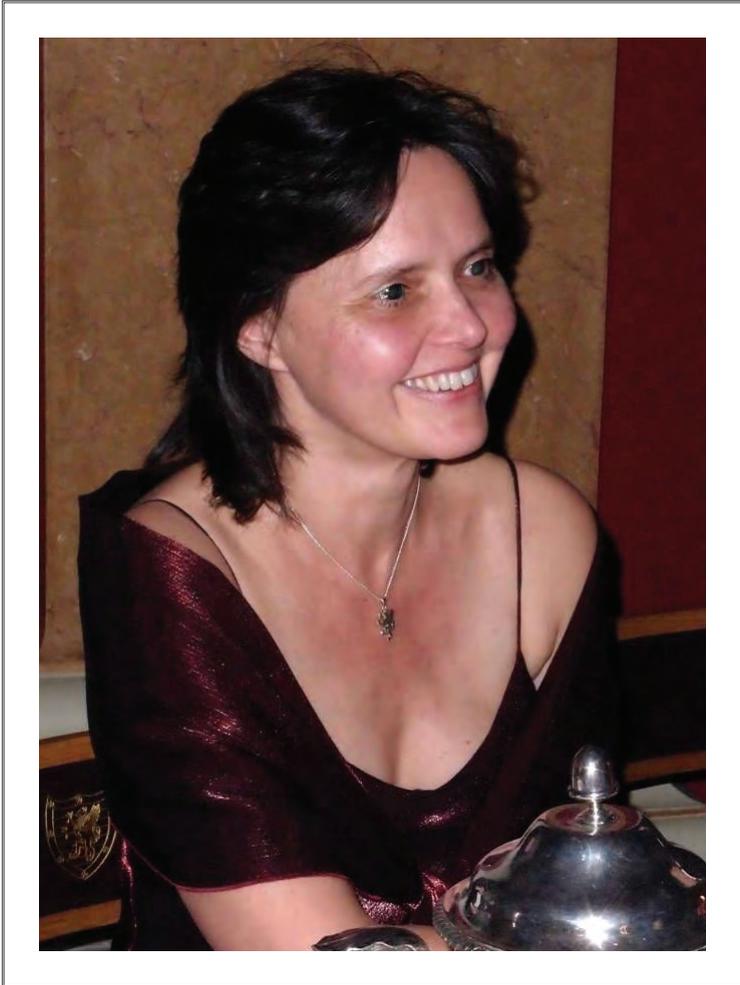


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PRESIDENT'S FOREWORD

When I was growing up, as a result of some judicious brainwashing by my father (**John Williams, 1956**), I thought that Downing College and Cambridge University were synonymous. Being older and wiser, I now realise that there are in fact a few other colleges in Cambridge – it's just that Downing is the best one! Thanks also to my father encouraging me over the years to come back to College for Alumni weekends, in 2007 I was delighted to be asked to become involved in the work of the Association Executive and, more recently, to stand for President. And so it comes about that, 32 years after Downing first admitted women, the newly renamed Downing College Alumni Association has its first female President.

Firsts and lasts often go hand in hand, and as you will be aware, this year is Professor Barry Everitt's last as Master of Downing. Thirty years ago Barry was my Director of Studies, so I am particularly pleased that my Presidential year falls before the end of his tenure. You don't need me to tell you what a fantastic Master he has been and I would like to thank both Barry and his wife Jane for everything they have done for the College.

During my year in office, I have often been asked what the President of the Association actually does. If I am honest, the answer is that the President has the very privileged position of being able to take the glory whilst someone else does all the work! A large part of the real work of the Association is done by **Barrie Hunt (1966)**, our Secretary, and I would like to thank him for all his efforts, without which we could not function. Thanks are also due to all members of the Executive, in particular three of my predecessors as President, **Peter Thomson (1953)**, **Roy Farmer (1958)** and **John Hicks (1955)**, who continue to give unstintingly of their time and experience.

One aspect of the role of the Association which has become increasingly important in recent years is its merchandising operation, the proceeds from which go to the Alumni Student Fund, and I would like to thank **Karen Storey (1982)** and her predecessor **Julian Childs (1969)** for their leadership of our Merchandising Committee. The Fund was set up in 2008 when the Association recognised that many students at Downing were finding it increasingly difficult to meet day-to-day financial pressures, including the cost of essentials such as books. With the well-known and ever increasing financial pressures on students, the Fund's grants, which are normally between £50 and £250, are key in helping those who are hard-pressed to pursue their studies effectively. I would therefore like to thank not only those on our Merchandising Committee, and in particular **Frank Weiss (1950)** and **Norman Berger (1952)**, for their hard work in making this possible, but also all of you reading this today who have bought our ties, mugs, jewellery, pictures and the like. Without

your purchases, the Alumni Student Fund could not provide this important help to Downing's current students who need it now more than ever.

Being involved with the Association has not only allowed me the opportunity to give something back to Downing, but has also been great fun, whether watching a student production in the Howard Theatre, meeting royalty at Buckingham Palace or talking to wonderfully interesting alumni at College events. 'You get out of life what you put into it' is just as true for us all now as it was when we were students. The opportunities to get re-involved with Downing are many and various and all immensely rewarding. So what are you waiting for? Find out about what the Development Office is doing, send us your news for the *Newsletter*, come and exercise your dining rights in College or join us at the Alumni weekend in September – get involved. Do it and do it now!

Kate Dyer

ASSOCIATION NEWS

The main objects of the Association are:

- (a) To keep Members of Downing in touch with one another and the College.
- (b) To facilitate united action in any matter concerning the welfare of the College and its Members.
- (c) To publish and circulate an annual Newsletter.
- (d) To hold an annual dinner.

The Association welcomes and encourages contacts from its Members.

To this end we have enclosed a form to enable you to update personal details and to keep us up to date with aspects of your career and/or personal life that you would like to share with others. Alternatively email to Association@dow.cam.ac.uk.

Many Members tell us how much they enjoy reading about their contemporaries with whom they have lost contact. Some Members tell us that they don't send in information because they think no-one will be interested in them – they are wrong!!

The Association website can be accessed via www.dow.cam.ac.uk/ followed by the 'Alumni' link or directly at www.dow.cam.ac.uk/association.

The Association sells a range of merchandise (over 50 items at the last count) with profits going towards the Alumni Student Fund. If you are looking for ideas for gifts with a personal touch, our product list can be found on our website by following the 'Alumni' link, followed by 'Souvenirs and Gifts' or directly at www.dow.cam.ac.uk/souvenirs.

THE 2012 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 85th Annual General Meeting was held in the Howard Theatre on Saturday 22nd September 2012. The following is a brief summary – full minutes are available on the website at www.dow.cam.ac.uk/ then follow links through 'Alumni', 'Downing Association website' to 'News and coming events' or directly at www.dow.cam.ac.uk/dow_server/association/events.html.

Reviewing the Association's activities, the President reported that the decision to expand financial support for students had been energetically pursued and that expansion of the range of merchandise had produced a steady income. He said that this function enabled the Association to be seen as having a positive role in the life of the College, thus publicizing its potential. He paid tribute to the co-operation of the Development Director and her staff in assisting with the College's home and regional events which raised funds by the sale of merchandise as well as

advertising the role of the Association. He commented on the difficulty in reaching members overseas, it not being practicable to send Association representatives to overseas events. He suggested that thought might be given to appointing national or regional representatives in order to maintain more direct and regular contact.

The Treasurer reported a good year for the Alumni Student Fund, from which 70 students had been helped. Grants of £9,000 had been made during the year, an increase of almost £2,700 from the previous year. More calls were expected as tuition fees increase. The total surplus for the year was £864 and Net Assets stood at £34,349.

Mr Weiss reported that sales to the year ending 30th June amounted to £13,843 and that the City tie and the book *Downing and the two World Wars* had sold particularly well. A new Master's tie had recently been introduced and was proving popular.

The Bursar reported an interesting year, mentioning the new car parks and the new student residence, Griphon House. There had been good Tripos results in Economics and Law and the Women's first VIII had been Head of the River in both the Lents and the Mays. The conference trade had been good and the College had received some generous legacies. Trade in the Regent Street shops belonging to the College had been good and provided a sound investment for protecting the College's boundaries. The securities' portfolio had been flat but the whole estate had a value substantially greater than that of three years ago.

As for student finances, it was expected that those from the "squeezed middle income" families would need more support. The new Butterfield bar and café would be ready soon; there was to be a May Ball in 2013 and a row-past at Henley to mark the 150th anniversary of the Boat Club. 2013 would bring the Master's retirement, which would be appropriately marked.

The Election of Officers resulted in a small number of changes. The President Elect, **Dr Kate Dyer (1982)**, became President, whilst Mr Richard Stibbs became President Elect. **Dr Jenny Doolan (2006)** and **Ms Penny Furniss (1981)** were elected as new members of the Executive Committee to replace **Ms Karen Storey (1982)** who has completed her four-year term of office and **Dr Satyamorthy Kabilan (1997)** who had emigrated to Canada. The Secretary reported that Ms Storey was now chairing the Merchandise Working Group and so had been co-opted to the Executive. The former Chair, **Julian Childs (1969)** was no longer a co-opted member of the Executive, but remained a member of the Merchandise Working Group.

The Secretary reported that the Executive Committee had been concerned that the purpose of the Association had not been clear to many student members and alumni. In order to clarify this, it was agreed that the Association should henceforth be called "The Downing College Alumni Association".

OTHER NEWS FROM THE EXECUTIVE

During the course of the year the Executive has continued to work hard to increase sales of merchandise to boost the Alumni Student Fund. In order to maintain interest, the Merchandise Working Group is continually looking to introduce new products.

This year, the primary new product has been the ‘limited edition’ Master’s tie – with the final design chosen by the retiring Master. Other new products introduced over the year included two new mugs featuring pictures of the College and a very elegant mounted photograph *Panoramic view of Downing after a snowfall* by the winner of the first Downing College Photographic Competition, Mauricio Hernandez. We also acquired a small number of delightful cds, *Milles Regretz*, from Selwyn College, which featured Downing Fellow Marcus Tomalin on the lute in a number of tracks, and some autographed copies of the Quentin Blake book *Beyond the Page*. We have also commissioned a Quentin Blake designed ‘City’ silk pocket handkerchief, to match the City tie. This should be available later this year and, for the ladies, plans are well advanced to introduce a pair of elegant silver griffin earrings.

In Autumn of 2012, **Professor Trevor Walker (1956)** donated a number of Daffodil bulbs *Narcissus* “Downing College” to the Association which were auctioned, raising over £200.

As well as new products, we have looked for new merchandising opportunities. This year we were represented at the Freshers’ Autumn Fair and at a luncheon for parents of Freshers run by the College.

Alumni who are Griffins may wish to note that during the year we reached agreement with the Griffins Club that they would become the sole suppliers of Griffins’ ties once our stocks run out. This will resolve current pricing anomalies and follows the model operated by the Boat Club, which sells to both students and alumni.

Discussions over a possible ecommerce website continue. During the year we have identified a potentially suitable platform, but we still need to build up a local sales support network to ensure that we have the appropriate expertise available to deliver a good quality service.

Work has also taken place to support the MCR with their canvas bag project – an environmentally-friendly initiative to reduce the number of plastic bags used by students. The bags, which will feature the Quentin Blake Griffin and an acknowledgement of the support from the Association, will be issued to new postgraduates.

Following the disappointing entries for last year’s Photographic Competition, we decided nevertheless to continue but with a wider subject ‘Within three miles of the Master’s Lodge’. This has proved successful with the highest number of entries ever (see page 12).

Following the renaming of the Association at the 2012 AGM, the Executive set up a sub-committee to review the Rules of the Association, last revised in 2007. Proposals will be published on the website in September prior to the 2013 AGM.

DOWNING ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

Following the Photographic Competitions run in 2011 and 2012, the Executive Committee decided to sponsor a similar competition in 2013. This year the theme was 'Within three miles of the Master's Lodge'. The aim was to show the local area (town or gown) in a different light, perhaps hidden or rarely seen details, unusual views, something abstract, impressionistic or memorable.

After last year's disappointingly small number of entries this year the judges were deluged with over sixty entries from sixteen entrants. Many of the images were of a very high quality in terms of artistic concept or technical execution, making the judges' task not only challenging but also enjoyable. In addition to the three prizes, four photographs were highly commended and seven were commended.

Congratulations are due to all of these photographers, but a special mention must be made of the highly talented Mauricio Hernandez whose five entries resulted in First Prize and four Highly Commended and who has now won First Prize for three successive years.

Two other photographs are reproduced opposite. The successful photographs may be viewed on Flickr on the Development Office website www.flickr.com/photos/downingcollege.

The competition was judged by Dr Kate Dyer, Neville Tait and Prof Barry Everitt and the winners were:

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| First prize: | Mauricio Hernandez
<i>Punting on a dreary afternoon</i> |
| Second prize: | Razwana Quadir
<i>Downing Chapel Door</i> |
| Third prize: | Ambooken Thompson
<i>Downing Panorama</i> |



Punting on a dreary afternoon - Mauricio Hernandez (First prize)



Downing Chapel Door - Razwana Quadir (Second prize)

THE ALUMNI STUDENT FUND

The Alumni Student Fund was set up in 2008 to help students at Downing to meet some of their day-to-day financial pressures. Using money raised primarily from the sale of Association merchandise, the Fund now provides grants which are normally between £50 and £250, but can occasionally be as much as £500, and this year had helped 62 students at the time of going to press. Most grants are for books or travel to support fieldwork or to attend conferences, but money can also be provided to fund any specific need that will enable students to pursue their studies more effectively.

The Fund provides a real and immediate way in which alumni can, through the Association, make a real difference to the lives of current students in this increasingly difficult financial climate.

All grants are approved by the Tutors who regard the support which the Fund gives to students as extremely important.

THE ASSOCIATION PRIZE

Those who read the *College Record* pages carefully will have noticed that the Association awards an annual Association Prize of £300 to graduating students. This is awarded to the person or persons who have performed best in the end of year examinations. The decision is made by the Governing Body, but invariably the recipient(s) will have come top of their respective class list. Winners are invited to the Association's Annual Dinner to receive their prize.

Congratulations to this year's prize-winners:

- **Alice Monaghan** who read Archaeology and Anthropology;
- **Antonio Ferraz de Oliveira** who read Geography.

NEXT YEAR'S PRESIDENT



Richard's association with Downing started in the early seventies when Martin Mays invited him to supervise in Natural Sciences Mathematics. After schooling in Bristol Grammar School, he had come up to Pembroke as an Entrance Scholar and become a Foundation Scholar whilst reading Theoretical Physics. He took the Diploma in Computing Science as a post-graduate qualification before taking up a post as Research Assistant in the Centre for Land Use and Built Form Studies (LUBFS, the research arm of the School of Architecture) where

he helped develop environmental models of buildings and integrated land use and transport models. In 1971 he obtained a post in the University Computing Service from which he retired earlier this year. He was Head of User Services providing the user facing services to the 40,000 users. His particular joy was in giving lectures and training courses across a wide variety of topics at both undergraduate and post-graduate level.

The post-graduate work being done at LUBFS was commercially useful, so in the early 70's Richard and his colleagues set up the splendidly named Applied Research of Cambridge (ARC), one of the earliest Cambridge Phenomenon companies. From then he has been heavily involved in technology transfer in Cambridge, being on the boards of Marcial Echenique and Partners, a spin-off of ARC, and Cambridge Corporate Consultants. He was a founding director and finally chairman of Cambridge Research and Innovation (CRIL), a start up Venture Capital Company which, amongst many other companies, funded Peter Duffett-Smith's Cambridge Positioning Systems, and the very successful Cambridge Display Technology.

In Downing Richard has continued to supervise in Natural Sciences Mathematics every year since the early seventies; he became Director of Studies in Computing Science in 1978, a post he held until 2005; in 1982 he was elected to the Fellowship and since then he has held the posts of Secretary to the Governing Body, Praelector, Fellows' Steward and, for the last three years, President.

Downing nominated Richard for the University office as Proctor, an office he has held for an unusual total of four years and a term. This is explained as after the usual stint of three years, his term was extended because the incoming Deputy Proctor could not take office as for the first time in 800 years a Proctor needed maternity leave. The final extra term was standing in for our current Pro-Proctor, Junior Bursar Dick Taplin, who was not eligible to take office until late in the Michaelmas term.

Richard has for a long time been an ex-officio member of the Association Committee as Assistant Editor of the *Newsletter* providing much of the College input. He has also enjoyed taking photographs of most of the members at College and Association events.

Richard is married to Julia, now retired after a career in nursing. They live in Barton and have two sons in their thirties. Richard's hobbies are gardening, photography, theatre and fine wine. The final hobby is the one to which he devotes much of his spare time.

Richard Stibbs



Professor Barry Everitt B.Sc. (Hull), Ph.D. (Birmingham), M.A., Sc.D.,
D.Sc. (hon. Hull), D.Sc. (hon. Birmingham), F.R.S., F.Med.Sci.

COLLEGE NEWS

THE MASTER WRITES:

As expected, this has been an extraordinary year. I began it by deciding that I would not view it in the context of 'my last year as Master', but that proved impossible from the outset. At the end of what was indeed my 'last matriculation dinner as Master', which I did not mention in my welcome speech to newly arrived first years, several Fellows commented that 'it must be strange giving your last matriculation speech!' This has been the situation throughout the year as alumni, Fellows, students and staff have all commented about the finality of my participation in one or other event. This has meant that an already happy and eventful year has been even more emotional than ever I had expected.

There have been several elections to the Fellowship during the year, first and foremost of my successor as Master, Geoffrey Grimmett, who will take up office on October 1st. I wish Geoffrey every success and happiness during his time at Downing. Three new Fellows have also been elected and admitted: Michael Housden (Research Fellow in Chemistry); Kamran Yunus (Chemical Engineering) and John Richer (Physics). Fellows have also left or will leave the Fellowship: Jamie Alcock (Economics) resigned his Fellowship to return to Brisbane; Stafford Withington (Professorial Fellow in Analytical Physics) left the Fellowship and was elected Emeritus Fellow and Jimena Berni will come to the end of her Research Fellowship at the end of September.

As many of you will know, Richard Stibbs will, like me, retire on 30th September having been a Fellow since 1982. He has been a Director of Studies as well as a supervisor, Praelector, Fellows' Steward, Secretary to the Governing Body and President of Downing, holding the latter four positions concurrently. He has been enormously important in the life of the College for so many years, is irreplaceable and will be missed by everyone, not least by members of the Association and by me personally. He has been a tremendous source of support and encouragement, as well as embodying the very meaning of collegiality. Peter Duffett-Smith (Astrophysics) will retire at the end of October having been a Fellow since 1980. Peter has been Director of Studies in physical Natural Sciences and a committed teacher of our undergraduates during that time and also served as Dean and Fellows' Steward. For the past three years he has been an exceptionally supportive Vice-Master who also shouldered the responsibility of organising and running the Mastership election in the Michaelmas and early Lent terms. He, too, will greatly be missed. Both Richard and Peter have been elected Emeritus Fellows. Paul Millett, former Admissions Tutor and Fellow in Classics, has been elected Vice-Master from October 1st this year.

Fellows have again been promoted in the University in recognition of their academic distinction: Adam Ledgeway (MML) to Professor, Ian James (MML) to

Reader, Brigitte Steger (Asian and Middle Eastern Studies) and Rob Harle (Computer Science) to Senior Lecturer. Distinguished Downing lawyer Sir Richard McCombe, Lord Justice of Appeal, was elected as an Honorary Fellow during the year and Honorary Fellow Quentin Blake was knighted in the New Year's Honours list, soon after his 80th birthday. Alumni Robert John and Louise Arnell were elected Wilkins Fellows in recognition of their great generosity to the College and Wilkins Fellow Humphrey Battcock was recently elected as our first Foundation Fellow for his continuing and exceptional support of Downing. As you will read in Gabrielle Bennett's Development Director's Report, we are now well past the half-way point in our ambitious Catalysis Endowment campaign. The College is fortunate indeed to receive the generous financial support that is so vital for its future and I am deeply grateful to our old members for responding in the way that they have to our appeals.

We have again had engaging visiting Fellows during the year. Professor Tatsuya Sakamoto, a philosopher and economist, and former Director of the International Centre at Keio University, was the Keio Fellow during the Michaelmas Term. Dr Charles Mathewes was the Virginia Fellow for the Lent and Michaelmas terms and was here with his wife Dr Jennifer Geddes; both are Professors of Religious Studies at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville and they spent an extremely successful time in Cambridge, as well as enriching life at Downing. Professor Richard McKirahan, Professor of Classics and Philosophy at Pomona College in California was the Pomona Fellow in June and was accompanied by his wife Professor Voula Tsouna, also a classicist from UCLA. Professor Sara Ahmed of the Department of Race and Cultural Studies at Goldsmith's College was the Diane Middlebrook and Carl Djerassi Fellow in the Lent term, the third such Fellow hosted by Downing during their visiting professorships.

Professor Graham Virgo, Fellow in Law, Senior Tutor during the 10 years of my Mastership, decided to stand down from this most important of roles at the end of July. Graham has quite simply been an outstanding Senior Tutor and we have enjoyed the warmest and most constructive of relationships. He will continue as Director of Studies in Law and will be succeeded by Dr Guy Williams as Senior Tutor. You can read Graham's report about this year's academic results and see them in detail in the College Record. There has been a considerable improvement on recent years with some exceptional individual, as well as subject, results that together mean that we have moved in the right direction in the Tompkins and Baxter Tables – not that these should be taken as true indicators of our academic performance. Graham and I are confident that the changes in admissions procedures and the educational support of our students during the past two years are beginning to show positive results and this bodes well for the future. However, there will be a constant need for refinements in the ways in which we select and

mentor students here at Downing, not least because of the dramatically changing higher educational context in which we work. It is always heart-warming to see another year group of students successfully negotiate the challenge of their Cambridge degrees and to move into their postgraduate lives. This year's graduation ceremony was especially significant for me, being the last occasion at which I awarded degrees to students, who for the last time were presented by Praelector Richard Stibbs and met at the Doctor's Door by Graham Virgo as Senior Tutor.

While working hard, our students nevertheless are able to excel in other domains. It has been another exceptional year for DCBC, the Women's VIII retaining the Lents Headship for the third successive year and the Men's 1st VIII remaining 2nd. In the Mays, there was an exciting penultimate day when both men and women were head – the first Mays Double Headship in the history of the College (there was a similar magical day in the Lents a couple of years ago), but alas both were bumped on the final day to finish the week in 2nd place – but still poised in Lents and Mays for the following year. I have really enjoyed being President of DCBC and was honoured to receive a commemorative blade to mark my decade in that role, as well as a wonderful painting by Sarah Butterfield, presented at the Segreants' Dinner in April, which shows an imperious Downing crew at grassy corner and a figure on a bike wearing a DCBC blazer riding the towpath. In an initiative led by Penny Furniss, fifty prints of that painting were bought by Segreants, the proceeds of which were very generously donated to the Everitt Butterfield Research Fellowship in Biomedical Sciences fund. This year was the 150th Anniversary of the founding of DCBC and was commemorated not only at a special event in London, but also by a magnificent row past at Henley organised by Leo Judd. The crew included Olympians Kate Panter, Annie Vernon, Rod Chisholm, and Tom Middleton, together with Charlie Green, Tom Brown, Gus Pope, current DCBC Captain Zara Goozee, and was coxed by Guy Henderson. The car park reception afterwards was attended by well over 100 alumni and friends. Amidst many sporting achievements during the year, a major triumph was the league and cup double achieved by the men's rugby XV, the first time this has happened in 20 years. You will be able to read more about the sporting year in the report on page 203 of the College Record. The musical talent of our students has been on display in many excellent recitals in the Lodge during the year, as well as in a very special concert in the Howard Theatre, organised by organ scholar Cara Ellison to mark my retirement, with performances by many of our superb musicians and singers.

Following an ambitious refurbishment, the Butterfield Café, which transforms into the Lord Butterfield Bar in the evening, was opened in the Michaelmas term to great acclaim. This is now a very comfortable and attractive place for undergraduate and graduate students to sit, drink coffee, have breakfast and lunch

and it has again become a desirable JCR and Bar in which to socialise. Socialising reaches a peak of intensity after the examinations in June and the end of the year was marked by an excellent May Ball with the theme 'Eastern Odyssey', attended by 2000 people including many alumni, students, Fellows and staff.

In March we held our third and very successful 'Catalysis Conference', this year with the theme 'Space and Time', with lectures by Fellows Peter Duffett-Smith, Chris Haniff and Paul Millett, together with Nobel Laureate Antony Hewish, who described his discovery of pulsars; Steve Connor, Professor of English in the University, and Nicky Clayton, Professor of Comparative Cognition in the University who spoke with Clive Wilkins. The conference was again well attended by alumni, students and Fellows. We do seem to have found a highly engaging formula for these interesting and intellectually challenging occasions.

There have been many events during the year at which I have been able to meet our alumni, beginning with the London Event at the Royal Society of Medicine in November (which of course began with many old friends saying 'how do you feel about this being your last London Event...?'). In February, Kate Panter and Luke Nunneley organised a very special evening in support of the Everitt Butterfield Biomedical Research Fellowship at the Queen's Gallery in Buckingham Palace, which allowed a private viewing of the superb 'Northern Renaissance' Exhibition attended by the Duke of Edinburgh and many Downing alumni. I visited Hong Kong in the spring with Gabrielle Bennett and again met some of our many alumni there who are such good friends and supporters of the College. Bob and Sally Bunker organised a superb farewell dinner for me in the Hong Kong Club, the room being decorated with magenta ribbons, photos of Downing and Bob's old College scarf! The Reunion Dinner in March again took place in a full Hall, this year attended by alumni who matriculated in years ending in '3'; remarkably this included the 10 year reunion of the first students I matriculated in October 2003 as well as two alumni who matriculated in 1943, who were celebrating the 70th anniversary of their arrival in Downing. There have been several events since Easter, including a gathering of 1980s alumni organised by Association President Kate Dyer and Committee member Karen Storey at the newly re-opened Christopher's in London, which is run by alumna Anika Paul, who returned to take her MA in May. A number of gatherings and garden events have been held here in the Lodge and in the College in the past few weeks and it has been wonderful to have had the opportunity then and throughout the year to have been able to meet with so many Downing alumni and friends and to say thank you for all the support and encouragement that I have received during the 10 years of my Mastership. The final alumni event of the year, which hitherto I have always thought of as the first event of the new year, will be the Association Dinner in September and I look forward to that very much, even though it will indeed be the 'last I attend as Master'.

This is a time of enormous change for me and for my family. Our daughter Jessica left for Australia to begin a new job and a new phase of her life in Sydney. It is an extremely exciting time for her and Skype is proving essential to bridge the 12,000 miles between us. Thank goodness for WiFi. Jane and I are preparing to move into our new house, which is presently 6 months behind schedule (it's a rather complex green build), but there is now a good chance that it will be completed in time to move in August. It will, though, be difficult to move from the Lodge where we have been very happy as a family. My Mastership ends on September 30th and my Professorship in the University on December 30th, although my MRC-funded research will continue until 2016-17 which means that I will be able to continue my research and spend more time with my research group in the lab. Many of you will know that I have been appointed Provost of the Gates Cambridge Trust from October 1st, the day after I retire as Master, and I am excited and delighted to be able to continue for the next 4 years working to provide graduate studentships to overseas students – currently 90 each year. I am making my first visit to Seattle for a Trustees' meeting in December.

Having been a Fellow of Downing since 1976, and Master since 2003, it is impossible to imagine waking up every day and not thinking about Downing and what I will be doing in the day ahead. Throughout that time, Downing has been a very special part of my life – indeed, Jane and I were married here in 1979 – but especially during these last 10 years as Master. The reason for that is obvious, it is because of the people who make Downing special: undergraduate and graduate students who spend a key time in their lives here, gaining qualifications that shape their futures; exceptional Downing College staff who make the College function on a daily basis and who provide personal care and attention to everyone living in, staying in or visiting Downing; the Fellows who commit themselves to the education of our students, govern the College through its committees and who have, since day one, been so supportive of me as Master.

There is insufficient space here individually to mention all those to whom I owe a debt of gratitude, although I have mentioned Richard Stibbs, Graham Virgo and Peter Duffett-Smith above. However, I will make special mention of Susan Lintott our outstanding Senior Bursar, with whom I interact almost every day, who manages our finances and so much more, for her commitment to Downing and her friendship; Gabrielle Bennett, who is an exceptional Development Director and travelling companion, as was Tariq Sadiq before her; Rowena Erby who has been wonderful as my Personal Assistant; the Presidents, Vice-Presidents and Treasurers of the JCR and MCR who represent the student body and with whom I have had close and positive relationships in each of the last 10 years. I was delighted to see so many of them at a special event here last Saturday. Finally, a very sincere thank you to Members of the Association who have given both the College and me

personally so much support and encouragement. I have been privileged to work with 10 exceptional Presidents, an unfailingly hard working Executive Committee, including dedicated Secretaries in John Hicks and Barrie Hunt. The Association's initiatives of the past 10 years, especially the merchandising operation, have provided an annual donation to the College that provides critically important financial support to current students experiencing hardship. Thank you, all of you, for your warmth and friendship. I shall look forward very much to this year's Association dinner presided over by Kate Dyer and to seeing you on many occasions in the future.

Barry Everitt
Master
July 15th 2013

THE SENIOR TUTOR WRITES:

Ten years is a long time to be Senior Tutor, and, as I am about to stand down from that office, it is appropriate to reflect on what has happened over the last decade since the mantle of Senior Tutor was passed to me from Martin Mays on 1st April 2003. The last ten years have been challenging for higher education generally and the University and the College particularly, and the future looks grim. But the College remains in good heart. The physical condition of the College has improved significantly. Admissions remains competitive, with a record number of candidates applying in 2012 for admission in 2013. The activities and successes of our undergraduate and graduate students remain as impressive and as wide-ranging as ever.

But it is the lot of the Senior Tutor at the end of the academic year to assess the success of the College with reference to academic attainment. When judged by reference to the examination results of our students, it has been a good year. In the Tompkins Table, as published in *The Independent*, the College was ranked 12th out of 29 Colleges, having climbed eight places since last year, the "biggest climber" as described by *The Tab*, the on-line University tabloid newspaper founded by Downing alumni, and the source of all important College and University stories nationally and internationally (as I know, being the author of a Criminal Law examination question which went 'viral' this year thanks to a story in *The Tab*). Further, 92 of our students obtained first class results or distinctions, the second highest number in the history of the College. Such statistics are a reflection of the very hard work of our students and also of the Fellowship to ensure that our outreach activities, admissions, supervising and pastoral support enable all our students to fulfil their potential. There is clearly more work to be done, but I am confident that what we have accomplished over the last five years in particular will continue to bear fruit over the next five years.

But dull statistics hide the realities of impressive examination performances by individuals and cohorts within subjects. There were some outstanding performances in particular subjects, notably in Economics where 10 out of 16 candidates were awarded firsts (with five out of six candidates in the second year obtaining such results); in Law, where 14 candidates were awarded firsts (with five candidates ranked in the top ten out of over 200 candidates in the second year); in Geography where four candidates were awarded firsts, with three of them being top, individually or jointly, of their respective class lists; and in Parts II and III Chemistry, where six candidates out of 11 were awarded firsts. It was also pleasing to see good performances in English, History, Modern Languages and Classics, all of which had a number of students who obtained first class results. There are still some subjects which have relatively underperformed, and where more work will be required by those responsible for the subjects to ensure that our admissions and teaching support ensures that their students reach their full potential. Whilst we assess that potential and success by academic performance, it is notable that a significant number of those who obtained very good examination results also contributed to the College, and wider University, significantly in other ways, whether through drama, music, sport, debating, involvement through the JCR, the College bar or the May Ball, and even other College societies of the less cerebral and the more social variety. Our experience is that academic success is typically enhanced by extra-curricular activities at the highest level. Not for us the high achieving student who lacks other skills or interests of relevance to the outside world. The biggest concern remains those students who need to do more to ensure that they get the most they possibly can out of their time at Downing and, exceptionally, those students who take on too many disparate non-academic activities so that their own studies suffer.

Genuine pleasure is also derived from reflecting on the exceptional performances of individual students. This year 14 students were awarded prizes for especial distinction, being ranked in the top 2.5% of their respective class lists: Alice Monaghan (Biological Anthropology Part II), who came top of the list; Michael Jarman (Economics Part IIA); Richard Thorburn (Engineering Part IA) who came second; Benjamin Carr (Engineering Part IIA); Kate Edwards (English Part I); Thomas Chudley and James Smith (Geography Part IA) who came joint top; Antonio Ferraz de Oliveira (Geography Part II) who came top; Joseph Marshall (Law Part IA), who came second; Joshua Stevens (Law, Part IB), who came second; Lucy Chambers (Law, Part II); Rachel Leow (LL.M.), who came second; Yang Li (Mathematics Part IB) who came top; Andrew Kwok (Medical and Veterinary Sciences Part IB) who came top; and Maja Petek (Natural Sciences Part IB).

Association prizes, for the students who achieve the best result in their final year, were awarded to Alice Monaghan and Antonio Ferraz de Oliveira, and the Whalley-Tooker prize, for the candidate who performed best in their penultimate year, was awarded to Andrew Kwok.

There have been other individual triumphs, not always reflected by a first class result, but by an impressive academic performance in the face of significant adversity, often known only to the Tutor and the Senior Tutor, whether it be the student who has performed well despite physical or mental illness, or despite difficult personal or family circumstances. Success is not judged only by the student who obtains academic distinction, but also by the student who has made the most of the opportunities available to them at Downing, despite the obstacles which are placed in their way.

It is the function of the Senior Tutor to ensure that all students who are admitted to the College receive the support and encouragement to fulfil their potential. It was ever thus. Unlike a significant majority of Cambridge Colleges, Downing Senior Tutors traditionally hold office for significant periods of time. Over the last 36 years only three Fellows have been Senior Tutor. John Hopkins was my Director of Studies and Tutor; Martin Mays admitted me in his capacity as Admissions Tutor, and the mantle is about to be passed to Guy Williams, for whom I was a Tutor for a short period of time when he was an undergraduate at Downing. I am confident that Guy will continue the work we have put in place and will enjoy the support and encouragement which I have received from Fellows, students and old members.

My time as Senior Tutor has been a busy one. The Senior Tutorship at Downing is a part-time office, unlike a significant number of Colleges which have appointed full-time “professional” Senior Tutors, some of whom maintain little if any academic engagement with their students. A consequence of being a part-time Senior Tutor is that I have often felt like a juggler with many balls in the air, and loss of concentration would result in them all falling to the ground. That this has not happened (or, at least, the balls have been caught before they have reached the ground) is due to the staff and Fellows of the College, without whom this job would simply not have been possible. Whilst I have been Senior Tutor I have had an exceptional group of Tutors, Deans and a College Chaplain, who have supported and encouraged graduate and undergraduate students with genuine care and interest. Every Thursday lunchtime during Term we meet to discuss individual student problems and College and University issues, but also support and encourage each other. I simply could not have balanced the demands of the Senior Tutorship with my own teaching, research and Faculty commitments, without the impressive team in the Tutorial and Admissions Office, particularly Jane Perks the Tutorial and Office Manager, as well as the members of staff in

many other departments in the College. A number of Senior Tutors in other Colleges often bemoan their difficult relationship with their Head of House and Bursar. Not so at Downing, where the support, good humour and love of the College of the Master and the Senior Bursar has made my job a great deal easier than would otherwise be the case. I am also very grateful for the encouragement, advice and genuine interest of the old members over the last decade, particularly the members of the Executive Committee of the Downing Association.

Ultimately, it is the undergraduate and graduate students who have made the life of this Senior Tutor so enjoyable. It has been a privilege to sit with the new students in their matriculation photo and to experience with them their excitement as they embark on their studies. It has been an honour to sit with the students in their graduation photo three or four years later and to shake their hands as they leave the Senate House as graduates. It is the students of Downing College who have made my time as Senior Tutor the happiest of my academic career.

Professor Graham Virgo

THE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

We started off this year hoping to reach the midway point of the Catalysis Campaign. In fact we have not only reached it but exceeded it by £3 million to finish the year at £13 million raised towards our goal of £20 million. The past year has been a busy one in the Development and Alumni Relations Office with over £3.8 million raised and pledged, 18 alumni events, our annual telephone campaign and our publications mailed and emailed to alumni throughout the year.

The fundraising effort to endow in perpetuity the Everitt Butterfield Research Fellowship in Biomedical and Biological Sciences was in full force during Barry Everitt's final year as Master. With an active committee, led by **Luke Nunneley (1981, Law)** and **Kate Panter (1981, Medicine)**, there have been alumni events to galvanize alumni supporters including a private viewing at the Queen's Gallery. At the time of press, £600,000 has been raised towards the Everitt Butterfield Fellowship.

This year also marked the 150th Anniversary of Downing College Boat Club and there have been special events to celebrate including a reception at the Waterman's Hall and an Honorary Row Past at Henley. Building on shared enthusiasm in this special year, the anniversary has been coupled with an effort to endow permanently the Director of Rowing position. Over £200,000 has been raised with an ultimate goal of £750,000. Special 150th DCBC ties and bracelets were designed for the occasion and have been offered to DCBC members with the proceeds supporting the Director of Rowing endowment.

These bespoke efforts, among others, have dovetailed in with the continued efforts for the Catalysis Campaign throughout the year. The Campaign's main goal is to increase the College's endowment for a more secure financial underpinning in future. Changes to funding of higher education mean the call on endowment funds will only increase year on year so it is imperative for the College to increase its endowment.

Our telephone campaign in April was one of our most successful. We were particularly happy with the introduction of our 'young giving programme' for alumni donors under 27 years old. We received commitments from two alumni to match donations for this group so young alumni were offered a trebling of their donation. This achieved excellent results.

In the final part of the year, several substantial pledges to Parker's House have moved the project substantially forward such that the Governing Body has given it full approval. The project includes the refurbishment of an office block the College already owns along Regent Street (to the right as you leave through the gates). The result will be a building with 77 top-quality student rooms. This will allow all graduate and undergraduate students to live on the Domus for the first time in the College's history. With Caruso St John Architects involved in the aesthetics of the project, a new court will be created and what is currently a maintenance store will be renovated into an art gallery which will be open to the public. With almost a third of the required funds now received and approval from the Governing Body secured, more about the project will be shared with alumni in this coming academic year. Like the Dining Hall campaign, there will be a way for alumni to support the project with a permanent reminder much like the floor tiles in the Hall. As this is a once in a lifetime opportunity for all students to live on the Domus together and to increase significantly the cultural life of the College, we hope alumni will respond with enthusiasm for such an important improvement for Downing. More details and plans will be shared with alumni soon.

Gabrielle Bennett

THE JUNIOR BURSAR'S REPORT

Let me first look ahead, to 2014, when we hope to start work on our most ambitious and expensive project for decades - the conversion of the upper three floors of Parker's House into 77 en-suite student rooms. We have applied for planning permission not only to redevelop this building (which abuts the Porters' Lodge, on Regent Street), but also to turn the area behind it into a new, dynamic court, fully visually and environmentally integrated with the more historical College Buildings. To help this, the plan redevelops the old stables, used for many years as the Maintenance Building, into an Art Gallery and exhibition area for the benefit of Public Art, straddling the space and the history between the 19th Century East

Lodge Garden and the new contemporary Court, as yet unnamed. Parker's House will become a de-facto 'fourth range', paralleling the East and West Ranges, and the Howard Lodge. In addition, new maintenance workshops and stores are planned for the current maintenance yard, incorporating existing garages and sheds. When completed, this project will mean that all our students - with the exception of the six living in the Boathouse - will have direct access to the Downing Domus.

Of course, these plans require considerable funding, and it is true that the current economic downturn has restricted our ability to undertake as much refurbishment and rebuilding as we might wish. Having finished Griphon House last May, the past 12 months have been spent mainly on non-domestic works - courtesy of the Howard Foundation - such as completing the resurfacing around the Main Gate and Library to make unequalled bike and vehicle parking, as well as uninterrupted disabled access to our principle public buildings. We hope that our next public space project (in late 2013) will be a refurbishment of the 25-year-old Howard Building (again thanks to support from the Howard Foundation), to provide far better facilities for both students and conferences.

The 'Lord Butterfield' Bar - and daytime cafeteria, selling Costa Coffee - had a major makeover last summer and autumn, creating an environment in which students and Fellows alike are able to relax throughout the day and evening. Restrictive walls have been removed, a new single catering/pub bar has been installed, and customers are encouraged to move freely between ground floor seating and the basement Games Room. A new, illuminated, glass bridge overflies the basement gully at the N side, onto a piazza area behind Griphon House - not only better integrating this area into the College, but also reducing the summer evening bucolic overflow onto the road behind the Library!

Finally, over 32% of our student rooms have either been built or fully refurbished during the past decade, and this year we are continuing the process by remodelling Nos 40 & 42 Lensfield Road in their entirety. The interior has already been gutted and, by the start of Michaelmas Term 2013, we will have 19 new student rooms as well as four new kitchens, and vastly improved fire safety provisions. We are also reducing the Carbon Footprint of the building, with internal insulation of all external walls, double glazing and low energy lighting throughout, and new high-efficiency boilers serving both properties. We anticipate that returning students will find the new houses a very pleasant change from the relative hovels they left at the end of June. Once complete, only four of our Lensfield Road houses will remain unmodernised; when they are done - and complemented by Parker's House - the College will be unequalled in the standard of its student accommodation.

Dick Taplin

A SHORT-LIVED, BUT HISTORIC, MOMENT

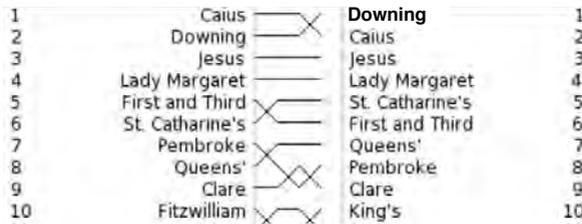
Friday 14th June 2013 was a historic day for the Boat Club. After Day Two of the Bumps, the Women's boat was Head of the River, having rowed over twice, and the Men's boat was second, following two unsuccessful attempts to catch Caius.

However, on Day Three, the Women's boat again rowed over. In the Men's Division, Caius had a rudder malfunction and were quickly caught by Downing. As a result, for the following 21 hours and 20 minutes, both Downing Boats were Head of the River.

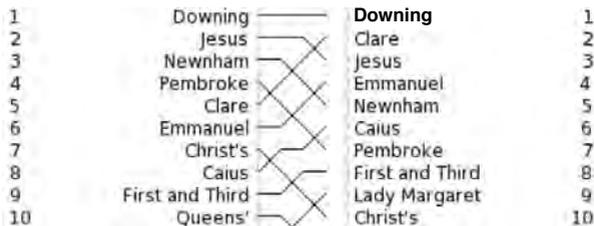
Unfortunately, neither boat could maintain their position on the Saturday. The Women were caught by a very strong Clare crew and, with their rudder repaired, Caius were too fast for the Men.

A full report of the Boat Club season is given on page 203 of the *College Record*.

Men



Women



May Bumps' charts - Friday 14th June 2013

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

This year's **Association Weekend**, which includes the **Annual Dinner**, will be on September 28th/29th.

Full details of the activities available and an online booking form may be found on the Events link given below. A booking form is also included in this *Newsletter*.

Other dates already arranged for 2013-14 include:

London Reception	Thurs 28th November
Tailgate Party for the Varsity Rugby Match	Thurs 12th December
Griffins' Dinner	Sat 1st February
Annual Reunion Dinner (1944/54/64/74/84/94/04)	Sat 5th April
Segreants' Dinner	Sat 26th April (tbc)
MA Awards Dinner	Sat 17th May
Donors' Garden Party	Sat 14th June
1749 Society Garden Party	Sat 19th July

And for 2014....

Year Reps' Meeting and Dinner	Fri 26th September
Alumni Weekend	Fri 26th - Sun 28th September

The information above should be treated as provisional at this stage. Full details and online booking will be posted as they become available on <http://www.downingcambridge.com/development>.

A CHANGE AT THE HELM

On 30th September, Professor Barry Everitt retires after ten years as Master. In February, the College announced the appointment of the new Master, Professor Geoffrey Grimmett. Professor Grimmett is the Professor of Mathematical Statistics and currently a Fellow of Churchill College. A profile appears on page 34.

Barry Everitt became a Fellow of Downing in 1976 and is held in affection by the many alumni who came into contact with him during their time in College. This is reflected in the following appreciation.

AN APPRECIATION OF PROFESSOR BARRY EVERITT

'Men make their own history, but not just as they please; they do not make it under circumstances chosen by themselves, but under circumstances directly encountered and transmitted from the past.' Karl Marx surely had in mind here the challenge facing Heads of Cambridge colleges. In addition to the 'burden of the past', they arguably cope in the present with the constraints of precarious finance, recalcitrant colleagues, demanding students, a perverse university administration, and an at-best-uncaring government. In the case of Downing, an additional diversion is the need to have an academic 'day job' to supplement the stipend the College can afford to pay its Master, proportionate to what is optimistically regarded as a half-time commitment. How has Barry Everitt responded to these challenges? His own, evolving perspective on things may be traced *via* his annual reports in the *Association Newsletter* ('A Master Writes', as his colleagues call it) and in 'The Master's Voice' in *Dow@Cam*. But we can be more objective in our approach and, as it were, measure 'Everitt as he wished it' against 'Everitt as he actually did it'.

How so? Candidates for the Mastership of Downing who reach the final shortlist are invited to meet and speak with the Fellowship. As part of the process, they offer up their vision of the College community under their Headship. Buried in the Downing archives are copious notes taken by a Fellow (predictably, a historian) of the speeches made by those shortlisted in the competition some ten years ago, including the address by Barry Everitt. There were six themes that Barry singled out as encapsulating his aims, should he become Master. Let us look at each in turn, dispassionately assessing his success or otherwise.

First (and foremost) came *Learning, Teaching and Research*; 'doing everything necessary to enable students to reach their potential, optimising their talents and abilities', as Barry put it. This has indeed been Barry's prime concern as Master, a commitment carried over from his long and successful Direction of Studies in Medical and Veterinary Sciences. The cycle begins with the admissions process, where Barry has combined a watching brief with direct involvement

as interviewer, and not only in Medical Sciences. In one memorable year when he also interviewed in History of Art, two of the three candidates for whom he strenuously argued went on to gain Firsts. At the other end of the process, during the examination season, he has been present on a daily basis in the Tutorial Office, digesting Tripos results as they arrive. Those students subsequently identified by Directors of Studies as underperforming are interviewed individually by Master and Senior Tutor; not by way of admonishment, but in order to understand and rectify what has gone wrong.

The foregoing is concerned with undergraduates. But Barry's desire that 'students should reach their potential', was concerned equally with graduate students, who make up almost half our community of Junior Members. Research activity by graduates is necessarily focused on their Faculty or Department. But Barry has worked hard to develop ways in which their attachment to the College might be strengthened. Apart from provision of accommodation and other facilities (on which more below), he has fostered an active interest in graduate research. Each term, the Master hosts in the SCR a seminar-session at which a trio of graduates present summaries of work-in-progress. As the 'master of ceremonies', Barry sets the tone for discussion: supportive, yet searching.

All this ties in with Barry's emphasis in his Mastership address on the research activities of the Fellowship; specifically, publicizing their achievements as an inspiration to Downing students. Aside from Barry's incisive interest in his colleagues' research, in both science and humanities, may be mentioned the conspicuously successful Catalysis Conferences, highlighting ongoing work by the Fellowship. But his own work in neuro-science, further discussed below, might appear as a model in terms of raising the profile of research within the College.

The second stated aim in Barry's address was *Collegiality*: the intangible but crucial process whereby all groups that make up the College bond together; as he put it, 'agreeable interaction within the Fellowship and also between Fellows, staff, students of all types and alumni'. Those who read these words will have their own tales to tell of ways in which Barry has encouraged warm relations within and between the different College constituencies. He has the ability to make people feel good about themselves and their contribution to the College. A typical response is the thought, 'I must not let this man down'. Behind this extension of humanity lies accessibility: a lot of time spent in talking with people. One example must suffice: Barry's practice of taking early morning coffee in the Butterfield Café, chatting with whoever might be present, staff included.

So far as undergraduates are concerned, informal interaction with the Master begins in their first term with a sequence of convivial parties in the Master's Lodge, including a tour of the premises. By the time each cohort graduates,

Barry knows most of them by name. Although mention must be made of Barry's involvement with the traditional 'Big Three' college activities of Sport, Drama, and Music (in particular, outstanding recitals held in the Lodge), he has a lively interest in *everything* that happens with respect to Downing. Truly, *humani nihil a se alienum putat*; not even Latin, as his performances in the Senate House bear witness.

Third in Barry's list was *Leadership and the Roles of Fellows*, acknowledging the many non-collegiate calls on Fellows' time. But indicative of the co-operation and trust sustained across a decade between Master and College Officers is the slow turnover of officeholders. Fellows have typically remained in post for the maximum period of tenure; testimony to the rewarding experience of working alongside Barry.

Fourth came *Fundraising*, where Barry singled out the importance of the College's academic prestige in attracting outside support. This might be exemplified by the Catalysis Conferences, already mentioned: focal points for donors interested in Downing as a research community. Barry also expressed the need to 'expand interactions with Old Members, both in the UK and abroad'. It should be added that the archived notes of the occasion preserve at this point a sceptical (not to say querulous) intervention by one Fellow present that Barry had hitherto not shown much interest in involvement with Old Members. He (or she) has subsequently had occasion to eat his (or her) words. Barry has proved tireless in his engagement with alumni and alumnae ('alums' is his preferred term) and other potential donors. He has made astonishingly frequent, fruitful visits to meet with Downing people in the United Kingdom, North America and the Far East.

Of course, prospects that come to fruition during the time of one Master may have originated through the work of a predecessor. But mention may be made of the brilliant refurbishment of the Dining Hall, associated with Barry's tenure. Symptomatic of the warm response to the appeal are the names of so many donors, large and not so large, recorded on plaques in the floor, embedded in chair-backs, and inscribed at the entrance. Also indicative of personal regard for Barry as Fellow, Director of Studies, and Master is the generous response to the Everitt-Butterfield Research Fellowship in Biological and Biomedical Sciences, now over half way towards its target.

The fifth theme was the role of the Master in *Managing Relations with the University*. Both in committees and in informal discussion, Barry has treated the Fellowship to vivid and revelatory accounts of decision-making elsewhere in the University. By the same token, he has the Fellows' full confidence that College interests have been firmly represented in University circles. A particular concern for Barry has been the shortcomings of the 'Tomkys Scheme' whereby

colleges supposedly sign up in an orderly queue to offer Fellowships to newly appointed Lecturers and Professors. It is possible that Barry may regard the securing of Fellows in specific fields as one area where the College has met with less success than he might wish. If so, the responsibility is emphatically not his.

Finally, Barry talked about *Strategic Planning* and the challenges posed by external constraints on higher education. In fact, College development during his tenure has been spectacular: refurbishment of the Butterfield Café (no longer a drinking hole) and the Dining Hall (memorable was the Master bravely balancing on a ladder, inspecting ceiling decorations), reconstruction of Gryphon House (in striking art-deco style) and building the incomparable Howard Theatre. All this has been against a background of diminishing public funding for Cambridge colleges. Noteworthy was a meeting of the Governing Body at which the potential impact of government policy on the funding of our operations was set out. All seemed terribly depressing, but the collective mood was swung round by the Master's concluding words: how this was an opportunity to re-examine and re-evaluate our activities, emerging from the experience all the stronger. Almost incredibly, that seems to be happening. Recently, the Fellowship has approved a major development, whereby Parker's House on Regent Street may be converted from office space into accommodation, potentially incorporating our entire Graduate community on the domus.

So, Barry Everitt emerges from this audit of aims against achievements with a Starred First. How has he proved so successful? There are several pointers. 'What know they of Cambridge, who only Cambridge know?' Vital to Barry's expertise is experience garnered elsewhere: schooled in Dagenham (witticisms about Girl Pipers are *not* encouraged), an undergraduate at Hull, and a graduate at Birmingham, with strong Scandinavian postdoctoral connections. Also invaluable has been his pre-magisterial time in Downing, where he consistently championed more progressive issues among the Fellowship. It is illuminating to compare the expression and body language of Barry's early photograph in the Fellows' album (determinedly confident) with his depiction in the superb portrait as Master (relaxed, yet authoritative). Before becoming Master, Barry had five predecessors to learn from in various ways. Stephen Fleet may be singled out (I hope not invidiously) as a possible part role model, renowned for solving problems by seeking people out and talking with them.

It is obvious to Barry's colleagues that he has enjoyed as Master enthusiastic support from his family. Indeed, Jane has actively contributed as Director of Studies in Clinical Medicine. The Fellowship collectively held its breath while daughter Jessica was seeking entry to *the Other Place*, and subsequently rejoiced in her distinguished academic success. Jane tells how she and Jessica have enjoyed living in the Lodge even more than anticipated: how visitors to the Lodge on

College business have frequently become friends. The warm relationship that developed between Barry and the artist Paul Brason, commissioned to paint his portrait, serves as a reminder of his own extended cultural hinterland, reaching across opera and modern literature.

Underpinning Barry's success has been his sheer vitality. How has so much been crammed in, with such close attention to detail? Those who sit next to him at meetings will testify to his meticulous preparation, with items in his papers highlighted in a variety of colours. Colleagues will also bear witness to the excellence of his speeches at events that punctuate the College year. Though he plainly speaks from the heart, that needs its own brand of controlled rhetoric, suggestive of plenty of forethought. But impressive above all is Barry's pursuit of scientific research of the highest calibre, leading a substantial research team, for which multi-million-pound funding has had to be secured. The award of an F.R.S. in 2007 is only one of the host of honours gathered under 'Everitt, Prof. Barry John' in *Who's Who*. He will continue to run his research group until at least 2017; and to ensure that things do not become too restful, he has been appointed Provost of the Gates Cambridge Trust.

Has this man no faults? Those with elephantine memories recall with pursed lips his discontinuation as Steward of the fourth course at High Table Dinner, but that is about the extent of it. This appreciation began by promising an 'objective' assessment, 'dispassionately' evaluating his performance as Master. Nothing could be further from the truth. It is impossible to think and write impartially of a person who generates not only respect but also deep affection.

(Hopefully) Anonymous



A PROFILE OF PROFESSOR GEOFFREY GRIMMETT

The new face at the helm is Professor Geoffrey Grimmett. We asked him some questions about himself. Modestly, he omits his selection for the 1976 Olympic Men's Foil fencing team in Montreal, where he finished sixth....

The basic facts? Where did you grow up? Educational background? Family?

I was born in Handsworth, Birmingham on a snowy night in 1950. As normal in the post-war period, my family had by modern standards a simple life centred

on work and the will for improvement. Money was short but always available when I or my two brothers were in need. I forget when we first had a television, but around the time of Churchill's funeral (or was it the 1966 World Cup?). At the age of 10, I was awarded a place at King Edward's School, Birmingham, then a Direct Grant school. There were fabulous opportunities there, with a broad range of subjects and extracurricular activities, and charismatic teachers.

Career to date?

I went up to a largely single-sex Oxford in 1968 to read Maths at Merton. All went well, and I stayed on for a D.Phil. in probability theory, and on to an IBM Research Fellowship at New College. My first proper job was a lectureship at Bristol University, where I spent 16 wonderful years before being elected in 1992 to the Cambridge Professorship of Mathematical Statistics. It was especially pleasing to be elected in 1999 to a Professorial Fellowship at Churchill College. I love travelling, whenever possible with my wife Rosine and son Hugo, and I have held numerous visiting posts around the world, usually in places where maths and the outdoors feature strongly.

What do you work on?

Probability theory is the science of the uncertain. The origins of the modern theory are usually ascribed to the great French mathematicians since Fermat and Pascal. Probability has emerged as a cross-roads discipline across all Mathematical Science. It even has applications to such contemporary obsessions as Risk and Finance.

My particular area of research is the theory of large interacting systems, especially those arising in physical science.

What is the most memorable aspect of your career?

There was an exhilarating period around 1987-9 when I and others came to understand how to do so-called dynamic renormalization for certain disordered systems. I won't go into details here, but just say that this led to solutions to several of the main open problems of probability of the day.

Are you planning to continue with your mathematical interests?

Absolutely. Mathematics poses some of the most testing and exquisitely beautiful intellectual challenges. The 'wisdom' of age compensates only partially for other losses, but I remain devoted to the field. I am a member of a group of staff, students, and postdocs working on probability theory in the new Centre for Mathematical Sciences.

First impressions of Downing?

Gracious buildings, extensive and beautiful site, delightful welcome from Fellows, students, and staff. The Fellowship has made it clear what it is looking for in its new Master, and I will do my very best to oblige.

Why did you want to become Master?

Downing will be my fourth Oxbridge college, and, in common with many readers, I am keen to find ways to give back to a collegiate community from which I and others have profited so much. The Mastership will permit me to do this, while remaining close to teaching, research, and, most importantly, to students.

What are you most looking forward to?

Commensality, both figuratively and literally: the sense of community, of living and working together with common goals, and of eating at the common table. At a personal level, Rosine and I are very much looking forward to moving our domestic base from our house in Melbourn to the Master's Lodge.

What is your vision for a successful College?

A successful College excels in academic, social and sporting affairs. Downing is an exceptional society, with outstanding sport. There are also fine academic achievements. I will work with the Senior Tutor and the Fellowship to understand how to give greater support to academic endeavour.

How do alumni fit into your vision for the College?

I see Downing very much as a community spanning the generations. Members join us as students, and they remain with us for life. As in all communities, there are opportunities for us to meet and talk across age groups. Our shared values are educational, social, and professional. I want to hear from you of your vision for the College, and of what it has done for you.

What do you see as your greatest challenge?

The big challenge facing the College is to stabilise the finances at a level that can adequately support excellence in academic activities. Enormous progress has been made with the estate in recent years, and this is continuing with the appeal to redevelop Parker's House to accommodate postgraduate students. But it costs a great deal of money. We have had a lot of help (thank you!), and we shall need more if we are to afford to respond to student need over the next few decades.

What is your favourite piece of music? Sport? Food?

I tend not to do 'favourites' in music, there is just so much of extraordinary beauty. My tastes are fairly eclectic though conservative, from 17th century harpsichord music to 20th century opera. There is usually a Bach prelude and fugue on the music stand. I can't wait to hear the new organ.

Spare time these days is spent running and hiking, preferably near the Arizona/Utah border where the desert meets the canyons. Or climbing a volcano in Japan, New Zealand, or the USA. I expect to spend more time in the future on the towpath and sidelines.

Diligent research indicates the excellence of Downing food, and I am looking forward to sharing it with you and fellow alumni/ae!

PREVIOUS MASTERS

Professor Grimmett will become the seventeenth Master of Downing College. The complete list to date is:

1800–1812	Francis Annesley
1812–1836	William Frere
1836–1885	Thomas Worsley
1885–1888	William Lloyd Birkbeck
1888–1907	Alex Hill
1907–1915	Frederick Howard Marsh
1915–1936	Sir Albert Charles Seward
1936–1947	Admiral Sir Herbert Richmond
1947–1956	Sir Lionel Ernest Howard Whitby
1957–1972	William Keith Chambers Guthrie
1972–1978	Sir Morien Bedford Morgan
1978–1987	William John Hughes Butterfield, Baron Butterfield
1987–1995	Peter Mathias
1995–2000	Sir David Anthony King
2001–2003	Stephen George Fleet
2003–2013	Barry John Everitt

NEWS OF MEMBERS

We welcome news of Members, just a short note on the form in this *Newsletter* is sufficient. Or email to Association@dow.cam.ac.uk. Your contemporaries and others might be more interested in your life and achievements than you think. Sadly we often learn more about people after they have died than during their lifetime.

RECENT BIOGRAPHIES

Frank Bardgett (1967) was appointed Moderator of the Church of Scotland Presbytery of Abernethy, 2011–12.

Timothy Bellman (1981) is living in the USA and Head of Global Research, Invesco Real Estate.

Peter Benner (1956) finally retired from practice as a Solicitor/Notary Public in 2012. He states, with obvious delight, that he can now only be contacted by snail mail or phone.

Timothy Briden (1971) has been Vicar-General in the Province of Canterbury since 2005. He was called to the Bar in 1976 and is currently a member of Lamb Chambers. He is Chancellor of the Dioceses of Truro and of Bath and Wells and Deputy Chancellor of the Diocese of Bristol. He is a Member of the Legal Advisory Commission of the General Synod of the Church of England and Chairman of the Ecclesiastical Judges' Association. He is also President of the Old Ipswichians' Club.

Geoffrey Gabb (1947) spent the years between 1942 and 1947 in the Army, where he became a Captain. Between 1949 and 1966 he worked for the Colonial Service in Tanzania and from 1966 to 1987 he worked at Southampton University.

Peter Head (1954) is retired, but was formerly Clerk to the Tax Commissioners in the Harlow Division in Epping.

Peter Heath (1952) was Technical Director, MFZ Energoil Corp. Inc., Belize.

Peter Hoare (1956) reports that he is continuing to catalogue rare books for the National Trust at various properties across the country and is now involved in a similar project for Bromley House Library in Nottingham, where (as with the National Trust) unexpected bibliographic treasures continually come to light.

David Hunt (1995) has been awarded a Clinician Scientist Fellowship from the Wellcome Trust to research molecular mechanisms of neuroinflammatory disease.

James MacLaren (1956) is retired, but was formerly a Consultant Surgeon with a special interest in Head and Neck surgery at the Worcester Royal Infirmary and Hereford General Hospital.

Jessica Mance (1997) is now employed as Senior Legal Counsel at the Financial Ombudsman Service in Canary Wharf. She still enjoys travel and languages in her leisure time and reports that it has been thrilling to work so near to the Olympic sites.

Christopher Pask (1995) is a Partner in Charlton Brown Architects.

Stephen Pinfield (1986) has just moved from the position of Chief Information Officer at the University of Nottingham to become Senior Lecturer in the School of Information Studies at the University of Sheffield.

Stephen Perkins (1953) worked from 1964 to approx. 2005 as a Lecturer in Geology and Chemistry, Ware College (F.E.).

Andrew Robinson (1965) recently joined M K Soni Notaries working in London and Cornwall. He has three grandsons in Athens, a granddaughter in Brighton and one grandchild in Devon was due at the time of writing last year.

Rosie Todd (2000) has left Travers Smith and joined Stephens & Bolton in Guildford as a Tax Lawyer.

Annie Vernon (2001) has become Assistant Coach at Cambridge University Women's Boat Club as they prepare to move the Women's Boat Race from Henley to the Tideway in 2015.

David Wilson (2001) retired from the Army in January 2012. He is now Director of Asian Schools and Chief Academic Officer, India for GEMS, Dubai.

EXPERIENCES AND REMINISCENCES

The recent publication of *Downing and the two World Wars* has encouraged some of our older members to record their part in historical events. This year **Maurice Winter (1943)** describes life during the Malayan Emergency and **Ian Gibson (1949)** describes his experiences resulting from being in the first cohort of Veterinary students at Cambridge.

MALAYA AND BEYOND

I was born in Norwich 6th February 1925. Fast forward through childhood etc. – came up to Downing 1943 – read Nat Sci for two years and Agriculture for two years. Took up rowing – very important! Not to mention health giving.

Introduced to Guthrie & Co Ltd, in London, by the University, and signed on as a Rubber Planter's Assistant. Arrived in Malaya in March 1948, and found to my delight that I had been transferred, and would become the Assistant Scientist on Guthrie's Oil Palm Research Department. I was to live on a large Oil Palm Estate in Johore. The work involved improving the Oil Palm stock by selection and breeding, and raising quantities of seedlings for planting out. Also, manuring field experiments. All this involved a lot of field work, harvesting the results and statistical analysis. I could hardly believe my luck in getting this job that I loved, enjoyed, and was very well paid for it.

However, in August 1948, the Malayan "Emergency" broke out. The Malayan Communist Party launched a guerrilla war in which they set about

killing planters as they went about their business in the fields. Our employers provided us planters with arms and ammunition. There was an atrocity near to where I was working, and one of my close colleagues was killed, along with his guard. I assured my boss that I would carry on regardless. Time passed and planters were being picked off one by one all over Malaya. This has all been well documented elsewhere. Eventually my boss resigned his job – he had a wife and three young children and he said his wife had lost her first husband to enemy action, and he did not want her to make a habit of losing husbands. I then took over as the Scientist in charge of the Oil Palm Research Department. The job was dangerous, no doubt about it, but I loved the job, the country and the people, and I was not going to be frightened away by some political hot-heads.

As the end of my four year contract neared, Guthrie's asked me if I would extend the contract by six months because there was such a heavy work load coming. I was in good health, but a sort of cumulative tiredness was coming over me, also there were personal reasons for wanting to see my family in England, so I declined the offer. I returned to England in March 1952. After a while, personal reasons compelled me to resign the job, although I had fully intended to return, despite the danger. This turned out to be a watershed in my life. I was stranded without a job. Getting a new job proved to be extremely difficult.

I was taken on by a small canning company, Norfolk Canneries Ltd. as a junior Quality Control Chemist. Pleasant little job, but paid only a pittance. Spent two and a half years there, then moved to Frank Coopers Ltd, of Oxford – Marmalade etc. as Chief Chemist. It paid a slightly larger pittance. Stayed there for three and a half years, then moved to Birds Eye Foods Ltd Development Department in Great Yarmouth. I was not too happy with Birds Eye, but for personal reasons decided I had to stay in post, and tough it out as best I could. Most of the time was on process development. I stayed with Birds Eye for 17 years, whereupon, the company seemed to go into self-destruct mode and shed staff all over the place, including me. I was in the wilderness for about two years. Worked for a local canning company Rosalind Foods for a fortnight! The Co-operative Wholesale Society as a shift Quality Controller for three months, then got an offer from Pasta Foods Ltd in Great Yarmouth – worked there mainly on process development until I retired at 65.

Just a few more words about the Malayan Emergency.

The objective of the Malayan Communist Party was to take over Malaya and make it a Chinese Communist colony. This would have been a far, far worse fate than being a British Colony. Anyway, the Malaysians had already been promised independence. Under the wise and strong leadership of General Sir Gerald Templar, and the political guidance of Tunku Abdul Rahman, the

Communist menace was defeated and independence was granted. Tunku is the Malay word for prince, and this Tunku was the son of one of the Malay Sultans. The Tunku's mother (sensible woman!!) had sent him, pre-war, to the University of Cambridge to be educated.

For me, giving up the Malayan job was a disaster as a career move. My career was like a train that had been derailed, I never got back onto a comparable track. Furthermore, I had left my heart behind in Malaya. I felt an awful heel in leaving all those good people who had worked so well and so hard for me in very difficult circumstances. I did not know it at the time, but at about the time I left, the security forces were just turning the corner in defeating the Communists.

Now, looking back at my whole career, I see the Malayan business as being well organised, and, in spite of the Communist nuisance, mainly smooth running. By contrast, I was frequently dismayed and angered by the way many of the British companies I worked for got into muddles and upsets. I am sure this must have wasted a lot of time, effort and money- in fact I know it did. In Guthrie's most of the staff and workforce worked together efficiently and harmoniously, but in Britain, so many people were awkward, quarrelsome, and difficult - not a happy environment. Some of the decisions taken at Director level seemed to have been pretty disastrous.

Of course, there have been compensations for living and working in UK, but that is another story.

Maurice Winter (1943)

EXPERIENCES AND REMINISCENCES OF IAN GIBSON, THE FIRST VETERINARY STUDENT TO QUALIFY FROM DOWNING.

As a 19 year old in the Navy towards the end of the Second World War, I met a fellow officer who had been on a war-time short course at Downing. His glowing reports inspired me and, having heard that Veterinary courses were to be set up at Cambridge, I contacted the Senior Tutor and was duly interviewed by Dr Frank Wild and offered a place for October 1949 provided that I satisfied the examiners.

As an entrance scholar at Cranleigh, my academic focus had been on the classics; indeed I hadn't studied any science subjects until I was nearly 16. On leaving the Navy, Croydon Polytechnic saved the day and I passed the first M.B. and secured my place at Downing. Before going up, I had also spent six months working on a farm in South Devon getting plenty of large animal experience.

My six years at Downing (1949-1955) were happy and memorable. Ten students started on the very first Veterinary course but only seven completed it

including two women. I also found time to captain the College rugby team for two years and rowed in the rugby boat. I was there when the newly built chapel was consecrated and sang in the choir. I also met my future wife, Shirley, in the queue for tickets at the Arts Cinema – she was a teacher at King’s College School – and we were married on a cold January day in Lancashire in 1958.

After leaving Cambridge, I worked in General Practice in High Wycombe for a couple of years before joining the Colonial Veterinary Service and being sent out to Kenya as a District Veterinary Officer. My first posting was at Embu on the eastern slopes of Mount Kenya where we lived in a small bungalow with no electricity but an active Mau Mau presence. The accent of my team of 50 Veterinary Assistants and Scouts was on accelerating the pace of agricultural development by various means including introducing artificial insemination of locals’ cows by semen from European bulls, land consolidation and vaccination campaigns to eradicate rinderpest. Contrary to popular assumption, I had very little to do with wild animals except, on one occasion, I did have to take care of a rhino which had been injured while being captured to be taken to a zoo. The stress of this experience had reduced its immunity to trypanosomiasis or sleeping sickness, a disease spread by tsetse fly. I had to estimate its weight and give it a dose of Berenil intravenously into an ear vein. Happily or not, it eventually recovered and was duly shipped off.

Our next station was Machakos, 50 miles south-east of Nairobi, where we lived on the veterinary farm. Again as District Veterinary Officer, I was involved in much of the same work as in Embu; I also found time to captain the local rugby team. Our otherwise happy time at Machakos was marred by an unfortunate incident in which I lost an eye at around the same time as Kenyan independence was declared in 1963.

Promotion to Provincial Veterinary Officer and further postings followed, first to Kisumu on the shores of Lake Victoria; then down to the coast at Mombasa; and finally to Nakuru in the Rift Valley Province as Assistant Director of Veterinary Services (Field). I then left the Veterinary Department and joined the Animal Health and Training Institute at Kabete near Nairobi to train students for the Veterinary Department. After five years, we left Kenya and returned to the UK with our two children.

After a few false starts, I joined a practice in Dorset and worked there predominantly as a large animal practitioner for the next 12 years until I was 60. Then the opportunity arose to go to Zimbabwe to work again in a training capacity of both male and female students at the Veterinary Training Institute at Mazowe eventually becoming its Principal. My wife and I spent four interesting and fulfilling years there but, eventually, we were happy to return

to Dorset and approaching retirement. Before finally hanging up my boots or stethoscope, I joined the MAFF (Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries) dealing with BSE, commonly known as “Mad cow disease”.

Ian Gibson (1949)

Footnote: In the Queen’s Birthday Honours list in 1992, Ian was awarded the MBE for Services to Veterinary Training in Zimbabwe.

FEATURES

As well as biographies, Members from time to time send articles on areas that are of wider interest. We also invite staff and Fellows of the College to contribute from the perspective of their specialist areas.

AN UNUSUAL ‘ARCHIVE’

The College Archive does not ordinarily take in artefacts, as opposed to documents, but it does contain some three-dimensional objects; these include clothing, a presentation claw hammer on the occasion of the topping-out of Howard Court in 1993 and a large and very miscellaneous collection of items left by the late Professor Kenny.

In May 2011 I received a letter from an elderly lady living in Salisbury (Miss Monica Haynes), offering the College a silver cup given to her late father, together with a citation and a small dish. She was clearing her house prior to moving to a nursing home and wanted the items to return ‘home’. I had a telephone conversation with her and there appeared to be no hurry; I agreed that she would contact me when she had to leave her home, as she wished to keep the items until then. Unfortunately this happened sooner than she would have wished and she accepted a place in a nursing home in July 2011.

As I was spending New Year with friends in Dorset I arranged to collect the items from her on my way home in early January 2012. When I arrived I was told that I could not visit Miss Haynes because the home was closed to visitors due to illness! Fortunately, a member of staff collected them – very carefully packed up – so that my journey was not wasted. I telephoned Miss Haynes the next day to tell her that the cup, etc had arrived safely and were now housed in the archive strongroom. She was clearly disappointed that she hadn’t been able to hand them over personally, so I arranged to visit her on another occasion, which I duly did; although elderly, she is a feisty lady with all her mental faculties!



The Haynes' Cup

I did some research on the cup, which had been valued for insurance purposes in 2009 at £350. It is made of sterling silver and was made by Munsey & Co of Cambridge; it bears four hallmarks which show the maker, the sterling mark (a lion passant gardant), the assay mark (London) and date of manufacture (1900-1920). It is inscribed: 'A Tribute of respect from Town & University to George Percy Haynes Pte 4th (C.U.) Batt. Suffolk Regt one of those who at their Country's call left Cambridge for service in South Africa 1900-1901'. I have no idea how many Cambridge men served in the Boer War, but if they all received a similar cup, it would have cost a lot of money.



The Haynes' Citation

The citation reads: 'At a Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Cambridge holden on the 25th day of April in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and One, George Percy Haynes of the Fourth (Cambridge University) Volunteer Battalion of the Suffolk Regiment, was, under the powers contained in the Honorary Freedom of Boroughs Act, 1885, admitted an Honorary Freeman of the Borough in recognition of the patriotic conduct which he displayed at a time of great national anxiety in leaving home as a Volunteer for active service in South Africa'; it was signed by the Mayor and Town Clerk.



The Haynes' Dish

The dish is made of china, from Stoke-on-Trent; it measures 3" across and has the College crest in the base. Its purpose is unclear. All the items are currently displayed in the College Library, in the 'New accessions' case in the octagon. Haynes matriculated on 10th July 1897.

*Kate Thompson
College Archivist
(retired March 2013)*

DOWNING TENNIS¹ 1957–2006 – THE GOLDEN DECADES

Whilst it is hard to dispute the central role of the big three – Rowing, Rugby and Association Football – in Downing's sporting life, probably the most successful of all College sports since the War has been Men's Tennis. Not only did Downing dominate University tennis for thirty years, but several alumni have occupied influential positions at National level.

The record speaks for itself:

- 24 Cuppers wins in the 32 years from 1959 to 1990, including an unbroken sequence of ten wins from 1963 to 1972 and only two occasions between 1963 and 1984 when the team were unsuccessful.
- 41 Blues since 1953 (and six Women's Blues since 1985) and many more who represented the University and Grasshoppers (the University second VI). 25% of all players against Oxford in the last 60 years have come from Downing – between 1959 and 1988, the figure rose to 41%!
- At least one Blue every year between 1957 and 1993 and only two years between 1994 and 2006 when we had no Blue.
- **Mark Cox (1963)** – former World Number 13; **Mike Hann (1956)** – former Chair of the Wimbledon Programme Committee and now one of only nine Vice Presidents of the All-England Lawn Tennis Club (AELTC); **Ken Weatherley (1968)** and **Michael Gradon (1977)**, – currently Committee Members of the AELTC; **Keith Reynolds (1966)** – a top British coach, currently working on the ATP tour; **David Spearing (1954)** – Chief Steward at Wimbledon (recognisable as the man in the black hat!). **Richard Baker (1981)** – Board member of the Lawn Tennis Association.

1. For the record, although this feature focuses primarily on Men's Tennis, we have also had some very successful women!

It was not always thus. On October 23rd 1947 two Hard Tennis Courts were opened by Miss Kenny and in 1948 the Lawn Tennis Club reported “The high hopes which were entertained at the beginning of the term were never fully realised, although at times both teams proved themselves quite capable of standing up to the opposition. Though both teams failed to be victorious on all occasions the matches were enjoyed by everyone and both teams showed they could lose just as gracefully as they could win. If the prestige of the College was not upheld by the standard of play, it was upheld by the manner in which defeat was accepted.”

But, by 1950, the club “had a very successful season indeed, having won all its matches” with a team “strengthened by two freshmen, N Cardwell and M Slapak², who won the freshman’s grass court tournament at Fenner’s and who, along with J Winstanley, are now playing for the C U Grasshoppers”.

In 1952 the College reached the semi-final of Cuppers and, in 1953, aided by Blue **Michael Kidwell (1951)**, it was reported that it had reached the “final



The Downing College Cuppers winning team 1959
M. Lynch, R. J. Levine, D. E. W. Archdale, G. F. Chesters
J. Plumpton (Hon. Sec.), M. P. Hann (Capt.) M. V. Upson

2. **Maurice Slapak**, CBE (1949), kidney transplant Surgeon and founder of the World Transplant Games

of the Singles competition". Five quiet years followed but, in 1956, **Mike Hann** (see below), came up to Downing. Mike was an outstanding player who was University Captain and three times reached the third round at Wimbledon between 1956 and 1965. His presence and the arrival of two more Blues, **Dominic Archdale (1958)** and **Bob Levine (1958)**, began to put Downing tennis on the map. In 1958 the College reached the "singles semi-final of Cuppers" and, in 1959, it recorded its first win since the War. Although the only success in next three years was a runners-up spot in 1961, the seeds had been sown for the extraordinary success over the next three decades.

So how did this come about? In a separate article, **Mike Hann (1956)**, describes how the Senior Tutor at the time, Frank Wild, developed an admissions' policy in order to enhance the College's standing in sport. Mike describes the beginning of the link with Millfield School, which offered scholarships to promising junior tennis players. The first product of that relationship was **John Baker**, who came up in 1961, followed by **Mark Cox** in 1963. Between 1963 and 1983, no fewer than fifteen Blues followed from the same source – half of whom read Economics! Co-incidentally, in 1959, Downing appointed a new Fellow, Peter Gay, a geographer who had "represented [Sidney Sussex] at cricket, lawn tennis, badminton and squash". He was active in University and local tennis, as Senior Treasurer of the University Lawn Tennis Club and Secretary of the Cambridgeshire Lawn Tennis Association. In 1966, he succeeded Frank Wild as Senior Tutor and "expanded and built upon the connections with schools established by Frank Wild".

DOWNING COLLEGE TENNIS RECOLLECTIONS OF 1956–60

Looking back on that wonderful time of my youth almost 60 years ago, I realise how lucky I was to gain a place at Downing in 1956. My academic results from Leeds Grammar School were fairly minimal compared to present day standards, but the then Senior Tutor, Dr Frank Wild, took a chance on me and I gained a place to read Natural Sciences.

How did the chance arise?

I was a promising junior playing for a Lawn Tennis Association team a couple of years before against CULTC at Fenner's, and I came to the notice of Mr Charles Wright, a retired don from St John's College who was also the Chairman of the LTA Junior Training Committee. (I had previously helped my school win the Youll Cup, a Public School competition, and he was the Competition Chairman.). He introduced me to two colleges, including Downing.

I wasn't the only one who gained entry into Cambridge by unorthodox means. I now know of people from various sports obtaining places at other colleges who did the same at that time, and I often have joked with

my friends and fellow alumni that “the back entrance to Downing was on Tennis Court Road!”

Reading Natural Sciences with lectures and practicals morning and most afternoons five days a week was indeed a major challenge for me, combining them with not only tennis but a college life also. I well remember, after two hours of afternoon tennis, occasionally nodding off in my Metallurgy lectures between 5–6pm. With my indifferent academic progress, I was allowed (nay told) to take two years over my Prelims and go for my Part 1 in my third year. That would still qualify me for an honours degree.

Downing had had only a few tennis players of standing prior to my arrival. In the early 1950's, **Ray Martin** and **Mike Kidwell** had gained Blues, and **Maurice Slapak** eventually of liver transplant fame, was an accomplished player too, but Downing's policy under Dr Wild appeared to change and I, along with a few others, were perhaps admitted to try and enhance the College's standing in sport.

I got my Blue at the end of my first year, became CULTC Secretary in my second year, and Captain in my third and fourth years. In all my matches against Oxford, I lost only once, to Hamilton Richardson who was an ex US Davis Cup player. I rarely had time to play for the College in those days but I did help them win Cuppers at the end of my time. Other team members, **Bob Levine (1958)** and **Dominic Archdale (1958)**, also gained Blues.

After I went down there developed a close link between the College and Millfield School which provided a number of excellent players over the years, with **Mark Cox (1963)** being the outstanding example.

How did this link happen?

In my time when captain, CULTC entertained Millfield as one of our fixtures, and their team was usually accompanied by their Headmaster, Dr R J O (Jack) Meyer. He said to me “Look, I have some good young players who have decent academic achievements. How do I try and get them into Cambridge?” I said “Go and see Dr Frank Wild.” And he did. “Après-moi le deluge” is, I think, the appropriate expression!

At the end of my third year, I shall always remember bumping into Dr Wild going out of College one day when my exam results were due to be announced. Naturally, like many others, I was uncertain of the outcome. He breezily said, “Well done, Hann, you've got a third. In fact it was one of the best thirds of the year!” I dined off that for quite a while.

I stayed on for a fourth year (to read for a Certificate of Education) in order to become eligible to play in the match for the Combined Oxford and Cambridge team against Harvard and Yale in America the following summer. Yes, I played, and it was sheer indulgence but it was well worth it.

I was happy to try and continue to play a decent standard of tennis after my Harvard and Yale trip which continued around the world for a further six months, although the sport was amateur and I wasn't good enough to benefit from unofficial hand-outs. Soon after being back in the UK, I got a job teaching for two years at a comprehensive school in South East London to help pay the bills and it was during this period that I played my best tennis. My career highlights were beating Chuck McKinley - the 5th seed from USA - at Wimbledon, and the following year with Roger Taylor beating the defending doubles champions, Bob Hewitt and Fred Stolle. I was ranked no. 6 in GB in 1963.

After that, I decided to look elsewhere than tennis for a career, and I joined the RAF aged 26 as a Navigator, leaving in 1979, after which I became a Headhunter for 20 years.

I would like to think that I have put back something into the game since my earlier days. Myself (Order of Play/Courts/Staff), and other ex Downing stalwarts particularly **Ken Weatherley (1968)** (Ground/Courts/Long Term Plans), **Mark Cox (1963)**, and **Michael Gradon (1977)** (Financial and Risk/Commercial and Media/ Staff) have had or are having a keen involvement with the Wimbledon Championships and the future of British tennis as committee members in hands-on roles, and thereby contributing to one of the most famous sporting events of our nation.

As a postscript, Professor Barry Everitt and his wife were invited to the Royal Box at Wimbledon a few years ago to view the tennis and enjoy the occasion where they met some of us.

Mike Hann (1956)

The next few years saw Downing totally dominate University tennis - winners of Cuppers for ten successive years 1983 to 1992, a slip-up in 1973 when we lost in the semi-final, and then wins from 1974 to 1978. In 1979 "for once we failed to win" - defeat in the semi-finals due to the absence through injury of the University number one and Junior Wimbledon winner, **Paul Bourdon (1976)**. However, we resumed again with victories for a further five years. The next decade, although Downing did not dominate totally, still saw very respectable results - runners up in 1985 (a year in which **Debbie Cantrell (1984)** played in the women's Varsity match and became the first woman to play in the Downing Men's Cuppers' team), semi-finalists in 1987, winners in 1988³, 1989 and 1990 and runners-up in 1992. The Women's team meanwhile were runners-up in 1991 and 1992 and winners in 1993. Sadly Cuppers'

3. Benefit of the doubt is given here - the record states that they were in the final, having beaten Trinity the favourites.

records for the next decade are sparse, but we continued to attract a steady stream of Blues. Downing had at least one member of the six that played against Oxford every year from 1957 to 2006, apart from a couple of gaps in 1994 and 1998⁴.

Several alumni have continued with a heavy involvement in the world of tennis. **Michael Gradon (1977)** writes:

“... we always had two or three Blues and one or two Grasshoppers. At various times we had **Paul Bourdon (1976)** (a former Junior Wimbledon winner), **Mike Taylor (1978)** (a former Junior Covered Courts of GB champion) and **David Atkinson (1979)** who was also a national junior champion.

After Cambridge I qualified as a lawyer with Slaughter and May, then joined P&O which was then in the FTSE 30 initially as a lawyer, subsequently becoming Company Secretary, Group Commercial & Legal Director, Chairman of P&O Properties and on the Main Board from 1998–2006 when it was taken over by Dubai. I currently serve as a Non-executive Director of Grosvenor Limited (the UK and Ireland property business of the Duke of Westminster), Aercap NV (the world’s largest independent aircraft leasing company, listed on the New York Stock Exchange), Modern Water plc (an AIM listed company in the water sector) and Exclusive Hotels, a family company which owns and operates country house hotels. I have been privileged to serve with **Ken Weatherley (1968)** on the Committee/Board of The All England Club and Wimbledon Championships for many years, a fascinating experience.”

Almost certainly the strongest squad was that in 1969 when seven Blues – **Keith Ajegbo (1966)**, **Keith Reynolds (1966)**, **John de Mendoza (1968)**, **Ken Weatherley (1968)**, **Mike Mitchell (1968)**, **Geoff Woodward (1968)** and **Alan Warde (1968)** were all available for selection.

A member of that team, **Keith Reynolds**, who “spent a lot of time on the practice court with Andy Murray” during last year’s Wimbledon, writes of his experience as a member of the University Prentice Cup team at that time.

THE PRENTICE CUP – A UNIQUE TENNIS EXPERIENCE!

The question for me is not do I want to write, but how to decide, from the huge range of experiences that have made up the patchwork of my tennis life, which one will be of most interest and relevance. Tennis has been the WD-40 of my life!

From early teenage friendships which have lasted strongly, a tennis playing scholarship to a glorious educational establishment, Millfield, Street, Somerset

4. In 1998, although we had no men’s Blue, **Susie Bach (1992)** gained a Women’s Blue.

and then crowned by three years at Downing College, Cambridge, tennis had been the interconnecting factor in phase 1 of my life.

I hadn't expected that tennis would become the actual platform of my professional life, phase 2, but from the age of 30, starting with experience of coaching in Australia that led to owning a tennis centre in Derbyshire, whose success lifted me into National coaching and captaincy positions and then latterly to work on the professional tennis player tour, it has been tennis all the way.

I hope I'm never required to make the 'Desert Island Disc' type choice of one abiding memory only. I do know though, out of the choices available, an unforgettable experience, while at Cambridge, would be a prime contender.

If I hadn't had the magnificent good fortune to be accepted into Downing College the following story couldn't have been written and I would only have been able to enjoy it vicariously through another's experience.

My association with the 'Prentice Cup' began while still a very young boy.

The 'Cup' is a bi-annual contest between a combined Oxford/Cambridge team and Harvard/Yale. The venue alternates between the UK and America. I saw the American team play at my local Miners' Welfare Club during their tour. So much for the label of 'middle class game', a concept I was unaware of, as a ten year old!

Ten years later I was landing at JFK New York, as a member of the Oxbridge team.

The 'Fairy Tale' had begun. The Americans may experience a depth of history and culture on their visit here - I experienced the 'American Dream' there.

A huge, new estate car was waiting for our six member team and access to unlimited 'gas' to power it. Rooms at the Harvard Yale Club in Manhattan were left for our use during the summer and the depth of the leather seats and sophistication of the subdued lighting alerted me to the quality of this oasis in the heart of the 'Big Apple'.

Exhibition matches were organized at magnificent country clubs and occasionally a wayward golf shot would bounce into the courts followed by a cavalry of golf buggies pursuing it. I played my first match on American Green Clay courts there and then fifteen years later pioneered their introduction into British tennis when my business partner and I laid them at our club.

At Newport Rhode Island we were guests at the Van Alen home. This remarkable ex Cambridge graduate was the inspiration behind the tiebreaker scoring system. We had practiced it on the Fenner's courts. It was at that stage called the 'VASSS' (Van Alen Streamlined Scoring System). At Newport we used it while amongst the exalted elite of John Newcombe, Tony

Roche, Earl Buchhaltz, Marty Reissen and other greats who were just about to be rehabilitated into main stream tennis when Wimbledon pioneered 'open tennis'.

My allocated 'housing' was with the Keoghs. Remarkable! Mr Keogh had taken time off from his role as Chief Executive of Time magazine to be on the Richard Nixon Presidential election campaign as his Chief Speechwriter.

Washington DC and power! Tea and swimming with the British Ambassador and his wife at the official residence, a concert starring Ella Fitzgerald and Count Basie and a private tour of the White House and State Department.

In the tournaments at Boston Longwood and later Merion Philadelphia we experienced the playing prowess of Arthur Ashe and Bob Hewitt while meeting the emerging talents of Tom Gorman, Stan Smith and Bob Lutz. Wow! If I'd known anything about betting on the future at Ladbrokes.

I didn't understand the significance of the match and the stay at West Point where the recruits we played and met would become members of the USA forces involved in the South East Asia and Vietnamese war. How naive I must have been?

It would seem that we managed to gain enough tennis matches and quality practice to win the 'Cup' in a quality, competitive and absorbing match. The Americans generously played the match on the grass courts at Rumson, New Jersey and even more so hosted the International Club Dinner in New York, where seated between Clark Graebner and Ken Rosewall I was elected into the International Club.

I don't want to know what my dinner companions must have been thinking!

I find it breathtaking to recall such memories and focus back to the catalyst, tennis. I hope the work and associations I've enjoyed with young, hopeful, ambitious players and coaches can help support their drive, that may lead to such great adventures of their own.

If so, I'd like to read their story.

Keith Reynolds (1966)

Postscript

Little mention has been made of the League competition, in which Downing has not performed particularly well – we won in 1964–66 and the Women won in 1994. This is not surprising since the top players had commitments to the University team and generally did not play in the League. Sadly, the League no longer exists – it was replaced in 2006 and 2007 by a Ladder competition, which Downing won both times, but the whole format was abandoned the following year.

It also came to light that, whilst many alumni may have competed for the Buckmaster and Attwood Challenge Cup (for singles) and the Sprake Cup (for doubles), current students compete for the Gulbenkian Cups, donated in 1988 by the daughter of **Diran Gulbenkian (1926)** in memory of her father.

The one for the Men's Singles is named after her father, Diran, and one for the Women's Singles after her mother, Kathleen.

Although the golden period may have drawn to a close, it is good to report that tennis remains alive and kicking in Downing with yet another Blue, **Robert Legg** (2008), and yet more success in the 2012 Cuppers. Sadly the anticipated further success in 2013 was not to be – rain prevented play in the quarter-final match and we lost on the toss of a coin.



The Downing College Cuppers winning team 2012.

In order of heads from Left to Right: Robert Legg, Joao Romero, Constantine Markides, Jean-Paul Westgate (capt.), Douglas Maslin, Pierre Bellec.

The Editor thanks the many former players for their assistance in compiling this brief history. However, this project has raised more questions that have not yet been resolved.

- Some records are a little sketchy. Can anyone recall the results in 1978, 1988, 1991, 1993–2001, 2008, 2010 or 2011?
- In the 1950s there are references to “Singles” and “Doubles” Cuppers. How did this format operate and for how many years?
- It appears that, in the early days, matches were played on the two hard courts in the College grounds and that, by the late sixties, they were played on courts marked out on the paddock. In July 2003, the new sports ground in Grantchester Road was opened (prior to that temporary arrangements involved sharing a Sports Ground on the Barton Road) and matches have presumably been played there ever since. When did all these various transitions happen?

FOR THE RECORD

OLYMPIANS

In last year's list of Downing Olympians we omitted **Chris Williams (1948)** who represented Great Britain in the two-man and four-man Bobsleigh in the 1956 Cortina Winter Olympics and managed the British Bob team in the 1972 Olympics in Japan. Sadly he died on 30th August 2012.

AWARDS, HONOURS AND APPOINTMENTS

Sir Quentin Blake (1953) was knighted in the 2013 New Year Honours for his services to illustration. In 2011 he was awarded the Prince Philip Designers' Prize and, in 2012, he was awarded the Eleanor Farjeon Award. This is an annual award given for outstanding commitment and contribution to the world of British children's books. His work was the subject of an exhibition *Quentin Blake: Drawn by Hand* at the Fitzwilliam Museum from February to May 2013.

Ronald Cookson (1962) became Chairman of the Mills Archive Trust in 2002 and was awarded the MBE for Services to Heritage in the 2012 Queen's Birthday Honours List.

Tim Farr (1976) has been appointed Chairman of the Trent Regional Flood and Coastal Committee by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.

Flemming Heilmann (1954), former President of the Association, has been elevated to Knight of the Order of Dannebrog, 1st Rank. Her Majesty Queen Margrethe of Denmark first appointed him to the Order in 1998. The Order of the Dannebrog is a "means of honouring and rewarding servants of the modern Danish state for meritorious civil or military service, for a particular contribution to the arts, sciences or business life or for those working for Danish interests".

An appraisal of Flemming's work may be found on <http://www.riissettlement.org/h-m-queen-margrethe-ii-honors-jacob-riis-settlements-chairman-emeritus/>.

Carl Jackson (1978), a former Organ Scholar, Director of Music at Her Majesty's Chapel Royal, Hampton Court Palace, was appointed a Member of the Royal Victorian Order (MVO) in the 2012 New Year Honours List.

Sir Richard McCombe (1971) was appointed a Lord Justice of Appeal in 2012.

Darrell Norris (1965) received a College Teaching Award, S.U.N.Y, Genesco, 2011-12 and the Teaching Award, Chinese School of Rochester, May 2012.

Kathryn Parsons (2000) won the New Generation prize at the Veuve Clicquot Business Women of the Year awards, for her part in setting up Decoded, a company that offers to teach coding in a day.

Sir Stuart Peach (1996) was appointed Vice-Chief of the Defence Staff on 10th May 2013.

Sir John Pendry (1962) has been awarded the 2013 Isaac Newton Medal of the Institute of Physics for his seminal contributions to surface science, disordered systems and photonics.

David Spearing (1954) has been awarded an MBE in the New Year Honours for Services to British Business and the British Community in Abu Dhabi.

Richard Stibbs, our President-elect, coached the Cambridge University Blind Wine Tasting Team to victory in the world finals of the Left Bank Cup in Bordeaux. The competition is sponsored by Decanter magazine and held in the cellars of Château Lafite Rothschild. A full report may be found at <http://www.decanter.com/news/wine-news/583999/cambridge-university-wins-left-bank-bordeaux-cup-2013>.

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MARRIAGES AND ANNIVERSARIES

Siobhan Brady (2003) married **Marc Thompson (2003)** in March 2003.

Timothy Briden (1971) married Suzanne in 1989.

Magnus Burrough (1992) is married to Libby.

Dave Butler (1998) married Katie Rees in April 2013.

Mike Callow (2000) married Jill this year.

Sarah Cooper (1999) married Andy in Spring 2013 at Peterhouse.

Ed Cumming (2001) married Emma Hilliard (Sidney Sussex) in December 2012.

Dave Davis (1999) married Lucy in April 2013.

Aidan Ellis (2000) has married in the last year.

Wayne Ellis (2000) has married in the last year.

Charlotte Ford (2003) and **Chris Stevenson (2003)** married in Downing chapel in December 2011.

Geoffrey Gabb (1947) married in 1948.

Peter Head (1954) married in 1960.

Becca Hoyle (2000) has married in the last year.

Peter Huntingford (2004) married Catherine Robinson in October 2012.

Sumit Indwar (2000) married in Singapore.

Kit Jarvis (1992) is married to Emma.

Nisha Lakhani (1999) married Paul in May 2013.

Sara Lloyd Jones (2004) married James Baylis in October 2012.

Bella Mistry (2000) married this year.

Christopher Pask (1995) is married to Harriet Pask.

Stephen Perkins (1953) married Diana in 1964.

Emma Playfair (née Kirschen) (1998) married Gareth Playfair (Robinson 1995) in 2007.

Hannah Rowett (née Greaves) (2008) married in July 2012.

Sophie Seymour (2003) is married to Jules Seymour.

Robert Sparkes (2004) married **Sonya Pemberton (2004)** in September 2012.

Rosie Todd (2000) married Dr Jonathan Todd in 2011.

Tim Walton (1991) married Yvonne earlier this year.
Alex Ward (née Steward) (1998) recently married Pete.
Mark Williams (1974) married Nansi in April 2013.

BIRTHS

Sarah Ashworth (née Le Monde) (2002) a daughter, Sophie.
Andrew and Becky Bamber (2002) a son, Elias, 2012.
Sarah Banda (née Loving) (2004) a second son, Charlie, 2012.
Jess Boyde (1994) a daughter, Olivia, sister to Thomas.
Matt Burman (1999) a second son, Albert, 2013.
Simon Cowper (1980) a son, Socrates.
Andrew Curry (1998) a daughter, Esther, sister to Thomas.
Natalie Davies (née Elsborg) (1999) a son, Jackson, 2012.
David Dowding (2001) a son, Theo.
Matthias Fahrenwaldt (1994) a son, Johann Albrecht Richard, 2012.
Geoffrey Gabb (1947) three children born in 1949, 1951 and 1953.
Ed Graham (1991) a second child, Sachin, 2012.
Lala Gregorek (2006) a daughter, Viola, 2012.
Ben Griffiths (1999) a second daughter, Sophie, 2013.
Ravi Gupta (1994) a daughter, Anaiya.
Jack Harris (1998) a daughter, Clara, 2012.
Anna Harrison (née Reddish) (1999) a son, Ethan, 2012.
Peter Head (1954) three children born in 1961, 1964 and 1967.
Patrick Heneghan (1992) a son, Max, 2012.
Richard Higham (2004) a son, James Alexander Spencer, 2013.
Andy Hodgson (1994) a son, Ollie, 2012.
Abigail Hollingdale (1994) and **David Riddoch (1995)** a daughter, Isla, sister to Cameron and Finlay.
Anne Marie and Mark Howarth (1999) a daughter, Lauren, 2013.
Andy Isabelle (1995) a son, Mark, aged 1 year.
Kit Jarvis (1992) two daughters, Jasmine, aged 2½, and Lucia, 2013.
Kathryn Kendon (née Taylor) (2000) a daughter, Abigail Rose, 2013.
Caroline Laband (1995) a daughter, Zara, 2013, sister to Alex.
Andrew Lynch (1994) a son, Alastair James.
Dan (1994) and **Fiona Martin (née McMeechan) (1994)** a third son, Harris, 2013.
Piran Mazaneri (1989) a daughter, Darya, 2012.
Steve Ness (1985) twin boys, Daniel and Gabriel, 2013, brothers to Isabel (aged 6).
Angela Newman (1997) a son, Theo William, 2012.

Sylvester Oppong (1998) a three year old daughter and fifteen month old twin girls.

Ed Owen (2002) a daughter, Grace.

Christopher Pask (1995) a son, Henry, 2008, daughter, Amelia, 2010.

Stephen Perkins (1953) a son, Julian, 1967, daughter, Sarah, 1970.

Emma Playfair (née Kirschen) (1998) a son, Oliver Russell, Aug 2009, daughter, Georgia Eve, Dec 2010.

Ceinwen Rees (née Williams) (2001) a daughter, Effie.

Keith Regan (1992) a son, Sebastian James, 2012, brother to 3 year old Barnes William.

Christy Rogers (1994) three children – Daniel, Cecily and Peter.

Fiona Sanders-Hewett (2000), a daughter, Katherine Alice Evelyn, 2012.

Charlie Tavner (1994), a daughter, Daisy.

Hannah Thornley (1998) a daughter, Miranda, sister to Juliet.

Alex Walker (2001) a daughter, Isla Maria Heleno.

Rich Wilkinson (1999) a daughter, Isabelle, 2012.

Melissa Wood (2006) a daughter, Emma Marie, 2013.

Suman Ziaullah (1994) and Nina Morris (1996) a daughter, Maria, their third child.

CORRECTIONS

We were pleased to learn that the reports of the deaths of **Philip Message (1978)** and **William Hickson (1983)** in the 2012 *Newsletter* were greatly exaggerated. William points out that he is still alive and kicking in Westport, Connecticut where he has been living with his family for the last eleven years. We apologise for these errors.

We are informed that, in the 2011 *Newsletter*, the subjects of study for **Michael Helsdon Murphy (1953)** were incorrectly recorded in his obituary. This should have said that he studied Modern and Medieval Languages (French and German) for Part 1 and History in Part 2, achieving a Certificate of Competence in Norwegian in his final year. We apologise for this error.

OBITUARIES

We receive notification of deaths of Members from a variety of sources. Some are accompanied by obituaries or eulogies from relatives or friends. Where we receive no such material and we find a published obituary we may use extracts from that with the publisher's permission which has never been withheld. There are some Members for whom we have only the basic facts sent to us by solicitors. Overall we try to include information which will be of interest to the contemporaries of the deceased as well as matters which may be of wider interest.

William Renwick Barbour (1944) died on 6th May 2013, aged 86. He read Mechanical Sciences. A brief account of his time at Cambridge during the War, particularly as a member of the Boat Club, is given in *Downing and the two World Wars*.

Rear Admiral Albert John Bellamy, CB, OBE, RN. (1933) died on 3rd July 2012, aged 97. He read Mathematics.

He had a distinguished Naval career, though always regarded himself primarily as a mathematician. We were informed by his son, Mike Bellamy, who commented that he knew that "he still regarded Downing very fondly and ... that he still subscribed to the Downing magazine."

Kenneth Black (1948) died on 29th August 2012, aged 86. He read Geography.

His son, Mr Tony Black, reports that "He was a student at Downing for two years in the late 40s and he always had fond memories of his time there - including meeting my mother, Joan Davies, who was at Girton. I remember him organising Dinners for Alumni in the North West when I was a young boy - in the 1960s."

John Keith Sheridan Bourne (1944) died on 24th October 2012. He read English.



His wife, Jean Stead, has submitted the following obituary.

John Keith Sheridan Bourne died on 24th October, 2012, aged 86. He first came up to Downing on a naval short-course in 1944, which combined naval cadet training with University studies. Then he became an R.N.V.R. Sub-lieutenant in a flotilla of Fleet minesweepers, operating in the English Channel and off the coasts of Norway and Ireland.

After being demobilised, he returned to Cambridge and read English under F R Leavis, and then Modern History.

He was Secretary of the Boat Club and rowed for the College on the River Cam and in the Thames Head of the River Race. Rowing was an interest he enjoyed for the rest of his life.

He also joined *Varsity*, becoming News Editor and then Deputy Editor, as well as local Correspondent for the former News Chronicle as well as other national newspapers.

This experience helped him to gain a post after graduation on the Yorkshire Post in Leeds. He went on to join the *Guardian* in its former head office in Manchester, later moving to London. He was recognised as a talented writer, given features and theatre and TV to cover, which later included a rare interview with his former mentor F R Leavis.

He moved to the London office of the then *Manchester Guardian*, where, in a time of emerging trades union power, he began to cover the strikes and TUC General Council meetings.

He won a Ford Foundation travelling scholarship in 1960 and at the same time got the job of Labour Correspondent at the *Financial Times*, edited by the distinguished late Gordon Newton.

When Harold Wilson's first Labour government was elected four years later, Newton appointed him the *Financial Times*' Political Correspondent covering Parliament.

John came from a family of journalists. His father Victor was for many years on the *News Chronicle*, becoming its West of England Editor in Bristol, with a wide interest in art and books.

John was born in Chelsea, where the family had a flat in the King's Road, before moving to Manchester, when Victor was made Night News Editor, and later to Bristol. John was a pupil at Bristol Grammar School for 10 years.

His mother Ada had been a suffragette and lived in Fleet Street with her aunt, Elizabeth Chesterton, wife of the writer Cecil Chesterton and brother of G.K. That was where she met Victor.

Elizabeth was one of the first women journalists to work on a national newspaper and had helped Cecil and G K to edit the current affairs weekly, the *New Witness*, famous for exposing a fraud scandal involving the Marconi company. Cecil died serving in the first World War. Elizabeth became a widely travelled writer, finally founding the Cecil Houses for the homeless, still in existence today, and supported by her great nephew John.

He was married to Jean Stead, also a *Guardian* journalist, and is survived by her and their two children, Victoria and Matthew, and three grandchildren.

Professor Sidney Allan Bowhill (1945) died on 4th October 2012 in Concord, Massachusetts after a long illness, aged 85. He read Natural Sciences as an undergraduate and in 1954 took a Ph.D. in Physics.

Born in Dover, he initially worked at Marconi Telegraph and Telephone studying radio waves and antennae, before emigrating to the USA in 1951 as Associate Professor at Penn State University. For 25 years he was a Professor of Electrical Engineering at the University of Illinois where he carried out pioneering research on the upper atmosphere including advances in the understanding of gravity waves. He retired to Massachusetts and became Chairman of the Electrical Engineering department at University of Massachusetts, Lowell.

A fuller obituary was published in *The Boston Globe* from October 20th to October 21st 2012.

David Browning (1945) has died. We were informed by his wife. He studied for the Royal Engineers' short course in Mechanical Sciences.

Jeremy John Aylwin Cave (1954) died on 26th September 2012, aged 77. He read Moral Sciences.

Dr Neville Slater Corby (1946) died on 6th July 2012 at Heversham in Cumbria, aged 83. He read Natural Sciences.

We were informed by his son, Nigel Corby (1973) who writes that "He had fond memories of his time at Downing, first as an undergraduate and then while undertaking research in Chemistry for his Ph.D."

Stewart Dovey (1978) died on 18th March 2013, aged 54. He read Law. We were informed by **Gareth Williams (1978)** who writes:

It would have been wrong to say that Stewart studied law at Downing although he did sit the Law Tripos Finals in 1981. Stewart was loved by his friends and treated with caution by all others. He had a quick and sometimes vicious wit which left the victim open-mouthed and the observers folded in laughter. Not one for the law books, he coxed many Downing boats including the First Boat in the Mays 1981. Stewart made an important contribution to DCBC at the very start of its golden period which was crowned the following year with Headship. He trained long hours with the crews and dieted aggressively to keep his weight down and the morale of the crew up. Whether it was the late nights and dawn outings, the leather armchair before the gentle popping of the February gas fire or the subject under debate which led Stewart to fall fast asleep in an administrative law supervision with the tutor (who merely raised an eye-brow) and only two other students, we will now never know. Even though

he spent his time at Downing on the river, Stewart could not swim. In fact, as he told everyone, he quite literally sank – once he had to be fished up from the bottom of the Cam by a victorious but foolishly unbelieving crew who unwisely threw him in. After Downing he joined International Distillers and Vintners and became a Director of Marketing in the Far East where he later made his home in Manila. Stewart died of leukaemia on 18th March 2013. His family were with him. Stewart was brave and combative. He was straightforward and direct. A man who never met moderation, he lived his life fully. A lively travel companion, good company and a good friend, he will be missed by all those who laughed with him.

John Richard Emery (1956) died on 26th May 2012, aged 76. He read Modern Languages. We were informed by his contemporary **Peter Hoare (1956)** who has sent the following which includes input from Richard's widow Norma.

Richard came up to Downing after National Service and read Modern Languages, concentrating on French and German. His musical background (his father was organist at Glasgow Cathedral) led him to participate enthusiastically in both CUMS and the College Musical Society, and he was a regular member of Chapel choir under Philip Tordoff. After graduation he trained as a teacher at the College of St Mark and St John in London, and taught for a few years before moving into industry. He joined ICI's Paints Division at Slough, working mostly in management but developing an interest in the emerging world of computing, in which he developed special expertise. Later he worked as Head of Management Services for Daler Rowney, the major producer of artists' materials (a different sort of paint from ICI's!) and as an independent consultant. In 1973 he and Norma settled in Wokingham, Berkshire, where they enjoyed a strong social and musical life. They both retired in 1995. In later years he suffered from diabetes, with serious eye problems, though he was glad to return to Downing for the 50th anniversary of his matriculation in 2006.

Lawrence Harold Farnsworth OBE (1941) died on 10th March 2013, aged 89 following a short illness. He read Natural Sciences. We were informed by his daughter, Dr Vanessa Smith, who has supplied the following obituary.



Harold was born in Heanor, Derbyshire but, when very young, the family moved to Middleton, a small quarrying village high up above Wirksworth, Derbyshire, when his dad took up the post of Headmaster at the local First School. Harold attended

Wirksworth Grammar School where he excelled in all subjects but, in particular, Mathematics.

Harold won a scholarship to Cambridge and studied Natural Sciences at Downing College, from 1941–43, condensing his degree into two years because of the war. At Cambridge, he qualified as a Griffin through prominence in major sports, being Captain of both Association Football and Cricket. He also stroked in the 2nd VIII. He also enjoyed punting on the river and, until his death, frequently spoke about the happy times he had at Downing.



After graduating from Cambridge, Harold was commissioned in the Royal Corps of Signals, seeing action in the Middle East, and then with the 8th Army Signals in Austria. After demob, he pursued his love of Mathematics by undertaking a three year degree course in the subject at Nottingham University, graduating with first class Honours. In a final Maths exam paper he achieved 99%. He then secured a post as Master at Eton College, teaching Mathematics. Here, Lord Bingham (later to become Lord Lucan) was one of his pupils.

There then followed employment as an Education Officer in the North Riding, Birmingham and, in 1961, Brighton. For the last 17 years of his working life until his retirement in June 1985, he was Principal of Brighton College of Technology (now City College). During this time, he became President of the National Association of Principals and regularly advised the Government on educational matters. In 1981, his contribution to education was recognised when he was awarded the OBE.

Apart from his interest in education, his passions in life were his family, music (both classical and big band), art, sport and travelling. Although Harold lived in Brighton for over 50 years he was always an ardent Derby County supporter. With his second wife, Eluned (Lynn), he enjoyed over 25 years of marriage until her death in February 2011. Together, they enjoyed many European river cruises and holidays in Montreux. In the last two years of his life, he took extended holidays with his daughter, Vanessa, and family in Yorkshire.

Jean Hubert Frings (1949) died on 18th February 2013, aged 83 in Uccle, France. He read Mechanical Sciences and Engineering.

Little is known of his life after Downing, but he became the President of a non-profit organization comprising some forty volunteer guides who brought tourists to view the battlefield of Waterloo with the “eyes of the soldier.” He published *Dictionnaire de la Bataille de Waterloo* in 1995 and *Napoléon et son temps Tome 1: Les Événements; Tome 2: Les Acteurs* in 2000.

Frederick James Hancock (1959) died in December 2012. He read Modern Languages.

Harold Hargreaves (1936) died on 30th May 2013, aged 96. He read Natural Sciences and was a Chemistry Master at Haileybury School from 1948 to 1981.

Mark Hartley (1944) died on 31st August 2012, aged 85. He read History.

Christopher Henry Francis Hodson (1952) has died. He studied History. We were informed by his son, Igor Hodson.

William Henry Carlton Hopper (1952) died on 12th February 2013, aged 82. He read Law. We received this information from his son, Richard. His daughter, Jane, has provided the following details of his life.



Bill Hopper was born in Stockton-on-Tees in 1931 and attended the local Grammar School. Following a period of National Service in the Army he came up to Downing in 1952, a year later than planned. For his “gap year” he worked on a farm. Whilst at Downing he worked on *Varsity*, developing an interest in journalism. At this time, Michael Winner was Editor and they remained in touch over the years.

He married Anne, whom he had known at University, in 1958 and they initially lived and worked in Darlington, where he worked as an Assistant Manager for the local paper. This was followed by periods in York and Bath. In 1966 he became Manager of the *Northumberland Gazette* and moved to Alnwick where he stayed until 1982.

After leaving the paper, he served a short period as Town Clerk, before moving to Saudi Arabia in 1983. He soon returned to England and became Project Manager at the National Trust property, Cragside, before retiring in 1994.

In retirement he enjoyed angling and acted as Chairman of the House Committee for the Abbeyfield Extra Care Home until 2011. Whilst in Alnwick he was involved with the Round Table and Rotary Club and supported various charities. He loved visiting the Lakes and Scotland on holiday with Anne. He returned to Downing, with his family, on a number of occasions, the last being in 2011. He took great pleasure in showing the family where his rooms had been and, to his delight, on one visit he was housed in his old rooms.

His wife Anne died in 2003 and he leaves a son Richard, daughter Jane and son-in-law Frank.

A fuller obituary may be found in the *Northumberland Gazette* of 22nd February at <http://www.northumberlandgazette.co.uk/news/local-news/farewell-to-former-gazette-boss-with-love-for-community-1-5432579>.

John James Horrex (1949) died on 18th March 2013, aged 81. He read Mechanical Sciences followed by a Certificate in Education. We were informed by his twin brother David Horrex (1949) who has submitted the following obituary.



John Horrex (1949) died on 18th March. He studied Mechanical Sciences and after graduating continued for a further year at College to complete his teacher training. He taught Physics at three schools; Abingdon, Glasgow Academy and St Edmund's Canterbury, where he was Head of Science and a House Tutor.

He retired in 1990. By all accounts he was an excellent, innovative teacher, devising practical demonstrations for his students, with whom he was most popular, taking a genuine interest in them all.

He was also, however, very well known for his singing – he had, as some of his Downing contemporaries may remember, a fine counter-tenor voice – in addition to his mimicry, his acting, and his theatrical productions. He was a co-founder of the *Cambridge English Readers* – Downing's response to the dominant 'Oxford' English of the time, which performed selected verses and prose, attracting quite a crowd of both town and gown. At each of his three schools, apart from his choral work, he was the leading light in their dramatic and musical events. At Abingdon, he combined with three other masters to form the 'Mastersingers' and John was largely instrumental in producing 'The Highway Code' and 'The Weather Forecast' set to Anglican chants. These pieces were often broadcast on BBC radio in the mid sixties. When at Glasgow, John was a frequent visitor to the Edinburgh Festival and participated in and produced at least two Fringe offerings. He was an avid theatre goer when he had the opportunity, making frequent trips to Stratford and the National Theatre. He particularly admired Alan Bennett's work, *The History Boys* being very close to his heart.

For most of his time at Canterbury, he was a member of the Canterbury Singers, who often sing in the cathedral, and also of a Barber Shop group, known as 'Just Four Men', who travelled around the city, performing for charities. After retirement he devoted much time in looking to the needs of the residents of the local alms houses, as Superintendent, and latterly became Chairman of the Canterbury branch of Parkinson's UK, also helping members with musical offerings. He was often appointed Treasurer of the

groups with which he became involved, including his local church, St Steven's, of which he was a strong supporter – singing in the choir and helping in numerous ways, including being a member of the 'Holy Dusters' church cleaning team.

He had the ability to attract many people to him and went on numerous holidays on the continent with a large group, who had a common interest in art and culture. In the summer he frequently travelled up to Galway to meet up with old friends and participate in a cultural festival which one of them runs every year. And he visited his long standing Downing friend, **Bernard Mayes (1950)** in the United States on a number of occasions.

His church was packed for his funeral on 4th April, and it was standing room only for the reception in the church hall afterwards. To quote the parish magazine: "He was a good teacher, a good actor, a good churchman, and a good friend".

David Howarth (1947) died on 22nd April 2013, aged 85, after suffering from Alzheimer's for many years. He read Classics. We received this information from his daughter, Catherine Figge.

Dr George Lionel Hunter (1951) of Somerset West, South Africa died on 20th February 2013, aged 84. He studied for a Ph.D. between 1951 and 1954. His children Andrew and Bridget have written the following tribute.

George Hunter joined Downing College in 1951, to undertake his Ph.D. thesis on *The Maternal Influence on Size in Sheep* supervised by Dr John Hammond. He died aged 84 in Somerset West, South Africa. He is survived by his wife Elizabeth (in Somerset West), son Andrew (in Grahamstown), daughter Bridget (in Mapua, New Zealand), sisters Verity (in Cape Town) and Sally (in London), and four grandchildren – Matthew, Jessica, Rachel and Nicola.

George attended Diocesan College (Bishops), Cape Town, from 1936 to 1945. He matriculated at CBC, Kimberley in 1946, studied Agriculture at Natal University, and worked in what was then known as Basutoland for a year, before proceeding to Cambridge to do his Ph.D., which he completed in 1954. He spent some years at the Faculty of Agriculture in Pietermaritzburg, teaching and doing research work, before moving to Stellenbosch, where he continued with his research and also developed a sheep stud farm, with the Île de France breed.

He published extensively and continued with his interests in sheep and agriculture well into retirement, producing two extensive review articles less than two years before his death. He was a pioneer, a lateral thinker with an

inquiring mind. Much of his experimental work with sheep in the '50s and '60s was ground-breaking. Romulus and Remus, the lambs which flew from England to South Africa in the uterus of a live rabbit, became one of our family legends.

He was full of ideas for his family, encouraging us to think and dream with him, not only about sheep, but about the purpose for living, using our gifts well. He had a strong spirit of service and of altruism. In a letter to his grandchildren, he pointed out how privileged they were, with education, resources, abilities – and the importance of using their lives for the benefit of others.

He was a thinking, caring person and role model for us through the apartheid years, a consistent, thoughtful challenge to the pervasive attitudes of the time. He was greatly influenced by people like Edgar Brooks, Alan Paton, and Archbishop Geoffrey Clayton. He retained his deep affection for Cambridge, and for Downing, until his death.

Bruce Charles James Kemble (1959) died on 10th April 2012, aged 73 He read English.

He was a former journalist with the *Daily Express*, which reported “A policeman’s son, he went to Dulwich College in South London and then Cambridge where he began working for the *Daily Express* while still a student. Kemble spent 18 years on the paper and, as Education Correspondent, he wrote books, among them *Give Your Child A Chance*. His death came after a long illness following a stroke.”

Mr Geoffrey William Lees (1939) died on 17th August 2012, aged 92. He read English and History in two blocks interrupted by World War 2 – 1939–40 and 1946–8. We were informed by his widow, Joan.

Geoffrey Lees was born at Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Lancashire, and was educated at the King’s School, Rochester. A full account of his life at Downing and during the War is given in *Downing and the two World Wars*. From 1948 to 1963 he taught at Brighton College where his teaching was characterised by his warmth, dry humour, and uncompromising dedication to excellence. From 1963 until 1980, he served as Headmaster of St Bees School in Cumbria. Following his teaching career, he retired to Brighton with his wife, Joan, where he was again involved with Brighton College, serving as Governor for a period.

He was also a competent cricketer, playing three first class matches – two for Cambridge University in 1947 and one for Sussex in the 1951 County Championship.

Norman Stephen Lilley (1943) died on January 9th 2013, aged 87, after a short illness. He read Natural Sciences. His son, David, writes:



My Father was always most affectionate, loyal and grateful towards his old College that gave him such a good start in life; one that so many can only dream of. He came up to Cambridge during the darkest years of the War from Bedford Modern School, where both his Headmaster, H W Liddle, and his Physics Master, P J King, had been Downing men. He read Natural

Sciences so, with his Tripos in Physics, Chemistry and Electronics, it is not surprising that he kept abreast of the remarkable technological developments that took place during his own life time and maintained a lifelong passion for Amateur Radio (G3 INN). He had a real curiosity for science, including a lack of fear for computers, that helped keep him active and with an agile mind right to the end. However, his academic interests were wide as he enjoyed Geography and was a fluent linguist.

He was sponsored through College by the Royal Navy, so was it perhaps just a coincidence that he ended up at Downing, where the University Naval Division was based and under the sponsorship of the then Master, Admiral Richmond? Although war time Downing must have been quite utilitarian, my Father respected the privileges of College life and was serious in his study and application¹. Stories of his 'summer internship' working with Ferranti on radar systems clearly combined both his academic talent and commitment to the war effort. His National Service was actually completed in the Royal Signals; he was awarded the Queen's Sword on passing out; served with 21st Army Group in Germany and then resigned his Regular Commission in 1949.

He married his beloved Joan in 1950 and, after a short period in the family business near Bedford, moved to Thame near Oxford. Here he devoted his career and life to teaching at Lord Williams's School. He was involved in nearly every aspect of school life; was a supportive House Master; an inspirational Head of Science; an influential Officer Commanding of the CCF and, with his passion and talent for photography and electronics, he recorded many aspects of school life! He also became a leading and most respected



1. A substantial description of Norman Lilley's wartime experience is given in *Downing and the two World Wars*.

figure in the local community, especially through his dedication to local churches, where he was an Anglican Lay-Reader for over fifty seven years. He was made an honorary Life Member of the Oxfordshire Association of the Blind for his direct support to local visually handicapped groups and individuals over a sixty year period.

With the aid of voice recognition software, he was recently able to compose his autobiography. From reading this and reflected by the many thousands of people with whom he had direct contact you get a real sense of the person who he was. His personal motto was that “people matter”. The church service held in celebration of his life, in January, was full to brimming with people beaming with their joy and so warm with their love for him. His three sons and family treasure his memory.

Dr Alan Litherland (1933) has died. He was born on 15th June 1914 and read Natural Sciences followed by a Ph.D. An account of his life during the War is given in *Downing and the two World Wars*.

Michael Robert Leslie Loader (1950) died on 9th October 2012, aged 82.



He read Theology and Geography followed by a PGCE. The following is based on information supplied by his family.

Michael attended Yeovil School where he played the double bass and was a Chorister in the local church. He came up to Downing in 1950, following two years of National Service. Whilst at College he rowed, played hockey and was a member of the Downing Madrigal Singers. He was recently recalled as “a very debonair

young man” by one of his fellow students.

His first teaching post was at Westcliff High School in Essex, where he coached the hockey team and is still fondly remembered by former teachers and pupils. Subsequently he moved to Kent Banks School in Buxton where he taught until it became converted to a College in 1985 and he opted for early retirement.

He spent the next ten years as a Liberal Democrat Councillor and he became particularly involved with the development of the Pavilion Gardens. Following this he worked on developing the Gardens and guiding visitors around St John’s Church in Buxton. His last years were spent close to his family in Hampshire.



He had a wicked sense of humour and those who met him spoke of his friendship and concern for others. His philosophy is encapsulated in words he spoke two years before he died “It is bad manners to be unhappy”.

John Ferguson McWhor (1959) died in December 2012, aged 75. He read Economics and Oriental Studies. A tribute to him from **John Austin (1959)** appears in Magenta News.

Giovanni (Joe) Philip William Melia (1955) died on October 20th 2012, aged 77. He read English.

Joe Melia was an actor of stage and screen, who gained a national reputation following his performance as Bri in Peter Nichols’ *A Day in the Death of Joe Egg* in 1967.

He was born in Camden in 1935, the son of immigrant Italian parents, who moved to Leicester during the Second World War where he attended the City of Leicester Boys’ Grammar School. Following National Service, he came up to Downing in 1955, where he read English and was taught by F R Leavis. At Downing he took part in the Jabberwocks’ Revue and, spotted by Michael Frayn, he joined the Footlights.

This led rapidly to a role in the 1959 film *Too Many Crooks*, a comedy starring Terry-Thomas, Sid James and George Cole and to work in the West End, notably stepping in for Jonathan Miller as one of the *Beyond the Fringe* takeover cast when the original troupe went to America.

Between 1959 and 1982 he took roles in around a dozen films including the 1965 film *Four in the Morning* with the young Judi Dench, *Modesty Blaise* (1966) and *Oh, What a Lovely War!* (1969). However, he will probably be best remembered for his stage performance in 1967 at the Glasgow Citizens Theatre where he played Bri in *A Day in the Death of Joe Egg* a play which transformed the way disability was discussed on the stage. This led to performances in such plays as *Oh! What a Lovely War* in 1969 and *The Threepenny Opera* where, as Mack the Knife, he starred with Vanessa Redgrave.

His career included a 16-year spell at the Royal Shakespeare Company, where he played Corporal Len Bonny in their production of *Privates on Parade* with Nigel Hawthorne and Denis Quilley. Later, he played many Shakespearean roles: Touchstone in *As You Like It*; Autolycus in *The Winter’s Tale* with Jeremy Irons; Thersites in *Troilus and Cressida*. He eventually settled in Stratford-upon-Avon in 1998.

The *Guardian* described him as “a strong and likable personality who could dominate any theatre green room”. In 1981 he won Best Supporting Actor in the SWET (now the Laurence Olivier) Awards, for his role in C P Taylor’s

Good, in which he played a German Jewish psychiatrist during the Nazis' rise to power.

He also made many television appearances. He was a children's storyteller on *Jackanory* and a panellist on *Call My Bluff* as well as appearing in programmes such as, *Not Only but Also*, *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* and *Minder*.

His wife, Flora, whom he married in 1963, died in 2008. Their two sons survive him.

Full obituaries may be found on all the national newspaper websites or on the *Stratford-upon-Avon Herald* site <http://www.stratford-herald.com/obituaries/6073-joe-melia-acclaimed-actor-of-stafe-television-and-film.html>

Dr Elemer Mihalyi (1962) died on 2nd July 2010, aged 91. He studied for a Ph.D. in Physical Chemistry. We were informed by Cambridge in America.

In 2001 he published *Memoirs of a Survivor of the Twentieth Century : From Transylvania to the United States* which reveals that he was born in 1919 in Deva, in Transylvania and received an M.D. in 1943 from the University of Kolozsvár. He worked as a doctor during the siege of Budapest and in a Russian prison camp. After this he abandoned medical practice and took his Ph.D. at Cambridge. For the rest of his life he engaged in scientific research, first in Budapest, then in Stockholm and finally in the USA; for the last 30 years at the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute in Bethesda, Maryland. He was the author of two books and over 60 publications.

Alfred Rodney Howard Monk (1956) died on 6th July 2012, aged 77. He read English. We received this information from his cousins Kenneth and John Reynolds.

He was former Inspector of Schools.

Michael Hugh Morgan (1946) died on 4th December 2012, aged 87. He studied on the Colonial Administrative Service Course. We were informed by his wife, who reported that her husband enjoyed reading the *Newsletter* and that he was one of the last survivors of the group that learned Chinese during the war. He was HM Ambassador in the Philippines from 1981 to 1985.

Dr Peter Mundy (1965) died on 23rd October 2012, aged 65. He read Medical Sciences followed by Natural Sciences.

We were informed by his wife, Mrs Helen Mundy who reported that he ran a G.P. practice in Bridlington.

Professor James Fraser Mustard CC, OOnt, FRSC (1954) died on 16th November 2011 after a short illness, aged 84. He studied for a Ph.D. in Medicine. His life is well documented by *Wikipedia* and summarised here.

Born on October 16, 1927 in Toronto, he received his M.D. from the University of Toronto in 1953 followed by a Ph.D. from Cambridge University. He began his career as a Research Fellow at the University of Toronto where he studied the effects of blood lipids, their relation to heart disease and how Aspirin could mitigate those effects. In 1966, he was one of the founding faculty members at McMaster University's newly established Medical School and, in 1972, he became Dean and Vice-President of the Faculty of Health Sciences. In 1982, he changed his career path and helped to found the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research (CIFAR). CIFAR allowed investigators from different disciplines, including economics, education, social health and high-tech fields such as robotics, to work together in a collective effort to promote scientific and social change. He served as its founding President, serving until 1996. He was a leader in Canada on questions about the socioeconomic determinants of human development and health, writing several papers and chairing major studies on early childhood development. He won many awards including Companion of the Order of Canada – the order's highest level – and was inducted into the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame.

Internationally, Mustard was involved with governments in Canada and Australia, the World Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank, UNICEF and the Aga Khan University in Pakistan in emphasizing the enormous importance to society of early childhood development.

Lieutenant Colonel Roger Courtenay Neath, OBE (1942) died on 27th October 2012, aged 88. He read English.

He was in 6th Queen Elizabeth's Own Gurkha Rifles from 1944 to 1979.

Roger Thomas Parrott (1954) died in Putney, Vermont on 29th May 2008, aged 78. He studied Land Economy. We were informed by Cambridge in America.

An obituary of unknown origin, which suggests that he taught at The Putney School, Antioch University, Norwich University and the University of Massachusetts at Amherst can be found at <http://www.izzaboo.com/froth/category/life/page/52>.

Captain Peter John Poll RN (1943) died on 31st May 2013, aged 88. He read Natural Sciences.

Deryk Phillip Prosser (1941) died in July 2012, aged 89. He read Engineering. A brief account of his life at the Admiralty Signals Establishment during the War is given in *Downing and the two World Wars*.

Daniel Phillip Rees (1940) died in August 1989.



In the 2012 *Newsletter* we carried an obituary for **John Anthony Hoggarth (1938)**, who died in 1997. The writer of the obituary, **Jeremy Platt (1961)** drew attention to the fact that his uncle, **Daniel Phillip Rees (1940)** had died many years earlier and had not been formally recorded. We are indebted to his daughter Tory Hirst for the following obituary.

Daniel Phillip Rees was born on 10th March 1922 in Llangadog, Carmarthenshire to Daniel Rees, a farmer and butter merchant, later a JP, and Edith Catherine Jones. He was educated at Rydal School in Colwyn Bay, leaving in 1940. He went up to Downing later that year to study Law, but probably did not complete his degree as he was gazetted as Second Lieutenant in the Indian Army on 14th April 1942. He served in Burma and saw some horrific things that he would never talk about.

After the war he joined the Malayan Colonial Service and was Secretary to the Governor General when he married Miss Mary Kathleen Hemelryk of Dyserth, North Wales, in The Church of the Good Shepherd, Singapore on 26th December 1946. He served in Malaya as a District Officer during the communist uprising, leaving when Malaya became independent in 1957.

He was then offered a similar role in Northern Rhodesia. He bought a Rolls Royce at about this time as he said it was the only car with suspension good enough for the local roads! During this time they adopted their daughter Tory. When Northern Rhodesia became independent, as Zambia, in 1964, he was asked to stay on and help the new administration settle in, which he did for a short while, returning to live in the UK in 1966, living in Sway in the New Forest. During this time he attended La Sainte Union College of Education, Southampton, obtaining a Certificate of Education from the University of Southampton in November 1969. He was learning to be a teacher, but he later said it would have to be A Level students he would teach as he wasn't great with the younger kids – he thought that he let them get away with too much!

In 1970 they moved to the Algarve in Portugal – staying there until returning to the UK in 1983 for reasons of health care – at that time the nearest hospital was in Lisbon a 200 mile drive.

They finally settled in a village near Blandford, Dorset and Phillip died in August 1989 at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Bournemouth, Dorset, being survived by his wife and daughter.

The death of **John Dacre Rigg CBE (1938)** in December 2011 was briefly reported last year. His daughter, Heather Rigg has subsequently submitted the following obituary.



As a boy John Rigg (known by his middle name Dacre by his family and close friends) attended Lancaster Royal Grammar School (LRGS) from 1931-1938. He was born on the 10th November, 1919 in Caton, Lancashire and grew up in nearby Carnforth. He was awarded the Higher School Certificate, a distinction in Chemistry and was awarded scholarships to study

a Masters degree in Chemistry and Natural Sciences at Downing College, Cambridge.

Immediately after leaving university his successful career started in the chemical industries working for ICI Ltd, Dyestuffs Division, Blakeley, Manchester. He travelled and worked for ICI worldwide with his first overseas secondment to Argentina and Columbia. He journeyed there in December 1941 by ship during the Second World War in dangerous seas avoiding patrols of U-boats and German aircraft.

In 1947 he returned to the UK and took charge of ICI's growing export business to North and South America. After thirty years, working his way up from Assistant Sales Manager he was appointed in 1970 as Chairman of Dyestuffs Division later to be renamed Organics Division. During his time as Chairman, the Division won three Queen's Awards for Export.

He retired in 1979 and was awarded a CBE for this work. In retirement he held honorary positions relating to education and the chemical industry. He was a Governor and Trustee of LRGS and a member of the Governing Council of UMIST (University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology), a President of the Society of Dyers and Colourists and Chairman of the Governors of Cheadle Hulme School, Cheshire.

His passion beyond his career was for the Lake District, walking the quiet and beautiful fells and mountains as often as he could. He died peacefully on the 31st December 2011 in Prestbury, Cheshire, aged 92. John loved and was very proud of his family and will be much missed by his wife Dorothy, children Philip, Stephen and Heather and his granddaughter Annabelle.

Denis James Henry Sandiford (1942) died on 27th July 2012, aged 88. He read Natural Sciences. A brief account of his life during the War is given in *Downing and the two World Wars*. His wife Marjorie writes:



Denis left Forest School in Essex for Downing College in 1942, to read Natural Sciences. He joined the University Air Squadron, played football and fives for the College, and became a member of the Griffins Club. An eyesight defect thwarted his attempt to join the Air Force for pilot training; instead, he was sent by

the Government to the Royal Aircraft Establishment (RAE) at Farnborough, where he helped develop radio equipment for the RAF. In 1945 he was transferred with a team from the RAE to work alongside the radar research engineers of E.K. Cole Ltd at a secret 'shadow' factory located in a country house in Wiltshire. There he met Marjorie, his future wife, who had also been sent there on war work.

With restrictions relaxed, he returned to Downing in 1947 and Marjorie joined him at a flat in Bateman Street. At what should have been finals time in 1949 he was in Addenbrooke's Hospital suffering from glandular fever, so he had to wait until 1950 for his degree. After his graduation they spent the summer with Downing friends Dai Williams and Terry Sayles working in a hotel in Carbis Bay. Time off saw them on the beach or exploring Cornwall, although Denis's brief spell as a kitchen porter ended when he was rushed to Penzance Hospital for an appendicectomy.

A 30-year career with ICI Plastics Division started later that year. Until 1965 he was in research and development, then for 15 years he was Development Project Manager on New Ventures, a job entailing worldwide travel. During this time he published numerous papers on subjects connected with polymer science and technology.

Taking early retirement in 1981, Denis moved to Switzerland, where he edited the European edition of McGraw-Hill's publication *Modern Plastics International* until 1984. He then changed to independent technical journalism, consultancy and translation, specialising in the automotive industry. He was Conference Manager for SITEV (International Exhibition for the Suppliers to the Vehicle Industry) in Geneva in 1985 and 1986, and involved with the Geneva Motor Show for several years. Fluent in French and German, he translated scores of technical articles, also a major reference work: *Plastics Extrusion Technology*, 738 pp, Hanser Verlag, Munich, 1988.



Denis and Marjorie came home in 1993, after 12 years in Lausanne. Consultancy and translation continued for a while, then interest in his four grandchildren, golf, gardening, DIY and many social activities took over.

After three months in hospital with meningitis in 2007, his health declined, and Alzheimer's disease gradually took its toll. His son and three daughters were with Marjorie at his bedside when he died from bronchopneumonia. The funeral took place on what would have been their 64th wedding anniversary.

Professor James David Scantlebury (1962) died on 13th July 2012, aged 68.



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He read Natural Sciences. He is survived by his wife Ilma and children Michael, Liz and Andrew. **Neville Tait (1962)** writes:

Dave was a larger than life character who came up to Downing from Troon near Camborne in Cornwall and was always very proud of his Cornish heritage. He had not taken much part in sport at school due to a combination of poor eyesight and his not inconsiderable frame, but soon discovered the pleasures of rowing which you did sitting down. He won his oars in the 1964

third May Boat rowing at No. 5. He never rowed higher than the second May Boat but his greatest achievement was in coaching and he coached a number of successful Downing and Clare crews after graduating. He did not entirely give up being an oarsman however and in 1969 he rowed in the fifth May Boat making five bumps without ever rowing more than 40 strokes. In due course he had an eight named after him, "Dave Scant", which did sterling service on the river before being retired and burnt at one of the Headship celebrations.

Dave graduated in 1965 in Natural Sciences with his final year (Part II) in Metallurgy and was encouraged to stay on to undertake his Ph.D. studying *The Mechanism of Conduction in Pigmented Polymer Membranes*. Thus began his lifelong passion for paint.

After a short period as a post-doctoral researcher at Cambridge he joined Portsmouth Polytechnic in 1970 as Lecturer and he helped establish the corrosion group there. However, the newly formed Corrosion and Protection Centre at UMIST proved a big attraction and he was appointed to a Lectureship and moved to Manchester with a remit to develop a research group in protective organic coatings. In recognition of the important work he did with industry, he was appointed some ten years later to the International Paint Plc. Lectureship in 1984 with promotion through to Reader following several years later. After the merger between UMIST and The University of Manchester, he was promoted to a personal Chair in Corrosion Science

and Engineering in 2006. After nominal retirement in 2009, rather than following the Emeritus Professor route, he continued to be actively involved in teaching and research.

Overall, David successfully supervised 68 Ph.D. students, published over 220 papers and was, in 2007, awarded the U R Evans Award of the Institute of Corrosion for research excellence. One of his proudest moments came in 2001 when he was awarded the UMIST Millennium Prize for excellence in teaching with supporting comments such as: “most enjoyable”, “refreshingly energetic”, “best lecturer we’ve ever had”, “inspiring and fun too”, “tremendous teaching skills”. It is not an exaggeration to say that he directly influenced an entire generation of corrosion engineers.

As a Cornishman, the sea remained particularly close to his heart. He became a Royal Yacht Association qualified sailboarding instructor and a PADI approved open water diver. Latterly, he bought a Cornish rigged gaff sloop, which he kept moored on a tidal creek near Lytham St. Annes.

With thanks to Professor Stuart Lyon, Corrosion and Protection Centre, School of Materials, University of Manchester for details of Dave’s Academic Career.

The Reverend Michael Alan Shearman (1941) died of pneumonia on 24th December 2012, aged 90. He read History. His daughter, Ann Reynard, writes:

Michael affirmed his vocation for the priesthood whilst at Cambridge and went on to a Master’s in Theology at the College of the Resurrection, Mirfield. Until retiring to North Norfolk, he worked exclusively in the London Diocese and completed his career as a Parish Priest by devoting 27 years as the incumbent of St. Luke’s, Enfield. Michael was a progressive in many ways – from the Fifties onward, embracing new forms of the Liturgy; re-arranging church furniture and defending women priests. He was a staunch supporter of the Scout movement and played an active role as a Scouter wherever he stayed.

Upon retirement, Michael moved to Holt, Norfolk where he cheerfully and energetically joined the non-stipendiary retired clergy in serving successive teams of parishes during inter-regnums. Aged 79 he suffered his first stroke and was obliged to retire in earnest. Since that time, he underwent a series of operations for heart, knee and prostate and endured two further strokes from all of which he recovered remarkably well and continued to live at home with a succession of cats.

A brief account of his life at Downing during the War is given in *Downing and the two World Wars*. Known as Mike at College, he retained fond anecdotal memories of his time at Cambridge until he died. Having won a Kitchener Scholarship and augmented it with other small grants, Mike cycled to and from

Portsmouth each term in order to study. He was called up before graduating so returned at the end of the war to complete his degree. He remembered being told by his Tutor that his history essays would never suffer from being crammed too full of facts but he enjoyed being invited to attend the F R Leavis lectures. He volunteered as a Scouter with a Group of Cambridge Scouts with learning disabilities. Mike joined the Student Christian Movement and took part each year in the Mission to the Hop-pickers – a student camp in the summer vacation that provided support, child-care, first aid, prayers and advice to the families from the East End of London for whom hop-picking was an extra income and also their only holiday. Many of Mike’s anecdotes concerned food, or the lack of it, during the war and the various stratagems employed to manage this; these ranged from becoming friendly with the Bursar to ‘saving’ a teaspoon of milk each day for a fortnight in order to offer refreshments at meetings.

Mike thoroughly appreciated the collegiate and discursive approach to study that prevailed at Cambridge. He continued to read both ancient Greek and Hebrew and always enjoyed a theological discussion.

Alan Sidi (1950) died on 14th June 2012, aged 80. He read Natural Sciences.



We received the information from his contemporary **Frank Weiss**, who writes:

My matriculation year has brought about a situation that a small group of us, who had been at each others twenty first parties in our student years – had a similar group of eightieth birthday parties last year; and in Alan’s case that was a very happy occasion in Yorkshire.

Sadly, not many weeks later, I had to go back to Yorkshire for his funeral.

Alan and I came up to Downing together in 1950, and stayed friends and in regular contact for over sixty years. In our student years, because of his involvement with the Film Society, he was one of the few students who had a motor vehicle; in his case a converted van, with inserted side windows, and hot and cold running water in the back.

He was full of tales about his school days, at Sedbergh, and his days doing National Service. Most of these he was an RAF Technician at a radar station on Spurn Head. His love for rugby came from school. I think he was in the College first team, and I remember one period when he was recovering from a broken shoulder blade.

Health was an issue. He had Crohn’s disease, and met his first wife, Kay, when he was in hospital around the time of our graduation. He outlived her, and also his second wife, Jeannie. There are two children to remember him.

After graduation he joined the family firm, Bradford wool merchants, famous for their mohair cloth. His attitude to his job is indicated by one drawer in his office, which was full of his Airfix models.

Film making was his passion. His parents', later his, house on the Leeds' ring road at Shadwell, had the dining room and kitchen converted to cinema use. We spent a good part of one long vacation making a 16mm film: *The Blue Beads*, which was quite widely shown by film societies. I have the DVD he later made from it, showing how we all looked in our twenties.

In 1953 during the days after examinations the coronation of our present queen took place. The afternoon before, Alan organized a carload and we went off to London. We slept on the pavement in front of BEA's offices in Regent Street, and watched the coronation procession come past, in the pouring rain.

Alan was always full of bright ideas. There was a time that the family dog became so arthritic that he could no longer walk. Alan made him a 'walkies' barrow and took him out in it for his exercise.

He spent his last years in a bungalow at Boston Spa. It was still very much 'Alan', with a little swimming pool in the front garden.

Those of us who were his contemporaries are falling by the wayside one by one; but those of us who are left will have many happy memories of him.

David Earnshaw Starks (1954) died on 7th April 2013, aged 79. He read Natural Sciences.

Michael Anthony Stary (1950) died on 11th December 2012, aged 82. He read Natural Sciences.

Stanley Sutcliffe OBE (1945) died on 3rd June 2012, aged 84. He read Natural Sciences. His brother Roy writes:

Stan died in the BUPA Nursing Home in Clevedon, Somerset after a long illness which gradually deteriorated all his movement. It was finally diagnosed as the lungs' failure to transfer oxygen to his blood.

Stan was born and lived in Middleton, Lancashire until 2008. After graduating in Physics in 1949 he substituted his National Service by teaching Physics at North Manchester High School. From there he moved to his old school, Chadderton Grammar School, as Physics Master and later joined Ashton Grammar School as Head of Science and subsequently Deputy Head.

In 1967 he made a significant career move and was appointed Science Advisor for the County of Lancashire. In reorganisation in Lancashire, he became Principal Education Advisor in the Knowsley Region and then Chief Education Officer for the Region. He was a man who did very little for himself

but instead chose to do a great deal for those around him. This was recognised in later years when he was awarded the OBE for his Services to Education, a major honour not usually given to someone in his position.

Stan was a doer and brought his wealth of experience from his academic career to assist in other organisations he was passionate about. He would express his views forcefully and was prepared to work tirelessly to make these succeed. His two main hobbies were scouting and the Baptist Church.

He joined the Scouting movement at school and it developed into 63 years service to the movement. First as Cub Master, then Assistant District Commissioner, a District Commissioner for 11 years and finally a Member of the Executive Committee and District President for 19½ years until his death. During this time he received the Awards – 1963 Medal of Merit; 1978 Silver Acorn; 1986 Bar to Silver Acorn. Finally his service to Scouting was recognised by the Silver Wolf Award in 2001, the highest Scouting Award and it was presented to him by the Queen at Windsor Castle.

His Church was a lifelong strength to him. Again he worked not only at the local level as Secretary (Manager) and Leading Deacon for 50 years, but also at the National Baptist Church Headquarters at Didcot. He became well known there and worked on many National Committees. In September 2012 he was remembered at a Memorial Service at his Mills Hill Baptist Church.

In 1951 he married Marjorie and they moved to Clevedon in 2008 to be nearer to their children Andrew and Kay.

In his younger days he was a talented artist and in his later life this developed again in the form of cake decorating for his four grandchildren and the family. Scores of very elaborate models of their interests were produced in this art form.

Physics never left him and expressed itself when anything electric that was not working was given to Stan. Out would come ‘his meter’ (which lived in his car boot, always with him!) and the article would usually be resuscitated. It also found expression in him designing and managing the lighting for theatrical productions including the Scouts’ Gang Show at the Manchester Palace Theatre.

Through his service and hobbies he was very well known and respected in the North Manchester area and will be missed by many friends and colleagues past and present.

Professor Dorothy Trump (1982) died on 26th March 2013, aged 49. She read Part I Medical Sciences and Part II Natural Sciences: Pathology, followed by an M.B., B.Chir. and Ph.D. Professor Barry Everitt writes:

Dorothy Trump, or Dot as she was always known, came to Downing to read Medical Sciences in 1982. She was born in Redcar in 1964, grew up in Stockton on Tees and attended Stockton Sixth Form College, where she thrived. I was Dot's Director of Studies and supervised her in Reproductive Biology and Neurobiology in her second year. Having found the transition to Cambridge study initially challenging, she was beginning to thrive and continued to do so both at Downing and during her clinical training at the Royal London Hospital. She graduated in 1988 having returned to the Clinical School in Cambridge to take her final M.B. examinations. It was then that Dot's career as a clinical geneticist really started to take shape, beginning with a three year post at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School where her M.D. research investigated the gene defect for X-linked hypophosphataemic rickets.

Happily for Downing, she returned to Cambridge in 1995 to take up a Clinician Scientist position at the molecular genetics laboratory at Addenbrooke's hospital. This was a particularly exciting and fast moving time in her research career which was initially focused on retinoschisis, a rare form of inherited X chromosome-linked blindness characterized by the abnormal splitting of the retina's neurosensory layers, but also on other genetic eye disorders. During her time back in Cambridge, we re-connected and she readily accepted my invitation to supervise Downing students in Medical Genetics, which was gradually being established as an important and growing subject in the preclinical Medical Sciences curriculum. She loved supervising Downing undergraduates and they really enjoyed being taught by her. Her enthusiasm for genetics was infectious, but her impact was greater than that. Dot gave our first year medical students the opportunity to interact with someone who had not only been through the demanding preclinical and clinical courses, but had come out the other side as a successful clinician and scientist as well as an inspirational teacher. She left Cambridge in 2003, when a Consultant Senior Lecturer in Genetics and a Principal Investigator in the Cambridge Institute for Medical Research, to take up a Chair in Human Molecular Genetics at the University of Manchester. It was during this dynamic and highly successful phase of her career that Dot was diagnosed with breast cancer, for which she was successfully treated, but also a little later a soft tissue sarcoma which she knew would be harder to manage and was ultimately more dangerous. Characteristically, she continued to work clinically, to do her research, write grant applications and teach until 2010, when she retired to spend time with her husband, Jonathan, and two young sons. She died on 26th March 2013.

Dot will be remembered not only as a talented, highly valued and successful clinical geneticist, but also for being warm, funny, kind, friendly and a deeply

caring person. Most fittingly, the University of Manchester have honoured her by dedicating in her name an annual Scholarship, the 'Dorothy Trump Scholarship in Genetic Medicine'.

Dr Thomas Leopold Venables (1958) died on 26 January 2013, aged 74. He



read Natural Sciences and subsequently took his B.A., M.B., B.Chir.. We received this information from his contemporary **John Temperley (1958)** who writes:

Tom Venables was born in Manchester in 1938. He attended William Hulme's Grammar School, Manchester, and then entered the Royal Air Force for his National Service before coming to Downing in 1958 to study Natural Sciences. He led an active life in College, rowing in the College fourth Boat and playing rugby for the Gentlemen's XV, and he was often seen on the squash court. He was also a member of the Blackbirds' Club, a motley group of a dozen future doctors, lawyers, engineers, teachers and academics who met weekly at a local restaurant to put the world to rights, and who enjoyed an active social life together. The group still meet together on a regular basis. He completed his medical training at the Westminster Hospital, qualifying M.B., B.Chir. in 1964.

After pre-registration house jobs at the Westminster, Tom returned to the RAF. He achieved Membership of the Royal College of Physicians in 1970 (he was elected a Fellow in 1980) and he became a Medical Specialist at the RAF Hospital, Ely.

In 1970 he entered General Practice in Calverton, near Nottingham, where he was to spend the rest of his life. He became Senior Partner in 1997 and retired in 2002. Tom's interests within medicine were many and varied. Outside his practice he devoted much time to medical education at Nottingham University, where he was Lecturer in General Practice, and an organiser of the Post-Graduate Course for trainee GPs. He gained Membership of the Royal College of General Practitioners in 1972, where he expanded further his interest in medical education. He worked on the development of the entry examination for the College, being both an Examiner and a Member of the Board of Censors. He was elected a Fellow of the College in 1980.

Other interests included acupuncture – he was awarded a travelling fellowship to China, where he obtained a Diploma in Traditional Chinese Medicine, and on return, an invitation to dinner with Prince Charles, whose interest in unorthodox medicine is well-known – and broadcasting, both locally and nationally, as a radio-doctor, another field in which Tom received several awards.

Tom was a man with a wide spectrum of interests. He showed great vitality and an infectious enthusiasm in all that he did. He will be greatly missed by his patients, students, colleagues, friends and family – he is survived by his wife Marlene, his children Frazer and Kimberley, and granddaughter Claudia.

Professor Jacobus Wrench Roux De Villiers (1964) died in 2010, aged 83. He studied for a Ph.D.

We received this information from his granddaughter, Camille de Villiers, who writes “He is a man that I will always admire greatly. He spent most of his life dedicated to teaching applied engineering mathematics to undergraduate students at Stellenbosch University and upon retiring he dedicated his time to teaching mathematics to underprivileged primary school children in South Africa. He always spoke fondly about his time studying at Cambridge.”

Arthur Whitelaw Waitt (1954) died on 13th December 2011, aged 82. He studied for a Diploma in Agriculture.

Arthur Waitt was brought up in Edinburgh and educated at George Watson’s College before completing National Service with the RAF in Malta. Following a B.Sc. at Edinburgh University he came to Downing where he completed a Diploma in Agriculture. This was followed by a course in Agricultural Sciences and Tropical Agriculture in Trinidad and Tobago.

His first post, in 1956, was with the Foreign Office in Nigeria, and in the same year he married his fiancée Elsie, with whom he had three children, Colin, Keith and Alison. Whilst in Nigeria he became a leading expert on yams. His key to the yam, used in recognition of the plant, is held at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew.

He returned to Haslemere in the UK in 1964, working for Plant Protection, a company that has now become Syngenta.

Following retirement in the 1990s he served on Fernhurst Parish Council and became a Governor at Fernhurst Primary School and Midhurst Intermediate School. He was an active fundraiser for Macmillan Cancer Support in Midhurst and was an avid gardener.

A full obituary may be found in *The Scotsman* dated 10th January 2012.

As part of the Development Office search for “lost sheep” we have been informed that **Robert McKibben Whitelaw (1964)** died some years ago. He read Natural Sciences.

John Nelthorpe Whitworth (1949) died on 30th January 2013, aged 85. He read Geography, followed by a Certificate of Education.



John Whitworth was born on 31st October 1928 in the village of Theddlethorpe St Helen's in rural Lincolnshire. He won a place at Louth Grammar School and subsequently came up to Downing as an Exhibitioner.

In 1954 he took up a post to teach Geography, Chemistry and Physics at St John's College, Billericay. He eventually specialised in

teaching Chemistry and became Head of Science in 1954 and Deputy Headmaster in 1971. He was remembered by staff and students with great affection for his "shy, modest, dignified and scholarly personality". He maintained a close contact with the school following his retirement in 1991.



Christopher Charles Ulysses Williams (1948) died on 30th August 2012, aged 85. He read Law. His brother, **Tony Talbot-Williams (1942)**, writes:



Regrettably my younger brother Chris died on 30th August 2012, aged 85, after some years of physical but happily not mental disintegration. He was an outstanding sportsman. His five years at school, evacuated to Lampeter in West Wales, provided a stern grounding in rugby. His 'Gap Year', extended to three by National Service in the Army, continued his sporting education as he played rugger and boxed for the Gunners.

A lifelong friend, Bruce Woodall, wrote "Chris's Army career was almost ended by his sense of fun. The night before our commissioning parade Chris and Anthony Blond, the future publisher, came to me with a bizarre suggestion that we should anticipate our commission, and get dressed in our service dress and go to London and celebrate. We were standing at the bar having a celebratory drink when a voice boomed "rather premature gentlemen" and there stood our Battery Commander from the O.C.T.U. Following our rapid 'tactical withdrawal' Chris, typically unfazed by sudden adverse circumstances, was calmly and, as it turned out, correctly convinced that our military careers would remain intact. As if to prove the point, his military career continued in

the Territorial Army after Cambridge when he joined the Honourable Artillery Company as a Gunner, rose to the rank of Major, and commanded B battery.”

Following his National Service he came to Downing in 1948. Chris was a natural sportsman gaining a Rugger Blue, inheriting his rugby prowess from two uncles who were internationals before WW1, one with 15 caps. But it was not just brawn, he played in the Downing Tennis team, being Captain for two years, again inheriting his eye from a father who played in the Wimbledon Championships until his 50th year. Those were the great days of amateur sport when playing was more important than winning although Downing always seemed to be in the final or semi-final of the Rugby Cuppers. But Downing did have three rugger Blues at that time and cries of “blood on the boot” and “tooth and nail Downing” showed a certain antipodean influence!

As those who had the privilege to be ‘up’, or lucky to be back ‘up’, after the end of the war will acknowledge, we were used to austerity, but spark and panache was needed to give Downing undergraduate life back its sparkle. Chris gave it this in full measure. Of course there was greater tolerance of our misdemeanours but, dare I say it, we knew better when to stop.

Chris was, of course, in the Griffins’ and a member of the Hawks’ Club, but he was also in the Downing ‘11 Club’ a wining, dining and wit club, limited to ten committee and one member, where sometimes the wit had difficulty contending with the other aims. One particular occasion I remember was climbing with Chris into the Master’s Lodge at Corpus. We had been partying in the Bath Hotel in Bene’t Street with the Master’s son, also an undergraduate, and whilst he could take the Porters’ Lodge route as it was well after 10pm we had to make a more elevated access. Later Chris became a victim of ‘Downing Foot’ as the Kenny Gate, although easy to surmount, has sharp spikes heading the lower verticals. Fortunately the long vac intervened and he was fit in time to attain his Blue.

After leaving Cambridge he played rugby for Rosslyn Park and was the Captain of the first fifteen. His ashes were scattered on their ground earlier this year when a fitting tribute was made to his great contribution to the Club’s success during his many years as Captain.

He was also an Olympian, representing his country in the two-man and the four-man Bobsleigh in the 1956 Cortina Olympic Games. At the time one newspaper referred to Chris as “Britain’s slipped disc hero,” which amused him because he had slipped the disc playing table tennis! He also managed the British Bob team in the 1972 Olympics in Japan. He was for many years on the Committee of the British Bobsleigh Association.

His business career was a bit of a roller coaster with big highs and lows. His excellent ideas, which are now the norm, were too early for him to profit from them. But through it all he never lost his sense of proportion or his ability to

deal with triumph and disaster. In later life he became a character actor and appeared in numerous films. He really was in his element during this period of his life and it greatly appealed to his sense of fun.

During the last few years he suffered from extremely poor health which he bore with great fortitude and stoicism. His wife Kate, who regrettably only outlived him by five months, and daughters Charlotte and Harriet provided him with great love and support during his illness and helped make his life bearable.

He will be sorely missed by his family and his countless friends but his legacy and contribution to the post-war resurgence of Downing sport will go on.

Angus (Bob) William Weatherston Wilson (1968) died on 12th January 2013, aged 62. He read History. **Chris Bartram (1968)** writes:

Bob Wilson arrived at Downing from Shrewsbury in October 1968, with a Scholarship, a finely honed rowing aptitude for bow side, and huge enthusiasm. These attributes proved to be a sound base for considerable development in three years of happy, distinguished and thoroughly successful undergraduate life at College.

Quickly into the 1st Eight, Bob rowed throughout his College career, and was successively, Secretary, and then Captain of Boats in 1971. He preferred College rowing to any University aspirations, although his contribution to the sport was recognised with election to the Hawks' Club – at the time, an unusual honour for a College oarsman.

All those of us who were undergraduates at the same time as Bob will have fond memories of his College days. Rowing hard and playing becoming synonymous with his persona throughout his College days.

After Downing, armed with a Degree in History, Bob joined the accounting firm of Robson Rhodes in London. It was a challenge to which he adapted with skill and characteristic enthusiasm. While in London he met and married Isobel Preece – then a nurse at the London Hospital – and the wedding ceremony was held in the College chapel under the guidance of John Armson (the College Chaplain). An occasion attended by many of Bob's College friends.

Thereafter, the couple bought a house, and set up home in the East End of London. His sons, Matthew and Alexander were born there, and Bob vowed always to wear paint stained jeans every evening as a sign of silent protest to a busy, be-suited daily professional life in the City.

Neither Bob nor Isobel were natural Londoners, and it came as no surprise when, in the late 1970's, the family moved to Lancashire, close to his original home, and a job with the same employer in Manchester. Bob and Isobel lived happily and in some style in Oswaldtwistle House, Oswaldtwistle Street,

Oswaldtwistle, Lancs thereafter, while - at the same time - he managed somehow to maintain a coaching role for DCBC on the Cam.

Bob's life was to this stage, happy and successful in all respects, but it was not to last. Most tragically, the story was cut short, in February 1983, because, when driving to watch the Calcutta Cup at Murrayfield, Bob had a bad car accident that left him in a coma, from which he never recovered.

For family and for his many friends from Downing and elsewhere, it was an event which was - and will always be - impossible to comprehend.

A life to celebrate, effectively ended far too soon, but fondly remembered by all who knew him well.

Brian William Wilson (1957) died on 24th September 2012, aged 75. He read Natural Sciences. His son, Nick Wilson, writes:

Brian Wilson (1937-2012) studied Chemistry at Downing 1957-1960. He worked at Glaxo in Cumbria, so he could be near the Lake District whose mountains he loved, where his three sons were born. Brian asked for his ashes to be scattered on Gallowstree Hill behind his childhood village of Mayfield, overlooking the River Dove and Ashbourne where he met his wife, Maureen. Brian wanted funeral money to go to charities instead - his favourite was Water Aid. He loved history and liked the analogy of life - a sparrow passing through a banqueting hall - given during the conversion of a pagan king of Northumberland: In the midst there is a comforting fire to warm the hall; outside the storms of winter rain or snow are raging. This sparrow flies swiftly in through one door of the hall, and out through another. While he is inside, he is safe from the winter storms; but after a moment of comfort, he vanishes from sight into the wintry world from which he came.

David Wilson (1951) died in 2012, aged 80. He read Natural Sciences with Physics.

He attended Reading School from 1942 to 1949 and obtained a state scholarship to Manchester University in 1949. He did not complete this degree, applying instead to Downing, where he arrived in October 1951 after completing his National Service.

Commander Donald Wiltshire, M.A., Royal Navy Retired (1949) died on 10th August 2012, aged 82. He read Engineering.

Michael Robert Winner (1953) died on 21st January 2013, aged 77. He studied Law and Economics.

Michael Winner was a Film Director and Producer, and a Restaurant Critic for *The Sunday Times*. Born in Hampstead, he was educated at St Christopher

School, Letchworth and came up to Downing in 1953. During his time at Cambridge he developed his interest in films and edited *Varsity*.

On leaving Cambridge, he moved into the world of cinema, writing scripts and directing documentaries. By 1962, he had directed his first full-length movie, *Play it Cool*, a pop musical starring Billy Fury, at Pinewood Studios. He established his own film company, Scimitar, in the mid-1960s and made a number of satirical films starring Oliver Reed, including *The System* and *I'll Never Forget What's 'Is Name*. In total he produced over thirty feature films, including the violent *Death Wish* series, starring Charles Bronson, for which he is probably best known. A full list may be found on his *Wikipedia* entry.

In later life, he became renowned for his outspoken restaurant reviews for *The Sunday Times*. He was a regular panellist on BBC Radio 4's *Any Questions* and later appeared on television programmes including BBC TV's *Question Time*, *Have I Got News For You* and a series of advertisements that he directed for the insurance firm esure featuring the catchphrase: "Calm down dear!"

He was also a charity campaigner, establishing The Police Memorial Trust after the fatal shooting of WPC Yvonne Fletcher outside the Libyan embassy in London in 1984.

He was an honorary member of BAFTA and of the Directors Guild of Great Britain. His autobiography *Winner Takes All: A Life of Sorts* was published by Robson Books in 2006.

He is survived by his wife, Geraldine Lynton-Edwards, whom he married in 2011, having met her in 1957.

Fuller obituaries may be found online in the national press.

Glynn Jones Scholarships for Business and Management Education

Members of the Downing Alumni Association are reminded that they are eligible to apply for Glynn Jones Scholarships. These valuable scholarships are for those wishing to further their education for careers in the business and management fields. Any who have already embarked on such careers are welcome to apply if they consider that further education and training are likely to improve their career prospects. Typically, scholarships have been awarded to help fund M.B.A. or equivalent courses in this country or abroad, but the awards are not restricted to such courses. Scholarships of up to £10,000 per annum, for courses of up to two years' duration, have been made in the recent past. For further information about the awards and application process see www.dow.cam.ac.uk/index.php/about/forstudents/finance/280-studentships.

VISITING CAMBRIDGE

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People who have been undergraduates or graduates at Downing are now known as Members Out of Residence and are most welcome to visit Downing at any time when it is open. Limited parking is available and to make arrangements please telephone the Porter's Lodge on 01223 334800.

DISABLED ACCESS

While many of the older College rooms are not easy to access, those with mobility problems should note that both the Howard Building and the Howard Theatre are fully accessible at all levels to those in wheelchairs. The Hall, SCR and West Lodge public rooms may be reached by ramps from the Howard Court and suitable bedroom accommodation is available in both Howard Lodge and Kenny A. It is possible to get to all these locations from the Porters' Lodge along made-up roads and paths, apart from a short (5m) stretch of gravel by the Howard Building. The Porters' Lodge has wheelchair access via a ramp at the rear of that building.

HIGH TABLE DINING RIGHTS

Members Out of Residence in the categories below are welcome to dine at High Table twice per full term, the first occasion being free of charge. Appropriate gowns can be obtained on loan from the College on the evening, but you may wish to bring your own. You are eligible for dining rights if you have one of the following:

- a Cambridge B.A. and 19 terms have passed since you matriculated at Cambridge.
- a Cambridge M.A.
- a Cambridge post-graduate degree or qualification and have reached the age of 24 years.

Charges are made on all occasions for wine taken.

Members may bring a guest (charged) with the Fellows Steward's permission. For further information please telephone 01223 746709 or e-mail: dining@dow.cam.ac.uk.

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As a graduate of the University you are entitled to a Cambridge University 'Camcard' which permits you and four guests free entry into all of the colleges of the University when they are open. For further information telephone or write to the University Development Office, 1 Quayside, Cambridge, CB5 8AB. Tel. 01223 332288 or e-mail to enquiries@foundation.cam.ac.uk.

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NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

The Master has been appointed as the next Provost of the Gates Cambridge Trust. He will take up his new appointment on 1 October 2013, following his retirement from the Mastership.

The Gates Cambridge Scholarships were established in 2000 by a donation of US\$210m from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation which established the Gates Cambridge Trust. Each year 90 overseas graduate students are awarded Scholarships and there are 225 Gates Scholars currently in Cambridge. The Scholarships are awarded to outstanding applicants who, having been offered a Ph.D. studentship or a place on a Masters degree course in the University, then undergo further, highly competitive selection on the basis of their intellectual ability, capacity for leadership, and a commitment to improving the lives of others.

Richard Stibbs retired from the University on May 31st and retires as an Official Fellow on September 30th, thereby relinquishing his posts of President, Praelector, Fellows' Steward and Secretary of the Governing Body. However he will have had two days as a President squared, as President of the College and President of the Downing Alumni Association. Richard has been Senior Treasurer of the Cambridge Blind Wine Tasting Society since time immemorial. The Society team of three (including **Vaiva Imbrasatie**, a Downing student) with Richard as coach triumphed at the competition at Chateaux Lafite for the Left Bank Bordeaux Cup in June defeating seven other finalists from Higher Educational institutions from across the world, who had in turn defeated 35 other teams in regional semi-finals. It was probably the high point in Richard's 49 years in Cambridge! He has greatly enjoyed his career in the University and his time in College immensely and would happily continue, but realizes it is time to hand over to the younger generation.

Bill Adams is taking over as Head of the Department of Geography in October 2013. He has also started to write an occasional blog, at: <http://thinkinglikeahuman.wordpress.com/>

Graham Virgo stood down as Senior Tutor at the end of July, having occupied the post for over a decade. He will continue to direct studies in Law and also remains Deputy Chair of the Law Faculty. He was one of five nominees for the OUP Law Teacher of Year award and one of six nominees for the LawCareers.net Law Teacher of the Year award. In February he debated with Lord Sumption, Justice of the Supreme Court, in the Law Faculty. Lord Sumption spoke in

favour of the motion: “Those who wish to practise Law should not study Law at University”. Graham spoke against the motion and won the debate, a recording of which is here: <http://www.law.cam.ac.uk/press/news/2012/12/debate-those-who-wish-to-practise-law-should-not-study-law-at-university/2059>

He has co-authored with Paul Davies, Law alumnus of the College, *Equity and Trusts: Text, Cases and Materials* (OUP, 2013) and has contributed to the fifth edition of *Simester and Sullivan’s Criminal Law: Theory and Doctrine* (Simester, Spencer, Sullivan and Virgo) (Hart, 2013). He has also published *Joint Enterprise Liability is Dead: Long Live Accessorial Liability* [2012] Crim LR 850 which derives from a paper he presented at the Catalysis Conference 2012.

Trevor Robbins became the Angharad Dodds John Fellow in Mental Health and Neuropsychiatry for Downing College in 2012–13. He was invited to give a short lecture series at Peking University last September, presenting also at the Chinese Cognitive Neuroscience Society in Nanjing. Other major lectures were at the last FENS (Federated European Neuroscience Societies) meeting in Barcelona and the American College of Neuropsychopharmacology in Hollywood, Florida, USA. Major publications have included a brain scanning study of 2000 adolescents throughout Europe to predict their susceptibility to substance abuse (in *Nature Neuroscience*), a review paper on the neural basis of decision-making in adolescence (also *Nature Neuroscience*), a demonstration of enhanced aversive habit learning in obsessive-compulsive disorder (Biological Psychiatry) and an argument that binge-eating could be regarded as an addiction (also Biological Psychiatry). Finally, his team investigated the neurochemical basis of human subjective judgements of fairness and retaliation with a brain scanning study in the *Journal of Neuroscience*.

Ian Roberts was made a member of the Institute of Linguists of the Romanian Academy in December, and awarded a doctorate honoris causa by the University of Bucharest in March. Also in March, he published a collection of papers jointly edited with Dr T Biberauer entitled *Challenges to Linearization* (Berlin, Mouton de Gruyter, 2013). He was plenary speaker at the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Sprachwissenschaft (German Linguistics Society) annual meeting in March.

After three years on and off immersed in Domesday Book, **David Pratt** had an article entitled “Demesne Exemption from Royal Taxation in Anglo-Saxon and Anglo-Norman England” published in the February 2013 issue of *The English Historical Review*. The article is a rethinking of the way that the eleventh-century tax system is represented in Domesday Book, and emphasizes the importance of the kingdom of Wessex for the long-term “rise of the manor”.

Paul Barker and David Wales have published a paper that features on the front cover of the *Journal of Physical Chemistry B*.

The image compares a variety of examples of *bilayer frustration*, in which helical shapes emerge from the juxtaposition of several layers of material that compete for energy. A computer model was created in which several frustrated layers could be made from discrete objects and this allows insight into the shape of fibres made from protein molecules, whose tiny size makes direct investigation difficult. The same frustration principle that works at longer length scales also works at the molecular scale too!



David Feldman is a Professorial Fellow (Rouse Ball) in Law. This year, with Professor Spyridon Flogaitis of the University of Athens, this year's A. L. Goodhart Visiting Professor of Legal Science, he has enjoyed teaching a newly developed LL.M. paper, Birth, Development and Afterlife of States, in the Faculty of Law. The subject has become one of his major research interests, linked to theories of the globalisation of public law. His other research activities have been diverse, leading to publications on such mainstream constitutional law topics as the nature of constitutional legislation, constitutional conventions, the separation of powers, and relationships between national, supranational and international institutions (for example in relation to the protection of human rights). He is also working on aspects of the history of public law. He has been an invited speaker at various conferences, including those in Oxford (speaking on agreement and disagreement in law and legal scholarship), Manchester (a conference which he has co-organized on the teaching of public law) and the Supreme Court of Israel in Jerusalem (speaking on social and economic rights at the triennial legal exchange between the Supreme Courts of the UK and Israel). In College, he has continued to enjoy supervising undergraduates studying Constitutional Law and Administrative Law.

The most exciting development for **Amy Milton** this year has been her appointment to a University Lectureship in the Department of Psychology, beginning on October 1st 2013. She has been and will continue her work

investigating memory reconsolidation, on which she has published several articles this year, including a review in *Current Opinion in Neurobiology* and primary research papers in *The Journal of Neuroscience* and *PLoS One*. She also presented some of her recent research at the Society for Neuroscience meeting in New Orleans last October. She has continued to contribute to events encouraging the general public to engage with science, including talks in Edinburgh for the “Skeptics in the Pub” and in Cambridge for the “Pint of Science” festival. In College, Amy has been delighted to contribute to the fundraising campaign for the Everitt Butterfield Research Fellowship, and is looking forward to welcoming the first students reading Psychological & Behavioural Sciences to Downing at the start of the next academic year.

Jonathan Trevor continues in his role as Lecturer in Human Resources and Organisations at Cambridge Judge Business School, University of Cambridge, and Fellow in Management Studies, Downing College, Cambridge.

His research was published in 2013 in the *British Journal of Industrial Relations* as well as the *European Business Review*. He continues to act as Co-Director of the Judge Business School Centre for International Human Resource Management, as well as teaching on the Management Studies Tripos (for which he is Chair of Examiners) and Cambridge Masters of Business Administration (M.B.A.).

In June 2013 Jonathan became a non-Executive Director of Shakespeares LLP, advising the Chairman and CEO on organisational strategy and practice, as well as continuing to develop his own private practice, consulting to organisations in the international public and private sectors.

Dick Taplin was appointed Cambridge University Junior Pro-Proctor on 24th November 2012, and presented as the Junior Proctor nominate on 27th April 2013. His 8th grandchild, Theo, was born on 24th December 2012.

Tim Burton joined the Fellowship in 2010. He is a Consultant Physician at Addenbrooke’s Hospital in the Acute Medicine Service and is Clinical lead for Unplanned Care. He has established an Ambulatory Care Service for the Trust enabling emergency clinical care to be delivered without need for hospital admission. He has a Ph.D. in Pharmacology and specialist training in Clinical Pharmacology. He supervises medical students on the “Mechanisms of Drug Action” and teaches doctors Clinical Pharmacology as a Faculty member of the Cambridge College of Emergency Medicine.

Marta Correia has continued to develop her research in neuroimaging methods, with applications in particular in Parkinson’s disease and the study

of aphasia in stroke patients. She has recently come back from Seattle where she presented her most recent work at the Annual Meeting of the Organization for Human Brain Mapping. Over the past two years Marta has greatly enjoyed getting to know Downing students better through her roles as a Director of Studies for Natural Sciences and an undergraduate Tutor.

Joseph Webster is the Isaac Newton-Graham Robertson Research Fellow in Social Anthropology and Sociology. He has spent the last year away on fieldwork, conducting an ethnographic study of the Orange Order, a Protestant fraternity and parading organisation, in Scotland and Northern Ireland. He has also begun a parallel project on mainstream and ultra-unionist campaigns against Scottish independence. His first monograph, *The Anthropology of Protestantism: Faith and Crisis among Scottish Fishermen* (Palgrave-Macmillan), will be published in June 2013 and examines how life as a millenarian Christian relates to life as a deep sea trawlerman. In November 2013 he will travel to Chicago to give an invited paper at the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association.

Mike Housden joined the Fellowship in October 2012 as the Isaac Newton-Mays Wild Research Fellow in Chemistry, having completed his undergraduate studies in Natural Sciences and Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry at Christ's. He has recently begun investigating transition metal-catalysed chemistry for the late-stage functionalisation of traditionally inert carbon-hydrogen bonds in molecular electronic devices and organic materials.

OBITUARIES

Sadly **Ann Mathias** who was in the Master's Lodge with Peter Mathias from 1987 to 1994, died in January this year. She was a warm and welcoming hostess in the Lodge and has left an enduring memorial in the walled Rose Garden between the Lodge and the East Lodge garden full of old-fashioned roses around a delightful pond.

Lady Morgan, wife of the late Sir Morien Morgan, Master 1972–8, died in April. The funeral service was held in Downing College Chapel, with an address given by her daughter, Deryn, who collaborated with the Association on the *Downing and the two World Wars* volume, published in 2010.

Dr Brian Geoffrey Odell (Fellow 1967–1973) died on 29th July 2012 of the rare illness amyloidosis at the age of 71.

Brian studied Natural Sciences at Clare from 1959 until 1962, where he gained a double first. He was also awarded the Robins Prize (to help in support of further research) and went on to obtain a Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry at Cambridge in 1965.

Subsequently Brian spent some years doing research at Southampton and Cornell Universities. This was followed by an appointment as University Demonstrator in Organic and Inorganic Chemistry at Cambridge and a Fellowship at Downing. After a period at Leeds University, he settled in York where he became Head of the Department of Mathematics and Science at the College of Ripon and York St John. Later he moved to administration where, as Deputy Registrar, he was involved with academic standards and also with much of the detailed work required to move the College to university status.

Brian was a life-long hill and mountain walker. He was passionate about the ‘right to roam’ and argued the Ramblers’ case for access to a number of contested sites in North Yorkshire, with considerable success. He surveyed a number of areas including some sections of the Ramblers’ proposed coast path in Yorkshire in the fight for access to the entire coast of England. Brian was a very keen orienteer; he spent much time on the technical aspects of the sport, on setting courses and as a competitor. To increase his fitness he ran with friends on a weekly basis – for about 25 years.

Brian had a lovely sense of humour and a ready wit. He leaves Cathie, his wife of 46 years, two daughters Carol and Sue and nine grandchildren. He will be sorely missed by family members and his many friends.

LETTERS FROM AMERICA

This year’s Thomas Jefferson Fellow was Professor Charles Mathewes, Carolyn M. Barbour Professor of Religious Studies at the University of Virginia. He was accompanied by his wife, Professor Jennifer Geddes, Research Associate Professor of Religious Studies at the University of Virginia who was a Visiting Scholar at the Department of Theology. We invited them to give their views on Downing.

THE THOMAS JEFFERSON FELLOW'S VIEW OF DOWNING

When we arrived in Cambridge we were fairly worn out. Four years of running one of UVA's residential colleges, followed by an attempted presidential coup in our last summer – a coup fought off successfully, but a gruelling event nonetheless – meant that we arrived in Cambridge ready to lay low and hibernate for a very long time. And for the first four months, September through December, that's just what we did. Then in early January, we moved into the Keio flat in Downing, and everything changed.

Immediately upon entry, we were caught up in the hurly-burly of a Cambridge college. We were welcomed in the SCR, at High Table, at Richard Stibbs' magnificent (as far as we can recall) Monday wine evenings – our faces and names were immediately recognized by the Porters and the Fellows and in general we were made to feel part of the family from our first days in Downing. Our time in Cambridge before Downing was restful; our time at Downing was an exhilarating, intoxicating, and life-altering six months.

The informal and generous affection at Downing is no new or secret thing; it turns out to be a known fact in Cambridge. I had several friends affiliated with other colleges tell me that, in their experience, Downing was “among the healthiest and happiest of fellowships,” with an unusually generous proportion of high-functioning yet low-maintenance members.

And indeed the greatest blessing by far was the Fellowship, both in the abstract sense and in the concrete. The casual friendliness and open welcome they extended to us began even before our tenure, even indeed before we landed in Cambridge, for we met the Master, Barry Everitt, and the President, Richard Stibbs, among others, at the home of some of UVA's previous Downing fellows, Richard and Ellie Wilson. It was clear at once that they already considered us among their own, as they immediately mocked my all-too American affection for tweed. So abused, I felt instantaneously at home.

Such easy familiarity was hurried on by the glories of dining at Downing, with its outstanding chef and kitchen staff, and its many alarmingly well-educated wine palates. I had the good fortune of being allowed to be a junior member of the Downing wine committee, and thus participate in a number of Cambridge wine merchant tastings held at several colleges. The rooms were almost as delightful as the wines, and that is saying something. From what I can recall (there's that caveat again), those were glorious lunchtimes...though I confess I got little work done in those afternoons.

Ah, work! The putative point of our time in Cambridge. No worries: I can honestly say that, over four sabbaticals in my career, I have never had my intellect deepened, and my work more profoundly advanced, than I had at Cambridge. Yet very little of that happened directly from my hours of reading

in libraries. Rather it was the contents of my temporary colleagues' minds through which I rummaged, in conversations around the College and around the town, morning noon and night. It was in the inspiration of so many people committed to the life of the mind, and living that life out not just in their research and their teaching, but in the very conditions of their everyday lives – for scholars in Cambridge live in a more fundamentally distinct form of life than they do in the US – that served to inspire me. The range of conversation one has at a college, where your neighbor at lunch can be an economic historian of the classical world, or a chemist, or a Chinese-American anthropologist, or a laser professor, can be daunting; but it is never unedifying. At the end of the year, I had not yet completed the work I had planned to do; but I had a partial draft of an entirely different book composed, and a series of paper ideas that should carry me, with my other work, well into the future.

And yet again, the greatest benefit of Downing – for me at least – was not what it enabled me do once I had departed, but what it gave me when I was there. A tapestry of memories is already firm in my memory:

- The pink-and-orange stone lit by the January sun, in sharp contrast to the subdued grey-green of the frozen grass;
- Watching the women rowers burning a boat shell after the Lent Bumps, with the Porters' meticulous worrying rakes quickly extinguishing any wandering embers;
- Happy – and when not happy delightfully witty – chatter in the SCR, with the incommensurable ministrations of Rosa;
- President Stibbs valiantly attempting, and like the Light Brigade valiantly failing, to teach me croquet in the Fellows' Garden;
- The May Ball's vast fireworks, looking at times as if a galaxy of multicolored stars was about to impact on the paddock;
- The enormous yet subtle noise of a June wind rustling through the leaves of the trees on Downing's lawn, at one and the same time whispering a secret and keeping it from us;
- And always, always the sense of being in a citadel of learning, learning in the best sense: not as a treasure to be hoarded or begrudgingly dribbled out, but as an ongoing way of life shared in common, to which all, to the best of their ability, are invited.

Charles Mathewes
University of Virginia

A VISITING SCHOLAR'S VIEW OF DOWNING

I have been fortunate to live in several truly wonderful and vibrant intellectual communities. Each has not just shaped my mind, but enriched and enlivened my life. Yet in no other case have I felt so profoundly that the benefits were so immediate and immanent. Downing's greatest gift to me, that is, was not time or space to work, or even merely to rest; Downing's greatest gift was itself.

We spent the coldest spring on record since 1891 at Downing College, but it was one of our warmest – not in terms of the weather (though I mention it, having encountered the English penchant for discussing weather), but in our experience of the people and life at Downing.

I confess to arriving with some stereotypes in my luggage. I came to Cambridge expecting, among other things, excellent tea, a deep sense of history, and intellectual brilliance, but also a certain reserve, arrogance, and snobbery. Thankfully, we encountered all of the former and none of the latter (well, there was a little reserve here and there at times – not all stereotypes are erroneous).

After our first dinner at the College, we eagerly booked in for as many dinners as possible. The exquisite food and superbly chosen wine would have been enough to entice us, but there was something else – a sense of being invited into an ongoing conversation, both robust and rich, among people who genuinely enjoyed each other's company and, one felt after enough wine, ours. Those dinners encapsulated four key aspects of our experience at Downing.

First, its warmth. President Richard Stibbs served as our main host, keeping us out of trouble and into fine wine. His kindness to us is unforgettable, and his general bonhomie and wit made every gathering a celebration. Master Barry Everitt exuded warmth and always seemed to me the epitome of what the master of a college should be. The Fellows made us feel at home and many became friends.

Second, its efficiency. We were struck by how smoothly Downing College runs. From the efficiency of the conference services and housekeeping staffs to the responsiveness and helpfulness of the porters to the professionalism of the catering staff, we were impressed by and grateful for all the help we received.

Third, its beauty. Walking through Downing at dusk with the light falling on the purple wisteria and the Ketton stone, revealing its hues of peach, pink, and cream, I often felt a sense of extreme gratitude to be in a place that offered the quiet and calm needed to enjoy its splendor.

Finally, its commitment to the life of the mind. There is the keen sense that Downing is a place where the students and Fellows and those lucky enough to be invited to join them are engaged in a life-long process of learning and study – one that is not arid or detached, but genuinely engaged.

At home now in Virginia, looking out at the beautifully lush hills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, there is much to enjoy here. But there is also a sense of wistfulness at having left the riches of Downing College.

*Jennifer Geddes
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COLLEGE CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

Griffins Endowment Fund

The Fund exists to support and encourage talented University sportspeople to play at a higher level than College, by providing them with financial support for kit, travel expenses and training costs. To support the Fund, cheques can be sent to the Development Office, Downing College, Cambridge, CB2 1DQ. Please make a note it is for The Griffins Fund. Otherwise, to set up a monthly or annual standing order or direct debit or make a one-off donation on line, please go to .

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BOAT CLUB

The Club Captain is happy to report yet another highly successful year for the Club, building on the momentum and achievements of recent years. As is the nature of college rowing, we began the year with a much depleted squad with many rowers from last year’s first boats graduating, and with two members starting the year trialling (one rower for CUBC, one cox for CULBC.) In particular, for W1 with just two returning 1st boat rowers there was an emphasis on developing 2nd boat rowers quickly, and on recruitment of a new intake of novices.

The Club were in the fortunate position to be able to send a Men’s IV+ to Boston, USA to compete in the Head of the Charles in which they finished 18th of 48 crews, with a time of 17.45. Although disappointed with the overall position, the time was a significant improvement on previous years. On returning to Cambridge the men had a short recovery period before racing

University IVs. Both W1 and M1 reached the quarter-finals of the knockout competition, a disappointing result for both squads. However, there was some success throughout the week with M2 and W2 performing well, reaching the semi-finals and winning their division, respectively.

The Club was fortunate in recruiting a strong contingent of novices this year, particularly on the women's side. This resulted in good results for Novice Fairbairns, in which Downing have never performed particularly highly. Our NW1 placed 3rd, though suffered from slower stream conditions than other divisions, and our NM1 placed 17th. In senior Fairbairns M1 placed 4th and W1 finished in a controversial 2nd just one second behind Homerton whom it emerged benefitted from faster racing conditions due to the status of the Lock changing between divisions.

In January the Club took its annual training camp to Seville with 38 students and two coaches attending. As ever the Camp was a great success not only in developing skills and technique but also encouraging integration between the novice and senior squads. It was also essential to maintaining the success of the Club following the inevitable loss of first boat rowers due to graduating that occurs each year, and off the back of the Camp three novice women gained seats in W1 for Lent Bumps. In the Lents, W1 and M1 rowed over all four days as Head and in second place, respectively. Although this makes for boring racing(!) it is a great achievement for any Club to consistently be placed so high on the Bumps charts. W2 cemented their place in Division 2 by bumping up twice and M2 avoided Spoons by rowing over once. As term ended, W1 continued training for Women's Head of the River on the Tideway. They placed an astonishing 38th overall, 4th in the University pennant and 36 secs ahead of the next Cambridge college. Unfortunately M1 had no chance to match this performance with extreme weather conditions resulting in cancellation of the men's Head of the River race.

W1 also took up the invitation to race in the intercollegiate race at the Henley Boat Races this year, in which the fastest college crews from Cambridge and Oxford race. Despite the races being relocated to Eton Dorney due to a strong stream at Henley, conditions were still challenging, but W1 comfortably held off St Johns, Oxford for the victory - one of just two Cambridge victories that day!

In the run up to Mays, M1, W1 and M2 raced at Bedford Regatta. Although the results were not as strong as previous years all crews gained some invaluable experience from this side-by-side regatta, and took this into their races on the Cam. During Mays, M1 maintained their place behind Caius in truly exciting circumstances. Due to a rudder malfunction on Day 3, M1 were able to quickly catch Caius and take the Headship. Unfortunately they didn't have

enough speed to maintain their position on the final day, but did finally have a well-deserved Headship row. W1 rowed over solidly for three days before finally succumbing to a very strong Clare crew (containing six University rowers!) on the final day. W2 bumped up one place and M3 rowed over one day to avoid Spoons. Unfortunately M2 moved down four places, as a result of their unusually high starting position, earning themselves Spoons! The “Rugby Boat” improved on their abysmal performance last year by losing just two places.

MEN’S BADMINTON

Men’s Badminton has had a successful year, with three teams competing in the college league. The first team finished second in the 1st Division in Michaelmas, losing only one game and finished fourth in Lent term. Despite the slightly disappointing final placing in Lent, the team came out on top in a close game against St. Catharine’s College winning five games to four. This was the highlight of the term given St. Catharine’s unbeaten record over at least two terms. The second team under captain Rohan Prakash has struggled to gain the division promotion that they deserve – however the future looks promising. The third team has had a fantastic year under captain Tom Talbot. Notably they finished top of their division in Lent term.

WOMEN’S HOCKEY

The 2012–2013 season has been a great success for Women’s Hockey, placing Downing fifth in the League. While it has proved difficult to fuel a full team for some matches, the commitment shown by the members of the club has been phenomenal. This culminated in the incredible win against Clare where, although heavily outnumbered, Downing secured 6 goals, to the opposition’s 2. Congratulations go to Bea Downing who was awarded the prize for ‘Most Improved Player’ at the annual dinner, and Gretel Scott, Hannah Williamson and Luiza Guimaraes who were each awarded Colours. Many thanks to the departing members of DCHC for their dedication and commitment to the Club, particularly to former captain, Heather Shakerchi. They will be sorely missed but it is hoped that a strong intake next year will enable the women to continue Downing’s success.

MEN’S HOCKEY

Buoyed by some new freshers and the continued enthusiasm of those returning to the club the Men’s Hockey team have achieved some memorable results alongside maintaining their position in the top division going into next year. In Michaelmas they were the first college team to beat St Catharine’s College

in the league in several years, winning by 1-0 in a close game. The poor weather at the beginning of Lent left the team struggling to complete all their games, but they secured their place in the league with an encouraging draw against The Old Leysians. Colours were awarded to Ed Charlton, who is leaving the team, and Simon Heller for his outstanding commitment. This season's highest goalscorer was Alex Sharpe and the award for best Stick Skills was awarded to Richard Thorburn. Alex Sharpe and Angus Keeley were appointed as co-captains for the next year. A special mention must go to Chris Tapper, the outgoing captain, whose leadership and fantastic enthusiasm were much appreciated this season. Finally, Downing Hockey sends its gratitude to those who are leaving us at the end of the year. All the best for the future.

DOWNING MEN'S TENNIS

The Downing Men's first team started off the Cuppers title defence in the typical dominant fashion having been boosted by immensely talented fresh intake from the first and second years. The team swiftly reached the quarter-finals only dropping one point to get there. However at the quarter-final stage, after a long wait for the opposition and untimely rain intervention, the team was subjected to an unfortunate coin toss and the spirited campaign came to an abrupt halt. Despite the disappointing premature stop to the tournament, there is much for the team to build on and, with the majority of the team playing again next year, the Downing Men's team will again be a strong contender for the Cuppers title.

The Second team led by Alex Malanyuk had its most successful year in recent times, reaching the semi-finals of the Consolation draw of Cuppers. Much promising foundation has been set in the Second team which is mainly comprised of freshers.

Colours were awarded to Clark Glasgow for his sheer dedication and gritty performance in the matches and Will Palmer, a fresher who will no doubt contribute greatly to Downing tennis in coming years. Downing tennis looks forward to another successful year with Alex Cole captaining the Men's 1st team and Sam Watcham as the captain of the 2nd team.

And a last note of congratulations to the winners of the Gulbenkien Cup. This year members of the college enjoyed the resurrection of the prestigious intra-college tennis tournament unique to Downing. Blessed with amicable weather and high-quality tennis, the spectators congratulated the winner, Rob Legg, runner-up, Alex Cole and third place holder, Joao Romero. May this historic tradition of Downing continue long into posterity.

RUGBY CLUB

DCRUFC's 2012/13 season was led by captain Rob Hall and vice-captain Max Mather, with Mather winning his university rugby Blue in the 2012 Varsity Match. The club maintained its record of the most consecutive years in the top division of the colleges' league; with an unbeaten season ending with Downing as champions of both the league and Cuppers – something the college hasn't managed since 1993. A strong team ethos was central to the success, as well as the talent of the individuals involved. DCRUFC players represented the University across the board from the Blues through to the Colleges XV; a total of seven gaining University honours. A highly resilient team, their never-say-die attitude saw them come back from 17 and 19 point deficits against Jesus and St John's respectively. New captain Luke Thompson will be hopeful for another strong fresher intake to defend the squad's silverware.

ULTIMATE FRISBEE

Following one of its most successful years yet, DCU has been able to maintain its momentum this season as one of the best teams in college league. In Michaelmas, two mixed ability teams finished second and fourth, both narrowly missing out on first and third places in their finals. Under new captains Fraser Elliott and James Kenny, DCU again fielded mixed teams in Lent and finished second and third in the league, and at Winter Cuppers took third and eighth places, matching our standings from last year. Despite a slightly shaky start to Easter Term, the traditional combined team for the league has hit its stride coming into the last couple of matches and will find itself at the top of the table if it can maintain the same level of play. Finally in the last tournament of the year, DCU will look to retain its title as Summer Cuppers champions; with the player development that has taken place over the year and our encouraging results so far, there is a very good chance that this can happen. College colours this year were given to Aimée Hall, Daniel Janman, Kaustuv Joshi, and Will Benfold, all of whom proved invaluable throughout the year in both their ability and commitment to DCU (as well as representing the University to a high level). Given a strong intake of players next year, DCU can most certainly look forward to more success in the future.

THE BLAKE SOCIETY

The Blake Society is Downing's flourishing arts and humanities society, named after the renowned illustrator, alumnus and patron Sir Quentin Blake, who received his knighthood in the 2013 New Years Honours. The Society hosts a variety of speakers, workshops and social events that cover a broad

range of interests in the humanities. The highlight of our year was hosting a talk by John le Carré, ex-spy and espionage novelist, whose captivating words drew a large audience to Downing's stunning Howard Theatre. Other events included Iain Overton, documentary maker and alumnus, who spoke on his life and fascinating experiences in film-making and working with the media. Ana Rosa Rodríguez-García gave an enlightening talk on Afghan culture and her experiences working tirelessly towards the preservation and reconstruction of Afghanistan's culture heritage.

Alongside a variety of talks, Blake also hosted a number of workshops, including one in conjunction with Downing Drama Society, by renowned director and writer Stephen Bennett on script writing. Orlando Seale, actor and musician, gave a workshop on 'Creating Character', drawing on techniques from Laban, masque and Commedia to great effect. In Lent Term, Alan Maskell spoke on the history of magic, and shared some basic tricks with the audience before encouraging people to participate, to amusing effect!

The Blake Society also hosted several popular social events, first bringing a variety of undergraduates from across Cambridge together in support of the Children of the Forest charity, which provides, among other services, art materials and classes for abandoned children and with whom past President Karen Hargrave is involved out in Sangkhlaburi, Thailand. We raised £385 by selling postcards made by local artists and current Cambridge students, as well as artwork from children supported by the charity.

The annual Christmas Party was a great success, with food, mulled wine and dancing enjoyed by all, as well as the newly introduced 'creative corner' which produced some unique snowflakes. Our annual dinner with Sir Quentin Blake himself was a fantastic evening, where we managed to coordinate our first full society photo. Sir Quentin's speech was met with rapturous applause, as he acknowledged that being given an honorary degree was one thing, but a society in honour of you was quite another!

We ended the year with our first ever May Week Garden Party, held in glorious sunshine, with a live band and choir and much dancing. The theme was Alice in Wonderland, and there was stiff competition for the prizes for best dressed.

Many thanks go to this year's committee, for all their hard work in running so many events, and to Presidents Jess Lane and Sarah Fox for raising the society's profile even further and in particular for creating our fantastic website and blog (<http://theblakesociety.weebly.com/>).

CRANWORTH LAW SOCIETY

It has been another fantastic year for the Cranworth Law Society. Again, the year has been filled with both academic and social events, from the Freshers' Drinks in late October to the Garden Party in May Week. The highlight of our calendar was the Annual Dinner; this year, we were honoured to welcome Lord Dyson, Master of the Rolls, as our guest speaker.

The Society has also been proud to host various speakers throughout the year. Lord Walker of Gestingthorpe gave a talk on 'How far should judges develop the common law?', and barristers David Matthew and Helen Compton of 7 Bedford Row spoke on their recent success in prosecuting a crime that occurred in Cambridge.

This year, Cranworth Law Society members have excelled in terms of mooting, with students from Downing winning the Downing-Magdalene moot, the Quadrant Chambers Fledglings moot and the Brick Court team moot. Further, Downing College entered a very strong performance in the Atkin Chambers Inter-Collegiate moot, coming second to Jesus College.

Both the Christmas dinner and the fancy dress formal at the end of Lent Term (with the theme 'Your Favourite Case'), provided the perfect opportunity for the Cranworth members to display their creative skills, which once again did not fail to impress!

We are certain that the Cranworth Law Society will maintain its excellent reputation in the hands of next year's committee, Presidents James Egan and Veena Srirangam-Nadhamuni, and Secretaries James Marlow and Imogen Dodds.

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