by using historical control data or adding a treatment arm to an ongoing trial
Bernard, William: Investigating notch signalling in smooth muscle cell development and cerebrovascular disease using human pluripotent stem cells
Cardim, Danilo: Non-invasive monitoring of intracranial pressure using transcranial Doppler ultrasonography
Crosby, Priya: Metabolic regulation of circadian timekeeping
Dalby, Amanda: Forward programming of human pluripotent stem cells to a megakaryocyte-erythrocyte bi-potent progenitor population: an in vitro system for the production of platelets and red blood cells for transfusion medicine
Ding, Long: Ferroelectric thin film investigation using piezoresponse force microscopy
Elderfield, James: Using epidemiological principles and mathematical models to understand fungicide resistance evolution
Foerster, Sarah: Functional heterogeneity of oligodendrocyte progenitor cells (OPCs) in the CNS.
Foley, Sarah: Emerging parental sensitivity: the transition to parenthood through the lens of family systems theory
Gibson, Joshua: The political thought of the Chartist Movement
Keeble, James: Modelling polar stratospheric processes and chemistry-climate interactions
Lando, Massimo: Consistency in the international law of maritime delimitation: towards a set of common principles for the judicial establishment of maritime boundaries
Moazzin, Ghassan: Networks of capital: German bankers and the financial internationalisation of China (1885–1919)
Niblett, Samuel: Higher order structure in the energy landscapes of model glass formers
Norman, William: The classical barbarian in the Íslendingasögur
Northrop, Charlotte: Archetypal characterisation in Ovid’s metamorphoses
Rosten, Jonatan: The ZZ → q1 process and anomalous triple gauge couplings with ATLAS at the LHC
Ruprecht, Adrian: De-centering humanitarianism: The Red Cross and India, c. 1877–1939
Schaeffer, Julia: The molecular regulation of spinal nerve outgrowth
Schoenberger, Paul: The history management of the East-Elbian nobility after 1945
Serban, Anca: Integrated or monofunctional landscapes? Agent-based modelling for evaluating the socioeconomic implications of land use interventions
Tycz, Katherine: Material Prayers: the Use of Text in Early Modern Italian Domestic Devotions
Watts, Natasha: Investing for impact: finance and farming in the Southern Highlands of Tanzania
Whitty, Ciara: An investigation into the distribution, form and regulation of sclerostin
It has been a pleasure to be your President over the past year and to report what the Society has done and achieved in a busy and successful year.

First and foremost we must commend Branch Chairs across the country for putting on a splendid series of events of great variety. I think I can do no more justice to their richness than listing what has happened – mainly at Branch level: visits to the opera, wine tastings, lectures & lunchtime talks, open-air theatre, lunches & dinners, mentoring events for recent graduates, visits/tours of stately homes, guided walks, drinks receptions, museum visits, sporting fixtures – and, of course, the Annual Reunion. I have myself visited a small number of Branch events, thoroughly enjoyed them and thank the Branches for making me feel very welcome. In all there have been more than 30 social events during the year with an estimated engagement of up to 900 members and guests.

We exist, of course, to allow members to maintain contact with old friends and contemporaries and also to maintain contact with and support for the College. In the latter context we have made more than 60 different grants to students in sport, music, performing arts, club travel and internships totalling £86,000, and we have supported the student Careers Society with its February reception and dinner.

A major achievement is the production of the superb College Magazine, which is generously financed by the College and we are grateful to the College and in particular to the ADO for the practical help they have given over the year. We are looking in more depth at what we do ourselves and how we interact with the College; I very much hope that the result maintains and develops the essential closeness with the College we all value.

Finally, without the hard work and commitment of our volunteer officers and members the Society would not exist. I know you will all wish to thank, in no particular order, my predecessor as President, Sir John Baker, our current Committee Chair, John Wells, our Treasurer, John Little, our Branch Chairs and Committee members and our stalwart Secretary David Peace.

Keith Cocker (1972, History)

SOCIETY COMMITTEE 2018–9

**President:** Professor John Moverley (1968, Agriculture)

**Vice-President and President-Elect:** Lilian Greenwood (1984, SPS) MP

**Immediate Past President:** Keith Cocker (1972, History)

**Chairman:** Dr John Wells (1976, NatSci)

**Hon Secretary:** David Peace (1966, Classics, Fellow Commoner 2014)

**Hon Treasurer:** Dr John Little (1972, Materials, Fellow 1980)

**Editor, Society Magazine:** Roger Stratford (1960, NatSci, Fellow Commoner 1992)

**Society Webmaster:** Howard Cole, College IT Manager

**Elected (Ordinary) Members**

**Re-elected 2017:** Hugh McNeill (1996, NatSci)

**Elected 2017:** Carrie Whitwell (1983, Land Economy), Revd Dr David Neaum (Fellow 2013)


**Re-elected 2015:** Dr Anthony Davenport (Fellow 1995)

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 2018–9

John Moverley was born in Yorkshire, where he attended Pocklington School, before coming up to Cambridge in 1968 to read Agriculture. He achieved a First Class degree and, in his final year, was awarded both a University Prize, as best student on his course, and a College Scholarship. Following three years working as a Management Consultant, John took up a Research Fellowship and Lectureship at the University of Nottingham. His research involved economic modelling of animal production systems and, on the introduction of microcomputers, he was one of the pioneers and innovators in taking forward their use in whole farm business management. Following periods as a Senior Tutor at Shuttleworth College in Bedfordshire and Deputy Principal at Bicton in Devon, he became Principal of the Lincolnshire College of Agriculture and Horticulture leading that institution out of local authority control to full independence.

He then became an Associate Pro-Vice-Chancellor at De Montfort before moving to the role of Principal and Chief Executive at Myerscough College. Under his stewardship from 1997 to 2005, its activities, both in terms of further and higher education as well as research and commercial activity, grew considerably and it became the largest of its kind, counting amongst its Honorary Fellows Professor David Ingram (Master 2000–6, Honorary Fellow 2006) and Professor Don Broom (1961 VetMed, Fellow 1987, Emeritus 2009). John's final full time appointment was as Chief Executive of the Royal Agricultural Society of England. In 2004, he was awarded the OBE for services to education.

John has held numerous public and private appointments and holds honorary fellowships at both Myerscough and the University of Central Lancashire. He is also a Fellow of the Royal Agricultural Societies and the Institute of Agricultural Engineering. Currently he continues to hold a number of public appointments as well as non-executive director and trusteeships. He retains research interests focussed very much on issues of integrated land management and writes and presents frequently.

John has been married for 45 years and has two sons and four grandchildren. He is a keen sportsman, more passive than active these days, and his first love is cricket. He also enjoys walking, gardening and rail travel. John regards being elected as President of the Society as a great honour and looks forward to being involved with a range of activities during his year.
2018 SOCIETY REUNION

Report of the 90th Annual General Meeting

The Society President, Keith Cocker (1972, History) took the Chair on 22 September 2018 with about 40 members in attendance and welcomed them to the 90th Annual General Meeting of the Society.

The Minutes of the 89th meeting were approved nem con: Proposer Professor Stephen Mennell (1963, Economics), seconder Professor Tony Watts (1960, History)

Elections: In the elections the following Members were proposed and seconded en bloc, being either confirmed in, or elected to, or re-elected to Committee Membership nem con: Professor John Moverley (1968, Agriculture) as President, having been elected the previous year; Lilian Greenwood (1984, SPS) MP as President-Elect; Dr John Wells (1976, NatSci) as Chair; David Peace (1966, Classics) as Secretary; Dr John Little (1972, Materials) as Treasurer. Proposer Brian Sweeney (1963, Engineering), seconder Brian Woodham (1961, Engineering)

Address by the Master: The Chair then announced that the Master was present and had kindly offered to say a few words about the College and its plans, and also about the talks he was having with the Society as we together identified clearer ways of operating and co-operating.

Professor Sir Mark Welland, Master, then addressed the AGM. Regarding the College itself, there had been a major review of all its properties and facilities, identifying where and how to modernise and upgrade, and he had insisted that paramount importance be given to the interests of students. Student rooms would, for example, require extra expenditure of £7m to £12m over the next 3 to 7 years; an architectural competition had been held for quality design and buildings; the kitchens needed considerable work; and he hoped for changes to the OCR and the Hall. The College was already endowing more academic posts – 14 new Fellows would be installed the following week, for example – and he hoped that the new post of Operations Director would be filled very shortly. Funds to help disadvantaged students and to enhance the library facilities were also high priority. He stated that more details from the Strategic Plan that he had instituted would hopefully be available in the next three to four months.

Moving on to the talks with the Society, Sir Mark summarised the situation: financial separation had taken place in 2015; some ambiguities regarding ‘who does what’ had remained and they had been the subject of positive talks with, particularly, Dr John Wells the Society Chair and David Peace the Secretary. He was pleased that there was commitment on all sides to clarify, simplify and therefore improve further the ongoing mutual support between the two organisations. He was aware that the next item on the
agenda was a Society discussion on that topic so he wished the members and the Society well and withdrew from the meeting to allow us to continue.

**Chair’s Summary of Work in Progress regarding future relations between Society and College:**
Dr John Wells, Society Chair, then updated the AGM on the work to clarify the operational arrangements between the College and the Society following the decision in 2015, on HMRC advice, that we were separate legal entities. These arrangements were intended to maintain the closest possible links with the College, whilst recognising the revised legal status of the Society. As a result, the College and Society had negotiated a Data Exchange Agreement as required by the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). As mentioned by the Master, we had also developed a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding that clarifies the roles and responsibilities between College and Society whilst achieving some simplification in Society operations. Finally, he noted that during the coming year the Society committee would consider potential changes to the Society’s governance. Possible changes included addressing potential conflicts of interest by replacing elected fellows on the committee by a single fellow nominated by the College; introducing a representative of the student body as a member of the committee, nominated by the College; and giving consideration to replacing the role of President by the ex-officio appointment of the Master to a non-executive Patron role. These proposals would be developed for discussion and decision at the 2019 AGM. Dr Wells invited comments of those present, and members generally, on these potential changes so that they could be considered at the committee’s meeting in December.

There followed a lively discussion including requests for further clarity on the revised legal status and the new operational arrangements with the College. Dr Wells stressed that the intention was that College and Society would remain as close as they always had been, while recognising that legislation and regulations would require some separation of working practices.

**President’s Annual Report:** Keith Cocker expressed his pride and pleasure in the Society’s performance during his year of office, congratulating the Branch Chairs on their stellar range and volume of social events for members throughout the UK and Ireland – for details see the Branch Reports later in this Society section. This has been a record year – the greatest number of events (over 30) and the widest engagement of members (800–900) since the Society was founded in 1923. Keith had himself visited some of them and had enjoyed them immensely. By their social interaction members were also continually reminded of the College and their allegiance to it; and the Society itself had provided some £8,600 to students in special grants, as well as supporting the student Careers Society. The Magazine, as always a first class production – see the Editor’s Report below – was again generously funded for
printing and distribution by the College. He paid tribute to the practical help given by the Alumni and Development Office and the other College departments. Presuming that he spoke for all members, the President expressed the wish that the essential closeness with the College that the Society had experienced in its 94 years would be continued and enriched in the years to come. He thanked all volunteers who had made the Society what it was, in particular the Branch Chairs and the Officers; and he welcomed Professor John Moverley who had been chosen as the next President.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Dr Little, Society Treasurer, reported that Stanhope Capital had taken over management of the Society’s funds a year earlier and had gradually built the portfolio up towards its long-term strategic target positioning. It was now nearly fully invested. Currently the biggest contributors to performance had been the first equity positions added to the portfolio yielding 10–12%. Elsewhere, the bond funds had been performing their function of generating income for the portfolio. The estimated yield was currently approximately 2.3% which was slightly below target but once fully invested he expected this to increase. The value of the portfolio was up 3.8% since the start of managing it in March of the previous year with a value of £311,332 at the end of the month. There had been a total of £4,669 generated in income and dividends. General Income: Subscription income had increased due to a greater number of students in College, the increase represented mostly by graduate students. The rise in dividends received and bank interest resulted in over £4,000 generated from the portfolio and the cash at bank. Although we currently had £29,000 in Barclays this money had been held to finance our award schemes to students and financial help. General Expenditure was much in line with previous years with lesser expenses in catering and other expenses leading to a £3000 drop in overall expenditure and an operating surplus of £2,408. Investment: the increase in value of our investments of £694 combined with the surplus from the General Expenditure less allowances made for Corporation
Tax delivered an overall Balance brought forward of £307,250. The portfolio thus increased by 1.6% with capital growth of £694 and dividend income of £4,243. This, combined with the £29,000 at the bank meant that our general reserve had risen from £327,189 to £329,489 and, at the end of the month, stood at £311,332. The full accounts may be viewed via the Society website.

**Editor's Report:** The Editor reported that the 2017 Magazine, with the picture of our astronaut on the cover, seemed to have been well received. The 2018 edition was well advanced, though some items were still awaited even though the nominal deadline had passed. When appointed in 2002, the Editor had two assistants – Chris Thorne and John Shakeshaft. We had sadly lost John three years ago. The Editor suggested that the team might once again be made up to three once the status of the Magazine had been settled as part of the College/Society discussions.

**The Reunion Seminar**
The talk by the Master, Professor Sir Mark Welland, entitled *Small Things Matter – nanotechnology in action*, held in the McGrath Centre, attracted an audience of around 100, including Society members and guests and also, for the first time in our Society Reunions, alumni and their guests from other colleges who were attending the University’s Alumni Festival. Sir Mark illustrated the quite remarkable research into nanoscience and nanotechnology, and gave examples of nano-related research programmes and how they benefit, and potentially will further benefit, mankind. This was spell-binding stuff, and the audience engaged very readily in the ensuing discussion. We were most grateful for Sir Mark’s contribution to our Reunion – and of course for his central contribution to this most fascinating and critical area of research.

**Exhibition**
During the Reunion Weekend the College Librarian, Colin Higgins, and his colleagues provided members with an exhibition in the Antechapel of facsimile documents revealing what life was like in the College during the First World War. We noted how College Societies were affected and who made use of College rooms when most students were away in the trenches. There were also papers from College members who fought in the War: letters, diaries and photographs – all very poignant but most appropriate just a few weeks from the centenary of the Armistice. And all much appreciated by members.

**Evensong**
From friendly fenland drizzle in Main Court we ambled into our so-familiar Chapel, passing the WWI memories of our forefathers and so into the pews for a period of reflection, thanks and praise. A small choir of students, alumni and girls from the College’s amazing Girls’ Choir provided the musical
backdrop for the unchanging ritual of evening prayer and uplifting singing. Now thank we all our God established our gratitude to the Almighty and to those who have given so much; prayers were said for the College and the Society; Macmillan’s O Radiant Dawn was the anthem, heralding light in a world of darkness; and finally Wesley’s O Thou who camest from above brought us to the blessing. The College’s new Junior Organ Scholar, not yet matriculated, was playing throughout, and gave us a fine voluntary: Bach’s Prelude and Fugue in A minor BWV 551. Thus inspired we moved out into Main Court and proceeded to the McGrath Centre for further enrichment.

**Annual Dinner 2018**

Assembling for our pre-Dinner Reception in the McGrath Centre some 140 of us – the widest range of members, from those who entered College from 1945 right through to those who joined in 2017 – enjoyed liquids, canapés and great conviviality until we were called to order and dutifully filed through to find our places in Hall. The Society President, Keith Cocker, then said the College Grace and we were launched into an evening of excellent food, high quality wines and an ever-increasing volume of amicable and humorous conversation until after dessert the gong was sounded and the President proposed the Loyal Toast. Keith then addressed the gathering as our outgoing President.

Noting the privilege of Presidency and the duty to give a speech on his last day, he also assured everyone that he would keep it short! Summarising his earlier AGM comments he reminded members of the record number of activities and events that the Society had managed during his 12 months and all the hard work that had been done, and he expressed his certainty that everyone would do their best to maintain the closest of relations between College and Society so that both would continue to flourish in future. He reminisced humorously about the time he had applied to St Catharine’s, his interviews with Gus Caesar, Chris Bayly and John Thompson, and the welcome news of his History Scholarship. The College holds a special place in everyone’s hearts, he said. It maintains its traditions but it changes, as change it must, to adapt to the needs of the future. Straying onto matters of sex – nay, ‘gender’, he insisted – he was delighted to say that the Society intended to play its part in celebrating, in 2019–20, the 40th anniversary of the admitting of women to the College, and so it was very fitting that we would have as our President that year Lilian Greenwood MP, the first St Catharine’s woman to be elected to Parliament. Thanking the Master for his ongoing help and advice in mapping out the next stage of our development as a Society, and the support of the ADO under Deborah Loveluck, he paid tribute to those volunteers who had contributed so much to the Society’s success during the year, and in particular to the members of the General Committee including the Branch Chairs, the Chair, the Treasurer and the Secretary. In the applause that followed the President asked all to rise in order to toast The College, to which all members responded with gusto.
The Master, Professor Sir Mark Welland, then addressed members and summarised significant events of the past year. The news was truly remarkable: the pressure of student applications was second to none (well, second only to Trinity!) and, using a formula that foxed many of us – but which we couldn’t possibly doubt – he then showed that St Catharine’s was the most popular college in all of Cambridge. Academic results were impressive and sporting success equally so. The College’s development programme for the next few years was ambitious and wide-ranging – for a summary see his remarks to our AGM above and his Report at the front of the Magazine – and members would shortly see details when the Strategic Plan was published. Sir Mark then expressed his appreciation of the Society’s services in bringing together College alumni in social settings and in helping students financially, and he looked forward to maintaining the closest of relationships in the years ahead. The Master then asked members and guests to stand and raise their glasses as he proposed a toast to *The Society*.

Keith Cocker, outgoing Society President, then handed the emblem of office to Professor John Moverley, wishing him much pleasure as Society President in the year ahead.

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 midnight.

*David Peace (1966, Classics, 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 make sure that we do not duplicate funding available from other sources – from the College or from the University for example – and so we currently offer grants in the following areas, with each annual sum shared between eligible students or groups:

- **The Music Tuition Fund**, for those not reading Music as a degree subject: up to £1,000 per year available.
- **The Performing Arts Fund**, for students wanting to improve their personal skills in theatre, dance etc. (but not for funding specific productions): up to £1,000 per year available.
- **The Travel Grants Fund**, for College Clubs and Societies to support UK and overseas tours, with priority given to applicants who will link up with alumni in the areas visited: up to £2,000 per year available.
- **The Old Members’ Sports Fund**, for extra or unusual expenditure for students chosen to represent the College or University at any competitive sport: up to £4,000 per year available.
- **The Internship Bursaries Fund**, for students already in receipt of Cambridge bursaries and who have acquired a Long Vacation work experience project, unpaid, with an approved not-for-profit organisation (charity, media, arts, heritage, etc.): each bursary limited to £500; approval only after the results of other funding applications are known; 50% of grant paid in advance and 50% after a report at the end of the project. This year the College again generously offered to match Society Internship awards, and so students could in effect receive a maximum of £1,000 each if approved.

During 2017–8 the Society, through its award panels consisting of Society and College Officers, was pleased to make:

- five awards totalling £1,300 for tuition in clarinet, piano, organ and trumpet, theatrical skills and music conducting.
- seven awards totalling £3,250 for work experience/internships in: nuclear research, combinatorial chemistry research, animal welfare, sustainable development (two awards) and synthetic organisms research, in Coventry, York, Denmark, South Africa, Dorset, India and France.
- 48 awards totalling £4,100 to individuals to help with sports activities – American football, athletics, badminton, cross country, cycling, dance, fencing, football, hockey, horse racing, netball, rowing, rugby, sailing, shooting, triathlon and yacht racing.

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

‘HS1+10’ AT THE WOODLARK SOCIETY

A presentation to the Woodlark Society in December 2017 explored high speed international rail in the UK at the tenth anniversary of Eurostars coming into St Pancras. St Catharine’s has been keeping the wheels of transport turning. Graduates are to be found in leadership positions and offering key contributions in train companies, infrastructure development, policing, regulatory, and passenger interests. With the remodelling of Cambridge Station and the arrival in May of Cambridge North, the rail focus at St Catharine’s was timely.

St Pancras Station opened in 1868 and thus the gathering of nearly eighty Woodlark members and guests heralded a glittering sesquicentennial. The developments shaping up at King’s Cross are no less spectacular; Google’s latest commitment, their European HQ, will bring staffing up to around 7000.
The 30-minute presentation on new rail networks was soon mainlining on neural networks. With the British Library, Francis Crick Institute and other key players, the area sees itself as a Knowledge Quarter. Cambridge is one of the universities with a presence in the new Alan Turing Institute adjacent to St Pancras. There is a plaque to Turing on Trumpington Street. Indeed the Woodlark presentation, in the College’s McGrath Centre, could hardly have been closer.

Other subtle links are to be found. In the 1930s ideas for an enormous aerodrome hovered briefly over the King’s Cross goods yards, its Catharine wheel configuration perched high above railways, streets, gas holders and industry. Some 2000ft in diameter there would have been a circular perimeter taxiway, with wheel spoke runways.

The iconic St Pancras Hotel was the work of prolific architect Sir George Gilbert Scott. His coat of arms is relatively simple but glories in Catharine wheels complete with claret edging detail. Those gazing at Scott’s memorial in Westminster Abbey might be forgiven for thinking that the arms sport light blue woodlarks spanning Channel Tunnels.

Lester Hillman (1970, Geography)

ACHESON-GRAY DAY

The 2018 Acheson-Gray Day was a great success. On 23 June alumni returned to Catz to participate in closely fought sports matches under the very-well-timed summer sun. Despite hard ground meaning the rugby match had to be a touch game, all of the sporting fixtures went ahead smoothly including cricket, rugby, netball, tennis, hockey and, for the first year, both men’s and women’s football were played. Croquet was another addition. For the first time in several years the students were victorious overall and were able to take home the commemorative salver donated by Charles Acheson-Gray’s family.

A buffet lunch was kindly provided by College, and charitable donations collected for this provision were awarded to the Senior Tutor’s Counselling Fund. £271 was raised for this very important cause, and the food disappeared very quickly!

The teams reconvened for dinner in Hall, where the Dean, Chris Thorne, John Oakes and the Alleycatz and Kittens presidents gave speeches about Catz recent sporting successes, the wider message of the day and Charles Acheson-Gray’s legacy. The dinner was both fun and formal, and afterwards a group of diners collected in main court to sing Jerusalem accompanied by the organ in memory of Dudley Robinson.

The less formal part of the evening was then held in the bar where alumni were able to catch up with friends and relax with a drink (or a few) before heading on to Spoons.

The day was filled with sporting triumphs and chances to catch up with old friends, and it gave the current students chance to relax and use Catz sports facilities without the chaos of midterm sporting fixtures. All in all, it was a great success and it was great to bring the trophy home to the students after so many years in the hands of the alumni.

Freya Wooding (2018, English)
THE SOCIETY BOX AT LORD’S

22 June 2018 couldn’t have been more perfect for the Varsity matches: clear blue skies, temperatures in the mid 20s, the lightest of breezes, the men playing on the Main Ground with the pitch close to the Tavern Stand, and three dozen of us assembled there in our Society box with staff serving tea, coffee, beer and wine throughout the day. And we won the toss. Deciding to bat, we did well, finishing our 50 overs with 222 and a number of batsmen still unplayed. Amazingly we were allowed on the hallowed turf at half time – awesome, and something everyone should experience once in their lives.

Lunch followed in the Lord’s outlets or, divinely, under the trees in the Coronation Garden for those who brought picnics. And then it was Oxford’s turn, struggling at first it seemed, but then building firmly with a string of fours and sixes until, alas, they overtook us, again with batsmen to spare. The women playing on the Nursery Ground? A pretty substantial defeat by Oxford but clear determination to reverse that next year.

Both were regrettable results but none of our Society members and their guests really minded: there had been gentle joviality and bonhomie throughout, and old friends met, and new friends made, and a feeling of wellbeing on this the quietest of days in the Global Home of Cricket, reminiscent of village matches. We departed well contented, determined that the 2019 result will be as perfect as the day itself – and the Secretary having to stress that ‘No, you can’t have priority booking next year! It will still be first come, first served!’ Not to be missed.

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

SOCIETY PRESIDENTS’ DINNER 2018

I’m not sure how much time has to pass before something becomes a tradition but our Society Presidents’ Dinner must now surely be counted an enjoyable custom! It has been my pleasure for the second time to organise the annual dinner of past Presidents and current office holders – our seventh such event. Those attending our dinner on 15 June in the King Edward VII room at the Oxford & Cambridge Club included our current President Keith Cocker (1972, History), Lord (John) Horam (1957, Economics, President 2014), Donald Broom (1961, VetMed, President 2005), Dame Jean Thomas (Master 2007–16, President 2013), David Peace (1966, Classics, President 2010), Brian Woodham (1961, Engineering, President 2006), John Oakes (1961, English, President 2007), Brian Sweeney (1963, Engineering, President 1997), Tony Watts (1960, History, President 2012), John Baker (Fellow 1971, Law, President 2017) and John Moverley (1968, Agriculture, President Elect).

Standing in silence before dinner we honoured the memory of our friend and former President who had passed away since our last dinner, Lord (Peter) Temple Morris (1958, Law)

We enjoyed an excellent dinner and wide ranging convivial conversation. John Horam again shared with us his insight into the ‘progress’ of Brexit. It was clear that if we had been the electorate we would most definitely not be ‘leaving’! The discussion at our next year’s dinner will be eagerly awaited!

Keith Cocker (1972, History)
East Anglia Branch
The East Anglia branch has had six events in the last year continuing the pattern of previous years.

The first event was a visit to the Glyndebourne on Tour performance of The Barber of Seville in November. 41 booked in for this and 33 had a meal together before the performance. A popular opera like this on a Saturday evening does necessitate early purchase of tickets in April when they are released, and we are grateful to Roger Wicks who was quick to manage this for us and set up all the arrangements.

In the New Year Professor Ron Martin hosted another wine tasting for the branch in College – A Vinous Tour of France. 42 attended this event which has become so deservedly popular.

Our AGM and lecture with lunch in College took place in April. The guest lecturer was fellow Dr John Thompson who spoke on Trump's Americans – who are they and where have they come from? The lecture was followed by a short AGM and then a lunch – this has proved more popular for this event than an evening dinner, and we will probably continue with this formula in the future.

In May the branch had an ‘Isaac Newton day’ which was attended by 1. This visit involved a guided tour of Newton’s family home of Woolsthorpe Manor (National Trust), and then a visit to his school in Grantham where his classroom still exists in the present school, even with his name inscribed into the stone of the window sill, and finally we went on to his church (St Wulfram’s) where St Catharine’s alumnus David Brown (1958, Maths) was able to guide us. David used to teach in the Grantham grammar school and has a great knowledge of this most interesting church, where Newton would have worshipped when at the school, and which has a medieval chained library above the porch.

The Varsity Cricket Match in June sold out 36 tickets within a few hours when released and we are grateful to David Peace for arranging that visit.

Finally, we had a visit to Tolethorpe Manor in Stamford where the Open-air Shakespeare Company put on a splendid performance of A School for Scandal in July. Our final party was 24 and we had a pre-performance picnic in the grounds, in the shade, as the heat-wave was in full strength, perfect weather for an open-air production, in contrast to our visit to Tolethorpe in 2017 when it had poured with rain.

Jonathan Dossetor (1962, Medicine) (society.eastanglia.chair@caths.cam.ac.uk)

Ireland Branch
The third Annual Dinner for Catzpeople living in Ireland north or south, and their guests, was held in November at Deanes-at-Queens Restaurant, Belfast. One of our own members, Sir Mark Horner, Justice of the High Court of Northern Ireland, addressed the jolly gathering after dinner. By the time you read this, the 2018 dinner will have taken place at James Street South restaurant, with Noel Thompson of BBC Northern Ireland as speaker.

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

London Branch
Held in October, our AGM was immediately followed by our first ever Mentoring Event, where St Catharine’s alumni passed on careers tips and advice to recent College graduates. A total
of 50 members attended, including one undergraduate.

Our Annual Dinner was held at the Reform Club in November. We were delighted to welcome as guest speaker Professor Sir Mark Welland (Master 2016), who provided news from the College followed by questions and answers. The turnout was 67 including 49 members.

In March we held a reception where the keynote speaker was Roger Harrabin (1973, English), the BBC’s Environment Analyst. Followed by questions and answers, Roger’s engrossing talk covered his career from graduation to his present role as reporter on environmental matters (64 attended including 57 members, two of whom were Associate Members).

In 2018 the London Branch organised two group outings for a total of 54 members and guests to Shakespeare’s Globe, to see Hamlet in July and As You Like It in August.

Such was the popularity of our private tour of the Supreme Court, in Parliament Square, in January, that it was rerun twice, in January again and in February with 86 members and guests attending in all.

In February 23 of us had a private tour of the Royal College of Physicians which, having received its Royal Charter from Henry VIII in 1518, was celebrating its Quincentenary.

In June 20 members and guests gathered for a private tour of the Charterhouse in Clerkenwell; formerly a Carthusian monastery and now an almshouse, it had only recently opened to the public.

In September six of us enjoyed a guided walk in celebration of the centenary of the founding of the RAF, beginning at Westminster Abbey and ending at St Clement Danes (the RAF Church) in the Strand.

The walks led by Lester Hillman (1970, Geography) proved as popular as ever and this year he led two walks for 48 members and guests in total. On the first, held on a glorious Sunday in early May, Lester escorted us round the Belsize and Gospel Oak neighbourhoods, exploring two centuries of clandestine links. This walk ended with refreshments hosted in their home by Steve Lewis (1981, Law) and his family. Lester’s second walk took place in late August, exploring the area around King’s Cross and ending with refreshments in Old St Pancras Church.

In 2018 the London Branch embarked on a new venture, a series of Discussion Dinners for 12 members only, with each dinner held in a private room and devoted to a particular topic. Our Inaugural Discussion Dinner was held in May, with Lord Horam (1957, Economics, Fellow Commoner 2010) leading the discussion on Politics and the Future of the United Kingdom. The second Discussion Dinner was held in July, with Geoffrey Bennett (1971, Law), barrister and emeritus professor of law, leading the discussion on The Law of Art and Treasure.

Stephen Bryant (1978, Law) (society.london.chair@caths.cam.ac.uk)

Midlands Branch

About 30 members of the Society from the Midlands gathered in Stratford-upon-Avon in March for our annual reunion. We were fortunate to have Roger Pringle (1962, History) as our guest speaker as Roger had spent many years as Director of the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust. We met for morning coffee at the historic Shakespeare Hotel before moving to nearby New Place. Roger explained that this is the site of Shakespeare’s former home but has been restored as a splendid garden that includes many sculptures depicting the Bard’s greatest works. After lunch at the hotel, Roger gave us a fascinating talk about some of Shakespeare’s greatest plays which showed his varied feelings about various European
countries. Would he have been a ‘remainer’ or a ‘leaver’ had he lived in the 21st century? He lived in turbulent times in Elizabethan England – perhaps as we do today! Roger showed us something of Shakespeare’s enduring relevance and popularity. Thank you, Roger. We plan our 2019 Reunion to be in Birmingham and all members will be advised of the details.

Michael Hawkes (1960, NatSci) (society.midlands.chair@caths.cam.ac.uk)

Northern Branch
About a dozen members of the Society attended a lunch at Carluccio’s restaurant in Newcastle in November on the nearest convenient Saturday to St Catharine’s day.

In May a group of us visited Shildon Locomotion Railway Museum in County Durham. Exhibits included the 1829 ‘Sans Pareil’ locomotive and Queen Alexandra’s private coach. Shildon has been described as Britain’s first railway town, and a number of buildings from the early period survive on the museum site. After the visit we all went to a nearby Italian restaurant for a late lunch.

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

North West Branch
Sadly, after six years as Branch Chair, Eleanor Roberts (1985, History) has decided to stand down. She has organised excellent events for us all to enjoy. Our thanks to her for the great work she has done and we are glad that we will still see her supporting events in the future. Fortunately, Dr Tony Lyons (1978, History) has offered to become the new Chair for the Branch.

The last event Eleanor organised was a great success! The North West Branch was delighted to collaborate with the College (ADO) to host a joint Society/College evening at the Portico Library in Manchester at which we were able to welcome the Master, Professor Sir Mark Welland, accompanied by the Development Director, Deborah Loveluck. We enjoyed drinks and canapés in one of Manchester’s hidden gems – the Portico Library founded in 1806 – and heard from Sir Mark about developments in the College, and interesting plans and challenges for the future.

Tony Lyons (1978, History) (society.northwest.chair@caths.cam.ac.uk)

Scotland Branch
Our last meeting was in November in Edinburgh. We had been hoping to meet the Master and listen to him talk about What has Nanotechnology done for you? followed by dinner at The Royal Overseas League. However unfortunately Sir Mark had to cancel at the last minute as he was required at important University meetings in China. Instead Deborah Loveluck kindly gave an impromptu talk about recent developments in College. This became a relaxed, informal evening which everyone enjoyed. It was good to hear about future plans for the College as well as being a lovely opportunity to catch up with old friends and to make new ones.

Nicola Chakraverty (1984, Music) (society.scotland.chair@caths.cam.ac.uk)

South West Branch
The Branch has had a fallow year, and sadly David Sanders (1969, NatSci), the Branch Chair, has bowed out after giving excellent service to the branch since 2006. We seek a successor! Anyone who lives in the South West and who would be interested in organising one or more events a year, with membership of and full help from the central Committee should contact the Society Secretary. Members should check our webpage for updates, and are always welcome at events organised by other branches.

Society Secretary David Peace (1966, Classics) (society.secretary@caths.cam.ac.uk)
Wales Branch

The Dragon is stirring. With the wonderful support and encouragement of Dame Jean Thomas, former Master and now Chancellor of Swansea University, David Way (1971, Law) has volunteered to try to get an event in the calendar for 2018. This is likely to be a visit to the Museum at St Fagans, but will have taken place by the time you read this. It is then hoped to arrange at least one event each year, moving between the different regions of Wales.

David Way (1971, Law) (society.wales.chair@caths.cam.ac.uk)

Wessex Branch

The year saw branch members gathering for three excellent lunches with three excellent speakers. All lunches were held on Sundays at Esseborne Manor near Highclere Castle (Downton Abbey to much of the world) and as usual the service and quality were first class.

In October we met to hear Dr Catherine Sweet MPhil DPhil(Oxon) FCIPR, a senior lecturer in the School of Communication and Marketing at Southampton Solent University, speaking about her experiences at three widely differing universities. Catherine joined the University in 2006 after an extensive career in public affairs, corporate communications and PR. An American by birth, she has lived more than half her life in the UK. She came to this country in 1977 as one of the first cohort of women Rhodes Scholars at Oxford. She took her undergraduate degree at Virginia University, founded by Thomas Jefferson. We were reminded of the old exam question ‘contrast and compare’, and we found that the insights and perspectives into cultures and priorities in each of the institutions made fascinating listening – followed naturally by active discussion among those present.

Our Society President Keith Cocker joined us in March to share his own observations on life after St Catharine’s. His subject was ‘Can I borrow your Watch?: A Catsman’s journey from History to Consultancy and back again!’ – all most interesting. Who knows what direction our lives will lead after graduation? Many of us of a certain age now know the answers, but looking back as to how things developed, and perhaps the uncertainties and unpredictability of it all, can be an intriguing exercise. We were grateful to Keith for his own account.

Finally, in July 2018 we welcomed the Master, Professor Sir Mark Welland, who spoke on Nanoscience in Healthcare, explaining how nanotechnology is being applied to healthcare today, and he talked about the exciting prospects for the future. It was absorbing and inspiring, giving much hope for future medication and, importantly, the prevention of illness. It’s not for a layman to try to précis his brilliant talk, but we were all enlightened by it and were most grateful that he gave up time to join us. A memorable event indeed.

Clive Brunswick (1953, Maths) (society.wessex.chair@caths.cam.ac.uk)

Yorkshire-Humberside Branch

We currently seek a Chair! Anyone who lives in the Yorkshire-Humberside area and would be interested in organising one or more events a year, with membership of and full help from the central Committee should contact the Society Secretary.

Society Secretary David Peace (1966, Classics) (society.secretary@caths.cam.ac.uk)

The Branches’ and our website

Note that our website is www.society.caths.cam.ac.uk and the Branch pages are, remarkably, to be found under the Branches tab!
HONOURS AND AWARDS

Paul Baumann (1981, MML), Chief Financial Officer of NHS England, was awarded a CBE in the 2018 New Year Honours for services to NHS financial management.

Professor Donald Broom (1961, VetMed, Fellow 1987), Emeritus Professor of Animal Welfare at Cambridge, was presented with the Career Recognition Award for scientific studies of animal welfare and behaviour from the Consorcio de Universidades Mexicanas. The presentation was made in Veracruz, Mexico by the Rector of the Universidad Veracruzana.

Professor Simon Gaunt (Fellow 1988–98, Honorary Fellow 2016), Professor of French Language and Literature at King’s College, London, has been elected a Fellow of the British Academy.

David Green CBE QC (1972, History) was made a Knight Bachelor in the 2018 Queen’s Birthday Honours for services to the Criminal Justice System. David was Director of the Serious Fraud Office (SFO) for six years from 2012. Speaking about his appointment, Attorney General Jeremy Wright QC said of David ‘In his time as Director of the SFO [he] led a change in the organisation’s approach to prosecuting cases and delivered the first UK Deferred Prosecution Agreement and the first convictions under the Bribery Act 2010.’

Fiona Hampshire (2009, NatSci) was voted 2018 Amateur Sailor of the Year in the Yachts and Yachting Awards.

The Rev’d Canon Dr Mark Harris (1985, NatSci) was awarded the 2018 Boyle Medal for Science and Theology, and delivered the Boyle Lecture at St Mary-le-Bow Church, London in February 2018, with the title: Apocalypses Now: Modern Science and Biblical Miracles. The Boyle Lectures were established in 1692, upon the death of the celebrated seventeenth-century natural philosopher, theologian and chemist, Robert Boyle (1627–91). The original purpose of the lectures was to defend Christian theology against unbelief; however, in practice the lectures have become known for their explorations of the relationship between Christian theology and the natural sciences.

Dr Matt Mason (Fellow 2001) was awarded a 2018 Pilkington Prize. The prizes aim to recognise those individuals who have made outstanding contributions to teaching and learning. Matt, who teaches in the Department of Physiology, Development and Neuroscience, joins previous St Catharine’s winners Dr Geoffrey Kantaris (1999), Dr Michael Kitson (2000), Dr Peter Wothers (2002), Dr David Pyle (2006), Dr Simon Taylor (2009), Professor Mark Elliott (2010), Professor Richard Harrison (2010), Dr Abigail Brundin (2013) and Dr Sriya Iyer (2014).

Jim McCue (1982, English), author and former sub-editor of the Times, has been awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Letters by the University of Cambridge.

Professor Nicholas Morrell (Fellow 2013), Professor of Cardiopulmonary Medicine at Cambridge, has been awarded a Cambridge Doctor of Science degree. The ScD is the highest degree awarded by the University for distinguished research in science.
Dr Arthur Otter (1979, VetMed), who has worked as a Veterinary Investigation Officer for the Animal and Plant Agency (an agency of Defra) for the last 27 years, has been elected to a Fellowship of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons for ‘meritorious contributions to the profession’. Arthur has published extensively on a range of farm animal diseases, cattle being his specialism.

Professor John Pyle FRS (Fellow 1986), Head of the Chemistry Department at Cambridge, 1920 Professor of Physical Chemistry and Co-Director of the Centre for Atmospheric Science, has been awarded the Davy Medal by the Royal Society. Previous St Catharine’s winners were Lord Fred Dainton (whose ScD John now has) in 1969 and Professor Sir Alan Battersby in 1977.

Mark Rowley (1983, Maths) was made a Knight Bachelor in the 2018 Queen’s Birthday Honours for Services to Policing. Mark, who retired from the Met in March 2018 after more than 31 years service, played a key role in the response to the 2017 terror attacks in Westminster, London Bridge and Finsbury Park, and led on developing a national plan for an attack’s aftermath to address and ease community tensions, including all-faith forums and vigils.

Professor Helen Small (Research Fellow 1990–3, Honorary Fellow 2018), Merton Professor of English Language and Literature at Oxford, has been elected a Fellow of the British Academy.

Professor Dame Jean Thomas (Master 2007–16, Honorary Fellow 2017) has been appointed Chancellor of Swansea University. Professor Thomas was a student at Swansea University (then known as University College, Swansea, University of Wales) and was granted her PhD in Chemistry there before moving to Cambridge in 1967.

Tim Waterstone (1958, English) has been made a Knight Bachelor in the 2019 Queen’s Birthday Honours for Services to Bookselling and charity. Tim founded the bookshop bearing his name in 1982, and it has become the largest bookselling group in Europe. Speaking of his Knighthood Tim said ‘It was a complete surprise. At the age of 79, it’s lovely to have a pat on the head like that. It’s all about Waterstones, it was a big thing in my life and it’s lovely.’

Professor Sir Mark Welland (Master) won the Medimmune 2017 Global Excellence Award for the best publication of the year for his paper published in Nature entitled Controlling the bioactivity of a peptide hormone in vivo by reversible self-assembly.

Felicia Yap (2004, History) was listed as a 2017 Rising Star for Fiction by the Observer for her debut novel Yesterday which has since been published around the world in fourteen languages. Felicia was also shortlisted for the 2018 Asian Women of Achievement Award in the Arts and Culture category. Felicia studied biochemistry at Imperial College, London, and was a researcher at the European Molecular Biology Laboratory in Heidelberg before coming to St Catharine’s where she changed to history for her PhD, researching the experiences of people in the east caught up in WWII.
University Promotions

Dr Nora Berend (Fellow 1996), Reader in European History, has been appointed to a Professorship in the Faculty of History.

Dr Hester Lees-Jeffries (Fellow 2006) has been promoted to a Senior Lectureship in the Faculty of English.

Dr Jerome Neufeld (Fellow 2009), University Lecturer and Royal Society Research Fellow in Geophysics, has been appointed to a Readership in the Department of Earth Sciences.

Dr Peter Turner (Fellow 2009) has been promoted to a Senior Lectureship in the Faculty of Law.

NOTICES

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Deaths

Ace (1953) In 2007, Gwyn Charles Ace of Market Harborough. Gwyn came to St Catharine’s from High Pavement Grammar School, Nottingham, after National Service in the RAF and read Modern & Medieval Languages. According to College records he worked for Portarigger Ltd, a company specialising in canoe safety products.

Adam (1946) On 12 August 2017, Gordon Young Adam of Sheffield. Gordon came to St Catharine’s from Fettes College and read Modern & Medieval Languages followed by a PGCE. The College has no information about his subsequent career.

Adams (1969) On 26 August 2017, Stephen John Adams of Sale, Cheshire. Stephen won a Scholarship to St Catharine’s from Manchester Grammar and read Classics. His brother Paul writes ‘Stephen worked in the Civil Service and was awarded the Imperial Service Medal in 2005. He was a member of the PCC and deputy warden for St Mary Magdalene Church, Ashton-upon-Mersey. Stephen did not marry. He maintained the family home and assisted in the care of his father, who had Parkinson’s Disease. Stephen particularly enjoyed sustainable gardening and created a natural haven for wildlife. He became carer for his mother who suffered from dementia, even though he himself was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer in 2012. Despite courses of chemotherapy, radiation and surgery, liver failure was the cause of death. He accepted his situation quietly and without complaint. Stephen never self-promoted and was deeply respected by all.’

Arnold (1949) On 9 May 2018, Adrian Frederick Harry Arnold of London. Adrian came to St Catharine’s from Ardingley College, Sussex, after five years serving in
the Indian Army. He read History and played hockey (Wanderers). He first became a school teacher before moving to the prison service in 1953, serving in Cyprus, Nigeria and the UK, mainly with young offenders. He became a Lecturer in Criminology at London University and was Director of Studies for Oxford Extra-mural. In retirement, he worked with Wandsworth Council in the fields of delinquency and multi-faith work and was secretary of the South London Interfaith Group promoting harmony between faith communities. He wrote many articles on the prevention of crime and the major faiths in the world over the years.

Ayling (1957) On 11 December 2017, Canon John Michael Ayling of Boscastle, Cornwall. John came to St Catharine’s from Rossall School after National Service in the Royal Signals and read Theology. After Lincoln Theological College and two curacies in the Lichfield diocese, he became Priest-in-Charge, Mission District of Findon, South Australia, and then Lecturer, DP Patteson College, Kohimarama, Solomon Isles. Returning to the UK in 1972, he was appointed Head of RE at Adeyfield School, Hemel Hempstead, and then Head of RE and Head of 5th Year at Bushey Hall School, Watford. He was appointed Rector of Boscastle, Cornwall, in 1991.

Bailey (1953) On 19 June 2018, John Osmond Bailey of Virginia Water, Surrey, and Ascot, Berkshire. John came to St Catharine’s from Minchenden Grammar School, Southgate, after National Service in the RAF and read Mathematics and Physics. He was captain of College Soccer. He was a Sloan Fellow at the London Business School and made a career in finance, first in commerce and subsequently as a personal financial advisor. He retired in 1989.


Barder (1954) On 19 September 2017, Sir Brian Leon Barder of London. Brian won an Exhibition to St Catharine’s from Sherborne School to read Classics and came up after National Service in the Royal Tank Regiment in Hong Kong. He joined the Footlights and was Chairman of the University Labour Club. He became a career diplomat and served as ambassador to Ethiopia and Poland, and as High Commissioner to Nigeria and Australia. He successfully fought to allow the RAF to deliver famine relief to Ethiopia in 1984–5 despite Russian opposition. His widow Jane writes ‘We are particularly proud of his role in enabling the RAF’s arrival into Ethiopia. Also it is a mark of his dedication to public service that he continued to campaign for civil liberties, justice and the UK’s place in the European Union up till a few short weeks before his death.’ See also the Guardian 2 October 2017, Times 12 October 2017 and Telegraph 16 October 2017.


Bennett (1949) On 3 May 2017, John Walter Bennett of Gloucester. John came to St Catharine’s from Denstone College and read Natural Sciences and Medicine. His daughter Catherine Snelson writes ‘John completed his clinical training at King’s College Hospital. He specialised in obstetrics and, following three years National Service in the RAF, went into general practice in Hucclecote, Gloucester, from 1962–93. A devoted family doctor, he was also clinical tutor in Gloucester for eight years. After retiring he continued to work in palliative care, giving his services voluntarily to the Sue Ryder home in Leckhampton. He was involved in the British Medical Association, both at branch and at national level where he had the honour of being the longest-serving member of any committee, and the Charles Hastings wine committee, of which he was a member for 44 years and its chairman for ten. He was appointed fellow of the BMA in 1987.’

Bentley (1945) On 27 December 2016, Malcolm Lewis Bentley of Bradford. Malcolm came to St Catharine’s from Thornton Grammar School and read Engineering. After seven years at GEC, Birmingham, and nine at Orr & Boss and Partners (management consultants), he moved to BBA Group plc, Cleckheaton, in 1964 where he was Director of ten companies (in the UK, Germany, South Africa, USA and Canada) until retirement in 1985. He was Trustee of Scholarship Funds for Whitcliffe Mount School, Cleckheaton, and a Methodist local preacher for 43 years.


Bragdon (1948) On 2 September 2017, ‘Bob’ Merritt Caldwell Bragdon of Arlington, USA. Bob came to St Catharine’s as an affiliated student from Amherst College, Massachusetts, and read History. He also took an MPA from Harvard in 1961. His widow Patricia writes ‘He
served in WWII as a radio operator and was proud of his involvement in the Battle of the Bulge. After graduating he was a Foreign Service Officer and was posted to Perth (Australia), Moscow, Jakarta and Brussels. He was a runner, rower and avid chess player, and enjoyed theatre, music, corny jokes, baseball, cats and lively political discussion.

Carey (1951) On 5 November 2017, Norman Henry Carey of Oxford. Norman came to St Catharine’s from St Julian’s High School, Newport, Gwent, and read Natural Sciences with Biochemistry in Part II followed by a PhD. His career was in research in molecular biology and he became a Fellow of the International Institute of Biochemistry.

Brother Christian SSF (Chaplain 1983–6) On 5 July 2018, Brother Christian of the Society of St Francis died in Newham Hospital. His name was originally David John Pearson and he was College Chaplain from 1983 to 1986.

Collier (1959) On 4 July 2018, Robert Bryan Collier of Henley-on-Thames. Charles Higham (1959) writes ‘Bob came to St Catharine’s from Marling School, Stroud, to read History. An outstanding blind side flanker, he was awarded his Blue in 1960 when Cambridge won 13–0. In the following year, he was one of the so-called invincibles, a team that won every match they played. It says much of his prowess that Oxford never crossed the Cambridge line in either year. He also won a half-Blue in water polo. His career after going down centred on the hotel industry, working first as marketing manager for Trust House Forte, then Vice-President in charge of marketing for Sheraton Hotels and, finally, managing director of InterContinental Hotels and Resorts. Bob and Sally lived in a delightful historic home at Crocker End, near Henley, from which they travelled the world, most recently last year to Southeast Asia, and in which they royally entertained their many friends.’

Cornford (1974) On 13 April 2018, Michael Cornford of Seaford, Sussex. Michael came to St Catharine’s from Hurstpierpoint College and read Natural Sciences. He also played water polo for the College. We have no information about his subsequent career.

Cust (1941) On 5 March 2018, Edwin (Ted) Cust of Stratford-upon-Avon. Ted won a scholarship to St Catharine’s from Cowley School, St Helens, and read Law; he also played rugby for the College. After a first in Part I and a College prize, he was called up for war service. His son Nick writes ‘Ted went into the Fleet Air Arm, training as an observer and became Sub Lieutenant RNVR. He was demobbed in 1945 and returned to Cambridge in 1946. After another first in Part II he was elected a senior scholar and won the Robert Innes prize for criminal law. Ted began work as an assistant solicitor in a town clerks department and ended his career in local Government as Clerk to Warwickshire County Council where he also became Deputy Lieutenant. In 1980, Ted retired from full time work and became Chairman of a regional building society. A happy retirement followed and he was especially proud to see his granddaughter Hettie Cust (2012) graduate from St Catharine’s in 2016.’

Davies (1952) On 19 March 2018, Kerry Davies of Burry Port, Carmarthenshire. Kerry came to St Catharine’s from Maesteg Grammar School and read Modern & Medieval Languages followed by DipEd from Nottingham and, later, DipPhysEd from Loughborough. At Cats he played rugby for the 1st XV, the LX Club and the XX Club. He taught PE at St Alban’s Grammar School and then at Llanelli Grammar School, later teaching English and French there before being forced to retire in 1986 through ill health. He was a life member of the Welsh Schools Rugby Union, its Chairman and Chief Coach 1979–81 and Chairman again 1983–4.

Davies (1948) On 25 January 2017, William Philip Cathcart Davies of Bridport, Dorset. Philip won an Exhibition to St Catharine’s from Denstone College and read Natural Sciences (Zoology). He played rugby for the College and was a member of the Achilles Club. He was a member of the Varsity relay team in 1949. After graduating he became Assistant Master at Christ’s Hospital, Horsham, and played rugby for England and the British Lions in 1955. From 1957 to 1964 he was Headmaster at Denstone College Preparatory School and then Headmaster of Cheltenham College Junior School until retirement in 1986. He was Chairman of the Incorporated Association of Preparatory Schools and a Governor of Malvern College. See also the Times 9 February 2018.

Dawe (1950) On 4 July 2017, Richard Woosnam Ward Dawe of Axminster, Devon. Richard came to St Catharine’s from Denstone School and read History followed by PGCE. He was a Kitten and played rugby, athletics and cricket. We have no information about his subsequent career. His step-daughter Sarah Lindfield (1979) is an alumna.

Dobson (1941) On 28 March 2016, Frank Dobson of Chichester and formerly Loughborough. Frank won a Scholarship to St Catharine’s from Scarborough Boys’ High School and read English. His studies were interrupted by war service and he returned in 1946 to complete his degree and stay on for PGCE. His widow Margaret writes ‘Frank went on first to teach in a school in Sheffield and later as a Lecturer in English and then Education at Loughborough College of Education. Music, and in particular playing the viola, was an important part of his College life which enabled him to form a life-long friendship with Sydney Smith. Frank played in many orchestras and music
ensembles until he was 90 years of age. His other hobbies were gardening and mountaineering. He is greatly missed by his family and friends."

**Egginton** (1952) On 5 January 2017, (John) David Egginton of Lanark. David came to St Catharine’s from Oundle School and read Mechanical Sciences. After working for Guinness at Park Royal and as Chief Engineer with Gestra (UK) Ltd at Croydon, he was General Manager for the British American Optical Company before leaving to become a Management Consultant in 1975. He was a local Community Councillor, an Elder of the Kirk and served on the Lanark and District Museums Forum.

**Evans** (1959) On 2 October 2017, Robert Evans of Somesville, Maine, USA. Bob came to St Catharine’s from Cardiff High School and read Natural Sciences. He played rugby for the University, for the winning St Catharine’s Cuppers team and later for Blackheath. His career was devoted to cancer research, latterly as Professor at the Jackson Laboratory in Bar Harbor, USA. Bob authored numerous papers on tumour immunology, travelled world-wide giving seminars on his work and discovered the role of the macrophage in the immune system. He was also a keen cook, especially Indian food – and a collector of antique pewter, glass and 19th century literature. In retirement he became engrossed in Dark Age history and taught courses at Acadia Senior College on the Arthurian legends – the Welsh warlord. A book on the subject should soon be published. Bob was multi-talented, a great story teller, keen on carpentry and building construction, and always quick with a joke – he laughed easily and often. He is fondly remembered by his dearly-loved wife Penny and family, and also by his long-time Cats friends, Pip LeBrocq, Roger Catchpole, Charlie Higham, Richard Walduck, John Foskett’s widow Mary and Paddy McCowen.

**French** (1967) On 5 January 2018, Robert Brodie French of Bristol. Robert came to St Catharine’s from Edinburgh Academy and read Modern & Medieval Languages. He won a rugby Blue in 1969–70. After PGCE from Manchester he taught for five years at Haberdashers Aske’s Boys’ School before becoming Head of Modern Languages and then Head of Sixth Form at Henbury School, Bristol. After almost 20 years teaching, he studied for his MEd at Bristol University and became a lecturer at the Bristol Business School, University of the West of England. His books on organisational behaviour have been reviewed in past editions of this Magazine and Robert was awarded a DPhil by publication in 2004.

**Gadney** (1962) On 1 May 2018, Reginald Bernard John Gadney of London. Reg went to Stow School and joined the Coldstream Guards before coming to St Catharine’s, serving in Libya and Norway and as a NATO instructor in Arctic warfare. He read English and Architecture & Fine Art, and was editor of *Granta*. He won a scholarship to MIT. In 1969 he was appointed deputy controller of the National Film Theatre and tutor at Royal College of Art (later he was senior tutor, fellow and pro-rector there). He wrote fiction and drama, in particular the screenplay for *Goldeneye* (1998), the story of Ian Fleming played by Charles Dance – Reg himself took the part of bird-watcher James Bond whose name Fleming used in his novels. After the turn of the century, Reg returned to painting – portraits in oil of actors as well as his own family. See also *Guardian* 10 May 2018, *Telegraph* 18 May 2018 and *Times* 21 June 2018. The Guardian says that he was not a jack of all trades because he was master of so many.

**Girling** (1958) On 16 July 2018, Brian William Girling of Lingfield, Surrey. Brian won a State Scholarship to St Catharine’s from Leyton County High School and read Mathematics. After graduating he became a computer programmer for Wiggins Teape. His widow Sandra writes ‘Later he was a Business Analyst for Commercial Union (now Aviva), retiring in 1999. In his youth he was an avid football enthusiast and became a qualified referee. He helped the East Surrey Scouts for over 30 years and was awarded the Silver Acorn. Although not a very proficient golfer he served as Chairman of the Holtye Golf Club for his last three years.’

**Goodwin** (1996) On 3 March 2018, Vanessa Goodwin of Tasmania. Vanessa came to St Catharine’s from the University of Tasmania and read law before returning to Tasmania for her PhD. She rowed for the College in 1997 and 1998. She went into politics and, following the Tasmanian election of 2013, was appointed Attorney General, Minister for Justice, Minister for Corrections and Minister for Arts as well as Leader for the Government in the Legislative Council. Sadly she was forced to resign in October 2017 owing to her failing health (she had been diagnosed with terminal brain cancer the previous March). See also the *Independent* 15 March 2018.

**Haigh** (1944) On 5 August 2017, Donald Haigh of Liversedge, West Yorkshire. Donald came to St Catharine’s from Sowerby Bridge Secondary School and read History. He was originally on the Royal Navy cadet course, but changed to full degree course part way through. He was a teacher at Bradford Grammar School. An obituary in the *Brighouse Echo* says he was a ‘lifelong expert and enthusiast in Roman roads, fine wines and cricket’.


**Hantusch** (1978) On 26 February 2018, Robert Anthony Hantusch of Doncaster. Robert came to St Catharine’s from
Moseley School, Birmingham, and read Law, taking a double first. He was awarded an Exhibition, then a Scholarship, then a Senior Scholarship. He was awarded the Jacobson Prize in each of his first two years and the Adderley Prize in his final year. He also received the Rebecca Flower Squire Scholarship from the University. He was a career barrister specialising in financial cases. His father Gerald (1946) who died in 2011 was also an alumnus. His widow Margaret writes ‘His days at Cambridge were among the happiest of his life. His mother is particularly comforted [by the College’s letter of sympathy] having lost two Catz men.’

Haybittle (1940) On 19 November 2017, John Leslie Haybittle of Great Shelford, Cambridgeshire, and Chichester. John came to St Catharine’s from Reigate Grammar School and read Mathematics and Physics. He rowed for the College in 1942, but his studies were interrupted by war service – he served as a radar officer. He returned to College in 1946 and read Part II Physics. After two years as a lecturer at Norwich City College, he was appointed Physicist at Addenbrooke’s Hospital, Cambridge. He led the transfer of the Radiotherapy Department from the old site to the then new site in the 1960s and published extensively on radiotherapy, being awarded the Barclay Medal and Roentgen Prize as well as a Cambridge PhD by publication in 1967. His 70th wedding anniversary was reported in the 2014 Magazine and he is survived by his widow Margaret (aged 101).

Herrmann (1954) On 18 January 2018, John Peter Richard Herrmann of Oxford. John came to St Catharine’s from Ardingly College, Sussex, and read Natural Sciences followed by a PhD in Chemistry from Birmingham University. His son Stephen writes ‘John spent 30 years as a research scientist and senior manager at Glaxo, where he oversaw the research and development of antibiotics, pioneering the production process for Cephalosporin, which became one of the major antibiotics in use. Later he played a key role in the company’s growing work on biotechnology. After Glaxo he spent seven years advising Rothschild Asset Management and several other companies and start-ups on investment in biotechnology and healthcare. John was a keen botanist, specialising in mosses and lichens, and a lifelong supporter of the British Bryological Society. He loved identifying mosses on walks in the Chilterns. He also tended many productive allotments over the years. John is survived by his wife Radmila, their three children Stephen, Tamara and Michael, and four grandchildren.’

Hill (1947) On 1 February 2017, Roland Awbrey Hill of Pershore, Worcestershire. Roland came to St Catharine’s from Wellington College, Berkshire, after service as a Captain in the King’s Royal Rifle Corps. He read Colonial Studies (followed by another course at our sister college Worcester, Oxford) and played hockey and cricket for College. He served in the Colonial Administrative Service for the Northern Rhodesia and Zambia Governments, returning to the UK in 1976 as an Administrative Officer for the Medical School (Anatomy) at Birmingham University. He was awarded an MBE in 1962.

Hill (1958) On 5 September 2017, Raymond Eric Hill of Stourbridge, West Midlands. Raymond came to St Catharine’s from King Edward VI Grammar School, Stourbridge, and read Mathematics. In his career as a teacher, he taught at King Henry VIII School, Coventry; Shebbear College, Devon; Brierley Hill Grammar School; and his old school King Edward VI College, Stourbridge.

Horn (1953) On 6 February 2018, Timothy Charles Austin Horn of Kings Lynn. Timothy came to St Catharine’s from Marlborough School and read Geography and History. We have no information about his subsequent career.

Hughes (1947) On 30 November 2015, Richard Elwyn Hughes of Caerdydd, South Glamorgan. Elwyn won an Exhibition to St Catharine’s from Llandrindod County Grammar School and read Natural Sciences (Biochemistry). He returned to College after National Service in the RAF for his PhD. He joined the Royal Infirmary, Cardiff, then took a lectureship at the Welsh College of Advanced Technology which became part of Cardiff University where he was later Reader in Nutritional Biochemistry. Elwyn was a strong advocate of Wallace’s part in the theory of Evolution and a keen promoter of the use of the Welsh language.

Humphrey (1953) On 11 August 2017, Keith Charles Humphrey of London. Keith came to St Catharine’s from Varndean School, Brighton, with a State Scholarship, and read History. After two years in the Royal Navy (intelligence and communications), he spent 30 years working for the civil service – the Ministry of Education, DHSS and DES (initially with the University Grants Committee and then the Advisory Board for Research Councils).

Hunt (1944) On 17 February 2018, Reginald Geoffrey Hunt of Mill Hill, London, and Brighton. Reg won an Exhibition to St Catharine’s from Godalming Grammar School and read Geography. He played chess for College and the University. After serving in the Royal Navy weather forecasting service, he returned to College in 1950 to take the Colonial Administrator Course. His obituary in the Times (21 February 2018) notes ‘His long and distinguished career as an international civil servant took him from the plains of Kenya to the heart of Europe at NATO HQ in Brussels. In retirement he divided his time between his beloved farmhouse in Tuscany and his home in North London, before moving to Maycroft Manor in Brighton for the final years of his life.’ His relative Marion Rees writes that he was proudly a Catsman to the end.
After a period as a consultant – four, Alan and Sue retired. He held directorships at Greenwood Oil and Wiltshier plc. Manager and Director of Gallaher (Dublin) Limited. Later only lady scorer. ‘They returned to Kenya where Alan was play College cricket, his wife Sue being the University’s King’s African Rifles in Kenya. His son Nick writes ‘He found in five/two and serving in the Sussex Regiment and then the year Colonial Service Course after leaving Cranleigh School of County Antrim. Alan came to St Catharine’s for the one – five/six On eight February two/zero/eight, Alan Louis Kestell Liddle moved with his family to Calgary. After an MSc in Petroleum Engineering from London, he to St Catharine’s from St Mary’s College, Port of Spain, Trinidad, and read Mechanical Sciences. He was active in the Canadian Branch of the Society in the 1980s and 1990s. After an MSc in Petroleum Engineering from London, he worked in Trinidad for a time and then moved to Toronto where he was married and raised his family. In 1995, he moved with his family to Calgary.

Lee Ying (1966) The College has learned of the death of David Tinsang Lee Ying of Canada in 2006. David came to St Catharine’s from St Mary’s College, Port of Spain, Trinidad, and read Mechanical Sciences. He was active in the Canadian Branch of the Society in the 1980s and 1990s. After an MSc in Petroleum Engineering from London, he worked in Trinidad for a time and then moved to Toronto where he was married and raised his family. In 1995, he moved with his family to Calgary.

Liddle (1956) On 8 February 2018, Alan Louis Kestell Liddle of County Antrim. Alan came to St Catharine’s for the one-year Colonial Service Course after leaving Cranleigh School in 1952 and serving in the Sussex Regiment and then the King’s African Rifles in Kenya. His son Nick writes ‘He found St Catharine’s a welcoming college and rather regretted he was not there for the full three years. He did not play rugby because it was taken very seriously at Cats, but did play College cricket, his wife Sue being the University’s only lady scorer. They returned to Kenya where Alan was a District Officer for six years. In 1962 Alan returned to the UK and worked in Belfast for Gallaher, becoming General Manager and Director of Gallaher (Dublin) Limited. Later he held directorships at Greenwood Oil and Wiltshier plc. After a period as a consultant 1990–4, Alan and Sue retired back to Northern Ireland.

Lobo (1950) On 18 September 2017, Commander Noel Lobo (Indian Navy, Retired) of Pune, India. An ardent Anglophile from childhood, Noel ascertained that a training scheme for officers in the nascent Indian Navy was a route to study in England and he thereby gained a place at St Catharine’s to study Engineering. His time at the College and the many friendships built up during his time there and thereafter were a key part of his life. Returning to the Indian Navy in 1953 he specialised in aeronautics and supporting the development of air power at sea, before returning to England in 1954 for an additional three years training in Air Electrical Engineering. He saw active service during the annexation of Goa in December 1961. On leaving the navy in 1972, Noel was appointed Bursar of St Paul’s School, Darjeeling, and during holidays enjoyed trekking in the Himalayan foothills, sometimes accompanied by Catzmen and their relatives. Noel retired from St Paul’s in 1985, and he and his wife Anjali settled in Pune and enjoyed occasional visits to the UK. Noel was a frequent contributor to the Magazine – in particular and most recently see the 2016 edition, page 106.

Marwood (1947) On 6 September 2017, David Christopher Laborde Marwood of Tonbridge, Kent. David came to St Catharine’s from Tonbridge School and read Economics and Law. His son Philip (1972) writes ‘He took the shorter degree programme following war service in the Indian Army in India and Burma. Since he left, he has been a keen supporter of the College and its alumni events. He subsequently went on to work in the computer industry, becoming Company Secretary of ICL. After his retirement, he served for a time as a county councillor in Kent and in a variety of voluntary roles. He maintained his enthusiasm for adventure: studying elephants in the Nepalese Terai in his seventies and celebrating his eighty-fifth birthday with me in Antarctica.’ Besides son Philip (1972) other alumni relatives include brother Trevor (1948), and cousins Denzil Laborde (1931) and Charles Laborde (1933). The Editor also thinks George Marwood (1925) was David’s father.

Matthewman (1943) On 1 June 2018, Colin Charles Matthewman of Warminster, Wiltshire. Colin came to St Catharine’s from Oundle School as a Royal Navy Cadet and took the wartime Navy Engineering Course. After three years in the Navy as an Air Engineer, he joined the construction industry until retirement in 1991. In 1966 he was made a Freeman of the City of London.

Miller (1949) Suddenly, on 22 June 2018, Geoffrey Miller of Weymouth, Dorset. Geoff came up after National Service to read Mathematics & Physics and quickly established himself as a regular and enthusiastic member of one of the lower boats. He did not always enjoy good health, however, and lost the better part of a year to chest infection. After graduation he worked for a while as a
and over ten marathons, his best time just exceeding.

A keen runner, he completed numerous half-marathons to his two young children, and a loving son and brother. Richard lived a full and active life until his sudden, unexpected death. He was a devoted partner and "hands on" father to his two young children, and a loving son and brother. A keen runner, he completed numerous half-marathons and over ten marathons, his best time just exceeding three hours. Richard's many other interests included baking artisan-style breads. Richard kept in touch with Ian Woodgate (1989), Daniel Mason (1989) and Alan Tripp (1989). Daniel describes Richard as 'a generous friend; interesting and interested, inspiring, and far more caring, human and humane than he might acknowledge. He cared about doing things well and making the most of every opportunity'.

**Mills** (1948) In August 2017, Kenneth Leslie George Mills of Aberdeen. Ken came to St Catharine's from Glasgow High School and read Natural Sciences and Medicine, qualifying in 1954 from Westminster Hospital. Despite finding himself in company with older men returning from service in WWII, he made several lifelong friendships at Catz. Following service with the RAF during the 1956 Suez crisis, Ken joined the orthopaedic section at the RAF Hospital, Ely.

After further training in Aberdeen and Dundee, he was appointed Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon at Aberdeen from 1976 to 1994 and Senior Lecturer in Surgery at the University of Dundee, continuing to teach students until he was 85. He had Fellowships at the Royal Colleges of Surgeons of Edinburgh, England and Canada. His daughter Carol Patrick writes 'Ken brought a youthful enthusiasm to everything he did – as ship's doctor on a supply vessel to Antarctica he returned with a frozen penguin (which had died on the icepack) for a research project'. His uncle Rev'd Jim Townsend (1904) and granddaughter Katie Patrick (2012) were also at Catz. See also News of Members in this Magazine.

**Page** (1953) On 22 April 2017, Gordon William Page of Chalfont St Giles, Buckinghamshire. Gordon came to St Catharine's from Merchant Taylors' School, Northwood, after National Service in the RASC and read Land Economy. He played rugby for the first XV. He spent his career as the director of the family building company. His alumnus brother Michael (1949) died in 2011.

**Pearce** (1989) On 19 February 2018, Richard John Pearce of Highgate, London. Richard came to St Catharine's from Hendon School and read Economics; he loved College life and played badminton, archery and table tennis. Richard worked for Morgan Stanley, initially as an equity trader in London and Frankfurt before becoming Vice President at Private Client Group. He subsequently worked for BNP and then LCH, becoming a Director there in 2014. His sister, Elizabeth Binnington (née Pearce, 1986) writes 'Richard lived a full and active life until his sudden, unexpected death. He was a devoted partner and “hands on” father to his two young children, and a loving son and brother. A keen runner, he completed numerous half-marathons and over ten marathons, his best time just exceeding three hours. Richard’s many other interests included baking artisan-style breads. Richard kept in touch with Ian Woodgate (1989), Daniel Mason (1989) and Alan Tripp (1989). Daniel describes Richard as 'a generous friend; interesting and interested, inspiring, and far more caring, human and humane than he might acknowledge. He cared about doing things well and making the most of every opportunity'.

**Perry** (1957) On 1 September 2017, Thomas Melville Perry of New South Wales. Thomas came to St Catharine’s from the Australian National University and researched for his PhD in Geography under Professor Steers. His sister Pam Winlaw writes ‘Tom had a consuming passion for reading and research, particularly in relation to early Australian history. The voyages and motivations of Matthew Flinders were a constant theme, the topic of several books he authored. He edited a collection of Westall’s drawings from Flinder’s circumnavigation of Australia whilst in Cambridge. On return to Australia he worked initially in Brisbane then as Reader in the Department of Geography at Melbourne. He introduced academia to the people with ‘Tram-Stop’ lectures. He was happily married for ten years before losing his wife, too young, to cancer. After retirement he built a house in the Blue Mountains and enjoyed restoring antiques and sharing horticultural facts with family and friends. He had a full and interesting life and is remembered in his library, with his many books and ancient maps.’

**Phillipson** (1960) On 24 January 2018, Nicholas Tindal Phillipson of Edinburgh. Nick came to St Catharine's as an affiliated student from Aberdeen University. After taking a double first in History he stayed on for his PhD. He joined the History Department at Edinburgh University in 1965 as a Lecturer and was subsequently promoted to Senior Lecturer and then Reader. Besides transformative research into Scottish Enlightenment, he is remembered as a brilliant teacher by several generations of both undergraduate and graduate students.

**Philo** (1955) In December 2017, David George Jabez Philo of Cowes, Isle of Wight. David came to St Catharine’s from King Edward VI School, Norwich, and read English. He played rugby for the College. We have no information about his subsequent career.

**Read** (1955) On 3 June 2018, Anthony George Read of Folkestone, Kent. His contemporary Michael McCarthy (1955) writes ‘Tony came to St Catharine’s from Stowmarket Grammar School in Suffolk and read Mathematics and Physics. He enjoyed rowing for the College boat club throughout his undergraduate years. Having been exempted from National Service, Tony was able in 1958 to embark straightaway on his career in nuclear energy.'
After working in the Wirral and at Seascale in Cumbria, Tony moved to Dungeness in Kent where he started as a Commissioning Engineer, progressing through the position of Production Manager & Emergency Controller to end up as one of the three managers in overall charge of that (Dungeness) Nuclear Power Station.' He retired in 1993.

**Reynold** (1952) The College has learned of the death of Anthony Lionel Reynold of Hampstead. Tony came to St Catharine's from Blundells School, Devon, following National Service in the Northampton Regiment. He read Law and played rugby and tennis for the College. According to College records he became a print and map dealer. His brother Nicholas (1959) is also an alumnus.

**Riley** (1954) On 20 December 2017, John Christopher William Riley of London. John came to St Catharine's from Uppingham School after National Service in the Royal Artillery and read Geography and Anthropology. He played cricket and hockey for which he won a Blue. The College has no information about his career. His brothers were also alumni. Andrew (1951) died in 1978 and Mark (1958) died in 2008.

**Robinson** (1953) In 2017, Rev’d (Brian) John Watson Robinson of Preston, Lancashire. John came to St Catharine's from Sherborne School and read Theology. He rowed for the College. After graduating he transferred to Westcott House. He was a curate at Spennymoor before moving to India in 1962 to work for United Society Partners in the Gospel. He returned to the UK in 1966 and was Priest-in-Charge and Vicar of various parishes in the Northeast and was also Chaplain of Preston Hospital, North Shields from 1983. He retired in 1997. His widow remarked that he learnt Hindi while in India and this was useful later in community relations and helping translate in courts etc.

**Roe** (1961) On 3 July 2017, Geoffrey Ernest Roe of Bramhall, Cheshire. His widow Sheila writes 'Geoff won a State Scholarship to St Catharine’s from Chesterfield Grammar School. He read Natural Sciences (Physics) gaining a first before staying for a fourth year reading Mechanical Sciences, gaining a distinction and the Ricardo Prize for Thermodynamics. He returned to the Cavendish where he completed his PhD. On leaving Cambridge he joined the Engineering Department at Manchester University. Here he combined lecturing with research and consultancy work mostly on motorcycle stability. He wrote several papers on the subject and was invited to present them at international conferences. Early retirement enabled him to devote time to his other interests including music, foreign travel, pen technology and photography – he was awarded his FRPS in 2009.'

**Rook** (1951) On 3 September 2017, Christopher Stephen Frederick Rook of Torquay. Chris came to St Catharine’s from Midhurst Grammar School and read Mechanical Sciences. His widow Monica writes ‘He rowed for St Catharine’s and also in the Head of the River Race in 1952. After graduating he spent his career as a civil engineer working mainly on power stations and pipelines. His final job was with Thames Water building sewage treatment works in and around London. After he retired he fitted out a steel-hull 39ft sailing boat in his garden in Slough – the *Aquamarine* was launched in 1997. Chris sailed extensively with his wife Monica in and around the Solent and the West Country, whence they moved, and also in Southern Brittany. Chris continued to sail well into his 80s. He leaves four children by his first wife Pam, who died in 1999, and nine grandchildren. He is survived by Monica whom he married in 1983.’

**Sankey** (1944) On 12 March 2018, James Charles Sankey of Wolverhampton. James came to St Catharine’s on the Royal Navy wartime short course and read History and Geography. He served in the Navy from 1945–8 and was awarded the General Service Medal for minesweeping and for his service in Palestine. After his service he joined the GKM-Sankey Electrical Division and was a Director 1975–86. He served on the committee of the Shropshire County Landowners Association.

**Sissons** (1947) On 20 January 2018, (John) Brian Sissons of Edinburgh. Brian won an Exhibition to St Catharine’s from Batley Grammar School and came up after war service in the Navy, mainly in the far east. He read Geography followed by a PhD with an award from the Philip Lake Fund. He was appointed to a lectureship at Edinburgh in 1953 and rose eventually to Reader there. He was an expert on the Scottish landscape and was known for his inspiring lectures on physical geography generally. See also the *Scotsman* 13 February 2018 and *Guardian* 19 February 2018.

**Smith** (1948) On 18 February 2018, Professor Ivor Stanley Smith of Cambridge. Ivor left Westcliffe High School for the Bartlett School of Architecture which was soon evacuated to Cambridge because of the war. As a conscientious objector, Ivor opted to work as a farm labourer, first in the Cotswolds and later in Cambridge, before joining St Catharine’s, by which time he was already married. After graduating he joined the Architectural Association and then the City Architects Office at Sheffield where he designed the now-listed Park Hill Estate with its 'streets in the sky'. He left Sheffield in 1962 to join Morton & Lupton in Wallingford where he continued to design similar snake-like blocks for the home counties. In 1968 he was appointed head of Architecture at University College, Dublin. Thereafter he headed the department at Bristol and then Heriot-Watt. In 1984 he founded the Caribbean
School of Architecture at the invitation of the Commonwealth Association of Architects and he taught at Kingston, Jamaica, until 1999. See also the Guardian 1 March 2018 and Yorkshire Post 3 March 2018.

**Stewart-MacDonald** (1993) In a road accident in December 2017, Rohan Horace Stewart-MacDonald of Stratford-upon-Avon. Rohan won a Choral Scholarship from Purcell School, Harrow, and read Music followed by MPhil and PhD. Professor Ronnie Mulryne (1955) writes ‘Rohan Horace Stewart-MacDonald gloried in the grandiloquence of his baptismal names. Born in 1975 into a musical family in the West Midlands, he was schooled there and at the specialist musical academies of the Yehudi Menuhin School, briefly, and longer, the Purcell School. Later a pupil of the composer James Walker, Rohan was a brilliant pianist and a respected historian of music, with more than sixty publications to his credit. Elected a Music Scholar at Catz, he went on after doctoral research to teach at several Cambridge colleges. Following his return to Stratford-upon-Avon, Rohan made inspirational contributions to the musical life of the town and of the church of Holy Trinity. He died in a road traffic accident in December 2017. A memorial service, full of music and poetry, at which I was privileged to represent the Society, took place on 20 January 2018. Rohan is survived by his mother Linn and his father Ossie, a talented musician.’

**Taylor** (1958) On 3 March 2018, James Russell Taylor of Bristol. Jim came to St Catharine’s from Bedford School after National Service in the Royal Signals and read Mechanical Sciences. He was an enthusiastic bellringer and held various offices in the CU Guild of Change Ringers. He was awarded an Exhibition in 1961 and graduated with First Class honours. He joined Strachan & Henshaw in Bristol (a company specialising in mechanical handling), rising to become their Head of Research and Quality Assurance Manager. Jim joined a band of ringers at Bristol which became known for pushing the boundaries of spliced method ringing. He was a member of the Central Council of Church Bellringers for over 40 years and served actively on several of their committees. He rang his last peal (his 1334th) in 2004. His widow Jennie, whom he met when they were both learning to ring at St Paul’s, Bedford, in the 1950s, writes ‘Jim was one of the finest ringers of his generation, inspiring others and leaving a lasting legacy.’

**Temple-Morris** (1958, Society President 2003–4) On 1 May 2018, Peter Temple-Morris of London. Peter came to St Catharine’s from Malvern College and read Law. He was a barrister before entering politics in the 1960s. He won Leominster for the Conservatives in the February 1974 election, retaining it at a further six elections. A close friend of Michael Heseltine, he was among those to encourage him to challenge Margaret Thatcher for the party leadership in 1990. He became disillusioned with the party’s direction in the 1990s, describing its decision to rule out membership of the euro and other European policies as coming from ‘another planet’. He was suspended by the then leader William Hague for disloyalty in 1997. After crossing the floor and being given a peerage in 2001, Baron Temple-Morris sat as a Labour peer in the House of Lords for 17 years. See also the vignette in the 2003 Magazine when he was elected Society President, and the Guardian and Telegraph 4 May 2018.

**Thomas** (1954) On 24 December 2017, Hugh Francis Thomas of Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk. Hugh came to St Catharine’s from St Edmund’s College, Ware, and read Architecture & Fine Art. His widow Jill writes ‘Hugh collapsed as we were about to attend his daughter’s funeral. After graduating, Hugh became an Architect, and ended up specialising in crematorium design including our local one in Bury St Edmunds. Whilst at St Catharine’s he was a member of the Midnight Howlers theatre group and the University Footlights, and regaled us with many a tale! He visited St Catharine’s with his nephew from Canada in 2016, and was amazed at the changes yet similarities of the place. Hugh had very fond memories of his years at St Catharine’s and his daughter by his first marriage was named Catharine. Hugh was a lovely man. People who knew him, whether well or just to say hello to, called him a gentleman – and he was.’

**Thorp** (1947) On 20 December 2011, John Samuel Thorp of Durham. John’s son Roger writes ‘My father graduated from the University of Sheffield with a BSc Honours degree in Physics in December 1945 and subsequently worked in the X-ray subsection at the Research Department, Metropolitan-Vickers, Manchester, before taking up his postgraduate studies at Cambridge where he researched in the Crystallography Laboratory at the Cavendish under Sir Lawrence Bragg. From 1951 my father was a Senior Scientific Officer at the Royal Naval Scientific Service, SERL, Baldock, and from 1955 worked in the Physics Division of the Royal Radar Establishment at Malvern. He was appointed Lecturer in Applied Physics at the University of Durham in 1961 and later Senior Lecturer in Applied Physics and Electronics. His *Masers and Lasers: Physics and Design* was published in 1967. He was very happily married for 56 years to Muriel and was a much loved father to Alyson, Michael and Roger.’
Thurlow (1948) In March 2018, Arthur William Thurlow of Malvern and, formerly, Godalming. Arthur came to St Catharine’s from Cambridge & County Boys’ High School after National Service in post-war Germany. He read Modern & Medieval Languages followed by DipEd and DipTheology at Worcester College, Oxford. His son Jeremy writes ‘He caught a special enthusiasm for the medieval from his Director of Studies and his fascination for France and Spain led him to explore both countries extensively on a small moped in the 1950s. He went on to become a language teacher and later moved into teacher-training. His years at Catz were a very special time and he remembered them vividly in later life, often wearing his College tie on celebratory occasions and regularly returning for reunions. He was a keen rower and tennis player, and earlier this year he could still be found wearing his Catz rowing blazer. At Oxford he met his wife Molly, also a keen rower and tennis player – oars from the two universities were raised as an arch at the church where they were married.’

Totman (1935) On 8 July 2018, Rihia Barnes Totman of Henley-on-Thames and formerly Buntingford. Rihia came to St Catharine’s from Felsted School and read Law. His alumnus son Peter (1964) writes ‘He was born in 1915 in Auckland, New Zealand, and died in Stokenchurch, Buckinghamshire, believed, at the time of his death, to be the oldest living alumnus of St Catharine’s. He was a pupil at Mistley Preparatory School, Essex, from 1925 to 1930 and at Felsted School, Essex, from 1930 to 1934. He served in the New Zealand Army from 1942 to 1944. He married and had three children who all survive him. His life was devoted to his career of farming, but his all-consuming hobby of gardening was his chief interest and he left a wonderful legacy of trees and shrubs on his 20-acre garden, most of which were grown from seed.’

Walters (1948) On 6 January 2018, Ian Austin Walters of Hatfield. Ian came to St Catharine’s from Highgate School and read Law. His alumnus son Peter (1964) writes ‘He was born in 1915 in Auckland, New Zealand, and died in Stokenchurch, Buckinghamshire, believed, at the time of his death, to be the oldest living alumnus of St Catharine’s. He was a pupil at Mistley Preparatory School, Essex, from 1925 to 1930 and at Felsted School, Essex, from 1930 to 1934. He served in the New Zealand Army from 1942 to 1944. He married and had three children who all survive him. His life was devoted to his career of farming, but his all-consuming hobby of gardening was his chief interest and he left a wonderful legacy of trees and shrubs on his 20-acre garden, most of which were grown from seed.’

Ward (1943) On 14 August 2017, Captain Arthur Robert Ward RN of Cheam, Surrey. Arthur came to St Catharine’s from Bablake School, Coventry, with a State Bursary and read Mechanical Sciences. He was allowed extra terms on military service and graduated in 1946. His son Simon writes ‘My father served on a variety of ships in the Navy, finally on HMS London. His expertise was weapons development. As a Captain in Portsmouth dockyard, he oversaw the final refit of the Royal Yacht Britannia and his last naval appointment was as Planning Manager of Chatham Dockyard, during which time he was appointed Aide-de-Camp to the Queen. Following retirement from the Navy, he took up the post of Secretary of the Royal Thames Yacht Club, for which he wrote the Club’s history. He was appointed CBE in 1981.’

Watson (1951) On 21 January 2018, William John Watson of Peterborough. William came to St Catharine’s from Quarry Bank High School, Liverpool, and read Mathematics. The College has no information about his subsequent career.

Whiteside (1952) On 20 October 2017, Canon Peter George Whiteside formerly of Brentford, Middlesex. Peter came to St Catharine’s after National Service with the Royal Artillery and two years teaching at Highgate Junior School. He read History and played rugby for the College and cricket for the University and was also a member of Surrey County Cricket Club. He was awarded the Bishop Brown prize. After attending Cuddesdon Theological College, he was ordained priest in 1958 and served as chaplain at Clifton College, Bristol, and then as headmaster of Lincoln Cathedral School. In 1974 he moved to Australia as principal and chaplain of Wadham College Grammar School. He returned to the UK in 1992 and became vicar of St Faith’s, Brentford, retiring in 1997.

Wickham (1954) On 17 December 2017, Lionel Ralph Wickham of Cambridge. His son Edward (Director of Music at St Catharine’s) writes ‘The Rev’d Dr Lionel Wickham was educated at Dulwich College followed by the Royal College of Music. After a period of National Service, he continued his studies at St Catharine’s reading Oriental Languages and Theology, where he was awarded a Jarrett Exhibition and the Burney Prize. He moved to Westcott House and was ordained priest in 1960. Following a curacy at Boston Stump, Tutorship at Cuddesdon and four years as vicar of Cross Stone, he took on a Lectureship in Theology at Southampton University. After another period of full-time ministry he moved back to Cambridge as Lecturer at the University and as Priest-in-Charge of West Wratting. He was awarded his doctorate in 1982 for his publications in the field of patristic theology. This work, and in particular his edition of the letters of Cyril of Alexandria remain important resources for scholars of the Early Church Fathers.’

Wilkinson (1950) On 13 December 2017, (William) Keith Wilkinson of Bradford. Keith won an Exhibition to St Catharine’s in 1948 from Bradford Grammar School and came up after National Service to read Classics and then Law. He captained the rugby club in 1953 and also played 1st XI cricket and lacrosse. His career was as a textile agent and he also took an active part in the Bradford and Bingley RUFC. His son Andrew (1975) is also an alumnus.
Theology for the Ordinary BA degree and became a Vicar. Originally admitted to Cambridge as a non-collegiate NatSci.

See John Pickering (1948, NatSci); David Cruttenden (1967, Engineering); Michael de Kare-Silver (1975, Law); Simon Denison (1980, Law); Sean Dingley (2010, Music); John Eachard (Master 1675–95); Simon Edge (1983, Philosophy); Kate Elsewit (2006, MML); Maria Epishkina (2016, SPs); Will Fairbairn (2013, Music); Nick Freeth (1975, English); Simon Godwin (1994, English); Mike Gothorp (1975, Theology); Philine Hagenmeyer (2015, Classics); Joe Halstead (2012, NatSci); Kenneth Hampton (1943, Geography); Donald Harris (1942, History); John Haybittle (1940, Maths); John Hemsley (1975, Geography); Tom Henn (1919, Fellow 1926–69); Anthony Hird (1966, Classics); Patrick Holden (1957, Law); Owen Holland (2005, English); Constantinos Ikonomou (2003, Geography); Sriya Iyer (Fellow 2000); Timothy Kenefick (1991, Law); Colin Kolbert (1956, Law); David Leigh (2010, PPS); Richard Long (1958, Oriental Studies); Ken Mills (1948, NatSci); Anthony Moore (Chaplain 2007, Dean of Chapel 2012); Reo Muir (1936, Geography); Philip Oliver (Fellow 1988, Emeritus Fellow 2016); Katie Patrick (2012, Law); Arthur Phelps (1948, Maths); John Pickering (1961, NatSci); Tunku Abdul Rahman (1926, Law, Honorary Fellow 1960) See Sriya Iyer (Fellow 2000).

Reo Muir (1936, Geography) contacted the Society via his son Andrew who writes ‘My father, who celebrated his 100th birthday in May, has asked me to respond to you regarding the College Society’s 2018 reunion. He would very much like to be there but regrets that the travel is more than he wishes to undertake at this time. His health is good and he lives independently but changes in routine can be disruptive. He has asked me to say that he hopes the event is a great success and that he will be with you in spirit.’

John Haybittle (1940, Maths) wrote before he died earlier this year (see Notices in this Magazine) with some reminiscences of his time in the Boat Club. Being a novice he started in the 3rd VIII in 1941, but was Bow in the 1st VIII for Lent 1942 when the College entered only two boats owing to the war. John says Boat Club dinners were held in an upper room of the KP Restaurant – the 1941 menu, in spite of wartime, had asparagus soup, grilled salmon and loganberry sundaes. John was called up for war service in 1942 and never rowed again, but was on the towpath cheering on Cats boats when he returned to complete his degree 1946–8.

Iris Harris, the widow of Donald Harris (1942, History), has died. She had been an Associate Member of the Society since Donald’s death in 2015.

Kenneth Hampton (1943, Geography) died in 2016 and his cousin Dee Bixley has been going through his papers. It seems Ken kept much of his correspondence including letters to and from home while he was at St Catharine’s. Dee has donated these to the College to the delight of our archivist. Dee also donated to the Imperial War Museum
letters from his immediate post-WWII national service. The IWM writes ‘[The] letters form exactly the kind of original war record that we are most keen to look after in this Museum. They are a very useful record of life in Germany (British Element), and the Allied Control Authority and Kommandatura in Berlin. They give rare examples of the day to day work, neatly spelled out for his mother, with particular reference to his duties as a Russian translator, and the tensions with the Russians in the months leading up to the Berlin blockade.’ Dee has also come across correspondence between Ken and his future wife Ann in which he describes a Geography field trip to Austria in 1949 when he had returned to Catz to complete his degree after the war.


Arthur Phelps (1948, Maths) writes to say that he made lifelong friendships with two German students attending an English language course and who shared his staircase in the Long Vacation residence 1949. They were Horst Dalldorf and Herbert Pennell, sadly now both deceased. All three kept in touch for nearly seventy years.


Michael Willis (1953, Engineering) died last year and an obituary appeared in the 2017 Magazine. His daughter Rebecca writes with some additional information ‘Michael joined the Royal Engineers immediately after he left Charterhouse. He spent 18 months at Sandhurst, passing out second in his cohort, and then read Mechanical Sciences at St Catharine’s in two years instead of the usual three. He resigned his army commission in 1957 and joined Dexion then Bovis, where he remained for a decade before co-founding Planned Warehousing, an industrial management and building construction firm. He ran this company, which was eventually sold to Deloitte, until he retired.’

Robert Lockley Turner (1954, History & Law) writes to say that he is visiting Professor at the Law Faculty in Cambridge. ‘I retired as the Senior Master of the then Supreme Court of England & Wales and as the Queen’s Remembrancer in 2007. Since then I have been writing books and assisting Professor Neil Andrews on the Civil Procedure course and on the Tripos Board. I lecture on historical aspects of my former appointment.’

Colin Kolbert (1956, Law) sent this picture of Santa Caterina del Sasso from the deserted Carmelite convent of the same name between Cerro and Reno on Lake Maggiore. Legend has it that the boat of a 12th century wealthy merchant and usurer was sinking and his prayers to St Catharine to save him were answered. He repented of his usury and had a chapel built on the cliffs around which the convent was founded.

Patrick Holden (1957, Law) writes that he has been awarded an Honorary PhD by the University of Central Lancashire. Patrick is a descendant of one of its founders. The picture is of Patrick with the Vice Chancellor of UCLAN at the award ceremony.

Richard Long (1958, Oriental Studies) writes to say that the second and third volumes of his end of Empire trilogy have been published: The Immense Failure. British Rulers of Iraq 1914–1933 and The Palestinians and British Perfidy. The Tragic Aftermath of the Balfour Declaration of 1917.

John Pickering (1961, NatSci) writes that he was surprised and disappointed that the College is so poorly endowed with ghosts. He recalls a gathering in Robert Comline’s room (C3) at which he chatted to Tom Henn. When John said he was in room E3, Tom described how he had seen a gentleman in seventeenth century dress when he was living next door in E2. He had asked his uncle (at that time Bishop of Blackburn) to conduct an exorcism, but
his uncle opined that the spectre had occupied E2 much longer than Tom had, was doing nobody any harm and there was no reason to attempt to evict it. John wonders if the spectre might have been Eachard who, when he was Master, probably occupied rooms in E when it was first built – alongside the fifteenth and sixteenth century College buildings before the rebuilding of the main court. We wonder if Tom Henn related this story to any other alumni. The old E2 room was probably about halfway up the current Hall’s west window.

Richard Young (1961, NatSci) writes with information about his contemporaries Tony Yolland who died in 2016 and Hugh Young who died in 2015. In 1961 Freshers were sent out to dig, and we three found ourselves in Trafalgar Road on the far side of the river from Midsommer Common and Jesus Green. We suspected that those at the bottom of the alphabet were sent to the grottiest digs; we all left at the end of our first term. Hugh had been an outstanding schoolboy rugby player, captaining St Benedict’s, and we graduated from the Cats and XV (the Kittens) which won Division 2 in our first year, to the 1st XV for the next two years. After Cats, Hugh went to Law School in Lancaster Gate, qualifying as a solicitor, and joined a big shipping firm, Sinclairs, where he remained until 1984, when he set up on his own, taking some Sinclair colleagues with him. He retired in 1994. His first happy marriage tragically ended with the death of Pru from post-natal depression, but he later found happiness with Hwee Khoon, whom he met in Singapore when opening up a new office for Sinclairs. With Pru he had two daughters, one of whom, to his delight, is a Cats graduate. Tony came up from Wellington on an industrial scholarship, but his instincts were towards the Arts, and at the end of his first year he wanted to switch to the humanities. His sponsors would not support him, and so he went down. We saw him occasionally later at Cats London Society Branch meetings.


Alan Stokes (1964, Engineering) writes with regard to the Senior Tutor’s throwaway comment ‘Lack-Lustre Third’ in the 2017 Magazine: ‘My lack-lustre third class degree in Mechanical Sciences Tripos 3N course laid the foundation stone for a successful leadership role in an industry at the forefront of technology. I have worked on 60 different offshore oilfield projects worldwide, predominantly in the UK sector where many were significant first-of-a-kind design projects such as the largest concrete gravity structure and the first tension leg platform in the world. Earlier parts of my career were focussed on the structural aspects of design and getting these massive structures into the North Sea. Since then I have also worked on operational projects. With that extra valuable experience I am now leading the international effort to design for decommissioning offshore platforms. The platforms I put in at the beginning of my career are now being removed. It is essential that this is done in a safe and environmentally sound manner with as little cost to the UK tax payer as possible. Designing for decommissioning at the start of the project is the key to efficient removal – a cause I have been championing for some time which is now being taken up worldwide. This year I celebrated 50 years of continuous, interesting work in a leadership role. Our offshore oil and gas industry has meant the UK has been self-sufficient in oil and gas for many years. It has ensured that currently there are over 10,000 men and women working offshore with many, many more working onshore in support. Friends, also with lower seconds and lack-lustre thirds have had similar responsible and productive jobs and have made significant contributions to society and industry. We all come from an era when, because a natural curve was applied to results, firsts and upper seconds were not as ubiquitous as they are now. There were only one or two firsts in a year. Indeed, in our year there were no firsts at all in Mechanical Sciences within the College.’


Anthony Hird (1966, Classics) sent this picture of St Catharine from Zamosc, Poland. It lists all those people for whom she is the patroness. Kate (Katarzyna) Zator (2016, NatSci) offers the following translation (reading down the columns from left to right): “St Catharine, Patroness of Attorneys, Librarians, Printers, Virgins, Philosophers, Hairdressers, Tanners, Potters, Sinners, Wheelwrights, Tailors, Writers, Millers, Milliners, Speakers, Fiancés, Teachers, Science, Notaries, Bakers, Railwaymen, Seekers of drowning victims, Pupils, Ropers, Common people, Spinners, Carriers, Students, Seamstresses, Theologians, Sailors, Scholars, Universities, Coachmen, Typesetters, People struggling with sore throat and headaches, Wives. Pray for us!”

David Cruttenden (1967, Engineering) writes ‘I was sorry to read that the safe in the Master’s Lodge did not yield any particular excitement. SCCBC members from Teddy Rich’s time will remember that he was the custodian of...’
the pistols used for signalling to crews during the Lents and Mays – proper six-shooters as I recall. They were kept in the safe and I was hoping that they might still have been there, but clearly everyone must have been very law abiding when their continued use was forbidden! The Editor recalls the use of the pistols ‘I believe one shot meant Cats was gaining, two shots Cats was within a couple of feet and three shots meant overlap – go for the bump. However bystanders complained that they were being singed by bits of hot wadding from the blank cartridges. Also the police considered it was dangerous for coaches to cycle along a crowded towpath with a pistol in one hand; instead they suggested using a whistle in the mouth.’ Chris Thorne (Fellow 1963, Emeritus Fellow 2002) reveals that the College may not have been as law abiding as David believes. Teddy Rich handed them over to Chris when he became senior treasurer of the Amal Clubs, whereafter they were kept in his College Room and not in the safe at all! Chris got cold feet when the visit of the Queen was imminent in 1981 (long after the use of the pistols for signalling to crews had ceased) and the College became alive with sniffer dogs etc., so he passed the pistols to a member of the College staff whose father was the armourer for the local constabulary. The pistols were then presumably ‘made safe’ and sold to a collector. The resulting £200 pounds or so was donated to the Boat Club.

Michael de Kare-Silver (1975, Law) writes ‘I qualified as a lawyer with a big city firm, but got very bored. I joined Procter & Gamble sales and marketing, and became responsible for launching Pampers nappies in the UK! From the sublime to the ridiculous – but I enjoyed it. I then moved into commercial management and digital technology, becoming Managing Director of Argos online and launching Burberry.com. I am now busy writing lots of management text books about this digital world.’

Nick Freeth (1975, English) has set up a small publishing company, Baffin Books UK. Among its first titles is Going Nowhere, Nick’s survey of London’s Abandoned Places, with photographs by Olivia Landsberg. Baffin also publishes Entangled, an ebook collection of tales with supernatural themes by Nick’s contemporary Mike Gothorp (1975, Theology) who describes himself as ‘inspired by dead artists and poets, wolds, fens and ancient ruins’. Baffin has plans to issue several other fiction and non-fiction books in the next twelve to eighteen months; see the website baffinbooks.simplesite.com.

John Hemsley (1975, Geography) writes to say that he noted from the Notices in the 2016 edition of the Magazine that ‘Honour,’ ‘Hope’ and ‘Love’ had all died. He thought that this just left ‘Charity’; so he included a contribution to the St Catharine’s Campaign.

Stephen Bryant (1978, Law) writes that he visited the cathedral in Las Palmas, one of the most beautiful he has ever visited, where he came across this delightful little statue of St Catharine. He asks ‘Does the lettering in the book she is holding mean anything, and what is the significance of the personage at the base of the statue?’ Lizzy Ennion-Smith, the College archivist, suggests that the personage is the emperor Maxentius who had Catharine put to death. Sarah Fletcher, the Deputy Librarian, has expanded the inscription in the book as ‘veni sponsa Christi, accipes coronam quam [praeparavit] tibi Dominus’ – English translation: ‘Come, bride of Christ, to receive the crown the Lord has [prepared] for you.’ The Sponsa Christi is a prayer to virgin saints (brides of Christ).

Simon Denison (1980, Law) has been appointed a Recorder for the South Eastern Circuit.

Paul Baumann (1981, MML) has been appointed Receiver General of Westminster Abbey. He was previously Chief Financial Officer of NHS England. The Receiver General is the Abbey’s chief executive, working closely with the Dean and Chapter on strategic and operational matters and on major events. Paul will also take direct responsibility for the overall management of the Abbey’s financial, administrative, protocol, fabric and security affairs. See also Honours & Awards.
Simon Edge (1983, Philosophy) writes that he published his first novel in 2017 and will publish his second in July 2018. The first, *The Hopkins Conundrum*, is an improbable comedy based on the life of the Victorian poet Gerard Manley Hopkins and is now in its second edition. The second is called *The Hurtle of Hell*. Simon says it’s an atheist comedy featuring God as one of the main characters.

Claire Taylor (née Soulsby, 1986, Music) has been Deputy Vice-Chancellor at Wrexham-Glyndwr University in Wales since August 2017. She writes that she has been elected to a Chair in Education and delivered her inaugural Professorial Lecture in May 2018.

Natalie Waran (1987, VetMed) Professor of OneWelfare, is now Executive Dean, Faculty of Education, Humanities and Health Science, Eastern Institute of Technology (EIT), Hawke’s Bay, New Zealand. There are two Executive Deans who are at the level below the Vice-Chancellor in EIT which offers higher degrees, first degrees and lower tertiary qualifications. Natalie (Mrs Thorman) lives near Napier, Hawke’s Bay with her husband Chris and two sons.

Philip Oliver (Fellow 1988, Emeritus Fellow 2016), who lives in the village of Kingston near Cambridge, notes that the Founder of St Catharine’s, Robert Woodlark, was Rector of the church of All Saints and St Andrew in the village in 1457.

Peter Wothers (1988, NatSci, Fellow 1997) delivered the 2018 Sandars Lectures. These lectures, founded in 1895, are endowed through the University Library and are normally on a bibliographic topic. However, Peter was asked to be the 2018 Reader because of his enthusiasm for early books on chemistry and his extensive collection. He gave three lectures entitled *Chemical Attractions*. There were, of course, some practical demonstrations. See also Peter’s article on the Periodic Table later in this Magazine.

Jo Bush (née Buckley, 1989, Law) writes that she has just completed the Amundsen Expedition; she is apparently the first British woman to complete it. It is a 100 km race across the Hardangervidda in Norway pulling a 40 kg pulk. It is self-supporting and navigating.

Timothy Kenefick (1991, Law) has been appointed a Recorder for the Western Circuit.

Emrys Chew (1992, History) has originated and registered an orchid hybrid named Vanda St Catharine’s College, Cambridge (V. tricolor x V. ustii) with the Royal Horticultural Society. Emrys says ‘This orchid belongs to the genus Vanda, a botanical name derived uniquely from the Sanskrit word for epiphyte, which is something my mentor Professor Chris Bayly, and before him Professor
President Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan and Prime Minister Tunku Abdul Rahman, 28 October 1962, Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi, India.

Constantinos Ikonomou (2003, Geography) writes that his book on the Greek economy crisis has been published by Academic Press – Funding the Greek Crisis.

Owen Holland (2005, English) has been appointed a Teaching Fellow in Romantic and Victorian Literature at University College, London.

Humphrey Waddington (2005, Geography) is Head of Geography at Kingston Grammar School.


Kevin Adler (2007, SPS) writes to say that his organisation Miracle Messages has won a Jefferson Award for Public Service. Miracle Messages helps homeless people record short video messages to their dearly missed loved ones, and then attempts to reunite them using social media.

The Rev’d Dr Anthony Moore (Chaplain 2007, Dean of Chapel 2012) is now Vicar of St Margaret of Antioch church, Rottingdean in Sussex.

Professor Dame Jean Thomas (Master 2007–16, Honorary Fellow 2017) writes that she finished her four-year term as President of the Royal Society of Biology in May 2018 but continues as Trustee of the Wolfson Foundation. See also Honours & Awards in this Magazine.

Sean Dingley (2010, Music), head of music at Didcot Girls’ School, was chosen as the 2017–8 Music Teacher of the Year by Oxfordshire County Music Service. In addition the school was named as a regional hub for music in a new national network, designed to encourage knowledge-sharing among schools.

David Leigh (2010, PPS) See Maria Epishkina (2016, SPS)

Adam Wright (2010, NatSci) has been appointed to a Research Fellowship at Mansfield College, Oxford.

Joe Halstead (2012, NatSci) was one of the founders of Entomics Biosystems, set up just before his final exams in 2015. The company researched ‘insect biomass conversion.’ The idea is that larvae of the black soldier fly chew their way through food waste collected from local supermarkets and food processing plants – the resulting fattened larvae can be used as food for pets, poultry, salmon etc. and the droppings (frass) can be used as an organic fertilizer and pesticide. Joe has now set up Agrigrub to exploit the process commercially – contact salesdesk@agigrub.co.uk.

Katie Patrick (2012, Law) See Jim Townsend (1904, Theology)

Philip Crout (2013, NatSci), our long-distance runner – see Athletics report in the College section of this Magazine – writes ‘I was able to race in Belgium in July 2018 thanks to support from the Society’s Old Members’ Sports Fund. While I was unable to improve on my past time on this occasion (I clocked a respectable 14.77), I am thankful for the opportunity which provided an excellent learning experience for me and I shall return to my attempts to improve the College records.’

Will Fairbairn (2013, Music) passed the Summer 2017 examination at the Royal College of Organists and is now ARCO. We note also that he is the 2017–8 organ scholar at Truro Cathedral and the accompanist for the Truro Choral Society. Following that he takes up a post teaching music at St Paul’s Boys’ School, Barnes.

Philine Hagenmeyer (2015, Classics) was an umpire for the Lent Bumps; she writes ‘Lent Bumps 2018 were cancelled due to freezing temperatures – at least halfway through. It has been more than fifty years since the last time Lent Bumps had to be called off due to inclement weather. Gossip among umpires was that in 1963 the Cam was frozen over completely and therefore no racing could take place. From an umpire’s point of view the cancellation was the only feasible decision. Safety (and fairness) is what we are responsible for, and we were no longer able to guarantee the safety of everybody involved. Not only is it dangerous to row in these conditions, but the towpath was so icy that cycling became hazardous as well. In a sportsmanlike undertaking many came together to clear and grit the towpath for the following
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days, making cycling a viable option again. And cycling was necessary: as soon as one stopped moving the wind chilled you to the bone. The struggle of writing results at the control desk with gloves was real. The cancellation gave all the umpires the opportunity at the thank you dinner to commiserate over the terrible weather (a very British pastime) whilst drinking a pint of ale. There were very different views on the cancellation – from “it wasn’t so bad because I suddenly had time to write my essay” to “we get blades if we bump every day, but we only rowed one day”. Hopefully we frozen umpires will have warmed up by the Mays.

Maria Epishkina (2016, SPS) was elected President of the Union Society for Easter 2018. She is the first female President from Catz. There have been only nine previous Catz Union Presidents, but David Leigh (2010), elected in 2012, decided not to take office. He passed on congratulations to Maria and added ‘I hope she manages to juggle the commitment better than I did – I was also elected for the exam term and as it approached the whole juggling act became quite unsustainable.’

Jenni Sidey (Fellow 2016, Engineering), our astronaut fellow and cover-girl for the 2017 Magazine, is starting her spacewalk training as we go to press. Follow her on Twitter @Astro_Jenni where she reports on all her experiences from flying T38 Jets to the intricacies of the space-suit she will wear when in space.


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 do not have voting rights but 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 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, Classics, Fellow Commoner 2014), Society Secretary
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 2017 at the places listed:

- Ian Beer (1951), St Michael and All Angels, Ledbury, Herefordshire
- Charles V Betts (1960), St Michael’s Without, Bath, Somerset
- Mark Bonney (1975), Ely Cathedral, Cambridgeshire
- David Bradley (1958), All Saints East Sheen, Richmond upon Thames, London
- Douglas Calder (1957), St Alban’s, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands
- David Cruttenden (1967), Christchurch, Borrowdale, Harare, Zimbabwe
- Deborah Cox (1980), St Wolfgang, Pfullingen, Germany
- Bevis Cubey (1956), St Cuthbert’s, Lorton, Cockermouth, Cumbria
- Larry Culliford (1968), St Andrew and St Cuthman in Steyning, West Sussex
- Ian Fallon, (1969), St James the Less, Kingston, Devon
- Ian Goodfellow (1958), St Andrew’s Witchurch, Tavistock, Devon
- Michael Hieatt (1967), St Mary’s, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
- Graham Jones (1952), St Andrew’s, Colyton, East Devon
- Colin Kolbert, (1956), St Peter’s Coton, Cambridgeshire
- Philip Le Brocq (1959) St Clement, Le Bourg, Jersey
- Jon Lewis (1962), Sant’Agostino, Rome, Italy
- Anthony Minchin (1956), St Cyr’s, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire
- Robert Morgan (1960), St Andrew’s, Sanford-on-Thames, Oxfordshire
- Charles B. Palmer (1963), St Paul’s, Howell Hill, Ewell, Surrey
- Christopher Powell (1985), St Francis House, Guildford
- Roland Randall, (1963), Girton College Chapel, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire
- Hugh Searle, (1956), St Mary’s Cathedral, Glasgow, Scotland
- Peter G Stevens (1972), St Michael and All Angels, Trentham, Wolverhampton
- Geoffrey Stokell (1950), Wantage Methodist Church, Oxfordshire
- Geoffrey Willett (1946), St Mary the Virgin, Goldington, Bedfordshire
- 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 Rev’d Dr David Neaum, Dean of Chapel
THE PERIODIC TABLE

Over the past 30 years I have built an extensive library of rare books centred on the foundation of modern chemistry around the end of the 18th century, but dating back to its practical applications in texts from the 16th century. [Because of his collection Peter was invited to deliver the 2018 Sandars Lectures. These distinguished lectures, founded in 1895, are endowed through the University Library and are normally on a bibliographic topic. See News in this Magazine for more details.] Over this time I have come to know many rare-book dealers around the world. One of my dealers had assembled a fine collection of material relating to the beginnings of the Periodic Table and included it in an amazing catalogue that he had spent over 25 years preparing. Whilst the collection was extremely tempting, it was rather later than the usual material I collect, and sadly outside my limited budget. However, when I mentioned to one of our Natural Scientist alumni, Peter Dawson (1974, Fellow Commoner 2016), that the collection was available, and that the United Nations had proclaimed 2019 to be the International Year of the Periodic Table of Chemical Elements (IYPT) since it will be the 150th anniversary of the publication of Mendeleev’s first Periodic Table, and that a copy of this rare book was also available, I was bowled over with his immediate reaction: ‘We should get this for the College.’

I knew Peter was interested in rare science books since he and Christina (also Fellow Commoner 2016) had already told me of some of the amazing treasures they had acquired from a London dealer. However, their enthusiasm and vision for St Catharine’s participating in the IYPT left me astounded. They made an extremely generous donation to the College, not only to enable us to acquire the collection and the first edition of Mendeleev’s work, but also with a sizeable surplus to allow us to host an exhibition and acquire any related material to further enhance the collection. The result is that St Catharine’s College now undoubtedly possesses the finest collection of books relating to Mendeleev and the early history of the Periodic Table in the UK, and surely one of the very best in the world.

Although Russian chemist Dmitri Mendeleev is perhaps the individual most strongly linked to the discovery of the Periodic Table (or more correctly the Periodic System as he called it), he was not the only person, nor even the first, to arrange the elements according to their atomic weight and look for repeating patterns. Even in the 18th century, after French chemist Antoine-Laurent Lavoisier gave his definition of an element as a substance that had not yet been broken down into anything simpler, it was appreciated that several such ‘simples’ had similar properties. For example, Lavoisier suspected that soda and potash (sodium and potassium carbonates) might not be elements, but they had very similar properties and were classed together as alkalis. When Humphry Davy managed to isolate the metallic elements from them in the first decade of the 19th century, they were called ‘alkali metals’ and are now found together in the same group in the periodic table.

In order to formulate some sort of periodic table (and there are currently many different versions), the elements needed to be arranged in order of increasing atomic weight (or more precisely, as was later discovered in the 20th century, in order of atomic number, the number of positively-charged protons in the nucleus of the atom) and elements with similar chemical properties needed to be aligned or grouped together in some way. The first person to accomplish this was the French mineralogist Alexandre-Émile Béguyer de Chancourtois (pictured right) in 1862. Whilst his system is regarded as the very first attempt at a periodic table, its form is quite different from that with which we are familiar today. Béguyer realised that if all the then-known elements are arranged in order of increasing atomic weight, they could be plotted around a cylinder or helix with a circumference of sixteen atomic mass units and then elements with similar properties align in vertical groups down the cylinder. Sadly, Béguyer’s attempt was almost completely...
overlooked at the time. There were a number of reasons for this – one was because he was primarily concerned in trying to classify the elements from a mineralogical perspective and so his system was largely ignored by chemists. But the main reason his work remained unnoticed was because his important paper failed to include any diagram (a flaw often encountered in the work of our students these days too!). Without an accompanying figure, his text was fairly incomprehensible. However, whilst his first description initially appeared as one of many articles in one of the leading chemical journals of the day, the author also received a few ‘offprints’ – separately-printed, re-paginated, stand-alone extracts containing just his article. These were intended to be given out as presentation copies by the author to other leading scientists of the day. To accompany these offprints, Béguyer had printed the crucial chart to accompany the text – and this is one of the treasures now in our collection.

This offprint is exceedingly rare with only three copies (including ours) having been offered for sale over the last fifty years or so. Furthermore, Béguyer constantly revised his table and so the few copies that do still exist are in different states. Remarkably, ours is the very first state. The only other copy in the UK is one in the Science Museum which is a later version. So it may safely be said that St Catharine’s holds a copy of the earliest periodic table to have been printed. The chart itself is quite a feat of printing. It is over five feet in length and printed in three colours. The start of it is reproduced above. Béguyer called his system *Vis Tellurique* (‘Telluric Helix’ or ‘Telluric Screw’) since the element tellurium, appropriately for a mineralogist named after the goddess of the earth, is located in the centre of the chart. Several of the symbols used for the elements do not correspond to those now in use: Béguyer uses Gl (from *glucinium*) for what we now call beryllium (Be), Bo for boron (B), Az (from the French *azote*) for nitrogen (N), Fl for fluorine (F) and Ph for phosphorus (P). Béguyer also includes several mineral species in his chart and unravelling his precise meaning and comparing the different versions will make a fine PhD thesis.

Other early attempts were made by the British chemists William Odling and John Alexander Newlands. The latter, from 1864, formulated his so-called *Law of Octaves* where again he arranged the elements in order of increasing atomic weight and noted the similarity between an element and the one eight places after it in an analogous fashion to the notes in a musical scale. Sadly, his ideas were somewhat ahead of their time and fellow scientists mocked his efforts. The issue of *Chemical News* from 9 March 1866 (also in our collection) states ‘Professor GF Foster humorously inquired of Mr Newlands whether he had ever examined the elements according to the order of their initial letters? For he believed that any arrangement would present occasional coincidences…’ Newlands work was finally recognised in 1887 when he was awarded the Davy medal by the Royal Society – five years after Mendeleev and the German chemist Lothar Meyer had jointly received the honour for their work. (Note that this same medal has recently been awarded to St Catharine’s fellow Professor John Pyle – see Honours & Awards in this Magazine)
The systems of Odling, Newlands and Meyer are all represented in our collection, as are examples from the eccentric Danish-American chemist Gustavus Hinrichs. But, of course, the highlights are the works of Russian chemist Dmitri Mendeleev. Mendeleev is reported to have discovered his system on 7 February 1869 whilst working on his textbook *The Principles of Chemistry [Osnovy Khimii]*. His table was hastily appended to the already-printed first volume of his textbook, but his new discovery is not discussed in this edition of the book. The first edition of this textbook is one of the most important books in the history of science. Whilst the British Library, Oxford and UCL all have copies of later editions, our copy of the first seems to be the only one recorded in the UK.

Some argue that the first real publication of Mendeleev’s system appeared in Vol. 1 of the journal of the newly-formed Russian Chemical Society. This contains a much longer article in which he fully discusses his system, unlike in his textbook. Apparently just 80 copies of this volume were issued and a beautiful, complete copy is also in our collection. The only other copy recorded in the UK is in the Science Museum, but their copy has only the pages of Mendeleev’s article extracted from the rest of the journal. We also have copies of the abstracts that simultaneously appeared in German journals.

In addition to Mendeleev’s published works, we also have two rare *cartes-de-visite* from about the time he discovered his Periodic System. The photos attached to these show a relatively youthful Mendeleev, but still with his distinctive unkempt hair – he reputedly allowed himself just one haircut a year. The two cards were clearly taken at different times in his annual cycle!

Historians of science like to trace the origins of ideas and included in the Roy G Neville Historical Chemical Library (now housed in the Science History Institute in Philadelphia) is a copy of the 16-page Master’s thesis of Mendeleev concerned with specific volumes – the relative volumes occupied by the same amount of different substances. Neville describes Mendeleev’s thesis as containing ‘the germs of ideas that led him to formulate the periodic law of the elements’ and adds that the work is ‘of the utmost rarity’. The booklet was ordered to be printed on 27 August 1856, two weeks before the examination at the University of St Petersburg, in the limited number of copies specified by their regulations. Although the Neville copy is the only one listed in any institution, other sources suggest there are maybe ten copies known. We have two copies in our collection. However, it turns out that this 16-page booklet is actually just a synopsis of Mendeleev’s thesis. Remarkably we were also able to acquire a copy of the full thesis itself. Although other copies of this undoubtedly must exist, none
are currently recorded. The reason for having two copies of the synopsis is that our second came bound up with a copy of Mendeleev’s Bachelor’s thesis – his first published book – also from 1856. This is concerned with the relationship between the composition of a substance and the shape of its crystals. The only other institutional copy recorded is that at Harvard. Together these theses represent an invaluable research resource for any scholar of the Periodic System.

Mendeleev constantly revised his textbook as new elements were discovered. Of the eight editions published in his lifetime, St Catharine’s is currently missing just one edition – the third (we are still hunting for a copy). Our stunning copy of the fourth edition is an inscribed presentation copy from Mendeleev to the Scottish chemist Alexander Crum Brown, one of the founders of structural organic chemistry. It turns out that the fourth edition is in fact quite similar to the third and is said to have been issued simply because Mendeleev was in the midst of an expensive divorce.

Eventually, Mendeleev had to incorporate a whole new group of elements – the so-called rare or noble gases. These were largely discovered, or were at least first isolated, by one extraordinary chemist – William Ramsay. Ramsay was an early proponent of the periodic system and in 1891 wrote the first textbook in English to be based around it. In a strange turn of fate, the front endpaper in our copy (acquired from America) tells us it was first owned by a student from next-door King’s College.

We have also acquired three letters written (in French) by Ramsay to his friend Louis Olivier, the founder and editor of La Revue Générale de Science. In a letter dated 5 May 1894, after explaining that he is about to visit Cambridge to examine students for their ‘Tripos’, Ramsay mentions how he is having dinner later that evening with Mendeleev who is visiting London at the time. He describes how the great chemist is rather frail and walks slowly but is still quick of mind. However, Ramsay adds that unfortunately he speaks all languages equally badly! At the time of their meeting, none of the noble gases had yet been found, but, in a letter dated 27 August 1894, Ramsay mentions the work currently being undertaken by his colleague Lord Rayleigh in the isolation of the gas the two co-discoverers will later name argon. Mendeleev mentions this new discovery in the sixth edition of his textbook from the following year, but at this point he is rather sceptical and thinks the gas is not an element but will probably prove to be a molecule of three nitrogen atoms, $N_3$. By the time of his seventh edition in 1902, when Ramsay had found and studied all the members of the group – helium,
neon, argon, krypton and xenon – Mendeleev had accepted the discovery and found a place for them in his table. Mendeleev’s final publication concerning the Periodic System includes a rather odd prediction, caused by his misplacement of Ramsay’s noble gases. Ramsay and Rayleigh had chosen for their first discovery the name argon taken from the Greek *Argos* meaning inert or lazy [hence an appropriate name for a certain catalogue store…] since it did not appear to react with any other element. Partly because of this common feature of all the noble gases (their apparent combining power of zero), Mendeleev placed them before Group 1 in his table and labelled them *Group Zero*. This meant that helium came directly in front of lithium. With hydrogen placed above lithium, it appeared to Mendeleev that one, or maybe two elements lighter than hydrogen were needed to complete his system. One would be placed above helium and immediately preceding hydrogen, the second above this new element in Group Zero. He developed these ideas in an article entitled *An Attempt Towards a Chemical Conception of the Aether*. In addition to the original Russian publication of this in serial form, we also have a fine copy of the separate English edition. In the Russian edition, but not in the English translation, Mendeleev names one of these lighter-than-hydrogen elements *Coronium* since he thought it had actually been detected in the sun using spectroscopic techniques. The second element he proposed to name *Newtonium* after the great Cambridge scholar.

As it stands, the St Catharine’s collection is completely unique, and represents a major resource for scholars wishing to study the origins of one of the most important concepts in the history of chemistry. The acquisition has been possible entirely thanks to the incredible generosity and foresight of our members Peter and Christina Dawson to whom the College is extremely grateful.

An exhibition featuring some of the most important items from the collection will be on display in St Catharine’s in March/April 2019 to celebrate the International Year of the Periodic Table and the 150th anniversary of the publication of Mendeleev’s first Periodic Table. All members are welcome to attend, free of charge. For more information, please see Events on the College website.

Peter Wothers (1988, NatSci, Fellow 1997)

THE END OF THE GREAT WAR

The year 2018 marks 100 years since the end of the First World War. This article forms the last in the series commemorating the role of St Catharine’s and her members in the conflict. Here we look at what some of our students did during the War, and what they would go on to do afterwards. Undoubtedly, the War made its mark on all those who experienced it, and the confines of College – with its gate book recording the hour undergraduates returned in the evening, and compulsory attendance at Hall and Chapel – must have seemed quite at odds with their wartime experiences. But College life continued after the War in much the same way as it had before. Change was afoot, however, and new University Statutes in 1926 and building projects within College would make the College a very different place during the interwar years.

It has not been possible to find information about all of those who fought and survived, but it is clear that there was much bravery among the members of St Catharine’s, with several receiving Military Crosses and other awards for heroism. Looking primarily at those who attended St Catharine’s between 1914 and 1918, most served in France and Belgium, though some of our members ended up further afield. Frank Bower was a member of the King’s Own Royal Regiment, who served in India as part of the Indian Army Reserve of Officers. John Bennett saw action in Egypt, and later fought in the Dardanelles campaign. Both...
of these men went on to have illustrious careers. Sir Frank was President of the Association of British Chambers of Commerce, receiving his knighthood in 1960; Sir John entered the Foreign Office, serving in Chile, Sweden, China, Turkey, Egypt, Singapore and Cyprus, and finally as Ambassador to Bulgaria between 1947 and 1949. He was appointed CMG in 1926 and knighted KCMG in 1950.

During the War, eight million soldiers fighting on the front were taken prisoner. One of these prisoners was Frank Compton, a member of St Catharine’s who had come up to read Mathematics in 1915. We are fortunate to have learnt much about his time as a prisoner of war, as his family have provided us with extracts from his diary, partly kept while he was imprisoned. Reading this, the description of his capture is very matter of fact, “Followed a disused trench and fell into a trap. Was unable to leave trench owing to rifle fire from right rear and was subsequently taken prisoner, 1.30pm”. This occurred on Monday 25 March 1918. For a while, Compton was kept at Bohain, near St Quentin, where conditions were poor. Rations consisted of a fifth of a loaf of bread and a spoonful of jam in the morning, and a pint or so of soup in the evening, served into army helmets. There was no soap for washing and most men went unshaved. Compton was subsequently moved to Graudenz, a camp on the east bank of the Vistula, about half-way between Danzig and Warsaw and quite close to the Polish frontier, where he remained until his release. He returned to England, and his studies, and was awarded a second class in the Mathematical Tripos. He went on to teach Maths in a number of schools, finally as Senior Mathematics Master at Regent Street Polytechnic Grammar School (now the University of Westminster).

We know the Military Cross was awarded to at least three members of College: Arthur Bruce, Charles Benstead and Walter Morris. Bruce came up to St Catharine’s in 1913 to read Modern & Medieval Languages. He was awarded his MC after the battle of Cambrai. His citation in the London Gazette of 16 July 1918 reads: ‘Lt. (A./Capt.) Arthur Atkinson Bruce, B.G.A., Spec. Res. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in temporary command of the battery in an attack. Although wounded he assisted to dig out men who were buried in a dug-out, being all the time under heavy shell fire. Later, when all communication was cut off, he kept his guns in action for seventeen hours, successfully withdrawing them to an old line, and maintaining his position there.’ After the War Bruce travelled to Burma, working for many years with the Bombay Burma Trading Company. He was awarded a KBE in 1943 for services to the Burmese Government in exile in India.

Charles Benstead is a name familiar to many, as editor of this Magazine from 1921 to 1972. He read Mathematics, gaining second class in 1915, before joining the Royal Artillery. He was mentioned in despatches at Passchendaele in 1917 and awarded the Military Cross for making a valuable reconnaissance for observation posts at Amiens in 1918. He returned to College to continue his Mathematical studies after the War and placed as a Junior Optime in the 1921 Part II Mathematics Tripos. He maintained his military connections upon leaving the College, joining the Royal Navy in the Instructor Branch, and retiring in 1946 as Instructor-Captain. His retirement allowed him to re-join the College in a more active role, and he held the position of Domestic Bursar and Steward in the later 1940s and early 1950s, with an active role in the Society until ill health forced his retirement.

Walter Morris studied History at St Catharine’s and was set for a career in the Colonial Office, but the
outbreak of war intervened. Given a temporary commission in 1914 for the 8th Battalion of the Norfolk Regiment, he went on to fight on the Somme, for which he was awarded his MC. He reached the rank of Major, and at the end of the War continued his association with the army, being appointed a Major in command of a Cycle Battalion in the Rhineland. He is best known for his novels, particularly the mystery novel, *Bretherton* (1929), set in World War I. At the time of its publication, it was hailed as ‘the finest English war-novel yet issued’ by Arnold Bennett.

A good number of those who served in the War went on to take holy orders. The horrors of war did not diminish their faith in God, as it did for some. Indeed, the Reverend Salisbury Davenport, who had studied Maths, Law and Moral Sciences at St Catharine’s, would return to serve in the Second World War as an army chaplain. Eliot Hosband, a choral scholar, was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant into the South Staffordshire Regiment. He was ordained in Durham in 1919 and spent most of his ministry as Rector of Wath, near Ripon. Cyril Walbank, who came to St Catharine’s to study Classics latterly switching to Theology, was a member of the Mercantile Marine Reserve. He was awarded the Mercantile Marine Reserve Medal in 1918. He was dedicated to his ministry and died in service.

Many of those who joined the College after the War also had military experience and many College Registration forms record their military service and notes along the lines of ‘The war knocked plans for university to pieces’ are common. Their experiences doubtless shaped their lives going forward, but recording their links to the College is an important way of remembering ‘the war to end all war’.

Lizzy Ennion-Smith, College Archivist

ROBERT WANSBROUGH (1928)

Recent delvings into family history have unexpectedly turned up one of the College’s forgotten alumni. My relative by marriage, Robert Cecil Wansbrough (1895–1975), was the younger brother of Evelyn Wansbrough, who was killed at Delville Wood in 1916, and who had been married to my Great Aunt Gladys Skelsey. His father and my grandfather were also partners in a consulting engineering practice in Birmingham from 1911 to 1941. Robert had served in the Royal Flying Corps in the Great War, and enlisted as a regular officer in the RAF in 1921.

He entered St Catharine’s in October 1928, matriculating in person (as was then required) on 2 November. He was then a serving RAF Officer with the rank of Flight Lieutenant, and there are some interesting features in his College career. Firstly, he was, of course, what we would now call a mature student, aged 32 on admission. Secondly he was a married man with a young son, although his family remained at his mother-in-law’s home in Birmingham (such separation was, of course, part and parcel of every service career). Thirdly, he was in residence only until June 1930 and appeared not to have kept the necessary terms by residence when he graduated BA on 21 June. He proceeded to the MA in November 1946.

The few remaining College records shed light on his time in Cambridge. In a long forgotten aspect of former University regulations the Council of the Senate granted him a special allowance of three Terms of residence on the grounds of his RAF service, and also excused him the Previous Examination: he was thus deemed to meet the residence requirement for graduation. We also find confirmation that he entered College under RAF auspices. He was a candidate for the Ordinary Degree only (then a common arrangement), and is recorded as reading for the ‘RAF A’ Course’, comprising studies in wireless technology. In 1930 he was placed in the Second Class in the Engineering Ordinary Examination Part II (Applied Electricity). During his residence he had supernumerary membership of the University Air Squadron.
The Resident Members List shows Robert to have lived throughout his residence at ‘Mozaffer’, Girton Road, a lodging which would then have been regarded as unusually remote, and which may suggest that he had his family with him. As a mature student the usual rules were probably relaxed.

On graduation Robert moved into the innovative branch of wireless and its derivatives, a sensitive area of work in the 1930s, and crucial to Great Britain’s defence in the coming conflict. A later RAF appointment, recorded in the College Magazine, was to the ‘Department of the Air Member for Supply and Research’ (AMSR) at the Air Ministry, a shadowy unit with wide-ranging responsibilities, some of a covert nature. His career included a period at the Royal Aircraft Establishment (RAE), Farnborough (1930); assignment as Staff Officer, Joint Directorate of Scientific Research and Technical Development (1933); to the RAE again (1935); and as Squadron Commander, No 1 (General Engineering) Wing, Home Aircraft Depot (1937). Immediately after the War he was posted as Chief Signals Officer, HQ Mediterranean and Middle East in Cairo. For his final stint he returned to the Air Ministry as Director of Radio in 1948. He retired as an Air Commodore in 1949. His only son, Peter aged 19, was reported missing in the last weeks of the Second World War whilst on an RAF photographic reconnaissance mission over Germany, and his death was not confirmed for over a year, a devastating blow from which the family never fully recovered. Robert’s sister-in-law, my Great Aunt, remarried in 1919 and emigrated with her second husband, and Evelyn’s posthumous son, to Australia, where her mother had been born. Her descendants still live in Melbourne.

After retirement Robert and his wife moved to Sutton Coldfield near Birmingham, to be near his niece, his only surviving close relative. He died at his home in 1975 and his personal papers and effects appear to have been discarded. It does not seem that his death was notified to the College as his name continued to appear in the University ‘List of Members’ until 1988.

Despite sharing membership of both King Edward’s School, Birmingham, and St Catharine’s, and living not far apart in the 1960s, I regrettably never met Robert Wansbrough and only learned of his career by chance. Searches in the National Archives and elsewhere have failed to unearth any further information about a man who clearly played an important part in air defence and other aspects of the RAF: I wonder if any reader can shed further light?

Geoffrey Skelsey (1962, English)
“Stop! What you want?” That was about the limit of his English and I didn’t speak Turkish – well, just the numbers and some greetings hastily learned on the way – but between us it was enough to get me into gaol. And 1968, ten years before Midnight Express, was not the best of times to be inside Istanbul’s Central Prison.

It was summer, the end of our second year in College, and Anthony Hird and I, both reading classics, had teamed up with Girton classicist Barbara Holden to travel third class from Victoria Station to Istanbul on what we romantically called The Orient Express – in fact train, Channel ferry and then two more trains, all the way for four days and three nights. Two others, one from College and one from Girton, were to do the same trip a few days later and then join us at the far end. Third class meant a compartment for six people; and sleeping, we decided, meant two on the floor, two on the benches, and two in the luggage racks, thankfully then solid iron. I’m 6’2” and in the event was hugely grateful to my tent, unrolled from the rucksack, for providing a little cushioning ‘on the rack’.

So we were three. Then there was an alarmingly large Yugoslav woman who, frankly, needed two seats. And fortunately just one more, who turned out to be a lady in her early 20s from, we seem to remember, the north of England; and she was travelling alone. That wasn’t good: the Western media (then just newspapers, radio and TV) made it clear that Turkey was not a place for a woman to visit alone. Aware of that, we strong masculine chaps were naturally determined to protect our Cambridge womenfolk during the trip and earn their undying admiration; but seriously, it was worrying. We had planned to look at Istanbul, then cross the country diagonally south-eastwards via Konya by bus, and then work our way back through the classical sites along the southern and western coasts; but we had no idea about her. Eventually she told us.

She – let’s call her Kate – was an office worker. She had received a rough handwritten letter from her boyfriend, a long-distance lorry driver, saying he’d delivered his cargo to Istanbul and had then got into a fight in a bar. Someone had been knifed; he had been arrested; and he was in prison. Kate had resigned and had set off to try to find him. She had no idea where he was but she didn’t care – she was in love, she was desperate, and she was determined. Admiration all round, mixed with not a little consternation; but at least we had time to consider it as we trundled through Europe.

The journey was fascinating. It was the Cold War and once through Winston’s Iron Curtain the trains were locked, armed guards patrolled the narrow corridors, our papers were checked time and again, and all we could do was catch glimpses through the windows of life in those – to us excited 20-year-olds – alien and mysterious worlds. I remember seeing women in smocks and headscarves reaping in the fields, with the domes of Sofia’s churches as a backdrop – a timeless medieval sight.

What to do however? Four weeks and very limited cash meant we were relying on buses, places to pitch our tents, cheap rooms to rent and, we hoped, more or less friendly help; but our only real resources were maps and guide books augmented by our youthfully optimistic and Micawberesque belief that ‘Something will turn up’ – which didn’t answer our worries about Kate at all.

Perhaps the four days were a blessing. We had time to explore a mixture of conscience, worry, a sense of duty, and frankly fear that a man was incarcerated and a woman embroiled in possibly uncontrollable controversy. Heroes we were not, but we felt we had to do something.

Arrival in Istanbul saw us pitching tents in a field somewhere in the suburbs, thence to the city centre with no idea how many prisons there were or, in fact, whether he was still in the city at all. No internet! No phones! Just ambling and asking and hoping, in a strange country. As it happened, on that first day we found ourselves in the Blue Mosque area and were told that the central prison was behind it. It was a start.
Yours truly was chosen to march manfully and with faux bravado up to the prison doors to accost the guards – but of course they very firmly accosted me, fingers on triggers, with the blunt dialogue above. I can’t exactly remember the way it all went but finally an officer was called; I managed to explain our quest; and I asked to be allowed to go inside. Amazingly he agreed, so in I went.

Blackness, unholy noise, and smells. From the bright summer sunshine into a tomb of cages. Deep darkness relieved only by naked lightbulbs suspended from the ceiling. Once the eyes had settled I was led by a guard along the walkways, neatly geometric between cages filled with men: men shouting, men groaning, men crying, men standing, men crouching, men silent, men trying to sleep. The din was dreadful. All I could do as I was taken round was to shout out the name of the Englishman and hope that if he was in the prison he might hear above the uproar. And suddenly someone shouted back. There he was. It was a heart-stopping moment. Having had no idea where he was – he could have been anywhere in Turkey – we’d found him at the first attempt.

He screamed at me: “Are you the ambassador? Get me out! Get me out!”, and more. He said he thought he had been there for six months. No one had visited. As far as he was concerned no one even knew he was there. The guard allowed us to talk through the bars of the cage once he had pushed to the front. I told him we were just British students. I said his girlfriend was outside. At that point he fell on his knees and wept. He said that before he had been imprisoned he had managed to scribble a message on a piece of paper, had given a guard money and the UK address, and had asked him to put it in an envelope and post it. He had no idea if he’d done that. As far as he was concerned he could be in prison for life, unknown to the outside world. Mine was the first English voice he had heard, and he begged for help. All I could do was promise that we would do our best.

So out into the dazzling daylight to tell the others that we’d found him, first time round. Shock, delight, excitement, Kate’s overwhelming emotion – but what next? Back to the tents, and the next day off to find the British consulate. We knew they’d sort it out.

So that’s what we did: the following morning we were at the consulate eager to tell the story and to get Our Men in Istanbul (only men then, probably) on the case, to put some process around it, to ensure that he was protected and if possible to extricate him from that hell-hole.

They were not interested. As far as they were concerned this was an embarrassment: UK-Turkish relations were at a sensitive point; we had to understand and respect Turkish ways; no one wanted to rock boats; goodwill meant not challenging how things worked out there, at least for the moment; best to leave it alone.

Perhaps you can appreciate our anger and disgust, and remember just how much emotion and outrage 20-year-olds can wield! This was not right. We had found him. This man desperately needed help. We couldn’t ignore it and nor could they. Again, we’re not exactly sure of the words we used but after a while they clearly started listening, perhaps realising that media stories of incarcerated Brits plus supine diplomats could harm HMG and its ‘relations’ more than them holding to their passive stance. So they promised ‘to do something’ and we had to be content with that.
Then there was the question of Kate: we had done what we could and now we felt we had to start our real holiday, so what of her? The men in suits said they’d look after her; and we had at accept that also.
So that was it. All that remained was for us to give our addresses to a hugely relieved and grateful young woman and to ask her to let us know what happened. She promised to do that, so the next day we were at Sirkeci Station to meet our other two Cantab friends off the train, and the five of us set off on what proved to be a terrific journey around that amazing country.
We never heard anything. Half a century on, we still wonder.

David Peace (1966, Classics, Fellow Commoner 2014)

IT’S ALRIGHT ONCE YOU’RE IN

These aren’t shivers, they are full body musculature shakes so bad I can barely speak or walk. Afterdrop. But this isn’t after. I’ve got to get back in again. I’m only three hours in to this five hour training and acclimatization swim and I’m rewriting the definition of misery in my mental dictionary to “see today”. The ocean (our name for the sea here on the North Shore of Massachusetts) doesn’t have its sparkly blue outfit on. The water, barely out of single digits according to Mr Celsius’ scale, is grey and confused. Grey because today is a fabulous imitation of ‘British overcast’ (abnormal for this part of the world) and confused because the brisk onshore wind is angled to the pre-existing swell, resulting in body-buffeting, hard-to-breathe-without-inhaling-saltwater whitecap conditions. Appropriately the air is colder than the water. Perfect training conditions for an aspiring English Channel soloist!

Afterdrop is attributed to the return of cold blood from the extremities to the core, causing a further decrease of deep body temperature. It’s why it’s important to dress yourself quickly after a cold water swim, otherwise it takes several helpers to dress you while your body flails like an uncoordinated, yet enthusiastic, drunken male relative on the wedding dance floor. My circulation changed when I stood up and waddled out of the water and then I took too long consuming my liquid feed (double strength carbohydrate mix). Curious onlookers pointedly ask ‘why the hell don’t you at least wear a wetsuit?’ The attraction of Channel swimming, at best a niche sport on the fringes of open water swimming, is hard to explain and for those looking on the reasoning is often… unfathomable.

Open water swimming isn’t a new activity. We were doing it before boats, bridges and swimming pools were invented. For the sake of argument (and this will prompt some) I’ll define open water swimming as swimming without a wetsuit in a natural body of water. I do not decry lido swimming or using a wetsuit per se. Both enable people to get out there and to step to the next level. It’s because each misses some elements of the full experience. A lido is finite, clear, chemically dosed and probably has lines painted on the bottom – true open water has no lanes, no lines and the only limits are your own: Want to explore that cove? Swim to that island? Head down the river? Cross the lake? Swim through the caves? Sounds good, let’s go! Wetsuits make colder temperatures tolerable for longer but they subtract from the body sensation, reduce the athletic challenge due to their buoyancy, and they

Andy Jones (foreground) training with a friend at his local beach.
can be dangerous. Wear one when it is too warm and you risk hyperthermia, wear one for too long and you risk SIPE (Swimming Induced Pulmonary Edema) as the extra compression causes your own body fluid to fill your lungs. Unfortunately a wetsuited triathlete, swimming the Channel at the same time as me, lost his life likely to SIPE. Most iconic open water swims ban their use.

The water isn’t ever going to feel warm (with the possible exception of the Serpentine in August, once you’ve broken through the duck poo and algae crust), there can be unfriendly beasties in the water ranging in size from large to the microscopic, ships and boats can turn you into minced swimmer, salt will chafe your skin and make your tongue swell, waves can engulf you, and tides and currents can conspire to sweep you away. There’s unlikely to be a changing room or shower and there’s probably no lifeguard either. So why do it at all? St Catharine’s alumni, who in their time at Cambridge were involved in the Varsity open water swims, had the following to say:

‘Maintaining fitness is obviously a key aim but I also really enjoy the freedom and tranquillity of swimming outdoors. One of the main things I get from it though is the friendship. I have made some great friends through open water swimming and [I] get to have amazing experiences with them’ (Katie Kenny (1998, Economics)).

‘For a challenge that you can’t get in a pool – if you’re in a pool and you’re tired, you can just stop. You can’t really do that in open water swimming… open water swimming can be quite peaceful, not having to dodge swimmers when swimming lanes or avoid children throwing toys around!’ (Emma Tarrant (2012, Vet))

This matches what everyone else in the community has to say. It’s experiential exercise, good for the brain as well as the body. All of us were acceptable swimmers beforehand (that is we could at least float for a while) and we were introduced to open water by others with more experience. This is helpful because lakes and oceans don’t have convenient straight lines painted on a visible bottom and new skills such as sighting are required. The least likeable bit of swimming is getting in, which is also true of the pool – ask any swimmer! Personally I don’t dislike it. I hate it. But I know the rewards outweigh the discomfort and there’s a lot of truth to the phrase ‘It’s alright once you’re in.’ Eventually. The cool water snaps you awake and you feel alive as every square centimetre of your skin tells you it is present. You’re alert because there’s a perception of risk, however unfounded or slight, probably due to the evident freedom and because there are beasties in here… somewhere.

Swimming with others in open water means a reciprocal responsibility to look out for each other, and of course you share the adventure together. This shared responsibility and experience builds strong bonds of trust and friendship, and this camaraderie is evident throughout the community where life-long friendships are continuously built and new people are always welcome. A solo Channel swimmer lost everything in the floods in Houston last summer, including her crew who needed to stay put. Within 30mins of posting a request for help within her local swim community the Dover Channel Training group had heard and replaced her equipment twice over, with more offers to crew than you could shake a swarm of Channel jellyfish at. Along the way I’ve picked up numerous tips and advice from others such as the following from a swimmer, famous for her open water feats, who ruefully admitted that ‘Even if you’ve carefully stashed your keys, phones, equipment and clothing in a water-tight bag placed carefully at the end of a beach. If you haven’t paid close attention to the tide charts you can find there is less beach, no bag and a long, mostly naked, walk of shame when you return.’
I became hooked on open water swimming because of the tranquillity. I first experienced it during a vacation with SwimTrek in the Greek Cyclades, something my wife and I were talked into doing by three swimming friends from Oxford. Like most of us I’d dipped into the sea, river or lake on holiday (or the Cam in May week) but this was a different level. Each morning we would leisurely breakfast, pack our bags, vacate our hotel rooms and then swim to the next island. We were split into three groups according to speed and ability (and we truly had all levels of ability present) and each group was escorted by a boat with guide. The first swim was only 800 metres in length, but the second swim was the longest at 6km. You could swim as little or as much as you wanted, provided conditions were safe, but the objective was the same; to walk into the water and swim to the next island on the horizon. The water was as clear as the air we breathe and on the long swim I had my first deep blue experience – the most intensely relaxing experience possible, I think. Once out into deep water and far from the shore there are no proximate reference points for your eyes, just the bubbles from your hands (or bioluminescence of microscopic algae at night). Everything is a shade of clear blue and the only sounds are your rhythmic breathing and stroke. There are no screens, no voices, no traffic noises or other sounds of bustle. You are truly unplugged, with the added benefit of exercise endorphins, and the mind enters a deep meditative state. That sort of experience stays with you for life and it is something I look forward to on all my long swims.

A note on the beasties. On that first SwimTrek I swam into a huge turtle. I don’t know which of us was more surprised. Obscured by waves until the last second – I suddenly felt like I was on the set of Blue Planet. I’ve been followed by a friendly seal for over a mile, seen countless fish and crustacea, and enjoyed night swimming in sparkling bioluminescent plankton. Avoiding outflows and not swimming after heavy rain means I haven’t ever caught an infection. I have forgiven my Channel crew for breaking the ‘Absolutely no pointing. Ever.’ rule when they sighted a pod of dolphins swimming 100 metres from me, making me think I was swimming in the wrong direction, or about to be hit by a speed boat. Or is it...
a shark they can see? Yes I’ve been stung by jellyfish. Some don’t sting, some sting like nettles, and some you will remember for the rest of your life. The stings I picked up at the start of my Channel swim (having not been stung once in training) hurt like hell for nine hours, but the pain provided a distraction at times. Other swimmers spoke of similar experiences and my favourite vignette was from Clemency Britton (2012) about being chased down the Granta by an aggressive swan. The most dangerous wildlife out there though isn’t the shark, it’s the inattentive human driving a boat. Steer well clear of them.

So what does it take? At its simplest all you need do is find someone that already swims open water and work out where to put your car keys. Learn about the local water conditions and keep an eye on the weather for wind. Swimming into whitecaps is like swimming uphill while someone repeatedly pummels and smothers you with heavy, sodden pillows. And yes you can get seasick while swimming, especially if swimming at an angle to the waves. Training at Hythe I found feeding the fish was better after a Full English breakfast, rather than coffee and carbohydrate feed. It tasted better each time it came up. But swimming with the waves is a glorious experience. Effortlessly body surfing forwards. The rest of the weather? Sunlight is warming. It doesn’t matter if it rains or snows (hail matters!) although it is preferable to return to dry clothing, and thunderstorms popping up when you are a mile from shelter could be an electrifying experience (though a compensatory Darwin award for bad planning could be in the offering). Finally, please bear in mind that your support crew afloat are receiving an enhanced version of your weather experience. It would be nice to keep them as friends.

So did I get back in? I desperately wanted to quit, get dressed, go home and stand in a warm shower. It took all my will-power to struggle out into the cold waves and start swimming again. Within ten strokes the shakes disappeared, the next two hours flew by and I never made that feed mistake again. Getting through that swim told me I now had what it took to conquer the Channel. Each subsequent long swim was easier and far more enjoyable by comparison – even though often longer.

So what are you waiting for? Lap swimming in a pool is dull, boring and irritatingly busy. I certainly can’t do it. Take the plunge and create some vivid memories. After all ‘It’s alright once you’re in’.

Andrew Jones (1990, ChemEng)

CHAPEL OF ST CATHARINE IN SESTRI LEVANTE, LIGURIA

David Warrington (1953, NatSci) first sent the Editor a picture of the Sestri Levante St Catharine in 2010. Professor David Ingram (Master 2000–6) visited in 2018 and discovered that a monograph has been published on the associated Confraternity. He writes

Alison and I were in Sestri Levante on the Ligurian coast in mid-June and on the road to the top of the peninsula which separates the two bays of this lovely town came across a ruined church dedicated to Santa Caterina d’Alessandria. As David Warrington noted in 2010, in the centre of the ruins is a marble statue of the Saint, erected fifty years after the bombings which caused the damage, with a marble panel above it which, in translation, reads:
These noble ruins of the Oratory of Santa Caterina V.M., an ancient monument destroyed in the year 1944, commemorate the victims of the wartime bombings, warn of the follies of war, and inspire in everyone thoughts of peace. In honour of the patron Saint, the Confraternity erected this statue and memorial on 25 November 1994.

An information panel stands in front of the ruins and the English inscription at the bottom reads:
“The Oratory of Santa Caterina d’Alessandria is mentioned in documents from the late 16th century, and a Confraternity dedicated to the saint had probably been in Sestri Levante for 200 years. As did many of its type in Liguria, the Confraternity of Santa Caterina reached the height of its prosperity in the 17th and 18th centuries, rich in furnishings, precious liturgical raiments and processional objects. The building was almost completely destroyed in an air raid in December 1944 [sic.; the correct date should be the night between 26 and 27 August, 1944, according to the website describing Giuliana Algeri’s book of 2014 – see below]. Many of the possessions were saved by being previously transferred to the churches of Santa Maria di Nazareth and San Pietro in Vincoli, although the collection of paintings depicting the life of the saint were lost. The building had a single nave flanked by two chapels and a facade looking onto the sea; the entrance was on the side facing the street [via Penisola Di Levante]. The Oratory was surmounted by a circular dome whose supporting pillars are still recognisable; the black and white paved floor has also survived. Still today the Confraternity [which thrives in the town] celebrates its patron saint with a solemn procession held every year on 25 November.”

With the good manners and generosity of spirit so typical of Italian people, the panel omits to mention who was responsible for the air raid.

The museum in Sestri Levante has a wonderful gallery dedicated to the Confraternity, including a film of the present day procession, which is still clearly a very rich and popular event in the town. Also included is a detailed account of the long training required of those who carry the massive ritual objects, not least an ornately adorned Crucifix.

According to information in the museum, a 115-page study of the history of the Confraternity was published in 2014 (the 70th anniversary of the bombing of the church), although copies were not on sale there. The details are as follows:

MONKEY SANCUTORY

As may be noted in the Society section of the Magazine, the Society awards Internship Bursaries to students who have acquired a Long Vacation work experience project, unpaid, with an approved not-for-profit organisation (charity, media, arts, heritage, etc.). 50% of such a grant is paid in advance and 50% after a report at the end of the project. The College generously matches these Society Internship awards. Such projects can be a life-changing experience for students. Below are two project reports, the first received at the start of Michaelmas 2017 from a student who came to St Catharine’s from Lithuania, and the second from the following year when another student spent part of her internship in South Africa. Their reports are presented with minimal editing.

Monkey Sanctuary

Thanks to support from the Society and College, I was able to spend a month in the summer of 2017 near Pretoria, South Africa, volunteering for International Primate Rescue (IPR), a non-profit organization founded to treat and shelter rescued primates with a hope of reintroducing them into the wild.

In IPR at the time there were around 16 species of primates, a total of around 100 individuals, each of them unique and requiring specialised attention. Two of the most popular species were marmosets and capuchins.

Marmoset monkeys – one of the smallest monkeys in the world. Sanctuary shelters a large amount of them as they are quite popular as pet monkeys and lab monkeys around the area, therefore IPR receives many calls about marmosets in poor shape. They are interestingly monogamous creatures, fall in-love for their entire life, mourn missing partner and are very loyal. As with most monkeys, they have people they like and people they don’t, screaming high-pitched frequent noises at them. However they are absolutely lovely and well-treated in the sanctuary. Usually they live about 2-3 years, yet many marmosets in the sanctuary are above this age, reaching up to 8 years. However with age their vision and mobility decreases and further attention becomes necessary.

Capuchins – fantastic animals and overall favourites of all volunteers. They are present in the sanctuary in two species: brown-tufted and weeper capuchins. They are relatively small monkeys, yet their intelligence is mind-boggling. Some of the smartest capuchins in IPR – such as Chino (brown-tufted capuchin) and Juke (weeper capuchin) are even featuring in some of the viral you-tube videos. For example, a video where Chino directs a volunteer’s hand and teaches a young girl to crush leaves for him has received above four million views. As in most monkey social groups, there exist rules of dominance, ways of establishing it, ways of following it and any disruption of the natural order results in anger and fight (even with not careful and misinformed volunteers).

Sanctuary also contains crab-eating, Barbary macaques, patas monkeys, golden-handed tamarins, lemurs, etc.

The typical day in sanctuary starts at 6am (morning-feed) where monkeys receive prepared food bowls, porridge and water. At 9am, food is being prepared for the following day – mainly chopping for little monkeys. I also used that time to deliver porridge balls containing lactate and protein for all the monkeys. After lunch, medication is delivered in the form of treats, enclosures are being cleaned and, some of them, built and enhanced (by
introduction of fresh branches and hay). Total work each day usually added up to 6 hours and was over by around 6pm. However the remaining spare time I used to stay around the enclosures and try to learn the ways of monkey communication and social system.

These are my findings. Staring contests exist not only in monkey world, but in all wildlife. The first to tremble in a staring-contest proves weaker, and an animal staring is automatically challenging the one stared at.

Replicating moves of another monkey is a sign of affection. When female capuchin is flirting (and, yes, they do with male people sometimes), they keep the eyes fixed, move around shyly as if dancing. If you repeat any of the moves, they take it as a sign of mutual love and continue to dance, even approaching the enclosure and attempting to hold a hand. When flirting they do not take food from your hands, no matter how attractive the food is (even peanuts are ignored). It is interesting to think how it relates to human communication. They say that you should look a person in the eyes to fall in love way quicker. I guess capuchins exploit that. Also a dance of approaching and then shyly retreating as if teasing can also be related to humans in more informal environments.

You can earn a monkey’s trust. Some individuals just don’t like you at first sight. One particular enclosure had a particular hatred towards women (how do they recognize the gender so quickly? Pheromones?). Yet only one capuchin in the enclosure seems to actually not like women consistently and violently. He is also a dominant male in the enclosure. That may suggest that the preference of the dominant male is also accepted by submissive individuals, thus all the enclosure becomes woman-disliking. However, patience, affection and time can win their affection to certain point. Capuchins of this enclosure, known as a violent, hooligan-like crew were picking my hair and hugging my hand after my month in the sanctuary after my constant attempts to bring them an interesting game and always slip a juicy peanut every time I pass through. Yet the fact that the enclosure still screams at the founder of the sanctuary (a woman) after so much she has done for them shows that some preferences become habits (maybe because of some trauma experienced earlier) that are hard to change.

Also, every monkey has their own character. Life, especially a hard one, has made every individual the way it is. Some monkeys drastically fear yellow boxes, maybe because they associate it with something they saw in the laboratories. Some, although already fully-grown, still hug a blanket, rock in place and suck their thumb as a result of insecurities caused in childhood. As the founder of the shelter says, when an individual is in fear it does not develop; it tries to survive rather than create more complex patterns of behaviour. Therefore monkeys that have been traumatized early in life lack vital social skills and may have psychological issues. This suggests the crucial importance of an early life in behavioural and social development of an individual. Also, interestingly, almost all monkeys grown by people become violent. They bite, grab and are willing to hurt other people. The founder of the sanctuary
suggests that people often play with monkeys, yet still have to leave for work, go away, leave them alone for a while. Yet a young monkey needs all the security and bonding, and, without receiving it, develops violent characteristics.

Also, the monkey brain has an inbuilt curiosity to learn how the world works. The look on Chino’s (very intelligent monkey) face while I was taking a picture of him explains it all. The picture here was taken by Chino himself – I turned the camera to him and he clicked the button as he saw me do a few seconds previously.

I also managed to have five free days during the month, four of which I used to travel to Kruger National Park, a gem of South Africa, with a wildlife that mesmerizes you and sightings that will follow you forever.

Throughout the stay I had a few important thoughts:

1. Life is good in itself. Some monkeys in there will never be able to be reintroduced to wildlife and will stay in the sanctuary for the rest of their lives. IPR is fighting the injustice of businesses that badly mistreat their primates and is currently fighting a lawsuit to confiscate 50 monkeys from a national businessman who is starving his monkeys in zoos, beating them with sticks. Although that lawsuit, which was even shown on national TV, puts all the savings of the IPR founders at risk, those unbelievable ladies are willing to risk it, because, once again, life is good in itself, and has to be preserved as it is the salt of the earth. I found out that I have a strong feeling about this and motivation arising from it is powerful.

2. I decided that I want to work with life and such work is totally for me. Therefore I am choosing medicine-related choices and will hope to progress to graduate in Medicine.

3. Also interestingly I had a thought about human communication. When a random group of people is put in a distant, isolated location, with some purpose, miracles may happen. An example: six people arrived to IPR few years ago, from random places in the world and they all came for one year – three young men and three young women. After a year there were three couples so desperately in love that in 2017 all three couples were married. Out of six random people, all of them found their partner for life. I credit this all to the environment that such work offers – where you have nothing else to do but to entertain each other, get to know each other, be with each other, then nothing else remains, but to fall in love.

Also throughout the stay I learnt vast amounts about the life of people in Africa, their history and politics, the atmosphere there, the dreams of local people and how different those dreams are from the ones we have. I have seen how different the world appears to these people, what people can do out of desperation and their striving to find something to live from.

This was absolutely a fantastic trip and I am eternally grateful for the opportunity I was given, as this definitely was a life-shaking experience in every possible respect.

Thank you very much once again.

Marius Kluonis (2016, NatSci)
Lion artificial insemination

Firstly, I would like to thank the Society and College very much for helping to fund the travel and living expenses of my work in South Africa; without it, I would not have had the valuable experiences that I have had during the 2018 summer.

The purpose of my trip to the Ukutula Research Centre in South Africa was partly to fulfil two weeks of my veterinary extra mural studies, but also to fuel my passion for wildlife conservation, with a goal to pursue wildlife medicine in my future career. The research centre strives to change the shocking statistic that the majority of big cat species in South Africa will become extinct in the wild within the next 10–15 years if the threatening activities of humans carry on as they are. Deeply saddened and frankly disgusted by this outlook for such beautiful species, I wanted to see first-hand the proactive and world-leading conservation work they were doing at Ukutula. Spending two weeks there interacting with the owners showed me just how passionate they are to save these species and how a relatively small centre is trying, and seemingly succeeding, to make a real impact in the outlook for the populations of lions and cheetahs especially.

In order to achieve effective and long-lasting conservation, the research centre was pioneering artificial insemination (AI) in lionesses; if successful, this should provide a method to increase lion populations across Africa. AI in lions has proven difficult and unsuccessful in previous attempts, so the centre has a group of lions involved in the project to carry out different AI techniques aiming to find one which is successful. I was able to see how they have trained, by positive reinforcement, these fully matured, and therefore aggressive, lionesses to present themselves at a gate for the technician to take blood and hair samples, and vaginal swabs, all willingly without sedation, benefitting the lion and the research team. Shortly after I left, I was informed that after several years of trying, a lioness at Ukutula had successfully given birth to the world’s first cubs conceived by AI, said to be a massive breakthrough in lion conservation. To have been a part of this process and see the work being carried out to reach this goal made me feel extremely lucky and privileged.

Another way Ukutula aims to help the conservation effort is through interactions between the animals and members of the public. Their outlook is that, if people do not have an emotional connection to the animals, then why would they go out of their way to protect them? People who participate in canned/trophy hunting or support the activities of poachers to obtain useless animal material for so-called Chinese medicines with no proven medical benefit, or obtaining skins for display, have no emotional connection to these animals or are not educated enough to understand that such activities will result in extinction of these species. Ukutula strives to change this in an ethical approach to allow interactions between lion, cheetah, tiger and hyena cubs with the public, to allow them to form an emotional bond with the animals and educating them of the threats to the species so that they would think twice before participating in activities that...
could cause them harm. Volunteering at the centre meant that I was responsible for the husbandry of these cubs, making sure they were fed, bathed and stimulated, which made me love and respect these animals even more. Up to the age of around five months, the cubs tend to be classed as ‘human friendly’, meaning that they do not present harm to humans so long as we respect their space and respond to their behaviours correctly. I had to monitor carefully the interactions between members of the public and the cubs to make sure they respected this so the cubs did not feel threatened or uncomfortable by being so close to unfamiliar humans. From an ethical point of view this was very important. Beyond five months, the cubs become bigger, stronger and more sexually mature, so despite the frequent interaction with humans from a young age, their natural instincts automatically kick in, so it is only fair that we respect this, give them their own space and stop interactions other than for medical and husbandry purposes.

During my time at Ukutula, I was able to see part of the role the wildlife vet has at the centre. The task was to move six 8-month-old lions from one area of the reserve to another in order to give them more space to roam. This required the vet to dart and sedate the lions, carry out a health check and microchip them, all of which I could be involved in, giving me a taste of what it is like to be a wildlife vet; I was thrilled by it. We also took hair samples from the lions in order to store their DNA in the research centre’s Biobank, another world-leading feature at Ukutula. Here they store DNA, blood and semen samples of all of the big cats and hyena on the reserve, so that in the future if there is a detrimental drop in populations, they can use these samples to help counteract this through techniques such as AI.

My time at Ukutula was incredible. Being able to work so closely with animals I truly adore was something like no other and to be part of such a forward thinking, determined, unique and passionate project they have there was amazing, and I hope to go back in the future. My experience has further solidified my goal of becoming a wildlife vet and to help contribute to the conservation effort so that these beautiful species will be around for decades to come.

Alice Ma (2016, VetMed)
THIN LIZZY

I was dragged kicking and screaming into the ‘ABBA’ exhibition on London’s South Bank early in 2018, but actually it turned out to be quite interesting. It comprises mocked up rooms for each year of the decade or so of the band’s dominance of the pop charts. One such room is an especially dingy changing room at a concert venue, brightened up by authentic ABBA costumes. Part of the authentic period decor was the attached poster which caught my eye.

Peter Dawson (1974, NatSci, Fellow Commoner 2016) has recollections of Thin Lizzy playing at a Catz May Ball. Does anyone else have fond memories of that night (presumably in 1975 as that is, I believe, when the band issued Rosalie) or, even more precious, pictures?

Simon Summers (Bursar)

College Archivist Lizzy Ennion-Smith writes ‘In the Archive we only have material relating to the 1974 and 1978 Balls. From my records it doesn’t seem that Balls took place on an especially regular basis, sometimes there is a two-year gap, sometimes a three-year gap, but that may be more due to my records being incomplete than the fact that that was how it was. I’ve never heard of Thin Lizzy playing at the College, but the date would certainly seem to indicate a May Ball.’

THE SIEGE OF ST CATHARINE’S

The following song was on a crudely typewritten sheet between the pages of an agricultural magazine from the 1950s which was amongst material presented to the College by the widow of alumnus Bill Reed (1949, Agriculture) who died in 2015.

A few lines from the song were quoted in the 1952 Magazine as part of the report of a Midnight Howlers performance that year.

In days of old when knights were bold
The men of Catharine’s halls
Received a lordly summons
To defend the College walls.
For Philistines from Peterhouse
And heathen men from Caius
Had sworn to bring the pride of Cath’s
To dust before their knees.

Up spake Sir Donald Portway¹,
A warrior of repute:
“Find me a band of archers –
Stout fellows who can shoot.”
They buckled on their armour,
Left over from Crusades,
And every man took up his place
Behind the barricades.

¹ Sir Donald Portway, Fellow 1919, Master 1946–57.
The Brigadier, Sir Thomas Henn²,
Directed operations,
The Boxing Club, in full array,
Appeared at Action Stations;
And Scientists, with wicked glee,
Set cauldrons on the boil
For frying tasty Freshmen
In vats of boiling oil.

Strong Mountaineers scaled up the Bull
With Berrill³ at their head,
And repulsed the men of Corpus
With balls of molten lead;
The Theologians went forth
Supported by the Sawbones
Full many Philistines they slew
By means of asses’ jawbones.

At last the siege was over;
When came negotiations
The Lawyers took their ten per cent
On all the reparations.
The Linguists wrote the Treaty
Which none could understand;
And, to celebrate, Scots Rugby men
Formed a Gaelic Bagpipe band.

Then proud Sir Donald Portway
And brave Sir Thomas Henn
Presented at Hall a free meat ball
To each of their merry men;
To keep fresh in their memory
Of how Cats wreathed in smiles
Defended on the rooftops
And vanquished on the tiles.

2 Brigadier Thomas (Tom) Henn, 1919, Fellow 1926–69, Senior Tutor
3 Sir Kenneth (Ken) Berrill, Fellow 1950–62, Financial Tutor, later Bursar
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 21 September 2019.
Further details on the website and the Wheel in 2019. 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 ‘About Us’ > ‘Society Reunion’.

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 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.

Dates of Full Term
Michaelmas 2018: 2 October – 30 November
Lent 2019: 15 January – 15 March
Easter 2019: 23 April – 14 June

College Reunion Dinners
The Governing Body hosts regular invitation dinners:
8 February 2019: 2008, ‘Ten Years On’
30 March 2019: 1956–62
14 September 2019: 1988–90
7 February 2020: 2009, ‘Ten Years On’
28 March 2020: 1963–6

Alumni Dining Rights
All St Catharine’s alumni (former undergraduate and graduate students) who are not currently in statu pupillari and in residence (i.e. not current students) are eligible for dining rights if they have taken their MA (approximately six years after matriculation for an undergraduate course), or graduated from a postgraduate course (Master’s, PGCE, LLM, MBA, PhD and so on).

All those with dining rights are eligible to dine at High Table free of charge once a term, during Full Term, when Fellows are signed in. Alumni with dining rights may bring one guest at a cost of £35. Members are especially encouraged to dine on Tuesdays and Sundays, when a large number of Fellows are usually present. On Sunday evenings this will typically include the guest preacher and other attendees at Choral Evensong, which starts at 6.00pm and to which members are warmly welcomed. Alumni who would like to take up their dining rights should get in touch with the Alumni and Development Office (01223 338337 or development.officer@caths.cam.ac.uk) to make a booking. If any small groups would like to dine together, they should get in touch with Mrs Deborah Loveluck (development.director@caths.cam.ac.uk). The Alumni and Development Office will then liaise with the President to ensure that High Table will take place.

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.