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News from the Development Office



To complement the regular eBulletins that I send out twice a term, this is the annual issue of *The Edition*, which records College life and the activity of our alumni and Fellows in a more formal way.

With the new academic year well underway, we have enjoyed a flurry of College and Alumni Society events. On 7 September, a group of our alumni in Asia gathered together for a dinner at the China Club in Hong Kong. On Saturday 22 September we celebrated the annual Alumni Weekend with a splendid concert, a delicious dinner and an excellent after dinner speech from one of our well-known alumni, G.M Malliet.

In addition to letting you know what your fellow alumni have been doing, this issue of *The Edition* will update you on what has been going on at the College, including a major legacy and news of the building work that has been transforming parts of the College.

This is your publication, so I would like it to reflect the issues and stories that interest you. As always, I appreciate your input, so please feel free to give me your feedback, photos, suggestions and, of course, your news.

Finally, I would like to thank those alumni who have helped to support St. Edmund's. Generous donations from our former students enable the College to thrive, so please consider donating if you can. In addition to over providing travel grants and student support awards, the College has used the Annual Student Support Fund to establish a number of new initiatives. This year, the College has granted four Dean's Awards to students in recognition of exceptional service to the College community, for those deeds which often go unrewarded, but which play a vital role in the well-being of fellow students and contribute greatly to College life.

The Student Support Fund has also been used to provide pastoral care and practical help to students, such as a workshop to provide advice on technical writing for theses, which proved to be so popular that a follow-up course has been planned to provide higher level advice on thesis planning.

Donations from our Alumni really make a great difference to the lives of our current students. With the rising cost of student fees, we are committed to providing financial assistance to students in the form of bursaries, grants and scholarships. We have negotiated a number of Duke of Edinburgh Scholarships whereby donations to the College that are used for this purpose are matched from external funding sources, so the effect of your donation to the College is doubled. All donations, regardless of size, are meaningful and important to us, so if you are considering making a gift to the College, please do get in touch at development@st-edmunds.cam.ac.uk.

I hope you enjoy this issue of *The Edition* and I look forward to meeting more of you at future alumni events throughout the year.

With very best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Katharine Cantell".

Katharine Cantell
Development Officer

A Message from the Master



The start of Michaelmas term coincided with a new look to the inside of the main entrance to the College's Norfolk building. Simply moving the student pigeon holes to a more secure location and providing some new carpet and a coat of paint has provided a bright, airy, cavernous space compared to what we had before.

This wasn't the only refurbishment that occurred over the summer. Our Tutorial, Bursarial and administrative offices have been consolidated, the Von Hügel Institute (VHI) has moved to refurbished space on the first floor of the Norfolk building and the White Cottage has undergone both an extension and transformation to provide some of our most popular student accommodation. Thus, at the start of term, the smell of new paint greeted our 400+ students including almost 200 freshers who were having their first experience of Cambridge. A lick of paint is as nothing compared to what the University plans in North West Cambridge very close to St Edmund's College. In his annual address to the University in October, the Vice-Chancellor tackled the question of what actions Cambridge University must take to ensure it keeps pace with the very best universities in the world. He offered three answers: "First, Cambridge needs to grow. Second, we need to change; and third, we need to ensure that growth and change are informed at every step by our values, our principles, and by the spirit and ambition that have seen us flourish for our first eight centuries." To accommodate some of the proposed growth, the University is planning a six hundred million pound development in North West Cambridge, the biggest capital project this University has ever contemplated. For St Edmund's, the prospect of the University developing North West Cambridge is especially exciting, because it is a site that will be able to be accessed through Storey's Way, past Fitzwilliam and Churchill Colleges, such that when the development is complete, St Edmund's may still be a College on the hill but it will also be a College at the centre of the University. Of course, I would argue that St Edmund's and all its activities are already at the heart of Cambridge. Amongst the many contributions to University life this term, we were pleased to host Lord Skidelsky who gave the Shackle

lecture and gave us his thoughts on quantitative easing. The Von Hügel lecture was also a major event, given by the very eminent American theologian Professor Stanley Hauerwas on the occasion of the VHI's 25th anniversary. We were delighted that our new Honorary Fellow and Patron of the VHI, Professor Mary McAleese, former President of Ireland was able to join us for the occasion. Shortly after the end of full term it was a St Edmund's student, Rob Malaney, who led out and captained the Blues in what turned out to be a thrilling rugby Varsity match at Twickenham on 6th December. Two other St Edmund's students, Nate Brakeley and Matt Steele, were also in the team that eventually went down to a 26-19 defeat. I really enjoyed catching up with so many St Edmund's alumni in the Blues Village after the match.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Luzio".

Paul Luzio
Master

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College Developments

The Leland Smith Burns Fund

The College is delighted to announce that in September 2012 it signed an agreement with Dr Leland Smith Burns to bequeath a substantial legacy via Cambridge in America. The legacy will support scholarships for members of the Anglican communion to study and undertake research at St Edmund's.

Dr Burns is a retired academic, who held a post at UCLA from the 1960s until his retirement in 1994, where he remains Professor Emeritus of Urban Planning. He taught for about 10 years at Cambridge in the Department of Land Economy on the MPhil programme.

Dr Burns has been a member of the Episcopal Church of the United States for most of his adult life, but more recently joined the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the USA, which is in full communion with the Episcopal Church. He has been appointed a Patron of the Anglican Religious Communities Development Trust (ARCDT).

The endowment created by the legacy will be invested by the College and will be treated as a permanent, restricted endowment. The Fund is to provide an income for scholarships in support of study and research at St Edmund's College for members of the global Anglican communion.

The associated scholarships will be awarded by a selection panel to be chaired by a Fellow of St Edmund's College with the other members being appointed by the

Advisory Council on the Relations of Bishops & Religious Communities.

The College is grateful to Dr Burns for his generosity and looks forward to a continuing relationship with him. Dr Burns was recently elected a Fellow Commoner of the College.

A Gift in your Will

A gift to St Edmund's College in your Will could help the College to flourish far into the future. For many people, a gift in their Will is a good way to make a significant and lasting contribution. It may cost nothing in their lifetime, yet provide much satisfaction and peace of mind in prospect. There is an opportunity to make a real difference, even for those with current financial commitments and future financial responsibilities. Anyone choosing to support the College in this way can be sure that their gift will be used wisely and for the direct and lasting benefit of the College.

St Edmund's College is a registered charity, number 1137454, and therefore all gifts to the College are treated as charitable gifts

for tax purposes. By including a charitable gift in your will, you can reduce the inheritance tax payable on your estate.

US taxpayers can leave a tax efficient legacy to the College via Cambridge in America. Please see our website for further details or contact the Development Office.

If you are considering leaving a legacy to the College, please contact the Development Office on 01223 761 342 or development@st-edmunds.cam.ac.uk.

Legacy10

Since 6 April 2012, any estate which leaves at least 10% of its taxable wealth to a charitable cause is eligible for a reduction in Inheritance Tax from 40% down to 36%. This means that any share of the estate above the value of the tax-free threshold, which is currently £325,000 per person, after all debts and expenses have been met, will be subject to the reduced rate of inheritance tax if 10% of that amount is given to a charitable cause.

As a result, if you had intended to leave 4% or more of your estate in excess of the nil rate band to St Edmund's or another charity, you can now increase your donation to 10% of the estate that would have been subject to IHT at no additional cost to your heirs. What this means in practice is the benefit to the College is four times greater than the cost to the estate's beneficiaries, as HMRC will shoulder the burden of 76 pence for every pound donated, whereas the estate pays only 24 pence. For more information on the Legacy 10 initiative, please visit the Legacy 10 website or contact your solicitor.



From left to right: Dr Richard Anthony, Prof Paul Luzio, Dr Leland Burns, Dr Petà Dunstan)

College Renovations

The College underwent major structural work over the summer, with the extensive refurbishment of the Norfolk Building, together with the renovation and extension of the White Cottage, which is now a modern student house, following the VHI's move to the first floor of the Norfolk Building. The ground and first floors of the Norfolk Building have been repainted, new carpets laid, walls knocked down, new toilet facilities installed and there have been several office moves. The reception area has also been renovated and the pigeonholes have been relocated so that the main corridor in the Norfolk Building now feels much more spacious.

The White Cottage Version 2.0 – Traditional on the outside, modern on the inside!

Over the summer, the White Cottage underwent a dramatic transformation, changing from the home of the Von Hügel Institute within College to the home for a total of nine students. The work included modifying the existing building into 5 bedrooms, a lounge/dining room and kitchen and adding an additional 4 rooms in a new extension. The previous heating system has been replaced with an air source heat pump system and a significant amount of insulation has been added to the existing building making it one of the best insulated buildings in Cambridge (I can tell you this from experience!).

Work on the original building was 'completed' for students to move in on the Friday 28th September at the beginning of Freshers' Week. The stage on the Friday morning was significantly different however! A significant number of workmen were on site completing outstanding jobs including plumbing, painting and carpeting. By the evening, however, the critical work was all completed, with every bedroom being finished and there just being minor work remaining in the communal areas.

Since then work has continued on both the existing building and extension with final painting of the inside and outside of the cottage, finishing to communal areas and full commission of the heating system. The final items should be completed within the next few of weeks when the White Cottage will finally be workmen free (and we can all finally have a quiet lie in!).

With the Cottage having such a small number of students compared to the main buildings, it has fostered a really friendly and



relaxed atmosphere. The five residents so far Rebecca, Tom, Clement, Ivan and I are even planning a joint dinner as soon as we can find an evening when everyone is free! I hope this continues throughout this year and subsequent years and we're looking forward to welcoming another four people

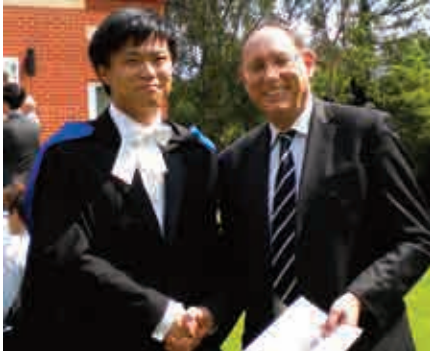
to the Cottage when all the remaining work is completed.

Jonathan Crass, PhD Student and CR Treasurer
White Cottage, Room 5,
16th October 2012

College Prizes

We would like to highlight the academic success achieved by our students by congratulating the following students who have all been awarded College prizes for the 2011/12 academic year.

The Robin Chatterjee prize for an MPhil in Finance was awarded to Tengfei Wang.



The two American Alumni Awards for 2011/12 were awarded to Bridget Senior and Shidharth Ram.

As a compulsory component in Vet medicine, Bridget Senior completed an Equine elective project at All West Veterinary Hospital Montana USA. The project looked at the use of a new technique called Platelet

Rich Plasma (PRP) in the healing of limb wounds in horses. We will hear more about Bridget's trip in the next article.

Shidharth Ram was invited to the Center for Health Related Aerosol Studies at the University of Cincinnati. The visit was in order to forge a new collaboration for future research and help him develop knowledge and experience in his field of investigation.

Welcome to Alexandra Grigore, our new Gates Scholar, who joins our continuing Gates Scholars – Luke Fletcher, Siza Mtimbiri and Anand Shrivastava.

Alexandra has just started her PhD. in the Nano Science & Technology Doctoral Training Centre in Cambridge. She was born in Constanta, a town near the Black Sea in Romania. She graduated in Chemical Engineering and Business Administration



from the Politehnica University in Bucharest and recently completed an international MSc. of Advanced Materials and Processes at the Friedrich-Alexander University in Erlangen-Nuremberg, Germany.

Alexandra says, 'Besides my studies I conducted two research projects and two internships in fields ranging from nanotechnology, biomaterials, chemistry and biophysics. I am inclined towards applying my knowledge for practical purposes to create devices that will improve human life. I am very excited to apply my knowledge, exploit my curiosity and improve my skills in an interdisciplinary environment in the field of nanosciences. My dream is to lead my own research group, working in collaboration with companies and hospitals to develop lab-on-a-chip devices for low cost diagnosis and tissue engineering applications.

Outside of studying, Alexandra enjoys theatre, dancing (especially Argentinean tango), reading, travelling, watching TED, capoeira, learning languages, social games and hiking.

Mr Anand Shrivastava, who matriculated in 2010, is continuing his studies at the College by starting his PhD in Economics at St Edmund's. Anand completed a Graduate Diploma in Economics and an Economics MPhil at St Edmund's. He is assessing the costs and benefits of forest land, the variation in these costs and benefits across the population and the political economics of converting forest land for industrial use. He also enjoys reading, writing and playing musical instruments.

Congratulations to the following St Edmund's students who were each awarded a College Prize in recognition of having gained a First in their exams.

Acklam, Fran	Part IA Natural Sciences
Almagro Garcia, Milena	Part IIA Economics
Bajwa, Tayyiba	LLM Master of Law
Chirou, Andreas	Part IIA Engineering
Dennis, Helen	LLM Master of Law
Heidariah Zadeh, Farzad	Part IIB PPS
Li, Bo	Part II Natural Sciences
Lim, Joseph	Part I Chem Engineering
Loew, David	Part II Natural Sciences
Lu, Xiaoyang	Part IA Mathematics
Ma, Di	Part I Education
Mak, Helen	Part II Law
Osborne-Carey, Cassian	Part IIB PPS
Rademacher, Tim	Part II Natural Sciences
Rauchegger, Clara	LLM Master of Law
Rowbory, Simon	Part II Theol for Ministry
Senior, Bridget	Part II Final Vet MB
Von Hoffmann, Jonas	Part IIA PPS
Wilson, Sophie	Part II Final Vet MB



James Appleton

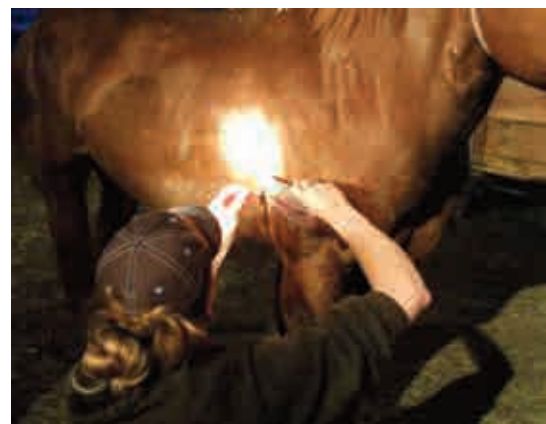
American Alumni Award – Equine Elective Report

By Bridget Senior

Having been awarded an American Alumni Award for travel to the United States, I travelled to the All West Veterinary Hospital in Bozeman, Montana to complete 4 weeks of equine veterinary practice as part of my equine elective project.

I arrived on Monday 9th July 2012 and flew home on Saturday August 4th. I was studying different methods to treat traumatic wounds on horse's legs, with the aim of seeing whether any were significantly able to accelerate healing and wound epithelialisation. All West Vets are currently using two different techniques to treat severe distal limb wounds: Platelet Rich Plasma (PRP) and Amniotic Membrane wraps. The idea is that these provide a direct, concentrated source of either growth factors, or stem cells respectively. Having studied the clinic's existing records and photographs of wounds treated in the past, it was decided that a more standardised and quantitative method was needed in order to accurately monitor wound healing, so I set up a simple system of data recording consisting of a standardised photographic technique which includes a scale, and a clinical record sheet to be completed each time a wound is assessed. Despite having now returned to the UK to complete my final year of vet school, the staff at All West Vets have kindly agreed to continue to gather this information for me during the coming academic year. This means that I can include the results in my elective project write-up before graduation next June. Initial results look promising, particularly for the Amniotic Membrane treatment, since it is cheap and easy to use.

During my time seeing practice in Montana, I was able to gain a great deal of useful and interesting clinical experience. As vet students we have a "clinical checklist" of procedures we are expected to have seen or performed before we graduate, and I was able to tick off a great number of these,



including some riskier procedures which require a certain level of trust on the part of the clinician in the student's capabilities. Additionally, I was fortunate enough to see clinical cases of unusual medical conditions that we would not see back in the UK, such as emergency management of horses with rattlesnake bites. Since the clinic is a mixed practice, I was also able to scrub in on some small animal and exotics surgeries in my

spare time. A particular highlight for me was assisting in orthopaedic surgery to repair a fractured femur in a Golden Eagle.

I would not have been able to complete this amazing trip were it not for the funding from the American Alumni Award. The money covered my return flights, specialist insurance for vet work abroad, and food & petrol whilst away. I am extremely grateful to the college and our alumni for granting me these funds, and I look forward to completing the analysis and written part of my elective project. It certainly made my veterinary training a richer experience! Many thanks.

Recent Alumni Society Events

Welcome to the new Chair of the St Edmund's Alumni Society



The Alumni Society held its AGM, at which Patrick Mitton, longstanding Chair of the Society stepped down from his position and Edward Hagger was voted as the new Chair. The College and the Society wish to record their sincere thanks to Patrick for many years of hard work in establishing and growing the Alumni Society. Patrick Mitton has recently

been elected as a Fellow Commoner of the College in recognition of his service to the Alumni Society

St Edmund's Alumni dinner in Asia

7 September 2012

On 7 September 2012, a group of St Edmund's alumni in Asia met for dinner at the China Club in Hong Kong. The dinner was kindly arranged by Vicci Lau (Law, 1998) in conjunction with the College. The dinner was hosted by Eden Yin, Fellow of St Edmund's. Vicci and the St Edmund's Alumni Society generously subsidised the drinks reception. The attendees of the dinner hope to establish an Alumni group in Asia. If you are interested in being a part of this, please contact development@st-edmunds.cam.ac.uk



From top left: David Fung, Hardy Cubasch, Kelvin Chan, Joe Wheeler, Stephen Huang. From bottom left: Nian Zhang, Yvonne Zhang, Pei-Yin Lin, Eden Yin, Vicci Lau, Crystal Huang, Helen Mak Hoi Ling

College Alumni Weekend Concert and Dinner

22 September 2012

The College held its annual alumni weekend concert and dinner on 22 September. The guests first enjoyed a wonderful concert by Chesterton Baroque. The group was founded by harpsichordist Dr Dan Tidhar as an ensemble in residence at St Georges, Chesterton.

It consists of Cambridge and London based musicians specializing in historically informed performance of Baroque and classical repertoire on period instruments.

After drinks in the Garden Room, the guests were treated to a delicious three course dinner and an entertaining speech from G M Malliet (Psychology MPhil, 1985) author of the Agatha Award winning *Death of a Cozy Writer*, chosen by Kirkus Reviews as one of the Best Books of 2008. Her most recent release *Wicked Autumn* is a 2011 Agatha Award Nominee for best traditional mystery novel and a 2011 Dilys Award nominee.



Alumni Society Annual London Dinner

5 November 2012

28 Alumni and their guests enjoyed the annual Alumni Society London Dinner on 5 November at the Oxford and Cambridge Club, where alumnus and Visiting Scholar for the Michaelmas term, Jim Friedman, spoke very wittily about his experiences of returning to study in Cambridge after 40 years and his recollections and comparisons of life at St Edmund's then and now.



Forthcoming Alumni Events

St Edmund's College, together with the Alumni Society invite our alumni to attend the following forthcoming events.

University Challenge Style Quiz Night

Saturday 19th January 2013

St Edmund's will be hosting its ever popular Quiz Night on Saturday 19th January 2013. Three teams comprised of Alumni, Fellows and Students, will battle it out once again to take the crown of Eddie's Eggheads. If you would like to join the Alumni team, please do contact the Development Office (development@st-edmunds.cam.ac.uk). It would be great to see as many of you there as possible to cheer on the alumni team.

London Wine Bar Drinks

Wednesday 27 February 2013

The St Edmund's Alumni Society welcomes you to join its annual winter get-together in London at Davy's at St James's from 7pm onwards on Wednesday 27 February. This is an informal evening of drinks and nibbles. The cost is only £10 on the night, as it is generously subsidised by the Alumni Society. As always, partners and friends are very welcome to join us. In order to assist with the catering, we would appreciate it if you could let us know if you will be attending by emailing Katharine Cantell at development@st-edmunds.cam.ac.uk

www.davy.co.uk/stjames

Davy's at St James's, 25 King Street, Crown Passage, Pall Mall, London, SW1Y 6QY.

Guest Night Dinner

Friday 22 March 2013

The St Edmund's Alumni Society invites alumni to dine for free at a special College Guest Night Dinner on Friday 22 March



Coton Morris men provided the entertainment www.cotonmorrismen.co.uk

2013. The Alumni Society kindly subsidises the cost of the three course dinner for up to 30 alumni. To book, please visit the College website to complete the booking form. The closing date for bookings is 8 March 2013.

Alumni Event – Concert & Dinner

Saturday 28 September 2013

More information to follow

College Garden Party

Sunday 16 June 2013

More details to follow.

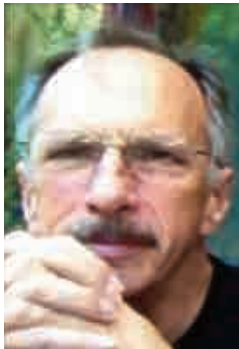
Guest Night Dinner

Friday 5 July 2013

More information to follow

Please visit the College website regularly for more details and to update your contact details. We look forward to seeing you again soon.

News from Alumni



We were delighted to welcome our alumnus, **Dr Jim Friedman** (PhD, Philosophy, 1970) back to College as a Visiting Scholar at St Edmund's for the Michaelmas Term. He graduated with a BA from Haverford College and an MA from the University of Chicago, USA. In his academic career Jim was appointed Assistant Professor at Santa Clara University from 1973 – 1979; Fellow, National Endowment of the Humanities in 1976 and from 1977-78. Jim

founded Ryan Associates in 1979, an employee-owned construction company specialising in custom residential and commercial projects in the US. He was appointed President of the company from 1979 to 2000, and is now their Chairman. Since 2001, Jim has served on The Board of Managers at Haverford College where he is Chair of The Property Committee in addition to being a member of the Advancement, Educational Affairs and Finance committees. Jim is pursuing his research in the Department of Philosophy while he is visiting Cambridge.



Congratulations to **E Eric Rytter** (BA, Law, 1998) who has joined Dorsey & Whitney LLP as a Partner and Head of their Private Equity practice in New York. Eric was previously with Kirkland & Ellis LLP in their London and New York offices, and joins Dorsey from Cadwalader Wickersham & Taft LLP. When he was at St Edmund's, Eric was a member of the Board of the Faculty of Law.

Congratulations to **Anurag Verma** (MPhil, Management Studies, 1994), who has joined Deloitte Corporate Finance as a Partner in the UK Financial Institutions Group, where he will be leading transactions across the Banking, Capital Markets and Specialty Finance sector. Anurag was previously at PwC. Whilst on gardening leave, he took part in a charity trip to Nepal to trek to the base of Mount Everest and climb a nearby peak, in aid of the National Autistic Society. If you would like to make a donation then you can do so by visiting www.justgiving.com/anurag-verma to read more about it and www.flickr.com/photos/av4910/sets/72157629868163386/ to see pictures of his journey.

In January 2012, **Erik Stengler Larrea** (PhD, Astronomy, 1990) was appointed Senior Lecturer of Science Communication at the University of the West of England, having previously spent over 10 years at the Science Centre of Tenerife, Spain. Erik is married, with three boys aged 12, 11 and 10.

Contemporary History Painter, **Tom de Freston** (BA, History of Art, 2005), recently had a new exhibition at a London gallery and has had a book published by Gatehouse Press in collaboration with the poet Andrea Porter. *House of the Deaf Men* explores the dark images Goya created on the walls of his house Quinta del Sordo (The House of the Deaf Man) in the last few years of his life. Visit www.tomdefreston.co.uk to read more.

Dr Anthony Amatrudo (MPhil, Criminology, 1994) moved to take up a Readership in Criminology at Middlesex University on 1st October 2012 having previously been Programme Leader for Criminology at the University of Sunderland. Dr Amatrudo was a Visiting Scholar at St Edmund's for the 2010-11 academical year. The work he undertook whilst studying here has been included in a new book entitled *Law and Language – Current Legal Issues Vol 15*. Dr Amatrudo acknowledges the College in the volume, which is an annual compendium of research by OUP and a very famous series in the field.

Obituaries

Sister Maureen Farrell

It is with great sadness that we announce the death on 20th March 2012 of Sister Maureen Farrell, FCJ, who studied at St Edmunds in 1981. According to her close friend, Jane Didham (PhD Physics, 1980), Maureen was a very sociable person who frequently held sherry parties in her room, bringing together different people – she was a wonderful networker. During her life she taught history of science at UMIST and Middlesbrough Polytechnic, was an Ecumenical Chaplain in Milton Keynes, spent two years in Calgary then moved back to her home city of Manchester, where she was part of the City Chaplaincy. She retired officially in her early 70's, but continued to give talks, hold retreats, was a spiritual director and generally helped her local community, especially foreign workers who needed help with their English. She was great fun and was held in enormous respect and love, clearly demonstrated by the huge number of friends at her funeral in Manchester on 29th March.

Jason Alan Goodreau

With deep sadness, we announce the passing away of Jason Alan Goodreau, aged 37, on Wednesday 25 July 2012. Jason (Masters in Education, 2008), was living in St Louis, Missouri, USA, where he was the Director of Technology at Forsyth School. Jason also was an actor at the Abraham Lincoln Museum and Library and a director/actor for The Legacy Theatre and at the Hoogland Center for the Arts, all in Springfield, Illinois. During his time at St Edmund's Jason was a hockey player and was involved in theatre. He will be much missed by his family and all his friends.

I was still alive and I never gave up hope

As a teenager, Mainlehwon Vonhm Benda walked alone, barefoot and hungry out of war-torn Liberia to the safety of a refugee camp. Two decades later he flew home from the USA to set up a charity that helps young people to live in peace. On 26 July, whilst studying at Cambridge's Faculty of Education, Mainlehwon gave a public talk about the challenges facing his country.

I was brought up in a close, loving family in a bustling city in Liberia, West Africa. We weren't rich but we always had enough to eat and money for school uniform and text books. Sunday school and Bible stories gave me and my siblings a solid moral foundation.

These values helped me to survive during a terrible time in the history of my country – a period when village turned on village, children became soldiers and thousands of people were killed and maimed. My family suffered too. But many young people, who were even less fortunate than we were, were drawn into a cycle of violence, which will go on and on unless something positive is done to address it.

My own story of living through civil war – and the chaos and despair that it brought with it – may help to give an idea of what happened to many thousands of people

and why three years ago I founded the Centre for Peace Education (CPE) to work with young people in Liberia. CPE's 15 full-time teachers work with students aged 12 to 25 and the organisation has so far reached more than 2,000 youths and elders.

On Christmas Eve 1989 Charles Taylor and his National Patriotic Front of Liberia (NPFL) began a rebellion. I was 19 years old and a high school senior. I remember hearing about Taylor on television and radio; everyone was talking about him. We began stockpiling food in our house in Smell No Taste City. On the street I saw people crying as they fled the war from towns further north. Many explained that a loved-one had been killed because Taylor and his NPFL rebel forces had assumed that the person was working for the government. The rebels were also killing along tribal lines.

My father, a junior high school principal, and my mother, a local market-trader, were in fear of their lives as my father worked for the government. They could not sleep at night as they planned to escape. I wanted to protect the house and the food we'd gathered so when my family left I stayed at home alone. I had no idea of what might happen. On June 8, 1990, I was glued to my radio as I listened to Cameroon defeating Argentina, the reigning champion of World Football, in the opening match of World Cup Football. I was filled with joy.

The following day the city came under heavy attack by Taylor and his NPFL forces. I started figuring out ways to escape to a safe haven. I walked out of the house with a travel bag containing one t-shirt, trousers, a comb, a soap bar, a toothbrush, a school ID, a pair of



Mainlehwon Vonhm Benda in a classroom in Liberia

slippers, and few Liberian dollars. Half a mile from home, I thought about going back to get some food, but I was too afraid. I remembered the story in the Bible about Lot's wife, who turned into a pillar of salt when she looked back to see Sodom and Gomorrah. I knew that if I returned, I would be killed.

After walking for about 20 miles from Smell No Taste City along the road that leads to Grand Bassa, a route I took because my mother is from Grand Bassa County and I speak the local language, I reached the NPFL rebels' first checkpoint. My small bag with everything in it, and even the tennis shoes on my feet, were taken from me.

The rebels were teenagers like me, but they were dirty and had rough hair and unshaven beards. That night, I tried to sleep under a tree with some people who were also fleeing. The noise of the rebels getting high on drugs and firing guns kept us awake. In the morning I felt utterly miserable. I went into the bushes to urinate, found a stick to brush my teeth with, and a creek to wash in. This became my daily routine as I made my way through rebel-held territory.

With no map and no shoes, I walked on. As the days went by, I became angrier and angrier with the rebels. I could not express my feelings or emotions and I feared for my life. My entire body started to hurt and my feet were sore and blistered. I saw elderly people starving to death and babies left to die by the roadside by parents unable to cope. I felt hopeless for Liberia's future and what I witnessed made me cry bitterly. Each day was a matter of survival.

I was caught by the rebel forces, humiliated and tortured; the scars are still on my body. Eventually I managed to flee Liberia and for five years I lived as a refugee in several West African countries, where I worked on farms in return for food. Some days, there was no work and I went hungry. Even within the refugee camps there was a constant shortage of food, blankets and medicines. But what mattered was that I was still alive – and I never gave up hope.

In the fall of 1996 I met the principal of the elementary section of the International

Community School of Abidjan, Ivory Coast, where I had found some work. This kind man, an American, listened as I told my story. He believed in me. Through his efforts I was able to resume my education, which had been interrupted for seven years. A year after meeting him, I flew to the United States to go to university.

In 2004, I earned a Master of Arts degree in International Peace and Conflict Resolution from American University in Washington. After graduation I worked for several NGOs, including the Catholic Charities Refugee Center and the World Bank. In 2005 the World Bank flew me back to Liberia as a community development consultant.

When I arrived in Liberia I saw youths continuing to use violence as a means to sort out their differences. The civil war has created a generation that lacks a sense of a positive future and struggles to live without the guns which had become an integral part of their identity. Without their guns, and with no experience of living in peace, these young people feel like they are nothing – worthless, powerless. With their emotions barely suppressed, and with no outlet to express their feelings, I describe them like a ticking bomb, just waiting to go off. When victims and those who have victimized them are in dispute, civil war is always just around the corner. Imagine being a teacher walking into a classroom full of bright, smiling faces. Beneath these smiles lies the trauma that many of these young people live with. Some have been child soldiers. Many have been perpetrators or victims of terrible violence. There are amputees whose limbs have been blown off and had to wait months for hospital treatment. Some have seen their family members killed in front of them. In the classroom, pupils sit clustered in groups – displaced and refugees on one side, orphans on another, former child soldiers at the back.

How can these young people sit together and learn in an atmosphere of harmony and cooperation? They need help to express and resolve their differences and come to terms with the reality of their new-found peace. This is why I founded the Centre for Peace Education (CPE) to work in Liberia in schools and in local communities with children who

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do not have the means to be in schools. It's also why I have spent the last year at Cambridge doing an MPhil at the Faculty of Education to learn more about how to help young people in a post-conflict context. In June I received an offer from the Education Faculty to take my studies forward to PhD level, something that's tremendously exciting.

By Mainlehwon Vonhm Benda.

The article was written for the Research gateway of the University of Cambridge website. www.cam.ac.uk/research
To find out more about the Centre for Peace Education (CPE), visit www.peaceedu.org or peacefulliberia.blogspot.com

News from the Faraday Institute

It has been a year of successes and change at The Faraday Institute. Professor Bob White FRS, Professor of Geophysics in the Department of Earth Sciences, is now the new Director, following the retirement of Dr Denis Alexander after nearly seven years in the role. The new Associate Director, meanwhile, is Professor Meric Srokosz, from the National Oceanography Centre, Southampton, who is also the Science Co-ordinator of the NERC Rapid Climate Change (RAPID) programme. In addition, Course Director Dr Rodney Holder has chosen to retire in January 2013 and his successor will be announced shortly.

During 2012, the Institute was delighted to host three well-received courses: 'Science, Religion and Atheism' in the spring; 'God and Genetics' in September; as well as the annual Summer Course, which saw 48 delegates and 20 speakers from 18 countries come to Cambridge for a week of talks, interaction, and networking. In 2013 there will be further courses, such as 'An Introduction to Science and Religion' in March, aimed at scientists. Alongside our regular research seminars, we have also been privileged to host lectures by internationally renowned academics, including Harvard's Prof. Martin Nowak, philosopher of biology Prof. Elliott Sober, Stanford neuroscientist Prof. Bill Newsome, eminent theologian Prof. Jürgen Moltmann, and MIT's Prof. Ian Hutchinson.

As we near Christmas and a new year, there are many things to look forward to. Dr. Alexander will deliver the Gifford Lectures in December at St. Andrew's University on 'Genes, Determinism and God'. The Uses and Abuses of Biology Sub-Grants Programme has awarded 17 grants with a wide variety of exciting new projects now up and running. Research Associate Dr. Diana Beech has launched a website for the major project on faith and science research in Europe 'Restoring Spiritual Values to European Science'. The LASAR (Learning about Science and Religion) Project team has new events planned for 2013, following their recent successful event at the University of Reading, which was covered by BBC Breakfast and BBC World.

A new development this year has been the introduction of an online donations page on the Faraday website, along with a new initiative called 'Friends of the Faraday Institute' designed to help supporters

translate their interest into practical action and engagement through a tiered-membership system.

The Institute will shortly be publishing 'The Isaac Newton Guide Book' which will contain the text of the Faraday-sponsored play 'Let Newton Be!' together with eight specially commissioned essays about Newton by experts in the field. We are excited about the launch of a free smartphone app (for iPhone and Android) that will make accessing and engaging with the Institute's educational materials and events even easier. A reminder – as well as our main site, you can hear our lectures on iTunes U, as well as find us on Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube.

A final exciting piece of news is that the Institute is now offering bursaries to St. Edmund College students to fund areas of their interests and research which may fall within the domain of science and religion, interpreted broadly. This may involve financial support for attendance at conferences or courses; funding aspects of research which touch on the science-religion field; or helping those who wish to publish in this field. There are no deadlines for applications and bursaries will be awarded on a rolling basis for as long as funds last.

Overall, 2012 has been a year where the Faraday Institute has continued to broaden and deepen its activities in the areas of science and religion education, dialogue and research. We look forward to more of the same in 2013.

Any enquiries should be e-mailed to Polly Stanton at faraday.administrator@st-edmunds.cam.ac.uk



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College News



Review of the St Edmund's May Ball 2012

The May Ball of 2012 was a total triumph and this was in no small part due to the effectiveness and hard work of the organising committee and College staff. Their labours were augmented by the weather, which switched from constant and menacing rain to a benign calm just as the Ball was about to start. The enthusiasm of the College community for this year's 'Great Gatsby' theme, a hugely successful launch party earlier in the year and affordably-priced tickets meant that well over five hundred people partied the night away. Live music and dancing, silent disco, casino, dodgems, a shisha tent, and a constant supply of food and drink kept the party going until the survivors' photo at about 5am. Rather than simply using the main lawn, the Ball this year also made use of the CR, SCR and lawns either side of the maisonettes and in front of the chapel. This gave it more of an atmosphere and also meant there was somewhere warmer to retreat to if need be. The tradition of an annual May Ball at St Edmund's is now firmly established and it was clear from the number of alumni at the Ball that the Friday of May Week is a date to keep free!

Peter Allott

College Garden Party – 17 June 2012

On an unexpectedly glorious summer's day, over 500 students, Fellows, alumni, staff and guests came together to enjoy the College Garden Party. The gathered guests were entertained by an excellent jazz band, Morris dancing, a children's play tent and fairground ride, together with a buffet and Pimm's, with ice cream and a large cake sponsored by the Alumni Society.



“The British Affair”

Freshers Frenzy hit the College at the end of September, as the new intake of students arrived for an exciting year of studying and socialising. This year, Freshers' Week saw the return of the ever popular British Tea Party on the first Sunday. Students were able to relax in the College orchard with tea and a slice of cake made by Mrs Luzio whilst listening to classical piano pieces. Some people even braved the dangers of giant Jenga in the garden. The Alumni Society kindly sponsored the event this year, which enabled us to give every student a 'Survival Bag' containing essential items such as an

umbrella, a postcard (to write home), a Milky Way (to keep reaching for the stars) and an eraser (because not all ideas are great ones).

Peter Moore



St. Edmund's PhD student awarded Parliamentary Fellowship

Tessa de Roo has been awarded a joint AHRC and Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology (POST) Fellowship. The Fellowship will run for three months in the 2012-2013 academic year, during which time Tessa will assist POST with providing analyses of issues relevant to Parliament based in science and technology but also with an emphasis on Arts and Humanities concerns. Tessa is a 3rd year PhD student in Archaeology who completed her MPhil at Cambridge in 2010 focusing on isotopic analysis of archaeological cod bones in order to investigate trade and foodways in medieval Europe. Her current research focuses on climatological and cultural influences on the early Viking Age diaspora in Europe.



The Duke of Edinburgh kindly arranged for 10 St Edmund's students to attend the Diamond Jubilee Concert at Buckingham Palace on 4 June 2012, together with one guest each. Here one student writes about this memorable occasion.

My Day out at the Diamond Jubilee Concert

When I first found out that I was one of the lucky few to be attending the Diamond Jubilee Concert, it felt a little like I was Charlie Bucket and I had just won a golden ticket to see Wonka's great Chocolate Factory. Indeed, there were many parallels with Roald Dahl's book, and my experience at the concert. Exciting sounds, colourful lights and sparkling fireworks tickled all of my senses and made this such a wonderful experience. Instead of Grandpa Jo, I chose to take my sister to share the fun with me, which made the evening all the more memorable.

Everything about the concert was a tribute to Queen Elizabeth's reign of 60 years. Some of the most iconic artists from the last sixty years performed at the Queen Victoria Memorial outside Buckingham Palace on a massive nautical themed stage. Everyone from Tom Jones to Annie Lenox and Elton John belted out incredible tunes to a sea of people waving Union Jacks. My sister and I, who are both avid music lovers, felt like we were on cloud nine. There was a real sense of patriotism in the air and this was particularly heightened during the performance of the Commonwealth Band, who commanded everyone to 'Just Sing'. Kylie and Robbie Williams made the crowds get up on their feet and Paul McCartney was fabulous at the end of the show. The night was rounded off with a moving speech by Prince Charles, thanking his mother for all of her hard work and passion over the years, and a mesmerising firework display.

Humera Iqbal



News from Fellows

Theodor-Körner-Preis

Dr Sandra Brunegger has been awarded a Theodor-Körner-Preis in the field of social sciences for her research on indigenous rights in Colombia. The prize is named after Theodor Körner who was the first President of Austria to be directly elected by the people. It was established in 1953 to mark the President's 80th Birthday. The Theodor-Körner-Preis is awarded annually to promising young Austrian scholars, under the age of 40, in the fields of natural sciences, social sciences and humanities, and to artists in the fields of literature, music and visual arts.

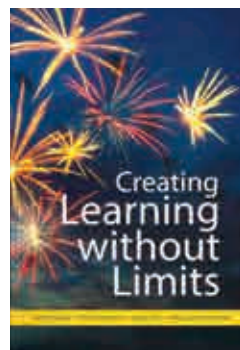
Fellow and Alumnus of St Edmund's, Dr Shahzad (Shaz) Ansari (Phd, Management Studies, 2000), has been appointed to a University Readership in the Judge Business School from 1st October 2012.

Transmission, Translation and Dissemination

Dr Elizabeth Boyle, Research Fellow at St Edmund's, co-organised a major international conference at University College Cork in September, in association with the Forum for Medieval and Renaissance Studies in Ireland (www.fmrsl.wordpress.com). Funded by the Leverhulme Trust and UCC, the conference explored the theme of 'Transmission, Translation and Dissemination in the European Middle Ages, 1000 - 1500 A.D.', and covered topics as diverse as the transmission of medieval scientific thought, contacts between medieval Christianity and Islam, and the reception of classical learning and literature in the Middle Ages. Speakers came from across Europe and the United States, and the conference was the culmination of Dr Boyle's Leverhulme Early Career Fellowship, which was held at the University of Cambridge in 2009-12.

St Edmund's Fellow Professor Edwin Chilvers, together with Dr Ian Smith, a Consultant Physician at Papworth Hospital, is responsible for developing the scientific vision for a joint Cambridge University and Papworth Hospital Heart and Lung Research Institute. Fundraising is now underway for the new Institute, which will sit alongside the anticipated new Papworth Hospital on the Cambridge Biomedical Campus. The Institute will enable a major expansion of cardiorespiratory research, education and training in Cambridge. The scientific vision has been organised under six themes: arterial disease, heart and lung failure, population studies, infection and immunity, lung cancer, and evaluation and implementation.

Recent Publications



Dr Mandy Swann

St Edmund's Fellow Dr Mandy Swann (Faculty of Education) has co-authored a new book *Creating Learning without Limits* (Open University Press, 2012).

The book tells the story of how one primary school community worked to build a learning environment that is inclusive, humane and enabling for everybody, a place free from the

damaging effects of fixed ability thinking and practices. The Learning Without Limits project is inspired by decades of research that have drawn attention to the many complex ways in which ideas of fixed ability, and the practices based on them, can limit learning.

The key concepts and principles of transformability-based pedagogy are elaborated in detail in their award-winning book, *Learning without Limits*, published by Open University Press in 2004, described by Professor Tim Brighouse as a 'book that could change the world'.



Dr Simon Mitton

In July 2012, Springer published Simon Mitton's latest academic book on the history of astronomy, in which he covers the life and scientific achievements of Thomas Gold FRS (1920 – 2004).

Cambridge was the setting for the early part of Gold's career in astronomy, cosmology, and space science. In 1948 he, together with Fred Hoyle and Hermann Bondi proposed the Steady

State theory of the universe, as a result of which all three were treated as celebrities. Gold moved to the USA in 1956, working first at Harvard University, and then from 1959 at Cornell University where he headed the department of astronomy.

When Professor Gold passed away in 2004 he was still working on an autobiography. Simon Mitton spent two years reworking this memoir in order to make it suitable for publication. Simon's previous experience as the biographer of Fred Hoyle proved invaluable in researching the details of Gold's career. According to Simon, "This book will be a major resource for historians of science working on the history of astronomy in the middle of the 20th century. Gold was a pioneer in space research – he coined the term 'magnetosphere'. His greatest single achievement was recognising

that pulsars, discovered by Cambridge radio astronomers in 1967, are rotating neutron stars."

The title of Gold's memoir "Taking the Back off the Watch" refers to an incident in his childhood when out of curiosity he dismantled an expensive watch, a birthday present from his wealthy father, in order to see how it worked. He astonished his parents by successfully re-assembling the mechanism.

Simon has been busy with his research: he has two more titles in press right now. Towards the end of 2012 Princeton will publish his historical study on the origin of structure in the universe. Springer is publishing a collection of papers on Georges Lemaître, the most famous alumnus of St Edmund's House. This volume is co-edited with Dr Rodney Holder, Bye Fellow of the College.

Announcements

New Arrivals

The College is delighted to announce that Charles Jonathan Swann was born on Easter Sunday, weighing 6lbs 11oz. Many congratulations to Mandy, Robert and William on the arrival of Charlie.



Congratulations to Former Research Fellow, Huw Williams and his wife Laura on the birth of Griffith Ernest James Williams, known as Griff. He was born at 8.04 am on Sunday 13th May weighing 7lb 9oz. Huw is now a Housemaster at Westminster School.

Congratulations to Russell Re Manning and his wife Francesca on the birth of their baby boy, Edmund Robert Re Manning, who was born at 2.08am on Tuesday 17 July, weighing in at a neat 6lb 11oz. Russell is Wine Steward for St Edmund's and is also a former Governing Body Fellow, Visiting Fellow and alumnus (PhD, Divinity, 1998). Francesca is also an alumna of the College (LLM, Law, 2001).

Obituary

Lord St John of Fawsley

The College regrets to announce that Lord St John of Fawsley, Honorary Fellow of St Edmund's, died on Friday March 2 2012 at the age of 82 at his home in London following a short illness. As Norman St-John Stevas, he served in the government of Edward Heath as minister for education and the arts and was a member of Margaret Thatcher's first cabinet as leader of the Commons. He was later Master of Emmanuel College, Cambridge.

Lord Fawsley lived in St Edmund's House for a period when he was an undergraduate and was elected an Honorary Fellow of St Edmund's in 1985. The College is honoured to have held such a long association with this great parliamentarian.

New Honorary Fellow

Former President of the Republic of Ireland appointed as Honorary Fellow

We are pleased to announce that Professor Mary McAleese has been appointed as an Honorary Fellow of St Edmunds College and the first Patron of the Von Hügel Institute. Professor McAleese served two terms as President of the Republic of Ireland from 1997-2011. Originally from Belfast, she studied law at Queen's University Belfast before working as a barrister and journalist. She was Reid Professor of Law at Trinity College Dublin and later Director of the Institute of Professional Legal Studies and Pro Vice Chancellor at QUB, where she is now Professor Emerita. Professor McAleese, said:

"I am hugely honoured to be both Patron of the VHI and an Honorary Fellow of St Edmunds College and I'm looking forward to many years of active encouragement and support of the work and life of both"

New Fellows

The following Fellows were recently inaugurated into St Edmund's College. We are delighted to welcome them to the College.

Dr Shazhad Ansari received his PhD from the Judge Business School, University of Cambridge as a member of St Edmund's College and as a Gates scholar. He then worked as an Assistant Professor at the Rotterdam School of Management, Erasmus University. Shaz joined the Judge Business School as Lecturer in 2009 and is now a Reader in Strategy, Innovation and Organization at the Judge Business School, Director of the MPhil Programme in Innovation, Strategy and Organization, Strategy representative on the PhD committee and Visiting Assistant Professor at the Rotterdam School of Management, Erasmus University. He serves on the Editorial Boards of Organization Science, Journal of Management Studies and Organization Studies, and a High Performing member of the Erasmus Research Institute of Management (ERIM). Shaz's research interests include institutional change; technological and management innovations; value creation and new market development; knowledge management, and social and environmental issues in management and has published in several leading academic journals including Academy of Management Review, Organization Science, Journal of Management Studies, Research Policy and Organization Studies. Shaz teaches on the MPhil, MOTI and Executive MBA programmes where his area of expertise in executive education includes strategic management, technological and business model innovation, and corporate social responsibility.



Dr Lars Dölken studied medicine at the Ernst-Moritz-Arndt University in Greifswald, Germany and at the University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand. He undertook six years of postdoctoral work at the Max von Pettenkofer-Institute for Hygiene and

Medical Microbiology, Munich. In parallel he received specialist training in Medical Microbiology and Virology including one year of clinical work at the Department of Haematology and Oncology, University Hospital Großhadern, Munich. Lars completed his specialist training for Microbiology, Virology and Epidemiology in June 2011 and his habilitation on "Pathogenic role of miRNAs in herpesvirus infections" at the Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität Munich in July 2011. Since September 2011 he joined the Department of Medicine at Addenbrooke's Hospital supported by an MRC Clinical Scientist Fellowship. In addition he is Honorary Consultant in Transfusion and Transplantation Virology for NHS blood and transplant.



Mr Gordon Chesterman began his career in personnel, training and recruitment as a graduate trainee for a multinational company, and in 1983 he joined a major firm of chartered accountants as their graduate recruitment manager. After a period with a small publishing company

in Cambridge and running his own training business, he joined the Careers Service in 1995 and was appointed Director in 2002.

New Research Fellows



Dr. Max Schlager is a Marie Curie postdoctoral fellow at the MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology. During his undergraduate studies Max developed a keen interest in the cytoskeleton and the many functions it fulfills within cells. For his doctoral research he chose to work in brain cells as these have particularly well-developed cytoskeletal networks, which they need

to cope with the transport demands, associated with their large size and complex shape. He characterized a set of proteins that tether cellular building blocks to tiny nano machines (known as motor proteins) that produce force by moving along the cytoskeleton. After completing his PhD he moved to the LMB to spearhead a project that aims to unravel the mechanisms that underlie the astonishing specificity of motor protein mediated transport by building a detailed model of the proteins that make up these nano machines.

Dr Ravi Shankar Sundaram was born in Mumbai, India. He received a bachelors Degree (B.Tech) in Metallurgical and Materials Engineering in 2006 from the Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur after which he moved to Ecole Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne (EPFL) in Switzerland for his Masters in Materials Science and Engineering. He continued his education at the Max Planck Institute for Solid State Research in Stuttgart, Germany where he studied the electrical properties of chemically derived graphene. During this time he moved to New York to investigate the optoelectronic properties of graphene at the IBM T.J. Watson

Research Center. Dr Sundaram moved to the Center for Advanced Photonics and Electronics at the University of Cambridge as a Marie Curie Early Stage Research fellow in 2011 after which he was awarded a PhD in Physics by Ecole Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne (EPFL) in Switzerland. He continues to study optoelectronics properties of graphene and related two dimensional materials.

New Fellow Commoner

Mr Christopher Pratt was educated at St Faith's School, Cambridge and Uppingham School, before going up to St Catherine's in 1961 where he read English, graduating with a BA and taking a Certificate of Education in 1965. He was awarded an MA in 1967 and became an Associate member of the Chartered Institute for Secretaries and Administrators in 1968. During his career Christopher has worked as Company Secretary and Director at William Sindall plc and was President of the Cambridge Association of Building Employers Federation in 1979. He also ran his own Management and Construction Consultancy Practice, and joined the main board of Freeman Group plc where he became Chairman of the construction subsidiary companies. In 1993 he was appointed Bursar and Fellow at Fitzwilliam College where he was responsible for its general and financial management as well as for relations with the Members of College worldwide. Uniquely in the College's history he was elected an Honorary Fellow in recognition of his service in restoring its finances, yet doubling its estate at the same time. Christopher has been a Trustee of the Built Environment Education Trust (Shape-East) since its formation in 1989, serving as Secretary or Treasurer for all of that time. He has organised many Lego buildings and other workshops for schools and adults. He is also a founder member of the Council Forum for the Construction Industry, became its second Chairman in 1983 and now chairs the CFCI Charitable Trust. We were very fortunate to get to know Christopher well when he was appointed our Acting Bursar in 2010 until a permanent appointment was made – Dr Richard Anthony – in 2011, followed by a year at Jesus College as Acting Senior Bursar, which has now become three years so far and the Statutes have been changed to allow him to be elected a Fellow there. So having lived in Christ's as a boy, Christopher has gone round in a circle via Cat's up the hill to Fitz, then down it via St Edmund's, almost to his starting point. Christopher is devoted to the Colleges he has served, but even more so to Claire and to his five children – two boys and three girls, Emily and Fleur at 14 and 8 being positively the last of the line.

A Great Year Start

for the Von Hügel Institute

Professor Stanley Hauerwas from Duke University in the United State delivered the Silver Jubilee VHI “Habit Matters: the Bodily character of the Virtues” on 30 October 2012. The Lecture was chaired by Professor Mary McAleese, former Irish President and more than 150 people filled the Cripps Auditorium in Magdalene College with standing room only. The VHI was very honored to have such a distinguished theologian as Professor Hauerwas to deliver this lecture. It is also honored that Professor McAleese, recently elected an Honorary Fellow of St Edmund’s and Patron of the VHI, came from Rome to chair the lecture. The Lecture was followed by a special dinner in St Edmund’s for Fellows and VHI guests.

Our 2012-2013 Lecture Series is on the theme: *Defining the Human Person in the Modern World: Multi-disciplinary perspectives.*

The first lecture in the series was delivered by Professor Simon Lee, Emeritus Professor of Jurisprudence of Queen’s University Belfast, on “Law and the Human Person”. Future lectures will look at the human person from the angles of Anglicanism, bio-ethics, work, culture and will culminate in a workshop on finance and economics.

Cardinal Paul Poupard, former President of the Pontifical Council on Culture in Rome, will speak in Lent Term on the theme of contemporary culture and the human person. Archbishop Bernard Longley of Birmingham will deliver the Lattey Lecture on Catholic Social Teaching and the Bible. All lectures will be in the Garden Room of St Edmund’s.

The VHI’s research projects have been continuing: ‘CST and the Big Society’ (Plater

Trust) is now finishing; a report on ‘Religious Freedom in International Politics’ was prepared for the Holy See’s Representative at the UN in Geneva; Frank Madsen’s project on ‘Illegal Trading in Human Organs’ is continuing; and we are about to begin a new project for the Holy See on ‘Catholic Social Teaching and Intellectual Property Law’. So a very busy year on the research front and more to come!

There have been a few changes at the VHI this term: Lidia Ripamonti joined the VHI in October 2012 as new Research Administrator. Peter Allott, her predecessor, has taken up a position as Deputy Headmaster at Ealing Abbey School London. Thanks to Peter for working with us over the past year or so and he will still help out! New Research Associates include Sarada Chatterjee who is working with Frank Madsen, Roman Cholij an intellectual property lawyer as well as a

theologian; and Anna Rowlands, previously at the Margaret Beaufort Institute and now a lecturer in theology at King’s College, London. Sara Silvestri, who teaches at London City University, continues as Research Associate.

Sadly over the summer we said goodbye to the White Cottage and moved into new (admittedly warmer) offices in the Norfolk Building. Catherine French, one of our MPhil students, is managing the VHI’s new Facebook and Twitter pages, which you can link to from our website: www.vonhugel.org.

This has been a very successful start of the year for the VHI which continues to develop in its mission to promote Catholic Social Teaching and engage with the big questions of contemporary society and culture from a Christian perspective!

Prof. John Loughlin



The VHI Team (Left to Right) Dr. Frank Madsen, Peter Allott, Dr. Sara Silvestri, Prof. John Loughlin, Dr. Anna Rowlands, Ms. Lidia Ripamonti



The Silver Jubilee Lecture by Stanley Hauerwas.

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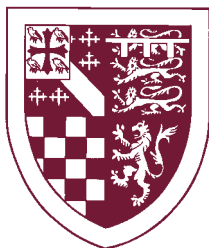
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