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# The Edition

A Review of 2016



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## From the Master

**"A torrent" is probably the best way to describe the onset of the new academic year at St Ed's. Nothing really prepares you for 1 October.**

On that day, over 260 new students – more than half the student body – arrive from over 74 countries to start their studies at Cambridge. In a hectic two weeks we have to brief them, house them, badge them, photograph them, matriculate them, organise their supervisions, and get them off to lectures. The tutorial office, the CR and the College staff are at the forefront of coping with this deluge, but the energy that the new students bring washes through the entire College and invigorates everyone. It is a thrilling start to every year.

As the floodwaters calm, more familiar features of the College re-emerge: the routines of tea trolley, hall, chapel, supervisions, graduation ceremonies, council, and governing body reassert themselves and remind us that there is an underlying order. One person who has played a signal role in establishing this order is Sue Lowdell, who worked in the Master's office for 14 years. Sue organised her last inauguration ceremony and retired in November 2016.

Looking into the future, the College's ambitious building plans are now complete and sit before the City's



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Planning Committee for approval. To get them this far has required a huge team effort, ably led by the Bursar, to work through all the details of the schemes. The plans are very exciting and, once approved and built, will more than double the square footage of the College.

The first part – Mount Pleasant Halls, as it is currently called - will add around 150 graduate student rooms and 30 flats for postdocs and younger fellows. While student numbers have and will continue to grow, the emphasis of the new block will be on housing all students who wish to live in college. At the moment we can only meet around half of this demand and, as property rents in Cambridge rise, this is becoming a more urgent need.

The second part – the East Court, with a new dining hall, CR and research facilities – will be delivered in several phases. There is more on these projects later in *The Edition*. This part of the scheme will depend on the College raising donations of £20 million, and to help us do this we have appointed Kate Glennie as full-time Development Director. She is building on the fundraising and alumni relations work that we have successfully grown over the last five years.

Another critical part of this development activity relates to what

we are doing now in the College and with our students. Last year we particularly celebrated our Catholic ethos, highlighting our faith-friendly outlook. As part of the centenary celebrations for the College chapel, we installed beautiful new front steps and a sculpture of St Edmund. The celebrations were crowned by the visits of Cardinal Archbishop Vincent Nicholl and the Duke of Norfolk. It was also in this faith-friendly vein that we launched the first AC Randeree Scholarship to nurture British Muslim community leaders and public intellectuals – something which Anatole von Hügel set out for St Edmund's to do for the UK Catholic community some 120 years earlier.

This year we are focusing on a

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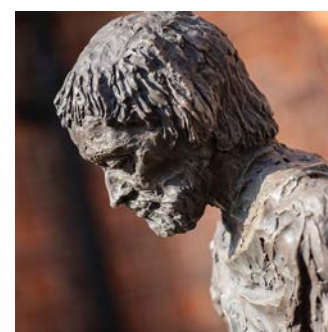
theme of entrepreneurialism and our students' future career choices. Many of our students aspire to progress their careers in the research world, but many of those taking more applied subjects, such as law, medicine, land economy, business and finance, need to be thinking of life beyond Cambridge almost as soon as they arrive. We are therefore paying more attention to preparing them for the interviews

and presentations that inevitably accompany future job application processes in whatever fields they choose. For those who are attracted to the entrepreneurial life, we are drawing on our contacts in the very lively Cambridge technology economy to help them visualise what such a career might entail. The College itself is something of a role model in the world of start-ups and rapid growth! Our focus on entrepreneurship was launched in November 2016 with a very successful evening attended by students, fellows and alumni, interested in exchanging ideas.

Lastly, no start of year term would be complete without Christmas dinners and pantomimes. We remain the only college in Cambridge where the students' dramatic efforts are matched by the fellows' and doing this is as much a part of being in the St Ed's family as eating together in hall or gathering around the tea trolley in the CR. It is that combination of fun, friendliness and purpose that makes St Ed's such a special place, and why submitting to the start of year torrent is such a bracing and enjoyable ritual.

Wherever you are reading this, I know that being part of that torrent has changed your life for the better.

**Matthew Bullock**



## From the Dean

The change to the Chapel entrance has made a remarkable difference not only to the Chapel itself, but also to the configuration of the college buildings around the Chapel. The new entrance has 'lifted' the Chapel's physical and symbolic profile in a way that couldn't have been envisaged. The illumination after dark has served to enhance the effect. The sculpture of St Edmund has also been of great interest to visitors and is now a favourite location for photographs, especially on graduation days. A plaque will soon be installed with information about St Edmund and the sculptor.

The close of the Chapel's Centenary year coincided with the College's principal annual celebration, the Norfolk Commemoration and Feast in May. We were honoured to have present the Papal Nuncio, His Excellency, Archbishop Antonio Mennini, the Pope's personal representative to Great Britain, and

the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Sir Leszek Borysiewicz. The Duke of Norfolk, Earl Marshall of England and the senior Catholic layman in the country, whose ancestor funded the acquisition of the College, also joined us, along with Viscount and Lady Hailsham, (Douglas and Sarah Hogg), Mr Mark Brenninkmeyer, the former chairman of the C&A clothing chain, Mr Urs Schwarzenbach, a Swiss financier, who has shown great generosity to many Catholic causes here and abroad, and Ilyas and Mara Khan, the principal funders of the Chapel Project.

### *The new entrance has 'lifted' the Chapel's physical and symbolic profile*

Earlier in the year, in February 2016, the Commemoration of Benefactors was presided over by one of our most distinguished alumni (MPhil, Education, 1998), the Archbishop of Armagh and All-Ireland, the Most Reverend

Dr Eamon Martin, who celebrated Mass for all our benefactors, past and present, and preached.

The second Chapel Centenary Concert took place on in March, at which Johanna Messner played Baroque and Modern pieces for solo cello. The Chapel was the perfect setting for such a performance, both acoustically and atmospherically.

In April, we were treated to a concert combined with a lecture and a poetry recital. Poems in English and Babylonian, were sung and recited by Stef Conner and Jennifer Sturdy, accompanied by Andy Lowings and Mark Harmer on a replica of the oldest extant stringed instrument, the famous Golden Lyre of Ur, found in the Royal Tombs of Ur (Iraq) in 1929.

Guest preachers during the year have included the Venerable Peter Townley, the Archdeacon of Pontefract from the Church of England Diocese of



Wakefield; the Rev'd Dr Gabriel Everitt, a monk of Ampleforth and former headmaster of the school there; Fr Tony Curren, an English priest working at the Roman Curia in the Pontifical Council for Christian Unity, with special responsibility for relations with the Anglican Communion and the World Methodist Confederation; and Fr Richard Ounsworth, a Dominican friar, who teaches scripture and New Testament Greek at Blackfriars, Oxford, a Permanent Private Hall of the University.

Music in the Chapel has been given a shot in the arm by our (relatively) new Director of Chapel Music and Organist, Louisa Denby. Apart from directing the Chapel Choir, Louisa has set up the St Edmund's Chapel Schola, which draws its members from the College and around the university. Its main raison d'être will be to sing a full Latin Mass once a week during term-time, and to join with the Chapel Choir for special occasions.

### *Pontigny was a reminder of the College's connections with other Edmundian institutions*

Louisa's musical contacts around and beyond Cambridge have proven invaluable and she is able to draw on singers from Vox Cantab (a choir of current and former Cambridge Choral Scholars, of which she is also Musical Director) for occasions requiring larger forces. During July, Louisa represented the College in a musical pilgrimage to Pontigny, where the shrine of St Edmund is sited. Our own College joined with St Edmund Hall, Oxford, St Edmund's College, Ware and St Edmund's School, Canterbury, forming a vast choir to sing in the Abbey of Pontigny. Quite apart from the Musikfest aspect of the occasion, it was a salutary and cheering reminder of the College's connection with other important institutions under the aegis of our common patron, St Edmund of Abingdon.

**Fr Alban McCoy**



## From the Senior Tutor

Energy levels have once again soared as new and old students arrive back in College after the summer vacation. They conducted all manner of research on ice, in the inner cities and on mountains.

Our burgeoning group of PhD researchers who are writing up, supported each other through the summer. Clustering around the beloved tea trolley for the newly instituted summer Sunday-teas lead to a crop of prompt submissions through September. The warm welcome that the CR provided for the incoming students and the exuberance with which they took up the baton certainly promises well for the year ahead. We will build on the academic success of last year in which the number of Firsts exceeded the number of 2.iis for the first time at Eddies.

### *More Firsts than 2.iis*

With almost a record number of students in residence, the Norfolk building continues to groan at the seams. The institution of two formals a week means that more members than ever can enjoy the excellent atmosphere of dining and discussion. Our superlative and ever-inventive

chefs supply excellent meals: Gruyere ice-cream anyone? Guest speakers and the heady mix of a bright, curious and diverse group of students and guests from over 70 countries mean that we are forging the ideas of the future here at St Ed's.

It was a treat to catch up with familiar faces from the past at the Alumni Festival and remember nostalgically the tiny Eddies of the past that is now in stark contrast to the bustling Eddies of today. It remains a pleasure to see what a contribution our students make to all areas of University life and that our alumni make to the world!

**Dr Judith Bunbury**



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## From the Bursar

**With around 550 matriculated students and a solid financial position, we have every reason to look to the future with confidence.**

Changes in operational and financial management, together with increased donations and a steady return on our investments, have meant the College has been able to increase its support of students. This has resulted in tangible physical improvement of our infrastructure and greater academic success. However, with student numbers continuing to rise, the College's big challenge continues to be providing the services and facilities expected by mature students in the 21st century.

The planned construction of Mount Pleasant Halls and the extension of the Norfolk Building with East Court come at a good time for the College. The two key projects will double the size of the College and transform it without losing what makes St Edmund's special.

It is anticipated that Mount Pleasant Halls will receive planning permission early in 2017 and provide accommodation for around 275 graduate students and academic staff. St Edmund's will be the main occupier of the modern, attractive building

bordering on Huntingdon Road. Our historic site will be enlarged without investing capital, by making use of third-party funding. In return for guaranteeing rent at an advantageous rate for College, the freehold will revert to us in 47 years. Occupation could begin as early as September 2019 if all goes to plan. Some students beginning this year will potentially be the first to live there, and their excitement at the prospect is palpable.

### *a solid financial position*

On the College's existing site, we are planning to create East Court, by constructing a series of buildings around the Norfolk. On the north side of the Norfolk Building, a four-storeyed extension will provide new catering facilities, space for the Von Hügel Institute, purpose-built College offices and accommodation for students and fellows' rooms. On the west side of the new court, a large single-storey multi-purpose common room will be constructed for seminars and for conferencing over the summer months.

The Norfolk building will be completely refurbished to provide additional low cost student accommodation and an enlarged CR and SCR. The current



Mount Pleasant Hall

student bar will be retained. The result will be a traditional college court and cloister with modern facilities, providing our large number of students with a central hub within Eddies. The maisonettes will be demolished and new family housing will be built overlooking the football pitch, and the entire grounds enhanced by landscaping and an amphitheatre. Benet House could be refurbished to provide a Master's apartment with public rooms and teaching rooms.

The College community consists of people across the world whose Cambridge home is St Edmund's. In a time of global uncertainty, we want to make a statement of confidence in our international College. We are in a good position, but now, more than ever, we have to rely on our friends and networks to support our future development.

**Dr Richard Anthony**



# From the Development Office

## Telephone Campaign Success

*Thanks to the generosity of our alumni, Fellows and friends, we have been able to accomplish much this year. We are proud to have launched two prestigious new donor-funded scholarships and the College continues to raise funds for the Master's Development Fund.*



We conducted our third telephone campaign in March 2016, calling alumni in the UK, the US and Canada. It was a pleasure for the student callers to speak with many of you and they greatly enjoyed hearing about your experiences at the College and updating you on what the College is like now. We were pleased that, in addition to monetary gifts, several alumni also offered their time by giving talks, mentoring students and offering to coach sporting teams. We are very grateful for your generosity, and are pleased to say that we raised over £36,000 in donations and pledges.

The College will be holding its next telephone campaign in March 2017.

To find out more go to:  
[www.st-edmunds.cam.ac.uk/philanthropy2017](http://www.st-edmunds.cam.ac.uk/philanthropy2017)

## The Annual Student Support Fund



Ms Tzo Tze Ang with her mother Chang Sest Chin and two of her children, seated on the bench the family generously donated in memory of Ms Ang's father, alumnus Dr Ang Chu Suan (PhD, Computer Science, 1987).

We are delighted that, thanks to help from the Annual Student Support Fund and our other partners we now have seventeen fully funded scholars studying at Eddies. Development of three additional scholarships and bursaries is underway.

A generously-donated bench has joined the new oak trees making our "Scholars' Grove," planted by the scholars last year to celebrate 50 years of graduates at St Edmund's College, a popular outdoor space. New 'volunteer' oak trees, seedlings transplanted by students and staff from gardens around Cambridge, have joined the grove during the year. By the time we reach the centenary of graduates, it should be a splendid spot to find peace in the academic maelstrom.

Our scholars are already busy planning their student conference for this year with generous support from the Annual Fund. We look forward to them showcasing student academic talent, as well as fostering the entrepreneurial and

research skills that are essential to the careers that many of our students hope to follow.

Thank you to those donors to the Annual Student Support Fund, and to those who donate to the College more generally, who make awards such as these possible.

The College funds bursaries for graduate students and affiliated/mature undergraduates, to ensure that we can attract high calibre students from all backgrounds. Donations to our Annual Student Support Fund are used directly to support students during their time in Cambridge. For specific, sizeable donations, it is often possible for the College to seek matched funding from other sources in order to make an even greater difference by doubling the value of the donation. For more information contact Kate Glennie: [development.director@st-edmunds.cam.ac.uk](mailto:development.director@st-edmunds.cam.ac.uk)

**Dr Judith Bunbury, Senior Tutor**

# From the Development Office

## New Studentships & Scholarships



### New AGM Randeree Scholarship awarded

The first Scholarship for British Muslim community leaders has been awarded to Easa Saad. Thanks to the generosity of the Randeree family and the DCD Family Trust, Easa is studying for an MPhil in Development Studies at St Edmund's College. The College is very grateful to the generosity of the Randeree family and the DCD Family Trust in supporting this important new scholarship, which aims to develop British Muslim community leaders and public intellectuals who are able to represent their communities in wider society, to create mutual understanding and contribute towards the creation of a cohesive society.

Easa is "delighted and grateful to have been given this scholarship, which I see as an incredible opportunity for my intellectual and personal development. For me this journey started in 2008, when I first moved to the UK from Pakistan and began grappling with questions about identity and my place as a Muslim living in the west. This process of self-discovery ignited a spirituality and commitment to my



### New Studentship in Social Innovation

The St Edmund's College Studentship in Social Innovation has been awarded to Patricia Odera. The studentship, which is donor-funded and was open to applicants who are already working in the social sector, covers the full fees for the two-year part-time course.

Patricia, who is based in Nairobi, works as a Regional Manager for the Social Entrepreneurship Accelerator at Duke (SEAD), supporting the strengthening of a healthcare innovation ecosystem in the East African region. Prior to joining Innovations in Healthcare and SEAD, Patricia worked with Futures Group, a global health consulting company. She has experience in strengthening health systems, health insurance and clinical practice in the private and public sectors. Patricia has Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery degrees from the University of Nairobi and an Executive MBA from Strathmore University.

Patricia wrote, "I am honoured to receive this generous support towards my studies at Cambridge that covers the full tuition for the MSt. in Social Innovation programme. I look forward to being a member of the St. Edmund's College community and through my studies continuing to support social innovation in East Africa and beyond."

The Master of Studies in Social Innovation programme at the Cambridge Judge Business School is designed for practitioners from the business, public and social sectors who wish to lead innovative solutions to pressing social issues. The College received applications from many exceptional candidates, and more students studying this course will be members of St Edmund's than of any other College. We are delighted to welcome them to St Edmund's and are most grateful for the generous support of our donor who made the award possible.

faith, which led to me slowly finding my place in the diverse and vibrant British Muslim community, and a deep desire to contribute positively to British society at large. The community work I have undertaken over the last few years has given me so much and I hope that the scholarship will allow me to continue to contribute in even more meaningful ways in the future."

He has chosen Development Studies because he believes that in order to understand the British Muslim communities better, it is important to understand the societies which have provided the vast majority of their population. "This is mostly the 'developing countries,'" Easa explains, so "this would be the focus of my study on this programme. Hopefully this will help me in my future bridge-building work."

Before coming to St Edmund's, Easa was working as a Cloud Technical Specialist at Atos, having previously gained a First Class Honours degree in Electrical and Electronic Engineering from Loughborough University.





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### The Annual Student Support Fund and the Luzio Scholars

In 2014 the College introduced the Luzio PhD Scholarship, which is a scholarship of £10,000 per annum for a home or EU student in the Humanities. One Luzio Scholarship is granted every year and there are now three Luzio scholars in residence. Our first Luzio Scholar was Toby Salisbury, who is in the third year of his PhD in History, our second Luzio Scholar was Silvia Ferreri, who is undertaking research into the archaeology of Mesopotamia, and our new Luzio scholar for 2016-17 is Maria Khan.

Maria is researching her PhD in Education, focusing on the way in which the arts can be used for the integration of Muslim immigrants in Europe, with a particular focus on immigrant

communities in Germany and Britain. Her research examines the literature of Goethe and Shakespeare, and the role of drama in the integration of Muslim communities in Berlin and Rotherham. Maria says, “Being a foreigner myself in Europe for the last six years, I have been grappling with various issues regarding acculturation and adapting to a different culture. My work is very much informed and inspired by every aspect of my life and this award allows me to conduct research that is deeply personal while being highly pertinent to the present day European society.”

Maria has recently completed her MPhil with a First at Newnham College, Cambridge. Having grown up in Lahore, Pakistan, Maria studied a BA in Berlin before coming to Cambridge.



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### Support a student

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or use the donation form included with *The Edition*.





Yuan Loke won a Gladstone Memorial Trust travel grant with which he cycled the Ho Chi Minh trail. Read his story and enjoy the stunning photography: <http://bit.ly/2fMfE0V>

## How can you help?

The College seeks donations from alumni and friends to help students to gain the maximum benefit from their time at Cambridge. Supporting one of the opportunities detailed here would greatly enhance the student experience in the College.

Additionally, UK taxpayers can increase the value of their donation by a further 25% through the Gift Aid Scheme at no extra cost to the donor.

If you would like to make a donation to the College, you can donate online or by using the donation form included with The Edition. Such is the power of collective support that all donations, regardless of size, make a difference to the College. Alumni contributions are of enormous benefit because they help to attract donations from outside the College, so please consider making a donation as an investment in the future of the College.

## Student Support Opportunities

£200	Provides a study opportunity for a St Edmund's Student to make an academic visit
£500	Travel Award - contribute towards travel costs incurred during research
£1,000	Travel Bursary - to cover travel costs
£7,000	Covers the College fee for an international or affiliated student for one year
£9,500	Pays for an undergraduate student maintenance award for one year
£12,000	Pays for a one year student Scholarship
£18,000	Pays tuition fees for a two year affiliated undergraduate degree
£27,000	Pays for an undergraduate student's fees for the duration of their course.
£28,500	Supports an undergraduate student maintenance award for three years
£36,000	Supports a UK/EU PhD student for three years of study
£110,000	Supports an international undergraduate student for three years
£300,000	Supports an overseas student studying medicine/veterinary medicine for 6 years
£450,000	Establishes a named and endowed fund to support students during their degree

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## Himalayan Expedition supported by St Ed's

**Haosheng Feng (Natural Sciences, 2015) spent three weeks in the Himalayas with the British Exploring Society this summer.**

In total, there were around 60 participants on this expedition. Haosheng was part of a group of 13 members who went to the states of Jammu and Kashmir.

The 21 day trip involved ten days of travelling to get to their base camp at Pensi La. He participated in several science projects while there, such as meteorology and mapping, and will be writing a report on the data that he collected.

The trip was not just enriching for his studies: 'The northern part of India was really interesting as I experienced a mix of Tibetan and Islamic culture. We flew to and left from Leh, a town in the Ladakh region which was primarily Tibetan, while our base camp was set up at Pensi La in the Zaskar region which had mostly Islamic influences,' Haosheng reports.

The College was delighted to be able to contribute towards the cost of Haosheng's trip, thanks to the generosity of donors to the Annual Student Support Fund.

## Academic Successes

**21 students obtained a First in their exams in the 2015/16 academic year. Three students received a Distinction and 64 achieved a 2:1.**

Ulla Heede (BA, Geography, 2013) won the William Vaughan Lewis Prize for her first class dissertation, and Chai Hao Chiu (BA, Natural Sciences, 2014) was awarded the Frank Smart Prize in Botany from the Department of Plant Sciences, for being the best performing student for Part IB Plant and Microbial Sciences. Luke Duckworth (MPhil Real Estate Finance, 2015) won the Alastair Ross Goobey Prize for the highest overall mark on his course. Luke believes "that the relaxed, friendly atmosphere of St Edmund's was a principal reason I was able to be successful academically."

### Firsts

Adam Broza	Law Part IB
Kaisheng Chan	Economics Part IIA
Chai Hao Chiu	Natural Science IB
David Chong	Medical & Veterinary Sciences Part IA
Rohan Choudhuri	Land Economy, Part IA
Florian Ettmayer	LLM
Haosheng Feng	Natural Science IA
Shenghan Gao	Maths Part IA
Chen Gong	Natural Science IA
Ulla Heede	Geography Part II
Jieming Jin	Economics Part IIA
Xue Lee	Psychological & Behavioural Sciences Part I
Lucas Lin	Economics Part IIA
Amandine Muller	Psychological & Behavioural Sciences Part I
Yong Ng	Human Social & Political Sciences Part I
Matthew Psycharis	LLM
Wayne Soo	Engineering Part IA
Ping Tan	Natural Science IB
Gilmore Wellio	Chemical Engineering Part IIB
Josiah Yan	Engineering Part IIB
Jie Yeo	Maths Part IA
Tangsheng Zou	Natural Science IA

### College Prizes

Boniface (Final MB exam)	Prahlad Govinda Krishnan
Chau (MPhils in Engineering Dept)	Friederike Liebach
Chatterjee (MPhil in Finance)	James Wong
Claydon (PhDs in Economics)	Filip Rozsypal
Claydon (non-PhDs in Economics)	Shaun Ng
Coventry (Theology)	Christopher Fresch
Emsley (science)	Christopher Wood
Jackman (all PhDs except Economics)	Maria Botero
Lemaître (Mathematics Tripos)	John Wui Ng

### Blues

Nicole Abernethy	Rowing, Half, Club Colours
Oliver Clough	Rugby
Mostafa Elmonayer	American Football, Half
Luke Juckett	Rowing, Full
Daniel Kornum	Skiing, Half
Emily McNally	Rugby
John Mulvey	Cycling, Half
Daniel Orvoma	Ice Hockey, Full
Charlotte Plumtree	Netball
Christopher Robertson	Golf
Donald Stevens	Rugby



# From the CR

St Edmund's College is a special place. Even as it remains proud of its Catholic roots, it is not strictly bound by its history, and so the college feels distinctly informal in a way that is very unlike any of the more established colleges in Cambridge. It is also special in its size, being smaller than most colleges in land area, and also special in terms of its student intake, which is mostly international.

Together, these factors have helped to foster what has become one of the most defining characteristics of Eddies – a cozy, inclusive, close-knit student community, with the Combination Room and the student-run bar as the hub for student activity and social life. But perhaps what is most striking is how this defining characteristic hasn't changed over the years, despite the constant churn of students. This is a testament to the efforts of St Edmundians year after year to maintain inclusivity and unity – of which both the student representatives which form the CR committee as well as the student body itself play important roles.

The committee works to ensure continuity from year to year starting from the get-go with Freshers' Week, and afterwards organising various events throughout the year to encourage participation and bonding. In some years, there are also some extra initiatives, such as the concerted

efforts by last year's committee to try to celebrate every major festival from around the world to appeal to the international community that is the Eddies student population.

The involvement of the student body at large has also been instrumental in keeping the unity of the community, maybe even more so than the committee's efforts. Besides the day-to-day practices of tolerance and inclusion, one major way that the student body contributes is by getting involved in the various Eddies interest groups, of which there is a wide variety to choose from.

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From Gardening to Chess to Dance to the Eddies band, there should be something to suit everyone, and if there isn't, it is really easy to start your own interest group. Something else that the college has been unofficially known for over the years – sports – continues to be key in bringing students together, both as participants and as supporters. The beauty of playing a sport, or in fact joining any society, here at Eddies, is

that any experience level is welcome, and these groups then become focal points that encourage cohesion.

Perhaps the sport that most directly links the efforts of batches of St Edmundians together is rowing, where boats start where the boats ended the year before in the Bumps league table. Seen in this context, rowing really takes on a new light, and every year that I enter Bumps, I feel as if I am carrying the baton passed on from generations before. The Boat Club continues to enjoy high participation from the student population, and on that note, you will be glad to find out that the overall trajectory of our boats have been on the positive side the past few years, and we plan to keep it that way.

I hope that what I have described sounds like the Eddies that you identify with from when you were still here, because then we can then truly call what we have experienced the 'Eddies experience'. Even as the many positive infrastructural upgrades planned in the near future kick in, I hope that Eddies will continue to protect and promote the amazing student community that has made my experience here in Cambridge so fulfilling, as I am sure that it has made yours.

**Glen Chua, CR Welfare Officer**

Background: Fun for students, staff, alumni and Fellows at the 2016 May Ball 'Bachanalalia'





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# Research Students' Annual Interdisciplinary Conference

St Edmund's held its second Annual Student Interdisciplinary Conference in February 2016, giving students a much-valued platform to share their research and hone their presentational skills.

"This year's feedback has been entirely positive," said conference organiser Silvia Ferreri, putting this success down to shortening the talks and including poster presentations this year. Limiting presentation and answer time improved the dynamism of the conference, while introducing posters increased the number of potential speakers, including those students at an early stage of their research. Another greatly appreciated novelty was the piano performance by three St Edmund's music scholars.

Sixteen speakers presented their research, ranging from engineering to economics, from the social sciences to mathematics and physics. This wide selection of topics mirrors the variety of research pursued by Eddies students. "The keynote speech given by Professor Richard Hills, Emeritus Fellow in our College, put the finishing touches on an amazing day", Silvia concludes.

"Overall, the event was a success, thanks to the large participation of speakers and audience... and a fruitful occasion for students to meet Fellows, gaining valuable advice. In future we hope to increase further the number of participants and to widen the range of topics, continuing to make the conference a highlight of College calendar," Silvia summarises. Prizes were won on the day by Aastha Dahal and Raz Jabary (Best Presentations) and Sara Shahzad (Best Poster Presentation).

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## **Aastha Dahal's topic was 'Police Perceptions and Responses to Domestic Violence in Nepal'.**

She explains: "Domestic violence is reported by both government and non-governmental agencies to be an escalating problem in Nepal. The work being done to address and document domestic violence, so far, has looked at this offence from the victims' perspective. Very little is known about how state institutions mandated to respond to domestic violence understand and tailor responses to the complaints brought to them." Her study seeks to address this gap by looking at the perceptions and response of the Nepal Police to domestic violence. Data was gathered by conducting interviews with police officers and undertaking participant observation in two police stations in Kathmandu. Findings showed that despite knowledge of the law, police did

not see domestic violence as a crime. They were, however, sensitive to the suffering of victims and maintained that keeping the victim's family intact was in her best interest.

The primary method of police response to domestic violence cases was through a legally mandated mediation. Officers would facilitate discussions between disputing parties that included the victim, offender, their friends and family members. Aastha has come to the conclusion that, "perceptions about domestic violence, and subsequent responses to each case were a product of a complex interaction of legal rules, police officers' personal beliefs and socio-cultural realities of their operating context."





Raz Jabary spoke on 'The effects of tuned mass dampers in earthquakes'.

Earthquakes occur far more frequently than most people tend to believe. On average, around 1.4 million earthquakes happen every year. Raz explains: "Earthquakes may happen anywhere in the world and most people are likely to have experienced an earthquake unbeknown to them. I drew the audience's attention to an earthquake, which had occurred in the UK two days prior to the Conference." He went on to talk about his recent fieldwork in Christchurch, New Zealand where the aftermath of the 2010 and 2011 earthquakes is still very noticeable. These earthquakes are already primarily known for the widespread damage they caused. In line with this, his research is on damage control devices; in particular tuned mass dampers (TMDs), which are widely used around the world. He explained the concept of centrifuge testing which is used at the Schofield Centre in West Cambridge to recreate soil and structural prototype stresses and strains under earthquakes using small-scale model structures.

By placing small structural models on a soil medium and fitting the structure with a range of TMD configurations, Raz's centrifuge tests aim to capture the effects of the interaction between the soil and the structure on the overall system's response during earthquakes. He discussed the various set-ups he has tested, including placing multiple structures adjacent to one another in order to better resemble the urban cluster of closely spaced buildings. "Ultimately," he adds "I explained how my experimental research findings and analytical comparisons will enable the effects of the interaction between soil and structure during earthquakes to be incorporated into a more efficient design of TMDs."



*Sixteen speakers ...ranging from engineering to economics, from the social sciences to mathematics.*

Sara Shahzad won the prize for best poster with 'Dairy Products and Risk of Cardiovascular disease in South Asians'.

Coronary Heart Disease (CHD), with myocardial infarction (MI) as its main manifestation, is increasing at an alarming rate in South Asian countries; however, the potential determinants of this disease are unknown. All the evidence of the association of dairy consumption with CHD is from Western populations and hence there is lack of evidence on the association of dairy consumption with CHD in South Asians. "The main aim of my research is to evaluate the association of different types of dairy products in 'Bangladesh Risk of Acute Vascular Events (BRAVE)' with first MI," Sara explains.

BRAVE is an ongoing hospital based case-control study of about 10,000 participants in Bangladesh. The findings

of her research suggest that the most commonly consumed dairy foods in Bangladesh are milk followed by yoghurt. Total dairy and milk intake were not associated with the odds of having MI. However, medium and high intakes of yoghurt consumption had a strong inverse association with the risk of having MI. Sara's work is the first study looking at the association of dairy consumption with CHD in a South Asian population. Although causality cannot be assumed, this study will stimulate further detailed work, which may have important potential for the local dietary guidelines in Bangladesh and elsewhere.

[Explore the website to find out more about student life](http://st-edmunds.cam.ac.uk/college-life)  
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# Sports



The launch of 'Lily'



## From the Senior Captain SECBC

Last year saw much welcome progress for St Edmund's College Boat Club. On the water there were Blades for two of our three crews, whilst off the water a brand-new men's eight was launched.

### Equipment

A much-needed reassessment of our ageing crafts resulted in 'The Banana Boat' finally departing, having been long written off and cannibalised for spares, and much loved 'Kylie' eventually succumbing to terminal rampant woodworm! However, some generous fundraising provided for the purchase of the first-ever, brand new men's eight 'Lily'. She took to the water on 30 January with an all-star inaugural crew, thus providing the club with a pair of excellent racing Janouseks for our men's and women's crews.

We also said goodbye to Badger, who despite her other idiosyncrasies, was not an ideal weight for any of our crews. However, the funds from her sale were a much needed boost to the depleted coffers and fundraising now continues in earnest for a top quality 'pre-loved' boat for M2 and some new blades.

### Lent Bumps

The traditional cold and damp conditions of March on the Cam did not deter our crews. In a boats

round-up of results, M1 rowed-over on the first day, taking notable scalps of Emma II and Christ's II on day two, and day three saw an early dispatch of Pembroke II. Only an unlucky last day deprived them of a bump and Blades were narrowly missed, but the crew are now firmly established in Div 2. M2 simply flew from the gun every day, scoring bumps against Queens' IV, Caius III, Tit Hall III and Maggie IV to Blades and glory. The newly launched 'Lily' obviously enjoyed her first races!

### Blades and glory

W1 were cruelly caught by Corpus on the first day, and rowed-over for the rest of the week. This leaves them bottom of Div 2 and the tough prospect of being Sandwich Boat for 2017.

On balance, a splendid performance overall, coming 5th/32 in the Marconi Cup and going-up an aggregate of 6 places – so the mood was good and expectation high for the Mays ...

### May Bumps

Although M1 were boosted by some of our returning Blues and Dev Squad oarsmen, they couldn't translate the potential into success on the river – being bumped by Maggie II, Hughes Hall and Wolfson, with a cruel long row-over of the last day. It is progressively so much harder at the top of the

divisions, but with us settling mid-way in Div 2, the 2020 'Head of the River' dream is only just now a faint mathematical possibility. M2 were also unable to replicate their success in the Lents and rowed over on the first day, then were bumped by Caius III and Sidney II, and rowed over the last day to see us edge down the table to the bottom third of Div 4. It remained for W1 to salvage pride, and they did so in style as they powered their way to bump Catz II, Selwyn II, Jesus II and FaTs II to Blades and glory.

So mixed fortunes again, with a creditable club overall position of 19th/32 in the Pegasus Cup, but unfortunately slipping an aggregate place in the tables. However on balance, this has been another tremendous year for SECBC, with a firmly established M2 boat in both the Lents and Mays, and Blades for 2 out of the 3 crews.

### Lily Bacon

'I was most impressed by the determination and team-spirit of all of our oarsfolk, many of whom had never sat in a boat before October. My sincere thanks to all of those, on and off the water, who have passionately supported our endeavours and wholeheartedly contributed to our continued success' - Lily Bacon





2015/16 Football Team

## Rugby

St Edmund's represented Cambridge in both the men's and women's Varsity Rugby Matches. For the very first time the women were playing at Twickenham and Emily McNally, a St Edmund's lawyer, playing at outside centre, was part of the team that overwhelmed Oxford 52-0.

This year's men's match had two St Edmund's players, Don Stevens, the captain, playing at scrum half and Ollie Clough gaining his first blue at outside centre. The match was gritty and hard fought, but swung against Cambridge, who lost 12-6. Afterwards Don was philosophical, "I'm really proud of the boys and the character they showed. It hurts, of course it does, but at the end of the day you pick yourself up because that's what you're supposed to do in life."



Top: The Boat Race

Right: The Victorious women's Rugby Varsity



## The Tideway

As a warm-up to Bumps, both of our senior crews ventured to London for their respective Heads of the River Races. The 4.25 mile (6.8 km) Championship Course from Mortlake to Putney on the ebb tide presented wildly differing challenges. M1 recorded a most respectable time - just under the 21 minute mark, finishing 256th/337 overall, and an impressive 18th/55 in their class. Unfortunately W1 fell foul of both the tide and weather, when during some tight marshalling at the start, they hit a squall and found themselves beached, with a damaged rudder and unable to race.

This was a useful 'dirty water' experience for both crews. Guest coaching and support from some of our illustrious rowing alumni, Richard Phelps and Hardy Cubasch, also proved an invaluable fine-tuning of skills and motivation for Bumps season.



2015/16 Ruby Team

# Fellows News'

## Michael Hoskin honoured twice in Spain

Michael Hoskin, Emeritus Fellow of St Edmund's, has had a significant historic site named in his honour and been awarded the Gold Medal of Fine Arts by the Spanish Government.

Michael has been instrumental in conferring World Heritage Site status to Antequera in southern Spain. Michael has conducted fieldwork on dolmens, a type of megalithic tomb with a large flat stone laid on upright ones, throughout Europe and in the Mediterranean especially. His research on the dolmens at Antequera has set them into context and allowed the UNESCO to award the prestigious World Heritage status. Some time ago the dolmen authorities recognised Michael's work by naming the Centro Solar, a part of the visitors' centre after

him. Now the city authorities have also given his name to the 'mirador' or viewing gallery they are building at the Arco de los Gigantes, a sixteenth-century arch above the town which is a tourist attraction.

The Medalla de Oro al mérito en las Bellas Artes was awarded to him by Royal Decree in Spain on 30 December 2015.

Michael Hoskin is Emeritus Professor of History of Science at the University of Cambridge and founder of *Journal for the History of Astronomy*, one of the most prestigious publications in the world of Astronomy. Dr Hoskin is also an honorary member of the Royal Academy of Fine Arts of Antequera and was the very first Fellow of St Edmund's College.



## Mike Herrtage wins Lifetime Achievement Award

Vice-Master Professor Mike Herrtage has won a lifetime achievement award as part of one of the largest and most prestigious veterinary awards in the world for his incredible contribution to veterinary research in small animal medicine and diagnostic imaging.

The awards highlight those individuals who go one step further to promote the health and wellbeing of dogs. Speaking about the award, he said: "I was surprised and overwhelmed to have been nominated for this auspicious award. It is a fantastic honour and one that I would dedicate to my colleagues, residents and students who have stimulated and supported me through my career, as well as my patients who have challenged and continue to challenge me."

Steve Dean, Chairman of Trustees of the Kennel Club Charitable Trust,

which runs the awards, said: "Professor Herrtage's contribution to the veterinary world has been incredibly impressive. He is an inspiration to those involved in veterinary research, continually searching for answers to the most difficult questions within the field of metabolic and endocrine diseases. He has shared his passion and knowledge with the profession, holding many posts of high importance and inspiring residents to achieve their goals."

*"He is an inspiration"*

Professor Herrtage, who is currently dean of Cambridge Veterinary School and is in charge of the Small Animal Medicine and diagnostic imaging services at Queen's Veterinary School Hospital, has devoted his 40-year career to metabolic and endocrine diseases as both a researcher and clinician.





*“Through his philanthropy and mentoring initiatives he is encouraging others to follow his example.”*



## Andrew Harter awarded Faraday Medal

College Fellow Dr Andrew Harter FREng CEng FIET has been awarded the Faraday Medal, the most prestigious award of the Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET). The Faraday Medal is awarded for notable scientific or industrial achievement in engineering and for conspicuous service rendered to the profession.

Dr Tim Constandinou, Chair of the IET Awards and Prizes Committee, said: “The Awards and Prizes Committee was unanimous in recommending Dr Harter for the IET’s Faraday Medal. Dr Harter’s work has over many years has proven to have wide-ranging impact. This includes leading the development of successful technology such as Virtual Network Computing (VNC), which has created new markets and brought significant economic and environmental benefits. VNC remains the most

popular remote access software as well as the most ported, with over one billion copies on more different kinds of computer than any other application. Dr Harter is equally skilled at creating new pathways to commercialisation, pioneering open source without compromising profitability. Through his philanthropy and mentoring initiatives he is encouraging others to follow his example.”

The prize has been awarded since 1922 and consists of an engraved bronze medal and vellum scroll which was presented at an awards ceremony in November. The recipient also signs the Roll of Honour album, a leather-bound volume containing the photographs and signatures of all Faraday Medallists. Previous winners include: Professor Sir Michael Pepper; Professor Steve Furber; Professor Sir Richard Friend; Professor Roger Needham; Professor

Sir Maurice Wilkes; Sir Martin Ryle; Sir William Henry Bragg and Lord Rutherford.

Andy said: “It is a tremendous honour to have been nominated for this award. It recognizes a career in innovation and enterprise, during which it has been an enormous pleasure to lead some extraordinarily talented teams of people in research, development and commercialisation of advanced systems. It is also a privilege to have been responsible for making substantial technology freely available, which has had significant impact on a global scale.”

Andy is Chair of Cambridge Network and Fellow of Cambridge University Computer Laboratory. He founded RealVNC in 2002 with Lily Bacon.



See Parul Bhandari, alumna, talk about what makes St Edmund's special on YouTube. Search: 'St Edmund's Cambridge'

## Upcoming Events

24 March  
College Guest Night with Alumni

28 March  
Master in New York City

30 March  
Master in Washington DC

1 April  
Master in San Francisco

1 April 2017  
2020 Boat Club Dinner at the Oriental Club, London

18 June 2017  
College Garden Party

2 July 2017  
Vets' Reunion in College

23 September  
Alumni Festival



## Sarah Cleaveland elected to the Royal Society and the US National Academy of Medicine

Alumna Professor Sarah Cleaveland OBE (Veterinary Medicine, 1983) has been recognised as one of the world's leading scientists by being elected to a fellowship at The Royal Society and the US National Academy of Medicine (NAM).

Sarah's work on the science of pain is making a major impact on the treatment of infants today. Currently she is Professor of Comparative Epidemiology at the University of Glasgow's Institute of Biodiversity. Sarah was elected in recognition of her work and research into zoonotic and livestock diseases in developing countries. During her career, Sarah has pioneered new methods for monitoring and controlling diseases such as rabies and foot-and-mouth disease in East Africa. By 2030 her research into rabies vaccination is set to eliminate the disease from the developing world.

Sarah came to St Edmund's in 1983 to study veterinary medicine and joins the

ranks of The Royal Society alongside existing St Edmund's members, including Professor Sir Brian Heap, Professor Richard Hills and Professor Bob White. The Royal Society is one of the world's most ancient and prestigious academies encouraging science by funding research and advising on policy.

She is the first researcher from the University of Glasgow to be elected to the NAM. Membership recognises individuals who have demonstrated outstanding professional achievements and commitment to service. As reported in *Veterinary Record*, Volume 177 (31 October, 2015), election to the academy is 'considered one of the highest honours in the fields of health and medicine'.

Sarah is already a member of The Royal Society of Edinburgh and the US National Academy of Medicine.





## A St Edmund's Proposal

On Saturday, 26 November 2016, alumnus Arjune Shukla (MPhil in Environmental Policy, 2013) proposed to his alumna girlfriend Fran Acklam (BA, Natural Sciences, 2011) in the Master's Study at the College. We are delighted to say that Fran accepted.

As part of his proposal, Arjune presented Fran with two special maps of the world, tracing travel plans for a round-the-world trip that they will take together. They are planning to get married in the spring or summer of 2018 and we wish them all the best for the future.

Below: On Saturday, 6 August, two St Edmund's alumni, Peter Moore (Veterinary Medicine, 2007) and Kate Bouston (Veterinary Medicine, 2010), celebrated their wedding in the College Chapel. Peter said, 'We had a perfect day... The Orchard was looking at its finest and Tom and the chefs made sure our guests were well fed.'



## First Overseas Alumni Group

An alumni group for current and former members in Hong Kong has been set up by Vicci Lau (Law, 2000). When the Master came to visit Hong Kong in April 2016, he and Vicci talked about the idea of establishing a Hong Kong Eddies' alumni group to allow local alumni to keep in touch and build a social network. With the support of the Development Office and the Master, the *St Edmund's Cambridge Hong Kong Alumni Group* is now officially established and Vicci is honoured to serve as the first Chairperson of the Group.

Their first event was on Thursday, 24 November 2016. The venue, Bitters & Sweets on Wellington Street, who make their own tonic water and infuse gins, has been raved about in the Hong Kong press as being 'modern and sophisticated'.

The main objectives of our Group are:

- 1) to maintain a centralised list of contacts of Hong Kong Eddies alumni;
- 2) to facilitate Hong Kong Eddies alumni to keep in touch and to build up a social network;
- 3) to organise gatherings for alumni on a regular basis; and
- 4) to meet and welcome people from St Edmund's who are visiting Hong Kong.

Vicci is keen to compile a list of contacts of all the Eddies alumni in Hong Kong. If you would like to be included in her distribution list and receive information on all their future events and gatherings, please email the Development Office.

Interested in starting a Group?  
[development@st-edmunds.cam.ac.uk](mailto:development@st-edmunds.cam.ac.uk)



## From the the Von Hügel Institute

2015-16 was a fizzingly busy year for the VHI under the leadership of its new Director, Philip McCosker. In addition to their successful public lecture series on the theme of 'Mercy', they started several promising international collaborations and new projects.

Mercy filled the year of public events at the VHI and drew eminent speakers from multifarious fields, for instance, James Alison (sexuality), John Cottingham (philosophy), Dame Maggi Hambling CBE (art), Iain McGilchrist (neuroscience), and many more. Contributors reflected on how mercy works in their own field, as well as impediments to its practice and encouragement more widely. Plans are under way to publish an augmented collection of the contributions on mercy as a monograph. The VHI Lecture was given by Denys Turner (Yale University) on the radical theology and politics of Herbert McCabe OP, and the Lattey Lecture was given by Nicholas King SJ on the themes of liberation theology and scripture in the pontificate of Pope Francis, with a response from Christopher Rowland (Oxford). Pleasingly, ever more people are coming to VHI events and from a wider demographic.

Several other events complemented the series on mercy. A day workshop on understandings of health and ill-health drew scholars and practitioners from around the country. The articles

flowing from that event have been published in an issue of *The New Bioethics*. A panel on Catholic-Jewish relations, 50 years after the publication of the watershed *Nostra Aetate*, saw vigorous debate from distinguished Catholic and Jewish scholars. The proceedings are in press in the journal *European Judaism*. The VHI also held two very successful events with the Students' Common Room, on the end of life and on migration, which were so well attended and appreciated that they will become a staple of VHI life. They are currently planning one on sexuality and faith for later this year.

### *a fresh intellectual vision for the VHI has been drawn up*

In addition, reading groups were held on Adam Smith's *The Theory of Sentiments* and on Paul and Continental Philosophy. This last group drew several senior academics from theology, philosophy, anthropology and is leading to ongoing collaboration across the university. With funding from the DAAD, and under the leadership of Dr Sara Silvestri, Dr Elif Çetin and Dr Vlado Kmec, a very stimulating workshop on migration in the EU was held in September; this too will lead to further collaborations.

The VHI Director has become a visiting fellow of the Institute for Religion and Critical Inquiry at the Australian Catholic University. This is part of a

growing collaboration between the two institutes. The Director gave the opening keynote lecture at a conference in Rome, organised by ACU and Durham University on 'Conceiving Change in the Church'. The VHI's partnership with the Terence J. Murphy Institute for Catholic Thought, Law, and Public Policy of St Thomas University in Minnesota is flourishing with the appointment of a Murphy Fellow, Dr Simon Ravenscroft, based at the VHI. The VHI now publishes the international journal *Reviews in Religion and Theology* with Wiley-Blackwell, reaching over 10,000 readers annually with plans to expand and relaunch the journal in the coming year.

Over the course of the year a fresh intellectual vision for the VHI has been drawn up, the institute's name amplified as the Von Hügel Institute for Critical Catholic Inquiry, a new logo designed and approved, the VHI patrons and advisory board refreshed, and a major fundraising drive under way. All this will be formally launched in our 30th anniversary year, 2017-18. The Institute is about to appoint its first Development Executive. There are exciting times ahead! Do join the VHI for their events, listen to lectures online, and follow updates on their website and twitter.





The Master welcomes new students  
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