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A Message from the Master

Now that the Edition is produced annually, this will be my final 'Message from the Master'. I step down from the Mastership in September 2014, when I will have completed the maximum ten years in post allowed by the College Statutes. It has been an enormous privilege to be Master of St Edmund's, as it was to be a Fellow between 1987 and 2004.

When I walk around the College today it is hard to remember exactly what the College was like in 1987 with around 80 students and very different buildings to those we now enjoy. What I do most vividly recollect, from my early days, is the warmth of the welcome from Fellows, staff and students alike; the international composition of the student body and the vision of the Master Dick Laws to develop the College both academically and physically, with an overarching plan to provide more accommodation and facilities. During Dick's time, and then when Brian Heap was Master, the College made huge strides forward, and I hope that the achievements of the College during my ten years in post will be regarded in the future as a seamless continuation of the work they started.

This Michaelmas Term we have the highest number of students ever, over 440 (excluding those writing up and/or not yet examined for various graduate degrees), with 70% graduates, 70% men, 70% non-British and 70 nationalities represented. We accommodate on site over 260 students with a further 30 in nearby residences leased this year from a neighbouring College.

Although my period as Master was defined by the Governing Body decisions in my first year to borrow large sums and start a major new phase of building completed in 2007, it is now very clear that we must once again face up to the need to provide additional student facilities and yet further accommodation. We now have a new development plan agreed by the Governing Body that is described later in this issue of the Edition. When we look back and realise that the College has spent the best part of £20 million on buildings in the past 25 years, I suggest that it is neither unreasonable nor unrealistic for us to expect to spend an equivalent or greater sum on new buildings over the next quarter century.

The Fellows have shown tremendous unity, enthusiasm, confidence and optimism in

establishing the new development plan. What is eventually built may be somewhat different from our current plan, but I will be surprised if the overall massing of buildings doesn't closely resemble what we have now outlined. Of course, one cannot build without money and therefore the College has established the Master's Development Fund. I hope that this year we can raise sufficient funds to allow the College to commence the detailed design of new buildings in earnest.

In this issue of the Edition you will find much to demonstrate the healthy state of the College on many fronts from the academic and sporting achievements of our students to the vibrancy of our two research institutes and the Chapel. Our new Dean, Father Alban McCoy, is already as central a figure in College life as the most illustrious of his predecessors. You will also find an article about a former Fellow Commoner, the late Toby Jackman, who left the College a major legacy that will allow us to establish a stipendiary Research Fellowship to support a young academic. Toby was a great character who visited the College annually for many years. His gift to the College undoubtedly recognizes his perception of the warmth and cordiality of our community. I know that he was very appreciative of being looked after by our domestic and administrative staff and equally positive about my wife Jane's home made marmalade that she continued to send him when he moved into a nursing home in Canada. Toby loved Burns Suppers at St Edmund's and he left us a separate and more modest sum for investment with the instruction that the interest should pay for Burns Night whisky.

I believe that the cordial ethos of the College, so apparent when I first joined, is still very much alive notwithstanding the almost exponential growth of our community. I am confident that whoever the Fellows elect as the next Master will continue to nurture that ethos and will be very successful in the further development of the College. The



election is expected in late January. I hope that you will all give the next Master as much support, encouragement and friendship as you have given me.

Paul Luzio
Master

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Credits and thanks

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News from the Development Office

Welcome to the 12th issue of *The Edition*

It has been a very busy few months, as the College has been finalising its new strategic plan for the future which is outlined on page 4. The plan is particularly concerned with the enlarging of student facilities to accommodate a four-fold increase in students since the 1990s. The feedback from alumni, Fellows and current students has to date been very positive.

It was wonderful to welcome a record number of alumni to the Alumni Festival Concert and Dinner at the end of September and to the Alumni Society Annual Dinner in London in November. In addition to the regular programme of events, we have been working on a new fundraising initiative "The Master's Development Fund". The Fund has been created to mark the retirement of Paul Luzio as Master. It will be a lasting testament to Paul's 27 years service to the College, as a Fellow (1987- 2004) and Master (2004-2014), and Paul is delighted that enhancement of student facilities, as detailed in the new plan, will be the first priority for the Fund.

We are very keen to hear your feedback on the strategic plan and the Fund. Please do email development@st-edmunds.cam.ac.uk. A donation form is also included on page 24. 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 to the Fund as an investment in the future of the College and in honour of Paul Luzio.

Finally we should introduce ourselves as the Development Office Team: Kerry Eady, Amy Reeve, and Jo Raines. We are all new to the Office since the last issue of the *The Edition*. Kerry joined the College in January, working part-time and jointly for the Master's Office and the Development Office, having previously worked at Trinity Hall. Amy started at St Edmund's in August in a new role of full-time Alumni Relations Assistant having worked in admissions at Kingston University. Finally, Jo Raines joined in September to cover Katharine Cantell's maternity leave. Jo previously worked at the University of Cambridge's Development Office. We are also very pleased to tell you that Katharine had a daughter, Isla, in October, a sister for Harry.

We hope you enjoy this issue of *The Edition* and wish you all the best for the festive season and for a happy and healthy 2014.

Jo Raines Amy



The Master's Development Fund

To mark the retirement of Professor Paul Luzio as Master of St Edmund's, the College is establishing 'The Master's Development Fund' in his honour. The Fund will be a lasting testament to Paul Luzio's 27 years service to St Edmund's College, and the Master would like the enhancement of student facilities to be the first priority for the fund. Areas such as the Dining Hall and CR are much the same as when St Edmund's had a quarter of its current 450 students and urgently need to be expanded to suit the College's existing and future needs. The development of student facilities will form the first phase of a visionary College Plan that will be implemented over the next 20 years, and the Master's Development Fund will be vital to bringing that Plan to fruition.

Every donation, no matter how small, made to the Master's Development Fund is much more than just a financial contribution. By supporting St Edmund's, alumni and friends are making a personal expression of commitment and pride in the College. All funds that you donate will be put to constructive use and really will make a difference to our students and our facilities.

As well as singular donations, setting up a regular gift by direct debit is a great way to help St Edmund's because committed giving helps us to plan for the future with confidence.

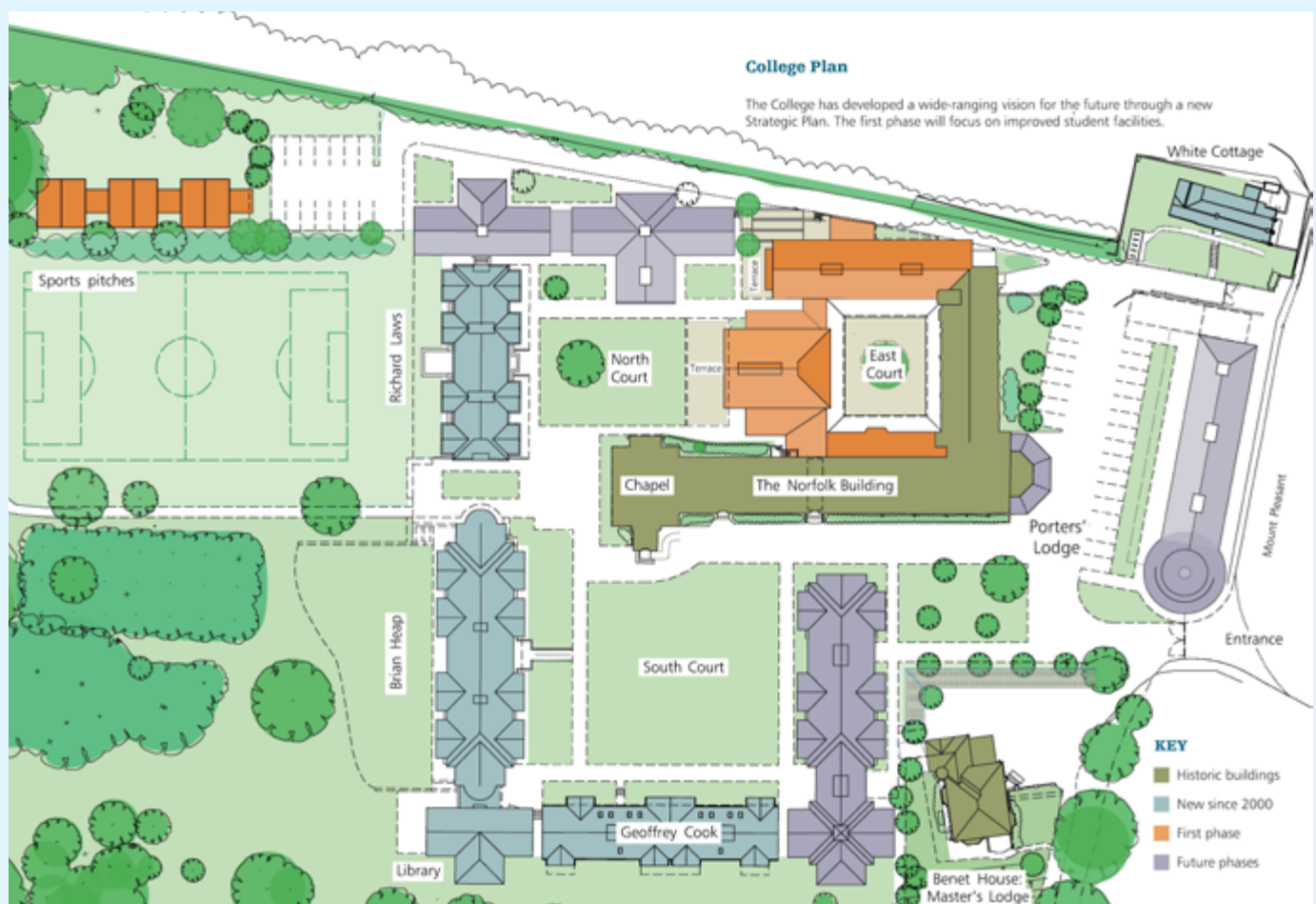
Please Gift Aid your donations if you can, as it makes a huge difference, at no extra cost to you.

Please find the brochure outlining further details of the Master's Development Fund and the College's Strategic plan online.

If you would like to contribute to the Master's Development Fund, please complete the donation form and return to the address given.

Alternatively, you can make a secure and tax efficient donation online by visiting the College website. Donors who are US taxpayers can also give online through the Cambridge in America link.

Simply go to www.st-edmunds.cam.ac.uk/giving to donate online now.



Introducing...

Father Alban McCoy

St Edmund's New Dean



Father Alban joined us here at St Edmund's at the start of the Michaelmas term 2013. He was educated at the Universities of Kent and Oxford. After ordination as a priest in the Franciscan Order, he served as a curate in a rural parish in Lincolnshire, was for three years a Chaplain in the Royal Air Force, before becoming Guardian, Master of Clerics and Dean of Studies at the Franciscan Study Centre, Canterbury. Moving to London, he became Dean of Philosophy at the Westminster Diocesan Seminary, before coming to Cambridge in 1998, first as assistant for two years, then as senior Catholic Chaplain to the University. Since 1995 he has also worked for The Tablet, the London-based international Catholic weekly newspaper, as book reviews editor. He has had several books published.

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What made you come to St Edmund's?

Nothing *made* me come, as such. I chose to apply because I had come to the end of 15 years as Senior Catholic Chaplain to the University and by a fortunate coincidence the Deanship had become vacant. I knew of St Edmund's long before I came to Cambridge: it was well-known even then for its friendliness and for being unique among all other Oxbridge Colleges in having a Catholic Chapel and Dean. I felt the atmosphere would suit me perfectly and that there was great work to be done here.

What has been the most surprisingly thing about St Edmund's?

How, despite its exponential expansion, St Edmund's has preserved its characteristic friendliness and its strong sense of solidarity across the whole staff. The College's phenomenal growth in such a short space of time is a credit to those who have led the College, especially the current Master, who has presided over the expansion.

What do you feel that the future holds for St Edmund's?

St Edmund's feels like a College of the future already, a template for the next generation. The emphasis here is on community rather than hierarchy and on student welfare rather than prestige. It is a genuine community of learning and the

potential for cross-fertilisation of disciplines makes for a perfect academic environment. The expansion of the University into North West Cambridge means that St Edmund's will be at the epicentre, rather than on the edge of the University, which could prove to be a “game-changing” consideration for the future of the College.

What made you decide to dedicate your life to the Church?

Well, even after nearly 40 years, I am still more surprised than anybody to find myself a priest. But the idea cut across my path, as it were, such that I just couldn't ignore the sense that, of all the things I'd thought of doing, none seemed more worthwhile or a greater privilege. I still think that after all this time.

If you could invite three guests from history or literature to a Formal Hall at Eddies who would you invite and why?

Charles II, because he was the jolliest king England ever had and would doubtless have some great friends to bring along; Samuel Pepys, because he was so attractively human, someone you feel you already know from his diaries, whose view of the world is so easy to relate to; and Giulia Farnese, known as ‘Giulia la Bella’, because she was reputedly the most beautiful woman in Rome at the time, the sister of one Pope and the favourite mistress of another.

College Events



College Garden Party – 16 June 2013

In between bouts of drizzle, the sun unexpectedly emerged from behind the clouds just in time for over 500 students, Fellows, alumni, staff and guests to come 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, Pimm's, ice cream and a large cake sponsored by the Alumni Society.

The May Ball – 21 June 2013

The dodgems were revving to go, the red carpet was unrolled, the laser quaser guns were fully charged, the hog roast was sizzling and the men's VIII boat was overflowing with ice and ginger beer. It can only mean that the May Ball was upon us. This year it fell on 21st June, meaning we had even more daylight to explore the nooks and crannies of the College grounds. This year's hard grafting Committee took their inspiration from the date to create a Midsummer's Night; a celebration of the Summer Solstice.

Having carried the rowing boat from the boathouse (after the now infamous failed attempt to carry a punt to College), I was delighted to find it filled with chilled drinks and snacks which kept us going through until 5am. The College orchard was converted into a magical wood with skiffs of light provided by candles and rugs to lounge on as we sipped cocktails, smoked shisha and caught up with old friends. Entertainment was, as always, provided not just by the musicians but also by the attempts by ladies in long ball gowns to sit in dodgems and charge around obstacle courses firing at each other. The rain kept off until 4am and then the umbrellas emerged en masse along with the croissants. A great night and morning was had by all and praise must go the Committee, College Staff and the odd College member who chipped in last minute to make the night a roaring success as always.

Peter Moore, Veterinary Medicine, 2007

The May Ball – Worthy Causes

St Edmund's May Ball raised £3000 for chosen charities; East Anglia Children's Hospice (EACH), Jimmy's Night Shelter, and Centre for Peace Education. Both EACH and Jimmy's Night Shelter are local charities, while the Centre for Peace Education is an initiative founded by a recent alumnus of the College, Mainlehwon Ebenezer Vonhm. A small donation was also kindly made to supply tea, cake and other refreshments to new students and their visiting families during Freshers' Week.

'A British Affair' - Afternoon Tea Party for Freshers - 4 October 2013

St Edmund's College Staff, Fellows and returning students gave a warm welcome to our new students this Michaelmas term. The CR organised many exciting events for 'Freshers' Week' including walking tours of Cambridge, live band nights, punting tours and pub quiz nights in Eddie's bar. The Alumni Society kindly funded 'A British Affair Tea Party' which the CR organised as a way for students old and new to mingle in an informal and very 'British' way. The students were invited to relax in the Garden Room and orchard and to enjoy drinks and nibbles.



College News

Dr Varmus Visits St Edmund's

The Master, Professor Paul Luzio, and his wife, Jane, were delighted to host Dr Harold Varmus and his wife, Constance Casey, during their recent visit to Cambridge. The University of Cambridge awarded Dr Varmus the titular degree of Doctor of Science, *honoris causa*, at an Honorary Degree Congregation in the afternoon of Tuesday 18th June 2013.

Dr Harold Varmus MD is Director of the National Cancer Institute and was co-recipient of a Nobel Prize for studies of the genetic basis of cancer, he was also nominated by President Obama as Director of the National Cancer Institute on May 17th, 2010. He previously served as President and Chief Executive of Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Centre (MSKCC) and as Director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

Dr Varmus and Ms Casey stayed in one of the College's apartments during their visit and a special dinner was held in Dr Varmus' honour on Monday 17th June 2013. The dinner was hosted by the Master and attended by invited guests, Fellows and their spouses and students.

Dr Varmus and Ms Casey were given a tour of Kettle's Yard and were accompanied on a tour of the Fitzwilliam Museum by our Life Fellow, Revd Dr Geoffrey Cook and his wife, Pat. Their visit ended with a visit to the Botanic Garden with Dr Tim Upton, the Acting Director. Dr Varmus even managed to squeeze in a match of Real Tennis with Professor Sir Steve O'Rahilly, but we don't know who won!

It was a pleasure and an honour for the College to have such wonderfully distinguished visitors.



Dr Varmus dines with St Edmund's students (reading from left to right), Mr Joe Chin-Hun Kuo (PhD, Biological Science), Dr Rouchelle Sriranjani (MPhil, Clinical Science), Dr Varmus and Miss Ruiling Xu (PhD, Oncology)

Former Visiting Scholar's Entry in a Top Journal

Congratulations to **Eiichi Iwasaki** (former Visiting Scholar) who has had a paper with Professor Andrew Radford (of the University of Essex, a world renowned linguist and an alumnus of Trinity College, Cambridge) accepted by *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory (NLLT)*, a top journal in the field of generative linguistics.

Obituary

Anne Fitzalan-Howard, Duchess of Norfolk

The College is sad to announce that Anne, Duchess of Norfolk, died peacefully at home on 8th April 2013.

Anne Fitzalan-Howard, Duchess of Norfolk, CBE (born 30th August 1927) was a British peeress. Born as Anne Mary Teresa Constable-Maxwell, she was the eldest daughter of Wing Commander Gerald Constable-Maxwell and his wife, Caroline. On 4th July 1949, she married Hon. Miles Fitzalan-Howard, the eldest son of Bernard Fitzalan-Howard, 3rd Baron Howard of Glossop and his wife, Mona. He inherited his cousin's dukedom of Norfolk in 1975 and she became Duchess of Norfolk. They had five children, two sons and three daughters. In 1992 the Duchess was appointed a CBE for her work as Founder and Co-Chair of Help the Hospices.

The Duchess of Norfolk was mother to the present Duke, Edward, who is one of our Honorary Fellows. The College was originally founded as St Edmund's House in 1896 by the 15th Duke of Norfolk in close collaboration with Baron Anatole von Hugel and St Edmund's College, Ware.

Mr Kenneth Emsley

St Edmund's College is sad to record the death of Mr Kenneth Emsley (1921 – 2012) a friend and donor to the College. Kenneth Emsley was company secretary at Smith and Hardcastle Ltd, mill furnishers, before coming up to Cambridge to study law at St John's College in 1964. He subsequently lectured at Sunderland Polytechnic and ended his career as Senior Lecturer in Law at Leeds Polytechnic. He had a great love of the history of Yorkshire and was an active member of the Yorkshire Archaeological Society.

His generosity to St Edmund's College allowed the creation and endowment of annual Emsley Prizes for History and Natural Sciences. Additionally, the College is the grateful beneficiary of one third of Mr Emsley's residuary estate, which is to be used for the general purposes of the College. We are grateful for such generosity and his gift, together with our fond memories of him, will contribute to his meaningful legacy.

College Prizes and Blues

We would like to highlight the academic success achieved by our students by congratulating the following who have all been awarded College prizes for the 2012/13 academic year.

The Claydon Prize for PhDs in Economics Subjects was awarded to **Michael Salvagno** (Politics and International Studies).

The Claydon Prize for non PhDs in Economics Subjects was awarded to **Samuel Ashcroft** (Economics).

The Coventry Prize for Theology was awarded to **Lorne Zelyck** (Divinity).

The Emsley Prize for Science was won by **Andy Wood** (Biology).

The Emsley Prize for Historical Subjects was awarded to **Charis Charalampous** (English).

The Jackman Prize for all PhDs except Economics was won by **Sarah Kozar** (Medicine).

The Robin Chatterjee prize for highest mark in MPhil in Finance was awarded to **Dai Li**.

Each year the Simon Boniface Prize is awarded for the highest Tripos marks in the final MB exam. This year the award went to **Mathias Lidgren**.



The Cherry Hume Prize, which is given for scientific fieldwork or travel has been awarded to **Emma Smith** (Earth Sciences). Emma’s plan is to use it to pay for accommodation and travel as she is going to study for six weeks with Professor Mike Kendall at Bristol University. During her stay she will learn a technique to analyse anisotropy in microseismic data (from recordings made in the Antarctic).

Blues and Half Blues Awarded

Congratulations to the following St Edmund’s students who were each awarded Blues and Half Blues for the academic year 2012/13.

Sam Ashcroft	Cross Country	Full
	Athletics	Half
Grace Stafford	Fencing	Full
Sachun Jivani	Hockey	Full
Douglas Morton	Modern Pentathlon	Full
Steve Dudek	Rowing	Full
Alexander Scharp	Rowing	Full
Matthew Steele	Rugby	Full
Nate Brakeley	Rugby Union	Full
Robert Malaney	Rugby Union	Full
James Shacklock	Tennis	Full
Catherine French	Alpine skiing	Half
Thor Richardson	Ice Hockey	Half
Gillian Brooks	Ice Hockey	Half
Michael Bockmayr	Judo	Half
Samuel Dahan	Kickboxing	Half
	Taekwondo	Half
Josh Hooper	Rowing	Goldie



News From Alumni

Congratulations and well done to **Ms Yijing Li** (MA, Economics, 2003) who took part in the Trailwalker Challenge, in July, in aid of Oxfam and the Gurkha Welfare Trust. Ms Li, along with team members (who are also her work colleagues at Mitsubishi UFJ Securities International plc) took on the UK's No 1 team challenge which was originally started over 30 years ago as a training exercise to test soldiers' stamina, determination and teamwork skills. The challenge involves hiking 100km non-stop across the South Downs, in under 30 hours in teams of four. Despite adverse weather conditions- hot and humid during the day, rain and thunder



in the evening- and steep climbs, she and five other team members successfully completed the walk in just over 24 hours, raising over £4000 for chosen charities

G.M. Malliet (MPhil, Psychology, 1985) has had the second novel of the Max Tudor crime series, *A Fatal Winter* published in the UK. The *New York Times* said of the novel:

'There are certain things you want in a village mystery: a pretty setting, a tasteful murder, an appealing sleuth . . . Malliet delivers all that.'

The third novel in the series, *Pagan Spring* has been released in the US to high praise and will be available in the UK soon.

We wish G.M. Malliet every success with her upcoming UK release.



Mr Tom de Freston (BA, History of Art, 2005) has recently had a new exhibition unveiled *Paintings After Shakespeare* at the Globe, London. The solo exhibition presented a selection of new large scale paintings produced over the last two years, continuing the artist's engagement with tragedy in literature. William Shakespeare's plays have

long been a rich source of inspiration for de Freston's ongoing experiments with essential themes of humanity such as self reflection, conflict, loss, fear and mortality. The exhibition runs until 20 December 2013. Mr de Freston also has an exhibition, *The Charnel House*, at Breese Little Gallery, London, running until 11 January 2014.

Announcements

Marriages



Congratulations to **Mr Mark Ranby** (Diploma in Theology and Religious Studies, 2009) who married Ms Sarah White on January 11 2013 at the Church of the Holy Name in Dunedin, New Zealand. Mark and his wife currently reside in Christchurch where he works

as a Professional Development Manager for the Crusaders, assisting professional players with putting together a plan for their life after rugby. The new Mrs Ranby is a high school English teacher.

New Arrivals

Many congratulations to **Mrs Nina Armitage-Lyon** (BA, Law, 2002) on the birth of her baby girl - Celeste Patience Armitage-Lyon who was born on 6 May 2013.

Obituary

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of **Mr Kelby Hicks**, (Geography) a student of St Edmund's who was found dead on fieldwork at Colima Volcano, Mexico on 15 April 2013, at the age of 31. He died of apparently natural causes, heart failure, and was discovered at his remote field camp on the volcano. His family said they found comfort in the knowledge that Kelby died doing what he loved.

Kelby was adventurous, brave, kind, loving, and most of all,



passionate. Kelby is survived by his loving wife, Anna, his dog, Buddy, and the hundreds of people who he called friends. A memorial service for Kelby Hicks was held at St. Edmund's College Chapel on 26 April 2013.

Recent Alumni Society Events

The 'University Challenge Quiz Night' – 19 January 2013

Three teams of students, alumni and Fellows braved icy temperatures and snowy conditions to battle it out to be crowned College Champions at the annual 'University Challenge Quiz' in January. Thank you to the Alumni Society for providing the refreshments and to all the participants.

The Master presided over the proceedings as Quizmaster and Jane Luzio kindly kept the score. At half time, it was a closely fought contest, but ultimately the Fellows won with a score of 275, versus 170 for the students and 130 for the alumni. A good crowd of supporters were there to cheer on the teams and everyone enjoyed themselves.

Annual Alumni Society Drinks Event – 27 February 2013

The Annual Alumni Society Drinks event was held at Davy's Wine Bar in St James's, London. A group of 23 alumni and their guests gathered and enjoyed catching up with one another as well as the great food and wine. We were pleased to see a good cross-section of our alumni population, with matriculation dates ranging from 1972 to 2011. There was a number of alumni that had been at the College in the late 1990s, most of who had not seen each other for a number of years. We hope to see even more of you at next year's event.



The 2013 Annual 2020 Boat Club Dinner - 30 March 2013

It has become a tradition that the St Edmund's College Boat Club Alumni Dinner (the 2020 Dinner) is held on the eve of the Oxford v Cambridge Boat Race. This year it held at the RAF Club, London. It is exactly twenty years since St Edmund's had its first Blues oarsmen and all three of our Blues from the 1993 crew, Malcolm Baker, Jon Bernstein and Richard Phelps were present along with a couple of non-St Edmund's '93 Blues who joined us for drinks afterwards. Jon and Malcolm flew in from the US to attend the 2020 dinner and to take part in the CUBC tradition of 20th anniversary crews having a paddle on the tideway mid-morning before the actual Boat Race. We were also delighted to welcome to the dinner our 1998 Blues, Graham Smith, Alex Story and Marc Weber along with their '98 CUBC crewmate Brad Crombie on their 15th anniversary. The '98 Blue boat also had an outing on the river with the rest of their 1998 crew even earlier the next day at 7.30am. Despite these next morning fixtures, the old Blues seemed to enjoy the evening as much as other current and former St Edmund's rowers and all the spouses, partners and guests. During his speech at the end of the dinner, the Master pointed out that the men's first boat had risen to 26th

Back Row from left: Brad Crombie, Alex Story, Hardy Cubasch, Richard Phelps, Malcolm Baker, James Behrens ('93 CUBC President), Jon Bernstein

Middle Row : Annamarie Phelps, Graham Smithby, John Moriarty (current St Edmund's Boat Club Captain) Marc Weber, Eamon Katter
Front Row: Bernard Buckley, Paul Luzio, Jane Luzio, Ollie Slack (a Rugby Blue)

in the Mays compared to 79th when the '93 Blues rowed for the College. He also explained that the College Boat Club had ordered its first brand new eight (for the women), with the help of a significant single donation and the support of alumni. In addition, the Master presented Annamarie Phelps, the Chairman of CUWBC, with a cheque from the College towards the development of training facilities for the CUWBC squad. The Master noted that the Cambridge Women's Boat would be racing from Oxford to Putney to Mortlake for the first time in 2015. A particular feature of this year's dinner was an impromptu speech by Bernard Buckley, a founder member of the St Edmund's Boat Club. Bernard regaled the assembled diners with some fascinating anecdotes of rowing in the 1960s, not least the story of the College Boat Club's first ever outing, when Mike Smith, from New Zealand, put his foot through the bottom of the boat, resulting in a two week delay before any actual rowing got started.

Recent Alumni Society Events

College Alumni Festival Concert and Dinner – 28 September 2013

The College held its annual Alumni Festival Concert and Dinner and guests enjoyed a wonderful 'Wander Through French Mélodies' by Soprano Soloist Marie Lemaire, accompanied by Matthew Pritchard on the piano.

After drinks in the Garden Room, the guests were treated to a delicious five course dinner and an entertaining speech from Professor Christopher Rapley CBE, Professor of Climate Science at University College London and recently appointed Chair of the London Climate Change Partnership (LCCP). Professor Rapley is an Honorary Fellow of St Edmund's and was awarded a CBE in 2003 for his services to the Environmental Sciences. His previous posts include Director of the Science Museum London, Director of the British Antarctic Survey



and Executive Director of the International Geosphere- Biosphere Programme (IGBP) at the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences in Stockholm.

Alumni Society Annual London Dinner - 6 November 2013

We were delighted to welcome 28 people to the dinner at the Oxford and Cambridge Club. Alumni with matriculation dates ranging from 1971

to 2009, and every decade in between, attended and listened to an amusing and informative speech from student, alumna and now Fellow, Nathalie Walker. Nathalie, now Director of External Affairs at Cambridge Judge Business School, reminisced about her time at Eddie's as a student and her return to the College as a Fellow. She noted in particular how the same kindness, care and attention to the individual needs of students were still so obviously the ethos of the institution.

Forthcoming Alumni Events

St Edmund's University Challenge Quiz Night - Saturday 18 January 2014

St Edmund's will be hosting its ever popular University Challenge Quiz Night on Saturday 18th January 2014. Three teams comprised of alumni, Fellows and students, will battle it out once again to take the crown of Eddie's Eggheads. They will face diabolically difficult questions from the Master Paul 'Paxman' Luzio. The evening will take place in the Garden Room in College, with the quiz starting at 7.30pm. The event is free, thanks to a generous subsidy from the Alumni Society, who will also be providing wine, soft drinks and nibbles.

We would love to welcome Alumni back to the College to help cheer on the teams as spectators. In order to assist

with the catering, we would appreciate it if you could let us know if you will be attending by emailing Kerry Eady at development@st-edmunds.cam.ac.uk.

Annual Alumni Society Drinks Event - 26 February 2014

The St Edmund's Alumni Society welcomes you to join its annual winter get-together in London at Davy's in St James's from 7pm onwards. 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 Kerry Eady at development@st-edmunds.cam.ac.uk.

Guest Night Dinner - Friday 21 March 2014

The St Edmund's Alumni Society invites alumni to dine for free at a special College Guest Night Dinner. The Alumni Society kindly subsidises the cost of the three course dinner for up to 30 alumni. Alumni are welcome to bring guests at a cost of £30 per person, inclusive of VAT. To book please visit the College website at www.st-edmunds.cam.ac.uk



The Early Days of Benet House

by Dr Peter Jackson, Emeritus Fellow

Benet House, next door to the College in Mount Pleasant, continues to be extremely beneficial to St Edmund's. It has been used for student and staff accommodation and to provide office space for the institutes associated with the College. Currently, the Faraday Institute occupies the ground floor. There are four large category three student rooms and two small category one student rooms and two further rooms for the accommodation of couples. Before the Library Building was constructed, Benet House also provided space for the College music room and the gym.

The Matthew Family and the Garden House

I wonder how many members of the College know that Benet House was originally a private house built by Arthur Matthew in 1897. The house was first named as The Garden House even though there was already another house (later a hotel) of that name at the bottom of Little St Mary's Lane in Cambridge. Ninety nine year leases were negotiated by St John's College enabling some of their tenants to build houses in their leisure gardens. Many of the neighbouring large houses built in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century are still in use for student accommodation.

Arthur Matthew was a member of the Matthew family who ran a large grocery shop Matthew & Son in Trinity Street in the premises now occupied by Heffers Book Shop. The family ran the shop from its foundation in 1832 until 1962. Arthur was born over the shop in 1850 and was the fourth son of John Matthew. Arthur was one of thirteen tenants of St John's College who rented a leisure garden. Arthur's plot was in Mount Pleasant but originally extended to Madingley Road. The rent for the gardens was £7 per year and each leisure garden had a summerhouse and water laid on. The gardens were rented by Cambridge businessmen and Fellows and servants of the colleges who lived in the town. The gardens provided them with the chance to create a quiet garden away from the busy, cramped and noisy streets of Cambridge.

Research has shown that between 1830 and 1925 there were seven sets of Leisure Gardens in West Cambridge comprising 110 gardens altogether. Three groups of these gardens: The Madingley Road gardens, The Drake's Spring gardens and The Old Grange Farm Gardens were fairly close together. The Drake's Spring gardens now belong to St Edmund's College and the Old Grange Farm gardens are now occupied by Westminster College. Other groups of leisure gardens in Cambridge were The Grange Road Gardens in the road of that name; the Holy Sepulchre gardens and the Barton Road Gardens were in Barton Road. The Paradise Gardens were at Newnham Croft.

Arthur Matthew was a genial host with many interests. He was a sportsman, horticulturalist, local politician and later a family man. He was Honorary Secretary of the Cambridge Horticultural Society for seventeen years and sold vegetables grown in his garden in the family shop. In his role as Secretary of the Horticultural Society he organized an annual show in the Fellows' garden of either St John's or Trinity College. Arthur was also a keen cyclist and a member of the Cambridge Cycle Club. He hosted a garden party for members of the Bicycle Club in the garden in 1880. On other occasions he invited his bachelor friends to play bowls in the garden and to have supper in the summerhouse. Glee singing often follows this.



The Early Days of Benet House



Maude and her son Bernard Matthew having tea in the garden of The Garden House circa 1905

Arthur joined the family business in 1879 following the death of his brother, Henry. He went into partnership with his father, John, in 1884. John Matthew died in 1889 and the business became a limited company in 1895. Arthur became a Town Councilor in 1885 and an Alderman in 1903. He was also Chairman of the Volunteer Fire Brigade.

Arthur Matthew married Maude Illsley at St Andrew's church Chesterton in 1898. He was aged 47 at the time of his marriage and Maude was only 19. After a honeymoon in Brighton they moved into their newly built house in Mount Pleasant which had been designed by Cambridge architect Ernest Gosling. They had a live in staff of four and a gardener. A boy came from the Trinity Street shop each morning at 8.00am to help clean boots and sharpen knives. A frequent visitor to the house was a highly skilled needlewoman, Miss Danns, who walked up from her home near the Catholic Church and sometimes stayed overnight. Miss Danns had made much of Maude Matthew's trousseau before her marriage in 1898 and continued to call regularly to make layettes for the babies. Mrs. Matthew referred to her as a 'Dear, charming person with a quiet and humorous manner.' She also stood in for the nanny or the governess and continued to sew until she was nearly ninety years old. Despite her youth Maude Matthew took an active part in the social life of her day. She held 'At Homes' at the Garden House and left cards with other middle class ladies.

A hamper full of washing was sent each week by one of the Matthew and Son horse - drawn vans to Mrs Bailey a washerwoman in Auckland Road. The hamper with the clean laundry was returned on Friday.

After his marriage Arthur continued to invite his friends for meals. Arthur and Maude had three sons Gordon, Bernard and David and very soon found it necessary to build an extension onto The Garden House. The distinctive cupola at the back of the house was designed to screen the roof joint between the original building and the extension. The extension enabled extensive kitchens to be built downstairs with a nursery wing up stairs where the nanny presided. A small verandah was added to the South side of the house in the 1920s. A telephone was installed with the number Cambridge 97.

Sadly, Arthur Matthew became unwell with kidney problems in 1910. In that year he had plans drawn up by Mr Innes Stuckey of Piccadilly,

London, for full landscaping of the garden. A path surrounding the house was planned and another was at the periphery of the garden.

A sloping flowerbed was proposed for the west side of the house. There were two greenhouses, a stable and a 'house for fowls.' It is not known if all the plans came to fruition. Arthur's health deteriorated further and he died in 1917 aged 66 years. An obituary described him as a 'Highly esteemed townsman.' Maude Matthew continued to live at the Garden House until the lease was sold when her middle son Bernard was married in 1934. Maude then moved to a house at 21, Madingley Road for a short while before moving to Eastbourn. She moved back to a flat in Grange Road towards the end of her life. Maude died in 1968 aged 90 years. Arthur is buried at the Ascension Parish Burial Ground on All Souls' Lane. His gravestone reads 'Arthur Matthew, The Garden House.'

Bernard Matthew was only 17 when his father died. He gained a place at Clare College in 1918 where he read Economics and Chemistry. Unusually, he lived at home rather than in college. He retained a close link with Clare throughout his life. After leaving Clare, Bernard worked as a trainee at Harrods in London and at Grimby Hughes who were high - class grocers in Oxford. Bernard returned to the Trinity Street Shop in 1923 and would remain there for nearly forty years. He became Managing Director of the family firm in 1937 and remained in that post until the business was sold in 1962.

He was very active in public life being a Rotarian, a Freemason and a Magistrate. Bernard died in 1988 aged 88 years. He has been described as being 'A calm, conscientious, dependable man.'

Major C Braithwaite Wallis

Major C Braithwaite Wallis, MA, LLB, FGS, FRGS who had been in the Diplomatic Service lived at Benet House from 1935 – 1936 and his gardener was allowed to place garden rubbish on the garden tip at St Edmund's. Access to St Edmund's was through a special gate on the west side of Benet House. Unfortunately, the amount of rubbish from the Benet House garden became excessive and the gardener's



Arthur and Maude Matthew whilst on holiday in 1902

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barrow wore a path across St Edmund's lawns. After a polite exchange of letters between the Major and the Master of St Edmund's the arrangement ceased.

The Benedictine Order and Benet House

Despite the Roman Catholic Relief Act of 1829, Catholic students were prevented from attending Cambridge University until 1892. After that time they were allowed to attend provided they received lectures on Catholic theology. The Oxford and Cambridge Education Board was set up to consider how best to care for Catholic Undergraduates. The Benedictine Order from Downside Abbey initially leased a house in Hobson Street from Christ's College in 1896 which they named Benet House. Those who resided at Benet House had to be members of another Cambridge College and apply for university entry in the usual way. The house closed during the First World War and in 1919 the Order moved to a larger house in Park Terrace and later to another house in Brooklands Avenue. The name 'Benet House' was taken on to each new house. Lack of candidates caused closure of the house until 1938 but Father M Pontifex OSB and members of the Benedictine Order moved to the Garden House in Mount Pleasant which they leased from St John's College in 1936. The Order changed the house's name to Benet House. During the 1950s the demand for places at Benet House fell and the Benedictine Order finally decided to move out of Benet House in 1992. Downside Abbey retained their lease of the property with St John's College but sublet the house to St Edmund's College in 1992 when about twenty years of the lease remained. Prior to 1992 a number of St Edmund's students had already lodged in Benet House. Although they lived next door to St Edmund's House, members of the Benedictine Order did not attend mass regularly there. They built their own wooden chapel in the grounds of Benet House. St Edmund's College agreed a new 99 year lease of Benet House with St John's College in May 2006.

A Personal Note

'Matthew's' as they were called were the principal grocers in Cambridge for many years. In addition to their main shop in Trinity Street they owned Matthew's Café at 14 Trinity Street. My mother took my sister and I into the café whenever we went to Cambridge on Saturdays. Mr Bernard Matthew was often there having his morning



Early photograph of the Garden House and Garden

coffee. In addition to the main shop there were a number of smaller branches. During the war Matthew's coped with the difficulties of food rationing. Their representative called on us each week to take our order which was delivered by van later in the week.

In the summer of 1955 I worked as a temporary van driver for Matthew and Son for a number of weeks after leaving school in Cambridge and before going to Edinburgh University. I worked mostly on the wholesale round delivering groceries to the Cambridge Colleges and hotels and also to Matthew's branch shops. Driving in Cambridge was much easier in those days but buses and other heavy vehicles still used Trinity Street. We had to back the vans into Matthew's entrance and this meant mounting the opposite side pavement to get the angle right for reversing – but being only 18 I don't remember feeling anxious. It was a very interesting job which I thoroughly enjoyed. Matthew's were a very nice firm with many employees who had worked for them throughout their lives. One Saturday afternoon I had to take a packet of coffee to the kitchen at St Edmund's House. The door was answered by a nun who was very pleased to see the coffee. I never dreamed that I would be a Fellow of the college one day let alone the Senior Tutor nor writing the story of Benet house.

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Footnote

The College Strategic Plan for future developments at St Edmund's College have indicated that Benet House might become The Master's Lodge. This would be an excellent function for this distinguished house with its long history.

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News from the Faraday Institute

With the end of 2013 approaching we are looking back at our achievements and progress over the past year. Not only have we continued our success in the UK through stimulating courses, seminars and lectures but we have also participated in some exciting events abroad in places such as Guatemala, Mexico and St Petersburg. The success of the play 'Let Newton Be' has been followed by the launch of the book with accompanying DVD. The Faraday "app" has gone live and our research continues. We are delighted to welcome Dr Hilary Marlow as our new Course Director.

The year began with two well-attended research seminars; 'Science and the Investigation of New Testament Documents' given by Dr Dirk Jongkind, fellow of St. Edmund's College and 'The Role of Thought Experiments in Science and Theology' by Prof Niels Gregersen from the University of Copenhagen. We had the pleasure of hosting Dr Jennifer Wiseman, Senior Project Scientist for the Hubble Space Telescope at NASA, as part of the University of Cambridge's annual Science Festival, where she spoke on "Other worlds: exoplanets and discovering life beyond Earth". Later in the year this topic was further developed by Prof Stephen Freeland (University of Maryland) at the termly Christians In Science – Faraday Lecture at Emmanuel College on 'Will Life on Other Planets Share Our Genetic Code?' To the delight of many pupils both Dr Wiseman and Prof Freeland also gave talks in local schools.

Mexico, Guatemala, Bangalore, India and St Petersburg in Russia all hosted courses co-sponsored by the Institute in collaboration with local institutions. In each case, lectures were delivered by both local and visiting academics including Faraday staff, Dr Denis Alexander, Dr Rodney Holder and Dr Hilary Marlow. Each course was attended by over 50 delegates who were very appreciative of the input from experts as well as of the opportunity to discuss key issues.

A panel discussion "Boosting the brain: how far would you go", as part of the Cambridge Festival of Ideas in October, drew an audience of over 160 and created a lively and engaging discussion. The panel members were Prof Barbara Sahakian, Prof Raymond Tallis, Dr Alasdair Coles, and Dr Pete Moore, and the panel was chaired by Emeritus Fellow, Dr Denis Alexander. The event was videoed and can be viewed at www.faraday-institute.org.

The Uses and Abuses of Biology grant programme, run by the Institute, continues to be a success. Eighteen research groups around the world are investigating the various ways in which biological ideas are used or abused in realms outside biology,

such as sociology religion, philosophy and economics. A three day mid-programme workshop was held in September and attended by all the grantees: who are leading academics in the relevant fields. All the indications are that the outputs from the various projects will lead to a good crop of high-profile publications, details of which appear on the UAB website (www.uabgrants.org).

In November Prof John Wood and Dr Diana Beech held a one-day workshop entitled 'The Values of Science: Towards a new Charter for European Research', which was generously hosted by the Norwegian Mission to the EU in Brussels (pictured). This was part of a wider Faraday research project exploring the role of spiritual values in EU science policy. It brought together leaders in the European research and innovation community, including Anne Glover, Chief Scientific Advisor to President Barroso, industry leaders, heads of universities, and members of the European Parliament.



2013 has been a fruitful year of publication with books such as *The Isaac Newton Guide Book* (edited by Denis Alexander); *Georges Lemaître: Life, Science and Legacy*, Heidelberg: Springer (Rodney Holder and Simon Mitton eds.); *Big Bang, Big God – A Universe designed for Life?* (Rodney Holder); *Hope in an Age of Despair* (Jonathan Moo and Robert White) and *Living Lightly, Living Faithfully* (Colin Bell, Jonathan Chaplin and Robert White eds.). Free electronic copies of the latter are available on the Faraday website.

Dr Hilary Marlow has been appointed as the new Course Director. Dr Marlow is a biblical

scholar who has longstanding connections with the Faraday Institute, having been a post-doctoral researcher (2006-09), and subsequently a Faraday Associate. She has written extensively on ecology and the Bible, including a book entitled *Biblical Prophets and Contemporary Environmental Ethics* (Oxford, 2009). In addition we welcome Dr Rebecca Watson as a Research Associate, Lizzie Coyle as an intern and Eleanor Puttock as the new External Communications Officer.

2014 promises to be a year full of exciting events. March will see Diana Beech breaking out of Europe and presenting "The European Research Area: Recurrence, Renaissance and Resurrection" at the 21st International Conference of Europeanists in Washington, D.C. The success of the course 'Introduction to Science and Religion' sees it going to Sweden in May and an eventful autumn includes 'Theology and Science of Creation' in Spain, followed by further courses in Argentina and Brazil. We will still have our stimulating local lectures, seminars, and workshops, as well as an array of UK courses. Lectures and seminars are open to all, and members and alumni of the college are most welcome.

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News from Fellows

New Fellows

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

Ms Nathalie Walker holds an MA from the University of Cambridge where she read history at St John's College and Management at St. Edmund's College. Following a career in alumni relations at Christ's College, Cambridge, Warwick Business School and Saïd Business School, University of Oxford she returned to Cambridge as Head of Alumni Relations and undertook an Executive MBA at Pembroke College. Ms Walker is now Director of External Affairs at Cambridge Judge Business School.



Dr George Gordon, originally from New Zealand, completed his undergraduate studies in Electrical Engineering at the University of Auckland in 2008. Supported by a Rutherford Foundation Scholarship, he came to the UK in 2009 to undertake a PhD at Trinity College, Cambridge, focussing on strategies to improve the performance of indoor wireless networks. He passed his viva in September and will graduate later this month. As the Henslow Fellow at St. Edmund's, George plans to help develop the next generation of optical fibre communication links. For 30 years they have formed the backbone of the world's telephone and internet networks, but as global demand for

data increases optical fibres are fast approaching their maximum data carrying capacity. Under Professor Tim Wilkinson, George is building a system that vastly increases the data capacity of optical fibres by enabling the simultaneous transmission of multiple light beams having different shapes. Outside of his research, George is a keen double-bass player and enjoys learning Chinese. George and his wife Sarah got married last August and they now live in College.

New Bye Fellow

Dr Ben Challis moved to Cambridge from Canada in 1999 to undertake his doctoral studies with Professor Sir Stephen O'Rahilly studying the 'Genetics of Human Obesity.' Following his PhD he read clinical medicine at St Edmund's College and graduated from the Clinical School in 2006. He is currently a NIHR funded Clinical Lecturer in Endocrinology and Diabetes at Addenbrooke's Hospital with research interests in the genetics of metabolic diseases and endocrine cancer.

New Research Fellows

Dr Judith Rommel currently holds a fellowship of the Alexander von Humboldt foundation at the Department of Chemistry. She studied mathematics and biology at the University of Ulm in Germany. In between her first degree and her PhD she worked for more than a year as a teacher at an academic high school. She has been interested in research from an very early age and won her first award at a German Young Scientist Contest at the age of 18. She obtained her PhD in theoretical chemistry from the University of Stuttgart in 2012. During her PhD she was a visiting scholar at the SLAC - National

Accelerator Laboratory in Stanford, California (USA), at the University of Michigan, in Ann Arbor, Michigan (USA), and at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel. Her current research focuses on the understanding of quantum effects during catalytic reactions on metal surfaces. Her future research plans are aimed at working on problems combining materials science and life sciences to find and optimize novel materials. The ultimate aim is to bring mathematical research and the fields of (theoretical) chemistry, physics, and biology closer together and foster new perspectives among these fields. Dr Rommel has a passion for music which she indulges in her free time.

Dr Owen Siggs undertook his undergraduate training in genetics and immunology at the University of Adelaide and the Australian National University. He then went on to complete a combined DPhil/PhD between the University of Oxford and The Scripps Research Institute in California, where he worked in the laboratory of 2011 Nobel Laureate Bruce Beutler. He is currently a Sir Henry Wellcome Postdoctoral Fellow at the Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute.



News from Fellows

Visiting Fellow

Professor Ralf Wüstenberg holds the Chair for Historic and Systematic Theology at Flensburg University and is Prodekan of the Department for Cultural Studies and Theology. He is currently a Visiting Fellow in the Faculty of Divinity, University of Cambridge. Professor Wüstenberg is a graduate of Humboldt-University Berlin, his PhD was on Dietrich Bonhoeffer and was awarded in 2005, and Ruprecht-Karls-University Heidelberg on 'Habilitation on the political dimension of reconciliation 2003'. In 1996 and 1999 he was Research Fellow at the University of Cape Town and in 2002 the Visiting Bonhoeffer Teaching Scholar at Union Theological Seminary, New York. From 2003-2005 he served as minister (Pfarrer) in the Lutheran Church at Berliner Dom and was Visiting Professor at Freie University Berlin between 2005 and 2009. He is author and editor of 17 books and is also on the editorial board of the academic series "International Bonhoeffer Interpretations".

Dr Sandra Brunnegger is the recent recipient of a fellowship by the Austrian Academy of Sciences- only ten of these Fellowships are offered across all sciences. The fellowship was awarded in a ceremony by the Minister for Science and Research. Her fellowship will support the writing of a habilitation thesis.



Mr Allan McRobie was interviewed on Radio 4's *Broadcasting House* recorded on Sunday 17 November 2013. Mr McRobie, reader in Engineering in the Department of Engineering, explains how the UK economy works with hoses, water and a bucket with a hole in it- The Phillips Machine.

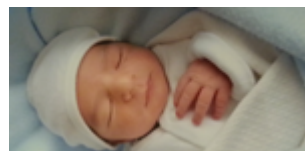
The Phillips Machine was created in 1949 by the New Zealand economist Bill Phillips (William Phillips) to model the national economic processes of the United Kingdom. The Faculty of Economics has the UK's only working machine, which was restored by Allan McRobie.

The University has a video of Allan McRobie demonstrating this machine which can be viewed on the website.

Announcements

New Arrivals

Congratulations to Former Research Fellow **Dr Josef Meri**



and his wife, Maryam on the birth of their son Omar who was born on 25th January 2013.

Obituary

Dr Dido Davies

The College is sad to announce that former Research Fellow Dr Dido Davies died in Cambridge on Saturday 15th June 2013 after a long illness. Dr Davies was an undergraduate at University College London and studied for her PhD in Cambridge as a member of Emmanuel College. She was a Research Fellow in English Literature at St Edmund's College from 1987 – 1992. Dr Davies was an author and biographer who published a very well regarded biography of the novelist William Gerhardie.

The Very Revd Canon Timothy Russ MA

The College is very sad to announce that Canon Timothy Russ, Fellow Commoner of St Edmund's College, died on 29th June 2013. Fr Russ was elected a Fellow Commoner in 1996. He read economics at Queens' College, Cambridge and was ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Northampton serving as a Curate at St Laurence's, Cambridge. When the Diocese of East Anglia was elected in 1976 Fr Russ requested to stay in the Diocese of Northampton, which up until then had included East Anglia within its boundaries. Fr Russ moved to Great Missenden, Bucks in the 1990s where he remained Parish Priest of The Immaculate Heart of Mary until he died.

Canon Russ was a Huddleston on his mother's side and in 1996 he bestowed to the College the Huddleston Collection of paintings on long-term loan. These paintings which are now gifted to the College were previously hung at Sawston Hall, the former family home of the Huddlestons. The pictures, besides being of historical interest, add considerably to the social ambience of St Edmund's and we shall always be very grateful to Fr Russ for their presence.



A Fellow Returns a Book to a University Library!

by Dr Simon Mitton, Fellow

On 29 November 2013 I had the pleasurable experience of returning a book to a university library. You might think that's an everyday occurrence: borrowers returning their books to libraries. However, I had not borrowed the book. Rather, I had purchased a great rarity under unusual circumstances...

A few years ago I started a collection of antiquarian astronomy books. The run of books extends to two metres on my bookshelf. All of the books are 100 – 150 years old. There are signed first editions of Mary Somerville's textbooks – Somerville College Oxford was named after her. Also I have a copy of the first photographic atlas of galaxies and nebulae, and John Herschel's catalogue of southern nebulae made at the Cape of Good Hope.

In 2009 I put the following message on Twitter: "Collector of antiquarian books on astronomy pays cash, contact sam11@cam.ac.uk" This resulted in one hit, from someone in Budapest, Hungary. He sent me 22 exquisite photographs of a book published in Modena, Italy in 1662, having the title *Ephemerides Novissimae Motuum Coelestium*, and by Cornelius Malvasia, one of the most proficient astronomer's active at the time.

Ephemerides is an almanac that gives the positions of planets on a daily basis. In the seventeenth century they were widely used by professional astrologers as a short cut for making horoscopes for wealthy clients. The *Malvasia Ephemerides* is a key book for a major history of science library because it includes a stunning lunar map by Geminiano Montanari, and tables of atmospheric refraction by Giovanni Domenico Cassini. I quickly found that there are fewer than two dozen copies in existence today. The University Library purchased its copy in 1999.

My correspondent offered the book at an attractive price, so I immediately flew to Budapest, met him in the airport terminal, then checked the book, paid him a wad of cash, and flew straight back to the UK with the book in my hand luggage.

The next step was to get Roger Gaskell, an academic expert on rare science books, to determine the provenance. The important clue here is the inscription at the top of the title page, which records that the book "belongs to the Order of Servites in Hungary." The history of the Servite library is

known, and from that Roger got a complete provenance.

The first owner was Count Ferenc Nadasdy III (1625-1671), Pottendorf, a nobleman who had the richest private library in the Hapsburg Empire. He was Lord Chief Justice of Hungary and an imperial privy counselor. He was also a traitor: in 1671 he was executed for conspiracy against the Hapsburg Empire 1671, and most of his books were donated to Servite monastery (founded by him in 1651). When that order was expelled the Jesuits came into possession of the library.

On 21 July 1773 Pope Clement XIV suppressed the Jesuits. Empress Maria Theresia of Austria seized their property. She arranged for their library holdings to be transferred Buda, and then to Pest. The *Malvasia Ephemerides* is listed in the 1777 catalogue of the Royal Hungarian Library.

Roger Gaskell found one smudged library stamp in my copy: Royal Hungarian Library. We contact the head of rare books and were informed that the library stamp dated from 1928 or earlier. The book had gone missing fifty years ago during the Soviet era, when the authorities removed the rare books and sent them to "safety" in outside storage. We have no idea of the circumstances under which the *Malvasia* ended up in a private collection.

I offered the book to the Library on condition that they reimbursed all of my expenses, a not inconsiderable sum. It took them two years to get a grant from their national cultural heritage fund. A major auction house in London had estimated that the book would make at least ten times my costs. On 29 October I handed the book to the Vice-Rector of the University of Budapest in a wonderful ceremony.

The book is currently on display in an exhibition of the astronomical rare books at the Library. It gives me the greatest pleasure to know that the fabulous science book is safely back home, where it will be available to future generations of scholars.



This large folio engraving records in the symbolism of astrology the positions of planets during a total eclipse of the Sun on 30 March 1661.

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The important clue here is the inscription at the top of the title page, which records that the book "belongs to the Order of Servites in Hungary."

The Von Hügel Institute

...goes from strength to strength

We inaugurated this year's VHI Seminar Series on 'Faith and Governance' with the Lattey Lecture delivered by an exceptional speaker, Father Timothy Radcliffe OP, former Master General of the Dominican Order who drew in a crowd of over one hundred people for the Lattey Lecture 2013. The Lecturer addressed the question "What authority does the Word of God have in the Catholic Church?". The next two seminars were on 'Faith and European Politics' (Professor François Foret, Université Libre de Bruxelles) and 'Religious Freedom in a Secular Age' (Professor Cécile Laborde FBA, University College London). Future lectures are on 'the theology of political reconciliation' (Professor Ralf Wüstenberg, Flensburg, Germany), 'financial governance' (Professor Zamagni, an Italian economist and adviser to the Holy See) and 'human rights' (Professor Frank Delmartino, Catholic University Louvain).

In December the VHI hosted a course on Catholic Social Thought. In Lent Term, Archbishop Silvano Tomasi, (Holy See Permanent Observer to the UN), speaks on 'Faith and Global Governance'. In February the former Irish President, Professor Mary McAleese, will give the Annual Von Hügel Lecture on "Governing the Church: The Imperative of Collegiality".

Last year's VHI publication of the project on the Government's 'Big Society' programme and Catholic Social Teaching was launched at the House of Lords. Connections with the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales and with the Holy See's Mission to the UN have been strengthened.

The VHI is also part of a newly established Centre for Catholic Social Thought and Practice. We are building links with the European Forum for Spirituality in Economics Society (SPES Forum), and co-hosted with them the International Workshop on Ethical Aspects of the Economic Crisis in June 2013. This year the VHI Director Professor John Loughlin has been elected a Fellow of the European Academy of Sciences and Arts, appointed to the Chaire Ganshof van der Meersch at

the ULB and has been included in the 2014 list of Who's Who.

Our research activity has been re-organised into four principal groups and new Research Associates and Visiting Fellows have been appointed. The new groups are: Economics and Human Development led by Dr Flavio Comin, Law and Religion led by Dr Roman Cholij, Ethics, Governance and Public Policy led by Dr Sara Silvestri and Philosophy and Theology led by Fr Alban McCoy and Dr Philip McCosker. The research leaders along with research associates, visiting academics and students are a dedicated team exploring the connection between Christianity and an increasingly pluralistic society.

Further exciting news is that the VHI is currently launching its own Development Plan to ensure the future of the Institute and to finance new office space within the future building extension envisioned by the College Development Plan. We are seeking not only to maintain and improve our current activities but also to re-establish the centrality and uniqueness of the VHI as a vibrant interdisciplinary research centre embedded in the life of St Edmund's College.



(From left) the Master Professor Paul Luzio, Father Timothy Radcliffe OP, Professor John Loughlin, Dr Rowan Williams and Father Alban McCoy



The International workshop on Economics and the Human Person, June 2013



Tutorial Award Report

Visiting the Hawaiian Volcano Observatory

Juerg Schuler (Earth Sciences, 2009) received this years Tutorial Award of £500. The award funded a visit to the Hawaiian Volcano Observatory (HVO) with a Cambridge research group for a week in September. Here Juerg gives us a glimpse into the diary he kept of this fascinating experience.

The USGS HVO has the reputation of being a leader in studying and monitoring active volcanoes for over 100 years. It is currently located at the rim of the Kilauea volcano summit caldera with the purpose to monitor Kilauea and Mauna Loa, which are among the two most active volcanoes in the world. Both are extremely well studied and monitored. Mauna Loa is furthermore the largest active basaltic shield volcano on earth. The reason why Hawaii exists, and will continue to form new islands, is that the Pacific Plate is moving north-west wards over a steady located mantle plume that brings hotmantle material (lava) to the surface.

Through the generous award of St Edmund's College, I was able to visit HVO with our Cambridge research group for a week this September. After flying from London to Hilo, via Los Angeles and Honolulu, we moved into our houses in the Volcano National Park of Hawai'i on 15 September 2013.

Monday

A tour of the HVO was organised and all the staff and researchers were introduced to us. Each HVO group gave a presentation about their research as well as an update on the latest activities of the Kilauea volcano. Three main groups are studying the volcano at HVO: the seismology group, the volcanic gas analysis group and the geology group. For example, the seismology group records earthquakes that are mainly initiated by magma movements. They are also responsible for the tsunami early warning system in the Pacific and monitor surface deformations via satellites on a centimetre scale to estimate magma accumulation rates.

Tuesday

Seismologist Paul Okubo guided a tour to the large scale fault systems (listric and normal faults) on the South East side of Mauna Loa. These fault systems were formed to accommodate the

stresses created by magma injection into the upper crust, gravitational slumping of the volcanic edifice and buttressing of the edifice by adjacent volcanoes (e.g. Mauna Kea). Furthermore, we visited sites at the south coast where lava buried roads and had flowed into the sea to form hyaloclastites.

Wednesday

We hiked six hours through the rain forest to the Mauna Ulu fissure, Makaoipuhi and Napau volcanic crater. Different types of lava, flows and lava tubes were studied. Rock samples were collected on the way to take back to Cambridge. The fissures and craters are thought to be related to the Kilauea volcano and are situated along the Southeast Rift zone on Hawai'i. Geochemical analysis were done by researchers at HVO and showed that the degassing of the more primitive magma occurs at the summit of the Kilauea volcano (at the lava lake) then

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is channelled in lava tubes along the rift zone.

In the evening, we returned to HVO and enjoyed the spectacular glowing of the lava lake at the summit caldera of the Kilauea volcano. The level of the lava lake is fluctuating and regulated by the magma injection, re-direction into channels, release of gas (e.g. SO₂ and CO₂) as well as occasional explosions due to rockslides. Explosions of the lava lake apparently occur when rocks fall into the lake and break through the more solid lava lake crust. Underneath, the magma is gas-charged with a density of only 0.9g/cm³, lighter than water!

Thursday

Our Cambridge group gave talks about our experiences in Iceland and the North Atlantic Volcanic Zone. In the late afternoon, we drove up to Mauna Kea (4207m above sea level) to visit the submillimeter and infrared astronomy observatories. It is one of the best sites for astronomical observations due to the favourable atmospheric conditions. Mauna Kea is probably the tallest mountain on earth measured from the sea bottom with a total altitude of 10'100m.

Friday

Geologist Frank Trusdell took us on a geology fieldtrip starting at Hilo and ending at Kailua-Kona. We visited 11 geological sites including the rainbow waterfalls (underneath is the Kaumana cave, a lava tube), the cinder cone Pu'u

Huluhulu and the Ka'upulehu flows where xenoliths are exposed at the surface (rock fragments formed at 70-80km depth but enveloped in a larger rock). As the scientist-in-charge on Hawai'i, Trusdell also explained to us how the volcanic hazard maps are prepared and what the impact of the risk assessment is. In the evening, we had a dinner with HVO staff and scientists in Hilo. Our group left HVO on Saturday morning and flew out of Hilo in the afternoon.

The trip to the Hawaiian Volcano Observatory gave me the chance to meet and exchange ideas with volcanologists that work on similar data sets as we do in Iceland and the North Atlantic Volcanic Zone. After studying and monitoring volcanoes for over 100 years in Hawai'i, their insight into the physical processes of volcanoes was extremely valuable to me and our Cambridge group and will help me to better interpret data we record in Iceland. It also allowed me to see basalt formations and their heterogeneity at a similar scale as the ones encountered in my borehole studies during my PhD project. The trip was a valuable experience for me especially, because I will continue working as a postdoc in Cambridge on earthquakes that are induced mainly by volcanic processes. Little time before we flew out was left to stop at tourist sites in Hawai'i, however, we stopped at a few places on Saturday morning- and finally, I got to see the famous free-living turtles.



From the top clockwise:

Glowing lava lake at the summit caldera of the Kilauea volcano, flow fields of the Kilauea volcano, free-living turtles on Hawai'i, Cambridge group led by Prof. Bob White (Fellow of St. Edmund's College) at the Napau Crater, Hawai'i

Blending

A poem by Dr Michael Casey

Dr Michael Casey (PhD, Land Economy, 1969) was, until his retirement in 2008, the Chief Economist at the Central Bank of Ireland. Prior to this, for five years he held the post of Irish Director at the IMF.

In an earlier poem entitled, *The Adaptation of Mr FitzGerald*, which appeared in *The Edition 2012*, Dr Casey drew an image of a Senior Fellow of the college making his way to the University Library.

In his new poem, *Blending*, Michael reflects on the life of an unfortunate white blackbird which arrived in the College gardens and was befriended by Herbert, who looked after the gardens for many years up until the 1970s. Herbert is fondly remembered by many alumni. He was hardly ever to be seen without a smile on his face; he was reserved and not one for much conversation, except when he would talk with homeless people at the door of the kitchen where they gathered daily at mealtimes for food to be handed out.

Herbert took care of the orchards, one of which was next to a croquet lawn near the Chapel and the other was at the front of the College flanked by Mount Pleasant. It was there he would, as the poem relates, have befriended the little white blackbird.

In the orchard alongside Mount Pleasant where the birds would hang out, the white blackbird would frequently be seen making persistent efforts to be recognised and accepted by a group of conventional blackbirds, but they would never allow him to mingle, always hopping away from him and excluding him from their flock. He suffered rejection bravely and the poem records how, in hard weather, he eventually found his own space in the white garden.

Foreword by Bernard Buckley
(LLM, Law, 1968)

Blending

The white blackbird was always
pecked at and chased away
by dark-plumed peers who fell on
whatever scraps of food
kind Herbert put their way.
When the winter snow arrived
the albino bird found it even

harder to forage. He was jostled
away from slimmer pickings.
His bones began to protrude
and wing feathers grew sparse,
less able to mould hindrances of air.
In late December he spied a dry
brown crust lying on the snow

near the row of poplar trees.
He made sure the coast was clear,
then cautiously approached his find.
When he got it in his beak other
birds attacked from nowhere.
He tried to fly off with the crust,
weak wings flapping in panic.

Top-heavy, he pitched forward
into the snow which welcomed
his white body and absorbed it.
The other birds searched a while
for the bread, gave up the ghost
and wheeled away, black seeds
scattered across an ashen field.

Dr Michael Casey
(PhD, Land Economy, 1969)

The Toby Jackman Research Fellowships

The College has been fortunate to receive over £829,000 from the estate of Professor Toby Jackman, Fellow Commoner. The capital is to be held as a permanent endowment, with income used to fund up to two Toby Jackman Research Fellowships.

In addition to funding the Research Fellowships, Professor Jackman left the College a donation of £3,000 to be added to the College's endowment. It was stipulated that the income from this sum should be used each year to provide whisky for the Burns Supper. Professor Jackman was also a keen collector, particularly of art, porcelain and silver, and over the years left a number of pieces of silver to the College.

Additionally, the College is pleased that it is able to remember Professor Jackman annually through the Jackman Prize, which is awarded to the student who achieves the highest mark or recommendation for their PhD studies at the College. We also celebrate Professor Jackman through the Jackman Library Fund and the Jackman Book Fund.

Sydney Wayne Jackman, as he was formally known, was known to all as 'Toby' after his childhood teddy bear. Toby was born in California in 1925, to an American father and a Canadian mother. Toby's parents both died soon afterwards, so he was brought up in Victoria, Canada, by his maternal grandparents who had emigrated from England in the early years of the twentieth century. Toby studied Physics at the University of Washington in Seattle and then went to Harvard to do his Ph.D. He continued at Harvard as a Junior Teaching Fellow before moving to Bates College, Maine. He returned permanently to Canada in 1963 as Professor of History in the newly established University of Victoria and was a Visiting Fellow of Clare

He produced 16 books and editions, on a range of subjects.

Professor Jackman enjoyed travelling and was a much loved Fellow Commoner of St Edmund's. Visiting the College every year for a long period, he would occupy the whole of the top floor of Benet House from the start of the Michaelmas term until late into the Lent term, before returning to Canada for the summer. Unfortunately his last visit to St Edmund's was in 2008, after which he suffered a serious fall and was not able to return, although he remained in touch with the College. Professor Jackman passed away on 27 February 2011 and is much missed by many at St Edmund's who still have fond recollections of him as a kind gentleman who loved to regale staff and Fellows with his interesting tales.



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Toby was a charismatic magnet for conversation and gossip, he was a social and intellectual polymath. The point of a Cambridge education to men like Toby was to cultivate mind and character.

*Timothy Stanley
(Trinity College Alumnus
who met Toby at a St Edmund's
College Guest Night Dinner)*

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