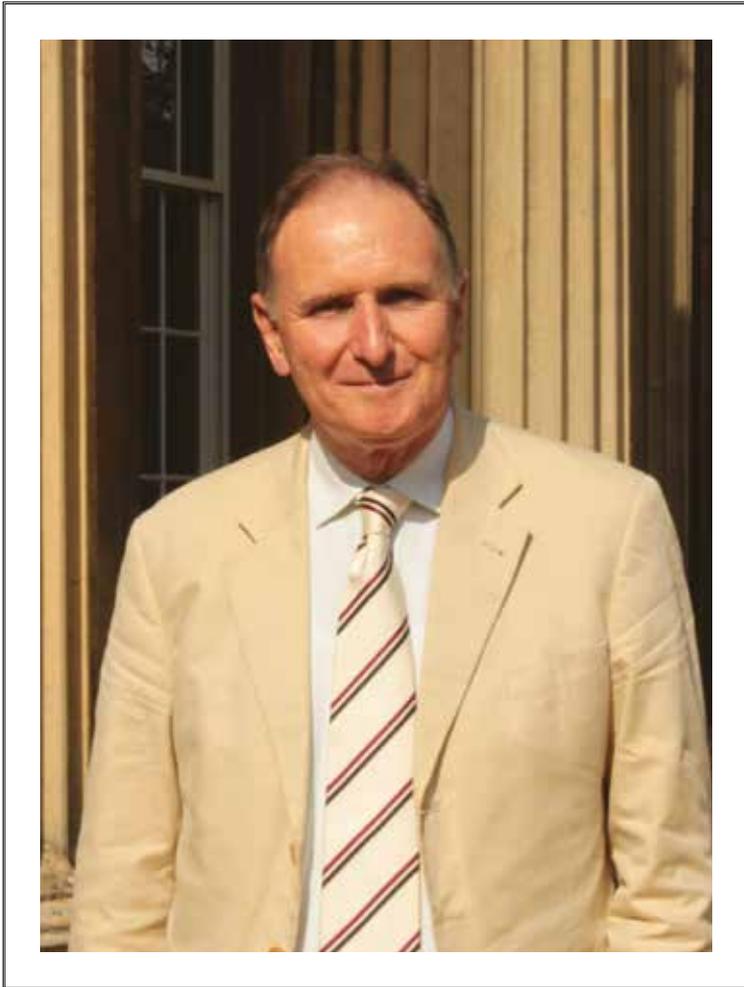


DOWNING COLLEGE 2017





The Rt Hon Sir David Lloyd Jones MA LLB
President of the Association 2016-2017



DOWNING COLLEGE 2017

Alumni Association Newsletter

Magenta News

College Record

CONTENTS

DOWNING COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Officers and Committee 2016-2017	5
President's Foreword	6
Association News	8
Next Year's President	8
Contact with the Association	9
The 2016 Annual General Meeting	10
Other News from the Executive	12
The Alumni Student Fund	13
The Association Prize	14
Downing Alumni Association Photographic Competition	14
College News	16
The Master Writes	16
The Senior Tutor Writes	21
The Assistant Bursar's Report	23
Forthcoming Events	25
Why does the College have an Art Gallery?	26
From the Archivist	29
'300 Years of Giving' Since the Most Important Legacy of All	29
Future Archive Projects: Can you Help?	36
Remembering the First World War: One Hundred Years Ago	36
Features	45
“To Downing College” - Postscript	45
University Challenge 1975-76	45
Tour of Caen	48
College Cricket - not like Other Sports	50
Perfect Squares and Groundsmen	50
Downing Blues Pre-War - Including Migrants	53
1970s - The Glory Years	54
Increasing Representation	58
So Nearly Cuppers Finalists	59
Mixed Success and Leaving Long Road	60
News of Members	62
Memories of a TV Director	62
Members' Recollections	64
Lord-Lieutenants, Deputy Lieutenants and their Role	65
Recent Biographies	67

For the Record	69
Awards, Honours and Appointments	69
Publications and Performances	70
Marriages and Anniversaries	72
Births	73
Obituaries	75
Glynn Jones Scholarships for Business and Management Education	111
Visiting Cambridge	112
Editorial Acknowledgements	114
COLLEGE RECORD	217
Downing College 2016–17	217
News of the Fellowship	226
Obituaries	226
New Fellows	229
New Foundation Fellow	230
New Wilkins Fellows	230
Awards, Honours and Appointments	231
Reports from the Fellows	232
College Clubs and Societies	238
Sports Teams Results 2016–17	238
Reports	239
Blues, Half-Blues and Colours 2016–17	243
Admissions, Degrees Conferred and Awards	244
Scholarships, Prizes and Awards 2017	244
Examination Results 2017	249
Postgraduate Degrees Conferred 2016–17	255
Undergraduate and Affiliated Admissions 2016	258
Graduate Admissions 2016	262

Disclaimer: The views and opinions expressed in the articles in this publication are those of the authors and not necessarily those of Downing College or the Downing College Alumni Association.

Downing College

Alumni Association Newsletter 2017



OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE 2016-2017

PRESIDENT

The Rt Hon Sir David Lloyd
Jones MA LLB

VICE PRESIDENTS

P Thomson MA
J G Hicks MA FEng
F Weiss MA

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The President

The Immediate Past President

L H Judd MA

The President-elect

J N Tait MA CEng FICE

The Honorary Secretary & Editor

B W Hunt MA MEd (Exeter)
C Math FIMA

The Assistant Secretary

(College Record)

K McNamara BSc (Aberdeen)
PhD

The Honorary Treasurer

N Berger MA

Elected Committee Members

D J Garforth-Bles MA MSc (City
University) FRICS ACI Arb
Dip Prop Invest (RICS) (1976)
D K James MA MB BChir MD
FRCOG DCH (1968)

C G Blackmore MA PhD

(Liverpool) (1991)

D J Riddoch MA PhD (1995)

S Walker MA (1975)

K E Fish MA ACA CTA (2008)

Ex-officio Committee Members

G B Williams BA PhD,
Senior Tutor

G Bennett BA (Virginia),
Development Director
(to January 2017)

R J Tonkin BA (Glamorgan)
ACIM, Events Officer

T A S Meadows, *JCR President*
(to 14 February 2017)

S Gatens, *JCR President* (from
15 February 2017)

N V Soane BS (MIT), *MCR*
President (to December 2016)

A Bedorf MSc (Bonn), *MCR*
President (from January 2017)

Co-opted Committee Members

K Dyer MA MB BChir DR COG
MR CGP

A R Farmer MA PhD MIET

K E Storey MA LLM

HONORARY AUDITORS

M J Mays MA PhD FRIC

R J Richards MA PhD

PRESIDENT'S FOREWORD

FOUNDATION STONES

Last September, my wife Annmarie and I enjoyed a glorious afternoon at the University of Virginia, Thomas Jefferson's "Academical Village", in the company of Richard Guy Wilson, Professor of Architectural History at the University of Virginia and a former Virginia Fellow of Downing College. Amongst many architectural delights, Richard showed us the rotunda, newly restored in preparation for this year's bicentennial, literally as the last lick of paint dried before its re-opening. We also saw, at Pavilion VII, the University's cornerstone, laid on 6 October 1817 in the presence of three Presidents of the United States of America, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison and James Monroe. A few days later, we were taken on a conducted tour of the Capitol Building in Washington DC. The guide explained that the foundation stone of the Capitol had been lost. It was believed, she said, that it had vanished when the British burnt Washington in the War of 1812. "We have looked everywhere and can't find it anywhere", she told us. Perhaps they should try the British Museum.

Six years after Jefferson became the first President to be inaugurated in the new capital, Washington, and just a decade before he founded the University of Virginia, the foundation stone of Downing College was laid on 18 May 1807. That too has been lost. While it is reasonable to assume that it remains where it was originally placed, communal memory within the College as to its precise location has failed. We do know, however, that the inscription it bears includes the following statement:

Haec vero aedificii primordia magister, professores et socii posuerunt quod ad religionis cultum, juris anglicani et medicinae scientiam et ad rectam juventutis ingenuae disciplinam promovendam feliciter eveniat.

(These foundations of the building were laid by the Master, Professors and Fellows that it might proceed successfully with a view to the cultivation of religion, and the knowledge of English law and medicine and in promoting the right instruction of free-born youth.)

This year marks the 300th anniversary of the execution of the will of Sir George Downing, Third Baronet, the founder of Downing College. While it would not be true to say that the last thing he wanted to do was to found a College in Cambridge, it was certainly not the first. As a splendid exhibition in the College Library to mark this anniversary explains, four cousins had to die without heirs before the College would be founded. Miraculously for the eventual foundation, this came to pass and eventually Downing's College received its Royal Charter, 51 years after his death and 83 years after he signed

his will. There is a rich irony in the fact that many years in the interim and much of the estate were wasted on litigation in the Court of Chancery, a precursor of *Jarndyce v. Jarndyce*, as a result of an attempt to prevent the foundation of the College which, in time, would become a beacon for the study and teaching of law in the common law world.

Today George Downing's foundation flourishes as an outstanding academic institution. Its buildings are landmarks in English architecture and the College boasts fine facilities including a theatre and an art gallery. As the reports which follow in this Newsletter and College Record demonstrate, the College continues to maintain the highest academic standards, current Downing students continue to achieve distinction in sport, music, drama and many other activities, and Downing alumni in so many different fields continue to make a vital contribution to the life of this and many other nations.

I am very proud to have been the President of the Downing College Alumni Association in this anniversary year. The Association, through its activities, does a great deal to promote the communal memory of the College, to support current students and to maintain links between the College and its old members. This is achieved, in particular, through the dedication and hard work of its Officers and Committee Members, all of whom are devoted to the College. I thank them very warmly for their support throughout my year of office and for all they continue to do for the College and the Alumni Association. In particular, I wish to acknowledge the outstanding contribution of Barrie Hunt, who stands down this year after seven years' distinguished service as Secretary of the Association and Editor of the Newsletter. I have greatly enjoyed their companionship over the last year.

It has been an enormous pleasure over the last twelve months to take part in so many College activities, formal and informal – including the celebrations for the 80th birthday of my tutor, John Hopkins – and to renew the friendship of many of my Downing contemporaries, of former supervisees from my years as a Teaching Fellow in Law and many other old friends. Throughout the year I have been struck by the huge affection in which the College is held by its old members and our shared sense of loyalty and gratitude for what it has given us.

I suspect that if Sir George Downing were to visit his College today he would be rather bemused but extremely proud to observe what has become of his bequest to the nation. Later generations may, temporarily, have mislaid a foundation stone, but they have undoubtedly built on his foundation, through further munificent bequests and devoted service, to create a modern academic institution of immense distinction. Long may his College flourish in the pursuit of excellence and the search for the truth.

David Lloyd Jones (1970)

ASSOCIATION NEWS

NEXT YEAR'S PRESIDENT



I came up to Downing in 1962 from Blyth Grammar School in Northumberland to read Natural Sciences. I was only the second pupil from my school ever to come up to Cambridge, so it was very much a culture shock. Apart from a school trip to France when I was about 16, Cambridge was the furthest south I had ever been. What I thought of as my rather cultured Northumbrian accent immediately identified me to everybody in College as a Geordie.

My initial sporting venture was with the University Canoe Club, but my enthusiasm did not last long. The problem with Cambridge for a slalom canoeist is the lack of white water to practice on and, after capsizing several times at various slalom/white water events, I decided canoeing was not for me.

Seeking a drier sport I was persuaded to row in the May term of my first year in a 'Medics' boat which was short on numbers. I caught the rowing bug and took up rowing seriously at the start of my second year and won my oars in the 3rd May Boat. For the next two years I rowed in the 1st Boat, with varying degrees of success (and failure) and was Captain of Boats in my fourth and final year. The fourth year was achieved by changing courses from Natural Sciences to Mechanical Sciences as after two years I decided I wanted to become a Civil Engineer rather than a scientist.

On leaving Downing I joined Costain as a Graduate Civil Engineer working on contracts in London and the Midlands before joining Sindall in Cambridge in 1973. While at Sindall I developed a strong interest in the contractual and legal aspects of construction contracts and in due course trained for and qualified as an Arbitrator. In 1994 I set up my own company as a Construction Consultant and gradually developed my practice in Dispute Resolution as an Arbitrator, Adjudicator, Mediator and Dispute Board Member, mainly in the UK, but occasionally abroad.

I have always maintained a close connection with Downing. For a number of years I regularly coached DCBC in the Fairbairns, Lents and Mays and was a member of the Boathouse Trustees involved with the construction of the New Boathouse. I have been the 1962 Year Representative for as long as I can remember and have served on the Executive Committee of the Downing College Alumni Association and the Merchandising Working Group as well as helping in setting up, organising and judging the Annual Photographic Competition. In 2003 I was honoured to be elected as an Associate Fellow of the College and subsequently, in 2015, as an Associate Fellow Emeritus.

Neville Tait (1962)

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.

As well as publishing the *Newsletter* and holding the annual dinner, the Association sells a range of merchandise with profits going towards the Alumni Student Fund.

CONTACT WITH THE ASSOCIATION

The Association welcomes and encourages contacts from its Members.

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

- Please tell us or your Year Rep about interesting things happening in your family or working life; The Editor would be pleased to receive information or articles that may be of interest to others for publication in the News of Members section – either in the form of a short biographical note or a fuller, reflective article on your career;
- Come to events organised by the College Development Office;
- Think about organising a reunion – the Development Office will be pleased to help with this.

You can **contact us** by:

- email to Association@dow.cam.ac.uk;
- returning the enclosed form to update personal details and keep us up to date with aspects of your career and/or personal life.

The **Association website** can be accessed:

- from the College website www.dow.cam.ac.uk by following the 'People' link;
- or directly via www.dow.cam.ac.uk/people/downing-college-alumni-association.

To **purchase merchandise** type “Downing gifts” into Google or go to the Association website (above) and choose the option ‘Souvenirs and Gifts’ or choose the direct link www.dow.cam.ac.uk/souvenirs.

The **Rules of the Association**, the **Draft Minutes of the 2016 AGM** and **Back copies of the Newsletter** (excluding *Magenta News*) can be found by going to the Association website (above) and choosing 'About us'. **Magenta News** may be accessed through the Development Office link <https://www.downingcambridge.com/magenta-news>.

The **Development Office website**, for College events, is www.downingcambridge.com.

THE 2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 89th Annual General Meeting was held in the Howard Theatre on Saturday 24 September 2016. The following is a brief summary - the full draft minutes are available on the website (see above).

The President noted that the Association had been founded in 1922, four years after the end of the First World War. A mere six years before that, at this time of year, seven Downing men lost their lives at the Battle of the Somme, with one Captain John Green winning a VC. At the time the College was small in numbers and the loss thus relatively great. On a personal note, the President's great-uncle, William Lionel Jenkins, a member of this College, was then serving on the Western Front as a Royal Engineer. The President expressed the members' gratitude to Jenny Ulph, the College Archivist, for highlighting this sombre history on which they could reflect.

The President reported the sad deaths of Peter Mathias, Master from 1987 to 1995, Isabel Butterfield, widow of former Master, Lord Butterfield, and Nigel Allington, Bye-Fellow in Economics.

The Association's Photographic Competition had attracted many excellent photos, a selection of which had been on display and for sale at Alumni Day. The Merchandise Working Group led by Kate Dyer had worked very hard throughout the year. As a result of the merchandising operation, the Association had been able to provide students with grants totalling some £11,000.

The President thanked Frank Weiss for his outstanding contribution to merchandising over the years, in recognition of which he was to be proposed for election as Vice President of the Association. He also thanked Peter Whittington who had taken on responsibility for the everyday running of the merchandising operation, ably assisted by Norman Berger.

The Treasurer reported that, during the past year, the Association had recovered from the headwinds of the previous year with a total surplus of **£271**. The surplus under Normal Activities amounted to **£419**.

The Alumni Student Fund had benefited from fair winds this year achieving a total of **£8,486** from Merchandise Sales compared with **£6,415** the

previous year. This had enabled the Association to provide students with grants of **£11,558**.

The Balance Sheet showed healthy assets of **£34,588** compared with **£34,317** the previous year. The combined cash at Barclays Bank and at the Cambridge Building Society amounted to **£19,684** compared with **£19,583** in the previous year.

The Chair of the Merchandise Working Group, **Dr Kate Dyer (1982)**, reported that two new items had recently been introduced, a tote bag designed by alumnus, Sir Quentin Blake, and a large engraved wine glass. She noted that the display of prints from the Photographic Competition had been well-received and many had been sold in the course of the day.

Sales throughout the year had been buoyant, with a particularly good result at the Donors' Garden Party, which had been larger than usual as it marked the successful conclusion of the Catalysis campaign.

The Bursar reported that in the last twelve months many projects had come to fruition, including First Court, Battcock Lodge and the Heong Gallery.

The Gallery was opened by alumnus, Sir Alan Bowness, with an exhibition of works from his private collection. Currently on display were noted Chinese artist Ai Weiwei's Cubes and Trees. These had been logistically difficult to install but were proving extremely popular, with 2000 people visiting on a recent Sunday. 2017 would see an exhibition of works by alumnus, Sir Quentin Blake. Cultural activities within the College had also been enhanced by the improvements to the first floor of the Howard Building and the Theatre continued to provide a venue for some first class productions.

On Lensfield Road, four houses had been restored and would be available for students for the coming academic year, and the purchase of a fifth house was underway. The landscaping of the College was under review and would include a possible piazza outside the library.

As well as a number of awards for being ecologically friendly, the College had recently been classed as providing the best bed and breakfast in Cambridge because of the high standard of its facilities.

The Election of Officers resulted in a small number of changes. The President-elect **Sir David Lloyd Jones (1970)** became President whilst **Neville Tait (1962)** was elected as President-elect. **Mr Simon Walker (1975)** and **Ms Katherine Fish (2008)** were elected as members of the Executive Committee, replacing **Ms Jenny Doolan (2006)** and **Ms Penny Furniss (1981)**, who had reached the end of their terms of office. The retiring Past President, **Ms Karen Storey** had been co-opted to the Executive Committee.

Mr Frank Weiss (1950) was elected as Vice President, a role that is used for those who have served the Association with distinction. The Secretary

explained that Frank, who was well known to all who attend College events, was co-opted onto the Executive in 2005 to develop the merchandise function and had served the Association for eleven years, during which time he had raised substantial amounts of money for the Alumni Student Fund. Despite his health problems he had worked tirelessly in the background, researching suppliers, placing orders for stock and fulfilling the many mail orders.

Proposed revisions to Rule 3 were agreed, the effect of which was to make Bye-Fellows, Fellows Commoner, Keio Fellows, Pomona Fellows and Virginia Fellows eligible for life membership of the Association. These amendments had been approved in principle at the 2015 AGM but a query was raised about their date of commencement. The Secretary had now confirmed that it was administratively possible to extend them to apply without time limit.

OTHER NEWS FROM THE EXECUTIVE

During the course of the year the Executive has worked hard, in a challenging environment, to increase sales of merchandise to boost the Alumni Student Fund. Income at the start of this year was significantly lower than average, though this was mitigated to some extent by “royalties” on the sale of the etching from Capital Prints. As a result, over the course of the year, we have been working with some success to improve our profitability, by introducing new products, improving visibility on the College website and creating an easier route to mail order.

The items introduced this year have a domestic flavour, particularly a melamine tray with an Ordnance Survey map of Cambridge, centred on Downing, and a black chef's apron with a magenta Quentin Blake griffin. In addition, we have introduced champagne flutes with the College shield to complement our tumblers and wine glasses. The flutes and the wine glasses are also available in attractive boxed sets, which make excellent gifts. The quickest way to order these is to type “Downing gifts” into Google!

One likely factor in the drop in sales appears to have been the development of the new College website. As with all IT projects, it was a case of “no pain, no gain” and, whilst we now have a much smarter site with linkage through the main College portal, there were transitional problems over the autumn, coinciding with two key sales periods. **Roy Farmer** and **David James** have worked closely with the College to create our new website, which is now live and our merchandise is quite easy to access – and it can now be accessed by smartphones and tablets.

For several years, the Association has been interested in developing an e-commerce facility for its sales, but practical issues have made this difficult. However, this is back on the agenda for the coming year and **David Riddoch** and **Katherine Fish** are looking at potential solutions.

The Association was also pleased to work with the Heong Gallery to offer a range of our Quentin Blake merchandise for sale to accompany his summer exhibition.

This year the Committee has reviewed its schedule of meetings, drastically reducing the time spent on Alumni Day, and introducing a Saturday meeting to make it easier for working members to attend.

In September 2016 the Honorary Secretary announced his decision not to continue in office beyond September 2017. The Executive has considered how best to fill this rôle and concluded that the post-holder should be supported by an Assistant Secretary, who would have responsibility for the marketing functions.

Barrie Hunt (1966) is standing down as Honorary Secretary after seven years and, at this year's AGM, the Executive will propose him for President-elect and **Simon Walker (1975)** as Honorary Secretary. **Peter Whittington (1982)**, who has ably taken on the work undertaken by **Frank Weiss (1950)**, has agreed to be proposed as Assistant Secretary (Marketing) and will be co-opted to the Executive Committee. **David Garforth-Bles (1976)** and **David James (1968)** will reach the end of their four-year terms as elected representatives.

The Committee also noted that two key events will shortly be taking place. 2020 will see 40 years since the first admission of women to Downing and 2022 will be the centenary of the Foundation of the Association in 1922. Further consideration will be given to these next year.

THE ALUMNI STUDENT FUND

The Alumni Student Fund was set up in 2005 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. This year 52 students have been helped with grants totaling £8,293. 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 a student 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

The Association awards an annual 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:

- Osaid Ather who read Theological and Religious Studies;
- Lea Cantor who read Philosophy.

DOWNING ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

The competition theme this year was "Downing from a Different Perspective". The aim was to show the College in a different light, perhaps hidden or rarely seen details, unusual views, something abstract, impressionistic or memorable. This year, the Association is considering the issue of a set of square notecards with images of the College and an additional prize was awarded for the photograph with the best image in a square format.

The judges were David Lloyd Jones (President of the Association), Chris Haniff (Fellow) and Neville Tait (Executive Committee member). In coming to its decision, the judging panel considered not only how well the image matched the brief but also the technical quality of the image in terms of composition,



Trees of Life – Luisa Haertel
(First Prize)



Downing Crocus – Tanya Li
(Second Equal Prize)

sharpness and exposure. All images were scored anonymously and the authors' names only disclosed once the results had been decided.

There was a satisfactory entry this year with 20 images from 8 entrants and the overall quality of the images was comparable to most previous years. There were however several images of high technical quality which did not quite fully match the brief and conversely there were images that met the brief but which did not match the technical quality of the successful entries.

The judges were very much at one in selecting the top three, but the order was a matter of lengthy debate. Similarly, the judges had difficulty in selecting the 'Highly Commended' and 'Commended' images.

The prize-winners were:

First Prize:	Luisa Haertel	<i>Trees of Life</i>
Second Equal Prize:	Serenydd Everden	<i>Alignment</i>
Second Equal Prize:	Tanya Li	<i>Downing Crocus</i>
Best Image in a Square Format:	Serenydd Everden	<i>Pillars</i>



Alignment – Serenydd Everden
(Second Equal Prize)

COLLEGE NEWS

THE MASTER WRITES:

It has been an interesting year for the UK, and for the Higher Education sector in particular. Brexit and the general election have brought uncertainty to the country through which we, here in Downing, steer a fairly straight course guided by our clear objective of supporting excellence in teaching and research.

An obvious chord was struck by the Labour Party in its proposal to revisit the issue of student fees. Student loans weigh heavily on many of our undergraduates, and they potentially hinder our activities in widening participation. That said, Higher Education will continue to be supported by society and funded in part by government, and the immediate future of Cambridge as a world leader is safe.

When asked why they chose Downing, students frequently reply with a variant of: “When I first entered the College, I knew this was where I wanted to belong”. The physical aspect of our Domus – the classical style, set in a generous green space, with a big sky – frames the entirety of our society. Its beauty demands a special sensitivity to opportunity. A great deal of thought is currently devoted to the development of this beauty through the creation of lovely spaces within an enhanced whole. Our landscape advisor, Alice Foxley, has given wise counsel, the fruits of which are to be seen around the College, and most visibly in and near First Court, and around the Maitland Robinson Library. As the *demi-périphérique* nears completion around the southern extremity of the Paddock, the Domus approaches a renewed state which, I am confident, you will appreciate.

Increasing emphasis is placed by the University on *postgraduate* aspects of Cambridge, and this is reflected in the outstandingly successful development of graduate accommodation in Downing, to which many alumnae and alumni have generously contributed. I think you will agree with me that Downing has never before looked as good as it does today.

Rosine and I were grateful to the Governing Body for its permission for me to spend a Lent Term’s sabbatical in the Statistics Department of the University of California at Berkeley. They do things a bit differently over there. The legacy of the 1960s remains an important part of what makes Berkeley special, and the election of President Trump was the perfect opportunity to be reminded of that. I grasped the chance to attend my first mass student demonstration since Oxford in 1969. ‘Free speech’ is back on the menu together with social responsibility, and I was one of doubtless a number of Masters and Presidents who admired the measured response of the Berkeley authorities.

Cultural activities at Downing are flowering. The Chapel is alive with the sound of music: sung by the Choir, played on the organ, and by a number of gifted instrumentalists and singers who have mounted concerts throughout the year. Ours is now the only College Chapel in Cambridge without a professional Musical Director, relying instead on the services of organ and choral scholars. While this arrangement has enabled our scholars to develop the skills necessary to become outstanding organists and choirmasters at major establishments across the UK, we are now asking ourselves whether the model is sustainable in the changed world in which only few incoming students possess the required keyboard skills. In the interim, we have been greatly assisted by Christopher Robinson, a doyen of Church music, who has directed choirs at Worcester Cathedral and St George's Chapel, Windsor, prior to eleven years as Director of Music at St John's College. We owe a special thank-you to Christopher for all he has contributed to our choral offering.

The Heong Gallery moves from strength to strength, as exhibitions come and go, and activities proliferate. The current exhibition of illustrations by **Quentin Blake (English, 1953)**, published by the Folio Society, has followed in the footsteps of the exhibition of art from Africa loaned by **Robert Devereux (History, 1975)**. The bronzes of Elisabeth Frink will follow soon, as described elsewhere in this issue by Prerona Prasad.



*Quentin Blake in his natural habitat,
The Heong Gallery, 15 June 2017*

A number of wonderful events have taken place in the Howard Theatre over the last year. The Dramatic Society has excelled in several productions, as well as in the now annual *Festival of New Writing*. In contrast, we welcomed the illustrious climber Mick Fowler in November, and marvelled at his account of an award-winning, first ascent of Gave Ding, a mountain on the Nepal/Tibet border.

Members and friends of the College support our activities, physical, intellectual and cultural, with enthusiasm and generosity. Only with your support can we continue to offer the extraordinary educational opportunities available at Downing. I was especially touched by the kindness of **Tadayoshi Tazaki (Economics, 1964)**, whose gift has enabled the repatriation to the College of 52 Lensfield Road, and is commemorated in its naming as *Tazaki*

House. There remains one similar property for future consideration, in addition to the doctors' surgery (which continues to prove useful to our students).

Downing's own 'Night at the Museum' took place on 20 June, with the transformation of our beautiful Domus into the museum-land of the May Ball. Our Ball Committee was extraordinarily skilful in the diverse aspects of event management, and they treated us to a wonderful night of music and entertainment.

I was very sorry to miss the seventh and final Catalysis Conference, entitled *Catalyzed*, which was centred on outcomes of our recently completed Catalysis Development Programme. Bill O'Neill spoke on the challenges and achievements of manufacturing engineering in the UK. There followed talks by Priyanka Joshi (Everitt Butterfield Research Fellow) on progress with Alzheimer's disease and by Amy Milton (Ferrerias-Willetts Fellow in Neuroscience) on the translation from rodent studies to clinical applications of work on memory reconsolidation. Two successes of Downing Enterprise were reported by **Dan Reynolds (Natural Sciences, 2000)**, founder of *Lungfish Dive Systems*, and **Nick Gardner (Geography, 2001)**, Co-Founder of *Project Dirt*. **Francis Terry (Architecture, 1988)** reminded us of our neo-classical heritage with an account of the Erechtheum Portico, in Downing and beyond. The closing speaker was Andrew Wallace-Hadrill (Professor of Roman Studies), who explained the dual contributions of philanthropy to the fortunes of Herculaneum.

This is an appropriate moment to mention a number of changes taking place within our Alumni and Development Office. We are sad to lose Gabrielle Bennett after nearly six years as Development Director. Gabrielle has returned to the USA as the Director of Development at the Eugene O'Neill Theater Center in Waterford, Connecticut. This is our double loss in that her husband, Steve, has been a valued advisor to the Dramatic Society in recent times. Lately, Donna Thomas has accepted a promotion at another college. We wish Gabrielle and Donna the very best in their new positions. The search for their successors is well under way.

With the successful completion of our Catalysis Programme, the College invites reflection on its next stage of development. The vicissitudes of our foundation in 1800 continue, to use an analogy from modern physics, to be the background radiation of our daily life. Permanent endowment can provide a bulwark of protection against fluctuations of fortune, and significant fluctuations have become the norm. Downing is simply under-endowed, and our major long-term objective remains the generation of an adequate endowment. There are also a number of important specific targets, of which the most prominent is to secure the future of cultural activity in Downing.

Music, drama, art, and poetry are enjoying their new renaissance, and the time has come to recognise their roles in an enduring fashion.

It is with the greatest of pleasure that I note a number of outstanding individual academic achievements by students this year, in both the sciences and the humanities. (The Senior Tutor reports later in this issue on our academic programme.) The University is pleased to have received a Gold Award in the Government's new *Teaching Excellence Framework*. There is some discussion about what this actually measures, but we are pleased to have it.

This was another strong year overall for Downing's many sports clubs. Our Netball and Squash Clubs were especially successful: both the Ladies and Mixed Netball first teams were crowned League champions, whilst we were victorious in Squash Cuppers. Promotions were achieved by the Ultimate and Men's Basketball teams. The Men's Rugby team finished an impressive third in the top Division of their league, and many of their members once again represented the University. For some of Downing's traditionally successful clubs, however, this season was somewhat difficult. While the Football Club had a slightly challenging year, the Women's team continued to grow. Several members of Downing gained Blues and Half-Blues for their participation in University teams. I make special mention of Salman Khan for his massive contributions to Powerlifting at University level as well as internationally.

It has been a mixed year for the Boat Club. A broken rudder almost certainly deprived M1 of headship in Lent Bumps, whilst W1 also came agonisingly close. In May Bumps, M1 put in a strong showing to move up two places on the river, though the absence of several Blues rowers led to a difficult week for W1. W2 had an especially good year, however, receiving 'superblades' in Lent for moving up six places on the river. (I am grateful to Edmund Wilson, President of the Griffins Club, for keeping me up to date on our sporting achievements.)

The big rowing news is the installation of the new rowing tank within the boathouse. This major facility will aid the training of College rowers at all levels, and will be available for use by local clubs. Its acquisition confirms Downing's position at the heart of Cambridge rowing, and it has been funded entirely through the support of alumni, alumnae, and Segreants.

The Fellowship changes from year to year, and the last was no exception. Priyanka Joshi is our first Everitt Butterfield Research Fellow, and Edward Cavanagh is our new Research Fellow in History. **Michael Crisp (Engineering, 2001)** joined us in Lent Term as Fellow in Engineering. **Tadayoshi Tazaki (Economics, 1964)** was admitted as our second Foundation Fellow; **Stephen Peel (Land Economy, 1984)** and **Gary Blankenship (Architecture, 1968)** were admitted as Wilkins Fellows. Finally, we were delighted to be able to admit **Michael Apted (History, 1960)** to his Honorary Fellowship. As noted above,

Gabrielle Bennett has departed for the USA. We were saddened to hear of the death of our Wilkins Fellow, Janet Owens, earlier this year. Many readers will have known David Blackadder, former Bursar, who died in February.

Our second Morgan Fellow, Tobias Gross-Puppenthal, is leaving Cambridge for his native Germany, where he will work for Porsche on applications of machine learning. We have elected his successor, Ariel Gomez Diaz, who will join us in October.

Three of our distinguished fellows will become Emeritus in September. Trevor Robbins is the Angharad Dodds John Fellow in Mental Health and Neuropsychiatry; John McCombie is the Professor of Regional and Applied Economics; Ken McNamara is Senior Lecturer in the Department of Earth Sciences and Director of the Sedgwick Museum (and is currently our Dean). Each has made an enormous and distinctive contribution to the College, and we trust we will continue to see them frequently in the future.

I turn to distinction beyond Cambridge. Alumni and friends will join the College in offering profoundest congratulations to **David Lloyd Jones (1970)** on his recent appointment as Justice of the Supreme Court. David joined the Fellowship in 1975 and was elected Honorary Fellow in 2012. He is the current President of our Alumni Association. We send him our very best wishes.

Fellows and members have received a greater number of significant tokens of recognition than can be listed here. I mention only a few: **Graham Virgo (Law, 1984)** has been appointed as Honorary Queen's Counsel; Stephen Chambers is displaying his work at the Venice Biennale 2017; Trevor Robbins has continued to reap the world's awards in neuroscience, including the 2017 Gold Medal Award of the Society for Biological Psychiatry; **Amol Rajan (English, 2002)** has moved from the editorship of *The Independent* to become the first media editor of the BBC; **Martin Baker (Music, 1985)** has been elected the next President of the Royal College of Organists.

I am fond of saying that, from Downing, there is no recovery. I close by expressing the warmest wishes of Downing College to all our members. To our departing students, staff, and fellows, I say: please keep in touch.

THE SENIOR TUTOR WRITES:

At the turn of the academic year, the College reflects on the achievements of the preceding year and the challenges that can be identified for the next. Within the College this can feel as though it is an exercise in running to keep still – there is a continual need and desire to innovate in our provision for current and prospective students, in the context of an ever-changing higher education landscape. This year it was the turn of the undergraduate admissions process to be overhauled. The challenge and responsibility to identify the most able students, who will be welcomed and become the community, is acutely felt by everyone involved in the admissions process. As many readers will be aware, the changes to the structure of A-level examinations – and specifically the loss of the near-universal year 12 AS-level examinations – has meant that the University has re-introduced a new system of admissions assessments. This came into effect for the first time this year. The marking, collation and interpretation of these new data have placed additional strains on the system, which were admirably dealt with by Marcus Tomalin and Marta Correia, our two Admissions Tutors, and Kate Flint our unflappable Admissions Officer. Time will tell how effective the assessments have been.

A distinct but related area of College activity to admissions is our outreach programme. The College has employed a School and College Liaison Officer since 1999. Principally the role has historically been to visit our target areas of Cornwall, Devon and Dorset to encourage aspiration and applications to the College. The increased requirements placed on the University to develop and focus these programmes clearly on the most under-represented groups, and to demonstrate their efficacy, has necessitated a different approach. Part of this is the need for longer term engagement with school students, which has been shown to be much more effective than isolated visits. With this in mind, we are delighted that – thanks to the generosity of **Jamie (1988) and Louise Arnell (1987)** – we are partnering with Villiers Park, an educational charity which provides residential courses and online materials for talented students, to work together initially in the Plymouth area. We hope that this will bring a new dimension to our outreach activities. This fledgling partnership – and indeed all of our school activities – have been co-ordinated for the past two years by Lauren Payne, who has expertly developed the role to meet its new requirements. Lauren is leaving the College this summer for new challenges but is leaving with the projects in very good health.

Of course, other aspects of the calendar are unchanging – there is no escaping the Tripos examinations of the Easter Term. Downing students have again performed well. Ninety-six students achieved first class results or distinctions, which represented over 20% of the examination results. Thirteen graduated as Foundation Scholars, having achieved a First in each of the years

of their degree; seven Downing students were awarded a special prize for being close to the top of their class lists. There were several particularly exceptional performances: Lea Cantor (Philosophy Part II), Stella Wisgrill (History of Art Part IIA), Alex Jones (Economics Part IIB), Delilah Cairns Haylor (History Part I), Chi Yip (Medical and Veterinary Sciences Part IB). One medical student, Osaid Ather, chose to pursue his Part II under the Theological and Religious Studies Tripos rather than the more usual scientific route before commencing his clinical studies next year; he was awarded the top first demonstrating amazing intellectual flexibility.

These successes are easy to report. Less easy to acknowledge are the students who have faced difficulties, and whose path through Downing has not been gilded or straightforward. It is hard to underestimate the pride that Tutors and Directors of Studies take in these students. Their challenges range from personal tragedy, health concerns, financial stress or caring responsibilities – for some of them their graduation will mark the end of a difficult chapter of their lives; for others this is not the case. It is part of the Downing experience that we both support people with these complications as they study and, hopefully, give them a platform from which to tackle whatever life throws at them next. Given the pressure on students to appear infallible, I am personally most impressed by those who have made the difficult decision to take time out; this can be one of the hardest decisions that they have to make, and to see them graduate successfully and with a clearer future in front of them is a particular pleasure.

At the front line of this for 17 years has been our College Nurse, Sally MacCallum. She has provided a confidential service for students, many of whom owe her a great deal. Sally has decided to leave the College and she will be greatly missed; her successor will have a very hard act to follow.

We also have two departing Tutors this year: John McCombie, who is retiring from his Fellowship, and Cathy Phillips who has decided not to return to her Tutorship on her return from sabbatical. The Dean, Ken McNamara, is also retiring and his firm but pragmatic approach to student discipline has been very effective during his tenure. I will miss their counsel at our regular meetings, and their combined decades of experience.

The Master has written elsewhere about the extraordinary array of extra-curricular activity in the College, and the improvements in the Domus and other College facilities. From the new accommodation, to the Gallery and Library agora, and even to the new rowing tank development – the College and the current students are creating and sustaining a wonderful atmosphere in which to live and study. The challenges for providing for our community, in every way that we can, continue to be met.

THE ASSISTANT BURSAR'S REPORT

This academic year started with the departure of familiar figures and will end the same way.

Michaelmas term began with the retirements of Junior Bursar, Dick Taplin, and Academic Registrar, Jane Perks. Both names will be familiar to all, having been central to College life for many years. The role of Academic Registrar has now been filled by Sarah Pickard who has jumped the fence from the Board of Graduate Studies and our new Operations Manager, Philip Law, has left the construction industry to take on many of the duties previously undertaken by the Junior Bursar. While Sarah brings with her direct experience of the curious workings of the University, Philip is no stranger to the College having worked on most of our construction projects over recent years, starting with a refurbishment of D staircase back in 1999.

Although there have not been any projects of the scale of Battcock Lodge this year, works have been taking place in many areas across the Domus. The Buildings Department have taken up residence in offices over 68 Regent St



Rainy Day at Downing Library by Serenydd Everden
Commended, Downing Alumni Association Photographic Competition.

from where they have overseen multiple projects including the now customary refurbishment of houses on Lensfield Road; 44 & 46 and 56 & 58 this year. A late addition to the programme was 52 Lensfield Rd, which came into the College's possession towards the end of February and is intended to be ready for occupation by nine postgraduate students by Michaelmas term.

Our most visible works this year have centred on the Library and have continued the transformation of the entrance to the College that was started last year by the creation of First Court and the Heong Gallery.

Starting in October 2016, the tarmac area outside the Library was removed, revealing an unanticipated set of foundations. In consultation with the College Archivist these were identified as the remains of the original College stables. Curiosity satisfied, work continued with the laying of York stone slabs to extend the area in front of the Library up to the border of the East Lodge Garden. As the hard landscaping was completed, work was begun to renovate the garden areas. Several existing trees were carefully replanted on the Paddock and the ground prepared for an entirely new planting scheme. Planned out by Alice Foxley of Studio Karst in Switzerland, the area – now complete and renamed the ‘Library agora’¹ – has lent an entirely new feel to the approach to the Quad. We look forward to seeing how it develops over the years to come.

Which brings us to the further departures of familiar figures. More frequent visitors to the College Hall may have noticed the development of slightly ominous cracks in the walls and ceilings in the areas around A and B staircases. These have been closely monitored for over a year now by both College staff and specialists. It is not commonly known, but the West Range of the College has no under-pinning foundations, as we would recognise them today, which leaves it potentially vulnerable to subsidence. Earlier this year, after rigorous investigation by several independent contractors, the finger of suspicion was firmly directed towards the three London Plane trees planted in the corner of the lawn outside B staircase. Their proximity to the building, coupled with their water consumption, seems to be causing the ground beneath the Range to move, with potentially disastrous consequences! After considering several options, the only realistic solution is, regrettably, the removal of the trees. Planted in the early seventies, these trees will be familiar landmarks to many in the College community and their removal will change the appearance of the Quad significantly. Whether you welcome the opening up of the frontage of the Dining Hall, or mourn the loss of the trees' stature and shade will be a very personal response. So just as new planting arrives at the front of the College, some of the old will be no more. There is always change – even somewhere as seemingly constant as Downing!

Rob Beardwell

1. The “agora” was a central public space in ancient Greek city-states and was the centre of athletic, artistic, spiritual and political life of the city. [Ed]

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

The **Heong Gallery** is open:

Wednesdays 10am–8pm; Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays 10am–6pm.

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

Dates already arranged for 2017–18 include:

Year Reps' Meeting and Dinner	Fri 22 September
Alumni Weekend	Fri 22 – Sun 24 September
Global Cambridge Paris	Sat 25 November
Carol Service	Thurs 30 November (TBC)
Tailgate Party for the Varsity Rugby Match	Thurs 7 December
Mathias Dinner	Sat 3 February
Cranworth Dinner	February (TBC)
Annual Reunion Dinner (pre-1954/58/68/78/88/98/08)	Fri 6 – Sun 8 April
50 Years on Dinner (1965)	Thurs 12 April
Segreants' Dinner	Sat 21 April (TBC)
MA Awards Dinner	Sat 19 May
Donors Garden Party	Sat 16 June (TBC)
DCBC Captains' Dinner	Fri 15 June (TBC)
35 Years since Matriculation Dinner (1983)	Sat 30 June

And for 2018–19....

1968 Reunion	Sat 15 September
Year Reps' Meeting and Dinner	Fri 21 September
Alumni Day & Association Dinner	Sat 22 September
London Reception	Thurs 11 October (TBC)

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>

WHY DOES THE COLLEGE HAVE AN ART GALLERY?



Photography by Perry Hastings.
Image courtesy The Heong Gallery.

Dr Prerona Prasad, Exhibitions Officer and Gallery Supervisor at The Heong Gallery explains:

Five exhibitions in and over 30,000 visitors later, one might have thought that our success alone was sufficient answer to this question, but it is one that we continue to be confronted with at The Heong Gallery. This is a *why?* to which professionals in the arts, especially the arts supported by public funds, must always have a ready answer. Sixteen months into our existence, we in the Gallery have come to discover that, while the question remains the same, the answers keep multiplying!

At the time of writing, we are gearing up towards the public opening of our fifth exhibition, *The Best of All Possible Worlds: Quentin Blake*

and The Folio Society. This follows the ground-breaking *When the Heavens Meet the Earth*, which brought never-before-seen contemporary art by 28 artists from 13 African countries to Cambridge. Coinciding with the announcement of the Zeitz Museum of Contemporary Art Africa in Cape Town, multiple exhibitions of contemporary art from Africa across Europe's museums, and the highest grossing auction of contemporary art from the continent at Sotheby's, London, The Heong Gallery exhibition was part of a historic and long overdue surge of interest in art from Africa. It is a matter of great pride for us that over half of the artists included in the exhibition were showing their work simultaneously in public exhibitions around the globe. The credit for this lies wholly with **Robert Devereux (History, 1975)**, the Downing alumnus who assembled the collection and shared it with new audiences through the Gallery.

Alumni have always been at the heart of the programming at the Gallery. Starting with **Sir Alan Bowness (Modern Languages, 1950)**, alumni have shared

their collections and their expertise with us. The blockbuster exhibition that placed us firmly on the cultural map of Cambridge, *Ai Weiwei: Cubes and Trees*, was brought to us by **John Tancock (English and History of Art, 1960)**. This summer, we know that many more visitors, residents of Cambridge and tourists, will be introduced to the Gallery through the masterful illustrations of **Sir Quentin Blake (English, 1953)**. The Gallery has reconnected College with alumni who had lost touch after graduation, it has allowed alumni to be involved with art of the highest calibre, and has enabled them to combine support for College with wider support for the arts and public access to the arts. It is therefore unsurprising that more than two-thirds of our Advisory Board is made up of alumni.

But what of current students, one might ask. Our experience has been that the Gallery attracts students of the Humanities, Social Sciences and Sciences in equal measure. For the students who have worked with us, numbering over twenty-five already, the Gallery is one of the few places where they can work around their academic schedules, thereby helping them support themselves while gaining valuable experience for their CVs. Many an attendant is a student for whom the Gallery is the only sustained connection to the arts. And it is the arts as a whole that we aim to encourage, especially through our *Arts After Dark/Heong Gallery Arts* programme. This initiative has been behind over two dozen, mainly student-run, evenings of art workshops, dance, drama, music and poetry, making the Gallery a prime venue for visual, literary and performing arts in the College. As many or more students now participate in Gallery activities as do in competitive sport for College, doing so in an environment based on creativity and collaboration rather than competition. Indeed, Fellows have commented on how the Gallery, like sport, supports student wellbeing by providing a balance to the intense academic experience of a Cambridge education. The fact that the Gallery has changing exhibitions helps sustain interest and repeat visits from students and visitors alike.

Apart from our own students, the Gallery has also attracted student societies and University departments as a venue for discussion evenings and book/magazine launches. In the coming days, it will be the venue for the launch of *Mona Lisa: The People and the Painting* by **Prof Martin Kemp (Natural Sciences/History of Art, 1963)**. We have hosted both the Cambridge Literary Festival and the Cambridge Film Festival in the Gallery, with the latter expanding its 2017 programme in the Gallery as well as extending it to the Howard Theatre. With our prize-winning architecture (RIBA East Award 2017), elegant exhibition design and high profile artists, the Gallery is a fresh space and sympathetic setting for a whole range of cultural activities.

This widening involvement from people outside College helps mitigate what is an unfortunate paradox in Cambridge. Constituent colleges of the

University have world-class collections of art, which act as backdrops for many an intellectual conversation or social event in dining halls, combination rooms and Fellows' offices in every quad. However, the vast majority of this is very much private art, to which the public may only sometimes gain access and often upon payment of a fee. Downing has always stood out among city-centre colleges for allowing round-the-year visitor access and the Gallery has widened the pool of visitors from the occasional tourist to members of other colleges, residents of Cambridge, cultural associations and schoolchildren. From the Friends of Kettle's Yard and the U3A to schools and sixth-form colleges, the Gallery provides tailored tours and activities for all ages and interest groups.

If you have not visited the Gallery yet, we look forward to welcoming you to our upcoming exhibitions. The summer exhibition will be followed by another unmissable treat, the monumental bronzes and compelling graphic works of Dame Elisabeth Frink, the subject of a recent exhibition at Hauser and Wirth, Somerset, and featured on *Great Lives* on BBC4 as the choice of academic and provocateur, Germaine Greer. If you are a regular visitor, we thank you for your support and encouragement. Simply known as 'the Gallery' or 'our gallery' to students and staff, we hope that we will also become 'your gallery' and another great reason to return to College.

Dr Prerona Prasad

The last exhibition of 2017 will be Larger than Life: Elisabeth Frink (4 November 2017 – 6 February 2018).

FROM THE ARCHIVIST

‘300 YEARS OF GIVING’ SINCE THE MOST IMPORTANT LEGACY OF ALL

This year the College celebrates a very significant event in its history: the 300th anniversary of the signing of the Founder’s will on 20 December 1717, which eventually led to the foundation of Downing College on 22 September 1800. A new major archive exhibition in the Maitland Robinson Library celebrates ‘300 Years of Giving’, exploring the College’s origins and subsequent development as a result of the generosity of major benefactors and fundraising appeals supported by Downing members of all ages and at all levels. Funds raised as a result of legacies, benefactions and the continued and unfailing support of members in response to various development campaigns have bolstered the College’s endowment funds in times of need, enabling the provision of new buildings and enhanced facilities, Fellowships and student support.

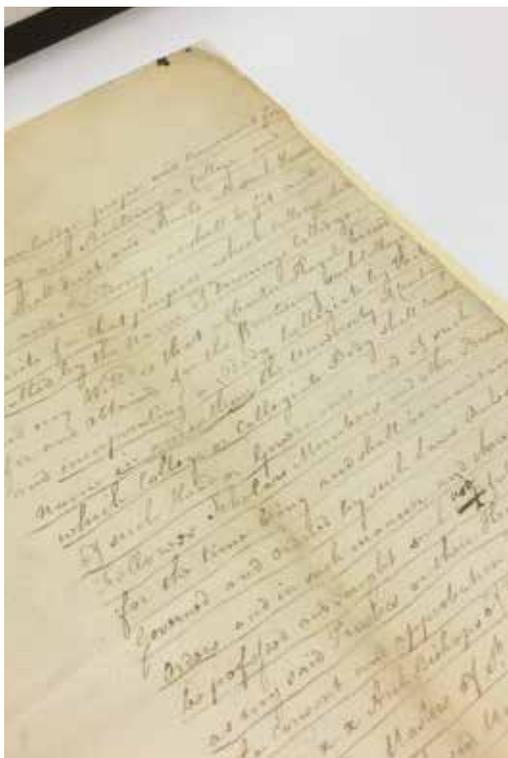
Much has been written in this *Newsletter* in recent years about the success of the Catalysis Campaign and recent, exciting additions to the Domus, such as the Howard Theatre, First Court and the Heong Gallery. Such has been the variety, extent and depth of support for the College over the course of its history that it is, sadly, impossible to cover every aspect of ‘300 years of giving’ here – please do call in and take a look at the archive exhibition if you are in College. This article will focus on the Founder’s will and some of the lesser-known, but nevertheless significant, legacies received by Downing College at opportune – and vital – moments in its history, without which the College we all know today would be a very different place. Of course, it all began with the most important legacy of all, put in writing 300 years ago.



Portrait of Sir George Downing (1685–1749), 3rd Baronet, Founder; John Theodore Heins Senior (1697–1756); The Master, Fellows, and Scholars of Downing College in the University of Cambridge.

The Founder’s Will

Sir George Downing, 3rd Baronet, was born in 1685 and, following the death of his mother, was brought up from the age of three by Sir William



Extract from the probate of the Will of Sir George Downing, 3rd Baronet, made 20 December 1717 and proved 13 June 1749.¹

and Lady Forester, his maternal aunt, at Dothill Park. He was married in secret to his younger cousin Mary when he was 15 and shortly afterwards George went to Europe to make the Grand Tour, begging his wife not to accept any offer to become a Maid of Honour to the new Queen Anne. However, in 1703, Mary went to Court against her husband's wishes and became a much-celebrated lady. Thus began their long separation and the marriage was never consummated.

On the death of his father in 1711, George inherited the baronetcy and the vast estate accumulated by his grandfather, Sir George Downing, 1st Baronet.

In 1714, an attempt by Mary to petition for divorce was rejected by the House of Lords as there had been no adultery on either side. In early 1717, an Act of Parliament gave legal sanction to their separation and, as a result, on 20 December 1717, Sir George Downing, 3rd Baronet, signed the will which was to have significant implications in Cambridge. With no prospect of legal heirs of his own, Sir George's will named four different heirs, his cousins Jacob Garrard Downing, Thomas Barnardiston, Charles Peters and John Peters. In the unlikely event that all those named should die without heirs of their own, Sir George specified his wish that the Downing estate should be used to create and endow a new college in his name in Cambridge. In 1717, therefore, the chance of 'Downings Colledge' ever coming into being was incredibly small.

Sir George lived until 1749 and unusually, all four of his heirs did die childless. As a result, on the death of the last surviving heir, Sir Jacob Downing, 4th Bt, in 1764, Downing College *should* have become the first Cambridge

1. Archive ref DCAR/1/1/1/7.

College founded since Sidney Sussex in 1596. However, Sir Jacob's will, ignoring the wishes of his predecessor, left his estates to his widow, Lady Margaret Downing. The ensuing decades of litigation between the University and Lady Downing and her heirs had massively depleted the value of the Downing estate by the time Downing College finally received its Royal Charter on 22 September 1800. As a result, Cambridge's newest College started life with an endowment significantly smaller than its Founder had intended and those of its counterparts, with lasting implications for its future development.

The Legacy of Litigation and the Unfinished College



Copy of a photograph showing the unfinished East Range, c.1870.²

Architect William Wilkins' grand plans for Downing College included four large ranges built around a quadrangle, with a library and chapel to the south and a grand entrance to the north, based on the 'Propylea' in Athens and accessed down a long tree-lined avenue from Downing Street. Due to lack of funds, building was slow and sporadic, with the East Range from the Master's Lodge to the East Lodge built between 1807 and 1811 but not completed for over sixty years. (This newly discovered photograph appears to be the only surviving image of the part-completed East Range). When Sir Busick Harwood, first Professor of Medicine and resident of East Lodge – in fact, the *only* resident of Downing at that time – died in 1814, he was buried in a hastily-erected vault on the site of Wilkins' planned Chapel. It is well-known that

the intended South Range above his resting place was never built. The West Range was built between 1818 and 1821 and at that point, due to lack of funds, building ceased completely, with no further major building work until Edward Barry completed the East Range and made alterations to the Hall in the 1870s.

The Graystone Bequest: Finance for Expansion



Sidney Wynn Graystone.
The Master, Fellows, and Scholars of Downing
College in the University of Cambridge.

Although the ‘Upper Room’ above the Hall had been designated as the interim College chapel in 1821, the lack of a purpose-built chapel was a cause for concern among Downing’s growing student population. On 5 March 1910, a petition was presented to the Governing Body, accompanied with £70 in subscriptions offered by 77 students to help fund desperately needed accommodation and a chapel. Four years and a further petition later, an architect was appointed to design a new building to provide twenty sets of rooms, a chapel and a library and the College launched its first ever public

appeal for fresh building funds for the Domus. However, the outbreak of war shortly afterwards meant that the appeal came to nothing. After the war ended, as the College considered an appropriate way to remember those members of the College who had lost their lives, a revival of the Building Fund was considered. Just a few years after the war memorial was unveiled, news of a significant legacy to the College made the prospect of new buildings at Downing finally more likely.

Sidney Wynn Graystone (1882), the wealthy heir to the estate of the late businessman and MP Wynn Ellis, died on 8 February 1924 and his will specified that Downing College was to receive the residue of his estate, then valued at over £100,000 (the equivalent of more than £5 million today) on the death of his widow. His collection of pictures and engravings, which today form a significant portion of the College’s art collection, were transferred in 1934, including important examples of the English and Flemish schools and the Constable painting which was recently exhibited in the Heong Gallery.

Although the residual Graystone estate did not reach the College until over twenty years after his death, the promise of such a large endowment in the near future gave the College renewed confidence to push ahead with

plans for additional and much-needed buildings. In 1929, Sir Herbert Baker was appointed to make recommendations for new buildings to the north to provide a Chapel, Library and additional student rooms. An appeal was launched in 1930, although lack of funds at the time meant that only the two corners of Baker's planned North Range were built (and the organ donated by Edward Clarke for the new Chapel was to be housed in the Hall for 30 years). The official opening of the new buildings in October 1932 also unveiled memorial gates onto Tennis Court Road, paid for by the daughters of retired Downing Professor of Law, Courtney Stanhope Kenny, who had died after an accident near the site in 1930. Professor Kenny's daughters were later to be significant benefactors of the College.

The end of the war in 1945 coincided with two important events. The residual Graystone estate, primarily consisting of London property valued at over £75,000, was finally received on 8 February 1945. This legacy, coupled with the sale of the last of the College's West Cambridgeshire agricultural lands in the same year and the 150th Anniversary Building Fund appeal, provided the long-awaited funds to complete the North Range with the final addition of a purpose-built Chapel, over 150 years after the College's foundation.

The 'Graystone Buildings', designed by Baker's partner Alex Scott, were completed in the summer of 1953.



Photographs of the North Range before and after the 'Graystone Buildings' from an album by P Barratt.³

3. Archive ref DCPH/8/2.

The Kenny Sisters



Kenny Court, April 2017. College Archivist.

Even the completion of the North Range did not resolve the need for yet more student rooms, which was to remain a pressing concern throughout the twentieth century and afterwards. Agnes and Gertrude Kenny, daughters of Professor Kenny, paid for the Kenny Gate as a memorial to their father, as mentioned above, but when Gertrude died in 1958, her will – and that of her sister after her

– detailed their wish to change the main beneficiary of their father’s considerable estate, including a number of properties in Huddersfield, from Addenbrooke’s Hospital to Downing College. The proceeds were to be used to fund a new residential court in the College in his memory. As a result, work began on two new student blocks, Kenny A and B, designed by architects Scott and Helbing and based on Baker’s original plans.

The two residential blocks were ready for occupation in early 1961 and 1963 respectively. Sadly, only Agnes Kenny lived long enough to see the completed Court built in their father’s memory.

Sir Mortimer Singer and the Origins of the Development Office



Sir Mortimer Singer by Bassano Ltd, bromide print, 1920. NPG x84783. © National Portrait Gallery, London.

In 1966, facing the continued need for development and modernisation in difficult times, the College received a timely and considerable legacy following the death of the widow of alumnus **Sir Mortimer Singer (1881)**, son of the inventor of the famous sewing machine.

With the security of this legacy, worth £220,000 (well over £3 million today), the College was once more able to contemplate major building work and, in late 1966, launched a new campaign to raise an additional £100,000 to fund the much-needed modernisation of the College’s kitchens, the renovation and enlargement of the Hall and a new, modern Senior Combination Room, designed by architects Howell, Killick,

Partridge and Amis. The project also provided new staff offices on the floor above the kitchens. Singer's remarkable contribution was marked at the time by the naming of a room in T staircase, later converted to the JCR bar, in his memory and when the new graduate accommodation block was built in 2000, it was named The Singer Building in his honour. Today, he is perhaps less well-known amongst the College's many benefactors, but his legacy was particularly significant, allowing the College to keep its head above water while carrying out the necessary redevelopment and modernisation of its buildings and facilities.

Surviving records suggest that the 1966-7 building appeal introduced a different method of alumni engagement. The campaign, offering covenants spread over seven years to make giving more appealing in difficult economic conditions, was overseen by an Appeal Committee and Campaign Director, Brigadier O'Brien Twohig, with old members acting as regional representatives responsible for contacting local members, often in person. By the time the Development Office as we know it was established thirty years later, facilities in College had been further enhanced as a result of fundraising appeals and several major donations from the Howard family and Joseph Maitland Robinson. The past twenty years have seen steady and continued building and development around the Domus – not to mention outside it, with the new Boat House – and the generous support of former members has been a central and vital theme.

As the College celebrates the successful end of the Catalysis Campaign and the 300th anniversary of its Founder's will, it seems an appropriate time to look back over the huge achievements which have been made possible as a result of the past three hundred years of philanthropy. What has been achieved despite the College's woefully small endowment at its foundation highlights the importance of legacies, gifts and members' generous support of the fundraising appeals which have contributed both to the endowment – for general use, Fellowships and student support – and to the buildings which have made the Domus what it is today. As the Bursar wrote in this *Newsletter* in 1992, when asked how the College had achieved so much given its modest endowment and in difficult times: 'It gives me enormous pride and pleasure to reply that our old members have made it all happen.'

Jenny Ulph

The archive exhibition '300 Years of Giving' will be in the Maitland Robinson Library foyer for the next year. Please do call in and take a look if you are in College. (This year, for the first time, the archive exhibitions – '300 Years of Giving', 'Wilkins' Grand Tour' and 'Downing and India' – will also be included in Open Cambridge on Friday 8 September). It is also hoped to make part or all of the exhibition available online via the College's website (<http://www.dow.cam.ac.uk/about/downing-college-archive>)

FUTURE ARCHIVE PROJECTS: CAN YOU HELP?

40th Anniversary of the Admission of Women, 1980

The next major archive exhibition will be linked to the 40th anniversary of the admission of women in 1980. The College Archivist would love to hear from anyone who was a student at Downing before and during this period – women and men – and is very grateful to all those who have already been in touch. Any memories or photographs would be very gratefully received.

The Black Cantabs Project

The Black Cantabs Research Society, founded by Cambridge students including Downing's **Nnenda Chinda (2013)** in October 2015, aims to chronicle the history of black alumni at Cambridge University. Although archival research is governed necessarily by data protection restrictions, research into Downing's own early students by the College Archivist has uncovered some fascinating stories dating back almost one hundred years. In an exciting connection between old and new, one of the artists featured in the Gallery 'When The Heavens Meet The Earth' exhibition of items from **Robert Devereux's Sina Jina** collection, photographer Rotime Fani-Kayode (1955–1989), was the son of one of Downing's very first black students. If any alumni would like to provide information to feed into this project, please contact the College Archivist or Black Cantabs Research Society (<http://www.blackcantabs.com/>).

Jenny Ulph

College Archivist (archivist@dow.cam.ac.uk)

More historical 'From the Archives' articles can be found on the College website at: <http://www.dow.cam.ac.uk/about/downing-college-archive/archives>
www.facebook.com/downingcollegearchives
Follow the Archives on Twitter: @DowningArchives

REMEMBERING THE FIRST WORLD WAR: ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

The College Archivist, Jenny Ulph, assisted by archive volunteer Thelma May, has been continuing research for the College's online Roll of Honour to commemorate the Downing men who died during the First World War. As an Association, we are proud and humbled to record the obituaries of those who died 100 years ago.

The full online Roll of Honour can be seen on the College's website at (<http://www.dow.cam.ac.uk/index.php/about/archive/ww1-memorial>). Obituaries are published to mark the centenary of each man's death so the project will continue until 2018.



Ian Macdonald Brown (1907) was killed in action near Ypres on 15 November 1916, aged 28.

Ian Macdonald Brown was the youngest son of Dr John Macdonald Brown, MD and his wife Caroline, of Upper Berkeley St, London. He was born in Edinburgh in 1889 and attended St Paul's School in London. He came up to Downing in 1907 and was an active member of College, playing rugby, rowing and also joining the Debating and Music Societies. He appears in the Rowing Trials photograph in Michaelmas 1907 (*pictured here*) and is recorded as a cox in the Scratch Fours winning crew ("Victorious Four") in the same Term. Macdonald Brown took his BA (Natural Sciences) in 1910 and MA in 1914. After continuing his medical studies at the University of Edinburgh, Macdonald Brown entered the London Hospital in 1911 and gained his MRCS and LRCP in July 1914.

After volunteering on the outbreak of war, Macdonald Brown obtained a commission in the Royal Army Medical Corps, was sent to Gallipoli in June 1915 and invalided later in August 1915. On return to the Front, he acted as a surgeon, first to the New Zealand Division, and subsequently to the 190th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery, achieving the rank of 2nd Lieutenant and Captain. He was killed whilst attending the sick and wounded under fire near Ypres on 15th November 1916, age 28, leaving a wife, Dora, and infant son. He is buried in Dickebusch New Military Cemetery, Belgium.

Wilfrid Charles Burgess (1909) died on 22 August 1917, aged 26.

Wilfrid Burgess was born in Kensal Green, London in January 1891, the only son of Mr and Mrs Alfred Burgess, later Headmaster of Burrough Green School, Cambridge. He went to the Cambridge County School before matriculating at Downing in 1909, studying Natural Sciences and proceeding to his degree in 1912. After graduating he became an Assistant Master at the Grammar School in Shepton Mallett and volunteered for military service after the outbreak of war. He joined the forces as a Private, and after obtaining his commission as 2nd Lieutenant in the Somerset Light Infantry, proceeded to France on 22 April 1917. He was killed in action on 22 August 1917 while leading his platoon. His commanding officer wrote that 'several of his men have spoken to me of his gallantry and fearlessness in the attack.'

2nd Lt Burgess is buried in Hooge Crater Cemetery, Belgium. He is also commemorated in Burrough Green Church and on the memorial at Cambridge County High School for Boys (now Hills Road Sixth Form College).

Frederick Rotheram Cecil (1912) died on 21 December 1916, aged 24.

Frederick Cecil was born in London in 1892, the eldest son of Mr and Mrs Rotheram Cecil of Dronfield, Derbyshire. He came to Downing College from the Rectory House School in Steeple Morden in 1912 and was resident in College until the outbreak of war in 1914. He joined the 28th Battalion (London Regiment) Artists Rifles' Officers' Training Corps and should have gone out to France in November 1916, but he was 'incapacitated by an attack of influenza' shortly before and given sick leave. On 7 November 1916, Cecil was absent from Roll Call at Hare Hall Camp and was never seen alive again. He was found drowned in the Serpentine Lake, Hyde Park, on 21 December 1916.

Frederick Cecil is remembered with his brother in a stained glass memorial window dedicated by their mother in 1927 at Dronfield (St. John the Baptist) Church and Churchyard.



Guy Harold Corke (1909) was killed in action on 17 September 1916 near Delville Wood, aged 26.

Guy Corke was born in Ayr on 23 January 1890, the son of Benjamin and Margaret Corke. He was educated at Whitgift Grammar School in Croydon before matriculating in 1909 at Downing College studying Natural Sciences. He was a good Rugby football player, representing the College, as well as Surrey, and being tried several times for the University (*Image: Rugby XV, 1910–11*).

After graduating in 1912, he received an appointment in Penang, but returned immediately on the outbreak of war in 1914 to join the Army. He received a commission in the Northumberland Fusiliers and went to the front in October 1915. 2nd Lieutenant Corke served with the Expeditionary Force in France and Flanders and was killed in action north of Delville Wood on 17 September 1916. His Commanding Officer wrote: "Lieut. Corke was a most efficient and conscientious officer. He had been bombing officer to this battalion since Feb. last and had brought his men into a high state of efficiency. On 3 July he did most conspicuous work, and was recommended by my predecessor in command for special reward." He was mentioned in despatches in June 1916 for gallant and distinguished service in the field. He is buried in Delville Wood Cemetery, Longueval.

Alfred Henry Dawe (1913) died on 11 April 1917, aged 21.

Alfred Dawe was born on 5 December 1895, the son of Joseph and Emily Dawe of Lewannick, Cornwall. His father was a farmer in Trevadlock. By

1901 the family had moved to Hertfordshire and Alfred was educated at the East Anglian School, Bury St. Edmunds, before joining The Leys School in Cambridge in January 1911. Dawe matriculated at Downing in 1913 studying Natural Sciences and Agriculture. Following the outbreak of war, he joined the University's Officers' Training Corps in October 1914. At the end of that month he took part in the Debating Society's Freshmen's debate and, in early November, played in a joint Downing-Queens' Rugby team against a team of Welsh Internationals and Cambridge Blues. By the end of Michaelmas Term 1914, Dawe had obtained his commission in the King's Royal Rifle Corps as Temporary 2nd Lieutenant. A serious motor cycle accident delayed his joining his regiment in France until February 1916.

On 11 April 1917, Dawe was acting as Captain leading his company in the capture of the heavily fortified village of Monchy. They succeeded in their objective, but Dawe was killed instantly as he went forward to select a spot to consolidate their position. He is commemorated on the Arras Memorial and on the Lewannick war memorial, donated by his aunts Elizabeth and Jane Dawe.



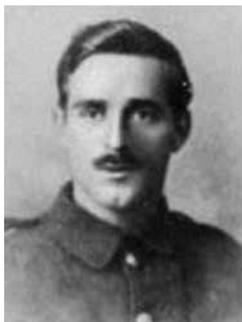
Benton Ord Jolly (1913) died on 9 February 1917, aged 22.

Benton Jolly was born on 31 October 1894 at Kirk Hammerton near York, the son of Thomas and Marion Jolly. From 1906 to 1913 he was a dayboy at St Peter's School, York where he was Head of School, won a number of prizes, represented the School in rugby and cricket and was Editor of the school magazine, *The Peterite*. The only surviving photograph of Jolly is from *The Peterite*, showing him as umpire to St. Peter's Cricket Team in 1913. (*Reproduced here with permission of St Peter's School, York*)

Jolly matriculated at Downing in 1913, gaining an Exhibition for Classics. He was a member of the University Fencing Club and was qualifying for his Blue. An injured knee delayed his acceptance into the Army until 1915, when he was given a commission in the 11th Battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment. He was in residence for only two years, but was awarded his BA in June 1916 on account of wartime regulations allowing three extra terms for military service.

2nd Lieutenant Jolly joined the 7th Battalion after their losses during the Somme offensive in the summer of 1916 and went to the Front shortly afterwards. In early February 1917, the Battalion assembled for an attack on a village nearby and 2nd Lt Jolly was seriously wounded by shellfire whilst supervising the bringing in of prisoners. He died of his wounds the next day,

9 February 1917, aged 22. He is buried in Grove Town Cemetery, Meaulte. He is also commemorated on the Acomb War Memorial, on the Holy Trinity Church War Memorial, Micklegate and in the Chapel of St. Peter's School.



*University of Edinburgh
Roll of Honour*

Arthur Duncan McLaren (1908) died on 9 April 1917.

Arthur McLaren was born in 1885, the son of Mr and Mrs J McLaren of Oldham. He was educated at Brighton House, Oldham before matriculating at Downing in 1908 to study Medicine. He was a skilful billiard player, winning the Varsity Cue and also played against Oxford. After two years in residence he continued his medical training at the University of Edinburgh between 1912 and 1914.

Following the outbreak of war, McLaren joined the army as a Private in the 15th Royal Scots. In June 1915 he moved to Ripon, attached to 101st Brigade, 34th Division, before embarking for France at Southampton on 8 January 1916. The 15th and 16th Royal Scots took part in the fighting on the first few days of the Battle of the Somme in July 1916. In early 1917, they fought in the First and Second Battles of the Scarpe. On 9 April 1917, Pte. McLaren was killed in action near Vimy Ridge on the eve of being recommended for a commission. He left a widow, Beatrice, of South Shore, Blackpool. He is buried in Roclincourt Military Cemetery.



Sydney Domville Rowland (1889) died on 6 March 1917, aged 44.

Sydney Rowland was born in March 1872, the eldest son of the Reverend William and Margaret Rowland of Flushing, Cornwall. He travelled to India as a small child, where his father worked in Fort William, Calcutta and Darjeeling. His father became vicar of Stoke sub Hamdon in 1884 and Rowland went on to Berkhamsted School. He came to Downing in 1889 with a Minor Scholarship to study Natural Sciences. He was a member of the College's Boat Club and is pictured here in a photograph from an album in the archive¹. Whilst at Cambridge he was President of the Natural History Society and for a short time an Assistant Demonstrator in the Physiological School. After taking the first and second MB at Cambridge, Rowland continued his medical studies as a Shuter Scholar

1. Archive ref. DCPH/8/1.

at St. Bartholomew's Hospital from 1894 to 1897. He was one of the first to publish on the developing field of radiology, editing the Archives of Clinical Skiagraphy in 1896.

He joined the staff of the Lister (then Jenner) Institute of Preventive Medicine as an Assistant Bacteriologist in 1898 and, in 1905, was seconded to the Commission for the Investigation of Plague in India in an attempt to prevent and control the spread of bubonic plague. During his work there, he helped to establish the transmission of plague by rat-fleas. Returning to the Lister Institute in 1908, he was seconded again to the Plague Commission in 1909.

At the outbreak of war, he obtained a commission in September 1914 in the Royal Army Medical Corps (RAMC) and was sent to France a month later to take charge of the No. 1 Mobile Laboratory - the first pathology laboratory in France. Rowland worked on methods of treating septic wounds and typhoid carriers and pure toxæmia in gas gangrene cases, assisting in the Lister Institute's search for an antitoxic serum for treating gas gangrene.

He was promoted to Major in 1915 and attached to the 26th General Hospital RAMC. He died in France on 6 March 1917, aged 44, of cerebro-spinal meningitis, thought to have been contracted in the course of his work. Major Rowland is buried at Étapes Military Cemetery. He is also commemorated on the war memorial in Berkhamsted School, in the parish church of Stoke sub Hamdon and in a bronze relief at the Lister Institute.

Pierre Sterckeman (1909) died on 15 February 1917, aged 26.

Bertin Phillipe Pierre Sterckeman (known as Pierre Sterckeman) was born on 15 May 1891 in Paris, the youngest son of Charles and Lucie Sterckeman. According to surviving records, Sterckeman matriculated at Downing in October 1909 but very little is known of his time in Cambridge afterwards and he does not appear to have sat any exams or graduated.

After the outbreak of war, Downing student magazine *The Griffin* reported in Easter 1915 that Sterckeman was serving in the French Army and, in May 1916, he was noted as being a Prisoner of War. According to French military records and the archives of the International Committee of the Red Cross, Sterckeman served as a Corporal Telephonist with the 67th Infantry Regiment on the Western Front. The 67th Infantry were part of the 12th Infantry Division which fought the Battle of Woëvre, a series of bloody secondary offensives for the trenches at Les Éparges and Calonne, near Verdun in early 1915. The Germans launched an attack on the evening of 23 April 1916 during which Sterckeman was captured. He was interned as a Prisoner of War in the fortress Würzburg-Galgenberg PoW Camp in Bavaria, Germany, from June 1915 until November 1916. Suffering from illnesses contracted in captivity,

Sterckeman was sent to the reserve hospital at Würzburg, and transferred to Switzerland at the end of November 1916. He died in Salem Hospital, Berne, Switzerland on 15th February 1917, aged 26.



Courtesy of Tonbridge School

Michael Topham (1914) died on 13 April 1917, aged 21.

Michael Topham was born on 19 May 1895 in Bombay, India, the eldest son of Francis and Pauline Topham. His father was a British civil engineer working for the Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway. The family returned to England when Michael was 7 and he was educated at Yardley Court School, Tonbridge, from 1902 to 1908. In September 1908 he gained a Foundation Scholarship to Tonbridge School, where he became Captain of Manor House. He became a Sergeant in the OTC and especially distinguished himself as a member, and later Captain, of the OTC shooting eight. He left school in 1914 after gaining a Judd Scholarship from the School and an Open Scholarship at Downing College.

However, on the outbreak of war, Topham immediately enlisted in the 19th Battalion (2nd Public Schools) of the Royal Fusiliers, obtaining the rank of Sergeant. In November 1915, he went to France, gaining a reputation as an excellent sniper before returning to England in 1916 when the Public Schools Brigade was split into cadet battalions.

Topham joined No. 4 OC Battalion, passing out first, and had been accepted into the Rifle Brigade before he volunteered for the Royal Flying Corps. He obtained his wings and was gazetted a Flying Officer on 15 February 1917, joining his squadron at the Front in March. Over the next month he took part in several bombing and defensive patrols but was reported missing on 13 April 1917 returning from a successful bombing raid. He was serving with the 27th Squadron and was killed near Rouvroy, near Lens. Flying Officer Topham is commemorated on the Arras Flying Services Memorial. He has no known grave.



Samuel Wilton MC (1911) died on 14 March 1917, aged 24.

Samuel Wilton was born on 25 September 1892, the son of Samuel and Mary Wilton of Newcastle-under-Lyme. At the High School in Newcastle-under-Lyme, he obtained the rank of colour-sergeant in the Officer Training Corps. He matriculated at Downing College in 1911 on a County Major Scholarship studying Natural Sciences. He obtained College colours in

Hockey, Cricket and Rugby Football, (captaining the side in his last two years at Downing (pictured here in the 1911-12 XV). He was also College Boat Captain and coach and often appeared in University Trial Eights. In 1913 he rowed in the Lent and May Boats and in the Clinker Four, coaching the Getting On Boat the following year. Popular in College, he was described in *The Griffin* in Lent 1914 as 'a real, genuine, good-natured, intelligent, but not intellectual fellow... Simple, not complex: therefore you can always depend on him...'

When war broke out he joined the 1/5th Battalion of the (The Prince of Wales's) North Staffordshire Regiment in December 1914, obtained his commission as 2nd Lieutenant, and was promoted to (Temporary) Captain of the 1/5th Battalion's Territorial Force. He was sent to the Front on 25 February 1915 and was wounded in September 1915 and again on 1 July 1916, returning to the Front on 14 September 1916. Captain Wilton was killed in action at Bucquoy, Pas de Calais on 14 March 1917, aged 24. He was engaged to be married to Madeline Turner of Chesterton.

Wilton was posthumously awarded the Military Cross on 4 June 1917. His citation praised his 'conspicuous gallantry and coolness under fire during the past two years' and his 'never failing courage and cheerfulness in dangerous and trying positions'.

Capt. Wilton is buried in Rossignol Wood Cemetery, Hebuterne, Pas de Calais, France. He is also remembered in the Memorial Hall, Newcastle-under-Lyme School.



John Will (1911) died on 25 March 1917, aged 24.

John Will was born on 2 September 1892 in Mitcham, Surrey, to Ella and Dr John Kennedy Will, the Medical Superintendent of the Bethnal House Asylum. He was educated at Merchant Taylors' School, where he played (as a Wing) for Old Merchant Taylors' Football Club. 'Jock', as he was known at school, played in the Cricket 1st XI and was an excellent all-round athlete, winning the Public Schools' Athletic Championship.

He came up to Downing in 1911 as an Exhibitioner to study Medicine. He played in the Freshmen's Rugby Match and represented Cambridge against Oxford in 1911, 1912 and 1913. He was elected Captain for 1914-15. He represented the College on several occasions (*pictured here in the College XV, 1913*), and assisted in winning the Inter-Collegiate Relay Race for three years in succession. He also secured College Colours for Cricket and was Vice-President of the Griffins' Club. Outside Downing, Will obtained fame as a

Rugby international, winning seven caps for Scotland against England, Ireland and Wales in 1912 and 1914 and also against France in 1912. He played in the last international match before the war, the Calcutta Cup match on 21 March 1914 at Inverleith.

When war was declared Will joined the Honourable Artillery Company as a Private in August 1914 and received his commission on 25 February 1915 with the Worcester Regiment, but transferred to the 2nd Royal Leinster Regiment in April 1915. He was wounded and nearly lost his life as a result of being shot through the neck, near Hooze, Ypres in June 1915. After making a successful recovery, Will served as a Flying Officer (Observer) with the Royal Flying Corps and was posted to Egypt in November 1915, but was wounded again in the same month. He returned in Spring 1916 and took his pilot's certificate in June 1916. In August 1916 he became a flying instructor at Dover Flying School and was promoted to Lieutenant, returning to France in February 1917 with 29th Squadron.

On the morning of 25 March 1917, Will took off from Le Hameau, near Arras, in a Nieuport 17 on escort duty with another plane when they were attacked by twelve German Albatross scouts. They successfully protected the six planes they were escorting, although Will's plane went down during the battle. He was reported missing that day and, later, *The Griffin* reported that he had been killed in action over Arras.

Lt. Will is commemorated on The Arras Flying Services Memorial and is also remembered on memorials at Merchant Taylors' School and St John on Bethnal Green, London.

FEATURES

“TO DOWNING COLLEGE” – POSTSCRIPT

Following **Dr Peter Sharrock’s (1963)** article on F R Leavis in the 2016 *Newsletter*, Dr Sharrock, Chair of the Leavis Society, writes:

“Further on our exchanges on the renewed national and international attention to F R Leavis in the literary and philosophical worlds, I bring to your attention a publication which may be of interest to readers of the *Downing Association Newsletter*.

The esteemed journal *Philosophy and Literature* of the John Hopkins University Press has just published in its April 2016 edition no. 40 vol. 1 a ‘Symposium’ on *F R Leavis: Critic, Teacher, Philosopher*.

The papers are all gleaned from the Leavis Society conference *Leavis & Eliot as literary and cultural critics* held in Downing in 2015 and the Society conference *Leavis at York* held in York in 2013.

It amounts to a splendid current tribute to his work.

Here’s the link: <http://muse.jhu.edu/issue/34022>”

UNIVERSITY CHALLENGE 1975–76

Charles Hillman (1974) writes “Thanks to a Murdoch journalist called David Aaronovitch, the *University Challenge* contest between Downing College and Manchester University recorded in 1975 has, over the past ten years or so, received a level of retrospective coverage which at the time, those involved should not have anticipated. I thought it would be an interesting exercise to dig deep and write down how the thing unfolded from the perspective of a member of the Downing team.” His account follows:

I was a member of the Downing College 1976 *University Challenge* team. The others were **Richard Coombs (1973)** and **Nicholas Roberts (1973)**, both lawyers, and **Martin Hemmingway (1972)**, a post-graduate geographer. Martin was older: I don’t think any of the rest of us knew him until the team was announced. Some said he looked a bit like Rudolph Nureyev. My degree subject was History, but I think my selection for the *University Challenge* team probably had more to do with my addiction to Radio 4. The sciences were represented by our team reserve, **Roger Watt (1974)**, a talented Scottish trumpeter from Orpington. Don’t ask.

The mid-70s were a period of change (as most periods are). When I arrived at Downing in 1974 the spirit of ’68 was not quite burned out. The JCR President was a man called Al, with shoulder length hair, who wore a dark-coloured leather jacket. I do not know what subject he studied, but his talent as a pinball wizard was widely acknowledged. By the time I left in 1977, the JCR President was a

man called Mike. He wore a tweed jacket. I do not know if he ever played pinball in the bar, but I think he may have owned more than one jacket. He looked a little like one of the television chat-show hosts of the time and was headed for a stellar career – subsequently as far as I can make out, achieved – as a lawyer.

Many decades later Downing's participation in the 1975–76 *University Challenge* tournament received more coverage than any of us would have anticipated at the time because of a man called David Aaronovitch who became a journalist and, after exhausting various more marketable topics, wrote about it. He was a member of the Manchester University team, the first of several over which Downing triumphed along the route to inglorious elimination.

Somewhere in the middle of 1975, those interested in participating in the Downing *University Challenge* team were invited to attend a meeting in (I think) the Maitland Room, behind a large door and up some stone stairs somewhere in the middle part of the College's West Range. A lot of us turned up in a spirit of rather self-conscious casual curiosity. Al was still the JCR President at this stage and he distributed a typed question sheet to each interested attendee. Some days later, after the answers had been collected and marked, the top four entrants were identified as team participants. Number five was nominated as team reserve. With two lawyers, one geographer and one historian in the mix, I think one of us may have suggested that **Roger Watt**, as number five, should be substituted in order to include a scientist, but as far as I remember, Roger was duly modest about that idea, and team selection remained unmodified. *University Challenge* was not too "big on science" back then.

The show was recorded at the Granada television studios in Manchester. Two programmes were recorded in each afternoon session. Our own participation extended to four shows, which involved two recording sessions. Martin was older than the rest of us and knew about expense accounts. He arrived in Manchester the night before the show and stayed in a hotel. The rest of us got up early on the day of the recording and drove from Cambridge to Manchester in my ageing Morris Traveller. For the first session we used the new M62 motorway across the Pennines. It was an impressive piece of engineering but also a moderately frightening one because that day it snowed quite heavily and, back then, the English did not know about winter tyres – at least, not in the South which, viewed from the M62, clearly included Cambridge. We arrived in good time for the recording just the same. As the driver, I smugly resisted the well-intentioned recommendation of a Mancunian friend that visiting his home city should on no account be attempted without checking out a pint of something called "Robinson's Mild".

We had been advised to avoid patterned shirts or jackets because these would cause distracting flickers, especially on the monochrome screens still used by

many television viewers. Disconcertingly, the television people also insisted on powdering our faces, which presumably was a routine anti-shine procedure for them, though not for us. Before things became even more serious, we met the Manchester team and Bamber Gascoigne, the show's presenter, over coffee and cake. Bamber Gascoigne was very tall and very keen to put us at ease. The contestants from both teams were appropriately preoccupied, although one of the Manchester team members, more forthcoming than the others, did explain to us their plan to answer every question with the name of a hero from the pantheon of Marxism-Leninism. I am not sure how far we digested the import of her explanations, but were content to accept that, whatever the Manchester team were planning, it was nothing personal – at least nothing personal regarding us. She appeared apologetic, bordering on embarrassed: I sensed that she was probably not the one who had hatched “The Plan”.

Events continued with a practice heat. I remember that I answered at least one starter question, because the answer was “Pontiac”, which combined knowledge acquired studying for a History A-level with insights gleaned from the motor magazines which then, as now, proliferated in the corners of my room. I do not remember anything out of the ordinary about the answers provided by the Manchester team during the practice run.

The studio was configured with the teams placed side-by-side and a screen for the “picture bonus” to the left of both teams. Three of the four Downing team members wore glasses. It turned out that the good-looking one also needed glasses, but did not like to wear them. Negotiations therefore took place to ensure that Downing were closer to the screen than the team from Manchester and the good-looking one sat on the end of the row closest to the screen.

The Downing team had two supporters, one of whom was Roger, the team reserve. Manchester University, as the home team, seemed to have arrived accompanied by several thousand noisy supporters. I think that the Downing contestants were too preoccupied by other matters to be intimidated by the Manchester supporters, but for our two team supporters, surrounded in their seats by opposition supporters, it must have been more alarming. They said something along those lines afterwards.

Manchester did indeed start by giving the names of Marxist icons as the answers to the starter questions, while Downing, boringly, gave correct answers where we knew them. I think that somewhere along the way the Manchester team relented and started providing “sensible” answers but, by that time, understandably, Downing were ahead. I have no recollection of how many, if any, of the answers I provided. But between the four of us we won the round against Manchester and, for some reason, the resulting programme was transmitted in due course. Television bosses were more accepting of non-conformity back then.

We also won two more heats. Victory over Sussex University was particularly sweet because (1) the word on the grapevine was that they were expected to beat us squarely and (2) it was our first victory over a team that apparently wanted to win. In the end we were knocked out by University College, Oxford. This was troubling because (1) by this point we were beginning to think that we were really quite good and (2) although University College appeared with a team comprising four people – four men (it *was* 1975) – it felt as though 90% of their answers emanated from just one of these. However, that year, University College, Oxford went on to win the tournament, which made elimination at their hands slightly easier to bear.

After it was all over and the shows had been broadcast during the ensuing summer, we met up for some sort of informal post-mortem. We discussed – the good looking one, in particular, discussed – the fan letters we had received following transmission. It seemed the decision not to wear his glasses had been the right one: the good-looking one had received **lots** of fan letters. I received only two fan letters myself. One was a lovely letter from a lovely girl who sang with us in the chapel choir. The other came from an elderly lady in Sussex who wondered if I was, by any chance, related to someone from Eastbourne who shared my surname. Sadly, I was not.

[Readers may find the YouTube link [youtube.com/watch?v=9LLR6tGRAUI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9LLR6tGRAUI) of interest – Ed]

Charles Hillman (1974)

TOUR OF CAEN

Last year's feature on College Football stirred the memory of **Geoff Atkinson (1974)**, who writes:

The league season had been painful. We'd struggled all season and now needed a point from the last match to stay up. The game itself was away to Pembroke which meant a sloping pitch to which a gale blowing top to bottom didn't help. First half we played up the hill and defended well, going in at the break a manageable 0-1 down. All we needed to do was keep dropping the wind-assisted ball into their penalty area from our goalline in the second half and the goals would surely follow. Sadly this simple plan proved more difficult than expected and, despite us scoring twice, Pembroke matched it with two of their own, courtesy of catastrophic defending. 3-2, we'd lost and were relegated. I felt gutted at what we'd left behind for those who followed.

Perhaps a trip to Caen in the Easter break would heal wounds.

An overnight boat to France and that evening we found ourselves pitched against a local team. Excitement was ratcheted up when we discovered it was to be a night game under floodlights with the fans packed in along the touchline paying for the privilege of watching. We'd moved up a gear no doubt. The one

novelty was the floodlights only really covered one half of the pitch, the other was in semi darkness which led to a strange slow motion twilight feel in one goalmouth. A credible 2-2 draw meant everyone went away happy.

I'm told celebrations went on into the night – the French welcomed us with open arms. I'd never realized the significance of the British freeing the town in the war before and there still existed a great bonhomie towards us as guests. This we repaid with shameful acts of vandalism, stealing roadsigns as trophies and breaking the local launderette with our muddy kit.

Next match was back at the same stadium – again with paying supporters but this time we went down an easy 3-0 beaten by a better team and a heavy pitch.

And so to the final game, the highlight, a team from Caen FC, a top flight outfit with a smart training ground. Not the first team of course, they play Lyons and Paris St Germain, bit beyond us that, but a mix of subs and youth squad. This would be a test. In something of a first, perhaps a world first, the first half was played on grass in the main ground under the fading sun, and the second on a neighbouring all weather pitch which meant a quick search round for any pairs of trainers we could scavenge. It was a fitting end to our season, 3-0 down midway through the second half we suddenly turned on the taps and hammered their goal for twenty minutes, scoring twice and thoroughly deserving an equalizer. 3-2 on paper but a draw in my book.

And that was it. We came home on the ferry. I remember standing on the bow chatting to **Tim Parks (1974)** about future plans, his to be a novelist, mine to write comedy. Well that never happened did it. Which left one final game for the Falcons, a late season cup match on a bone dry pitch and perhaps for the only time I suffered a strange lack of appetite for a game. It showed. We lost 6-0, deservedly, and I hung up my boots never to play again. Ah but we did have Caen, and the twenty minutes we ran a League One team ragged under their own lights.

Geoff Atkinson (1974)

COLLEGE CRICKET – NOT LIKE OTHER SPORTS.....

A challenge faced by cricket clubs, which is not faced by many other outdoor sports, is that they are at the mercy of the weather. A fixture list can be decimated by weather which would not impact many other sports. If that were not enough, a college cricket team has to compete with exams and when exams have finished, undergraduates may decide that they have better things to do than spend hours on the field.

PERFECT SQUARES AND GROUNDSMEN

The impression conveyed by reports of the Cricket Club until the mid-sixties is one of a club where the highlights were often provided away from Cambridge on tour. These were usually to southern England, but in 1959 there was a tour of RAF stations in Holland and Germany, during which **Fred Dyer (1958)** scored an unbeaten century and **David Stanbridge (1956)** took five wickets in one match, including a hat trick. At a University level, **Michael Morgan (1950)** was awarded a Blue in 1954.



*Downing Cricket team 1958 ©Lafayette Photography
Back Row: C F J Fennell, P Done, E C L Allen, N E Palmer, D W Stanbridge,
J D Gorton, J M Williams; Front Row: R Crowther, M Kasippillai, I Plimmer (Hon Sec),
K R Norman (President), D L King (Capt), A V Cowan, R B E Napper.*

From a review of *Association Newsletters* in the sixties, it appears that the Cricket Club had disappeared. However, this absence of information is most likely due to the timing of the cricket season relative to the deadline for providing copy to the Editor of the *Association Newsletter*.

To show that the Cricket Club was indeed flourishing, **Ken Siddle (1966)** has provided the following reminiscences:

“I played cricket for Downing as an undergraduate and postgraduate for five seasons, 1967–71, captaining in my final year (and for some games in 1970). I was denied a sixth season when I followed my supervisor to Cardiff to complete my PhD there. But to balance that I did get a bonus game for College in 1966 before I even matriculated – at that time the College required all its Natural Scientists to come up for a Maths course in the long vacation before their first year (there was of course a full-blown ‘long vac term’ at that time, largely in preparation for Part II courses). Anyway, the net effect is that I can claim to have represented Downing for six years, during which time my records show I played in 42 matches (I am pretty sure I never missed one), scored over 1000 runs (usually opening the innings), and took 28 wickets (with my very modest medium pacers).

Although I have kept team photos and signed dinner menus from College Hockey (which was very much my second sport), I can now find very little pertaining to cricket among the memorabilia I have kept all these years. Shamefully, I am struggling to remember most of those I played with. **Hugh Mumford (1964)** was Captain in my first year – a stylish right hand bat and left arm medium pacer. Hugh made his home in Cambridge and became a prominent figure with Camden Cricket Club (while I took up with their arch rivals Granta). I think **Mike Carter (1965)**, a free scoring batsman, was Captain in my second year. In my third year the Captain was **Peter Savill (1966)**, who famously took the team off the field in one match so that he could listen to commentary on the 2000 Guineas at Newmarket, on which he had apparently wagered a substantial sum. True to both his passions Peter now owns a stud farm in County Wicklow in Eire and adjacent to it has created a beautiful cricket ground with a pavilion which is an exact replica of that at his old school Ampleforth. **Martin Owers (1967)** was Captain in my fourth year and, as I said, I was Captain in my final year. Among other memories, I recall **Dave Walker (1963)** as one of my opening partners, **Geoff Hewitt (1966)** taking plenty of wickets with his off-breaks, and a brief overlap with **Phillip Hodson (1969)** who was too busy with Blues Cricket to play more than an occasional Cuppers match for College. Phillip had a distinguished continuing association with cricket in Yorkshire and at Lord’s, and was recently President of the MCC. Other names recalled from that era include **Keith Moore (1966)**, **Richard Small (1966)**, **Dave Thomas (1964)**, **Martin Hart (1969)**, **Graham Oates (1969)** and **Graham Taylor (1969)**.

The College fixture list generally ran to 12–15 games in a season, including a cricket week in early June with five games on successive days. Of course we

always lost a few games to the weather or cancellation for other reasons. Our opposition included top-flight local club sides – Granta, Sawston, Huntingdon – other colleges, and a couple of touring teams (we always played Sussex Martlets in cricket week). A handful of these would be all-day games starting at 11.30 with a break for lunch as well as tea, the remainder commencing at 2pm. I guess Cuppers games must have been limited overs to ensure a result, but that would have been 40 or 45 overs per side rather than 20: T20 had not been invented, except for knockabout matches in the evening inter-departmental league. I do not remember us ever progressing very far in Cuppers, but we held our own against most College sides.

The ground was on Long Road of course, a decent cycle ride from Downing. It pains me greatly that the ground has long since disappeared under concrete, and, working at Addenbrooke's as I do, I now park in the multi-storey car park built on what would once have been the outfield. The College Groundsman, Mr Andrews, came from a tradition whose idea of a perfect square was one that was unblemished by people actually playing on it. He rolled out some tremendous wickets, but was prone to cancelling games at the first sign of rain, lest the square should suffer more wear and tear than was absolutely necessary. The Addenbrooke's nurses' home overlooked the boundary and its occupants, not always heavily clad, were sometimes a distraction to boundary fielders. There was one season when for some reason we temporarily lost the use of Long Road and shared with Clare at Bentley Road instead. That was one of the best cricket grounds in Cambridge at the time under the stewardship of Ernie Hobbs, nephew of the great Sir Jack and another formidable College groundsman of those days.

After leaving Cambridge I played club cricket for Cardiff in the Western League through most of the 70s, captaining for two seasons. When I returned to Cambridge in 1978 I played regularly for Granta into the mid 90s, then more occasionally for Camden's midweek side and then even more occasionally for the Philanderers, for whom I still manage at least one game a year. My cover drive is still in good shape, but fielding has become very hard work! In 1985 I was invited by John Butterfield, who was Master of Downing at that time, to join the Committee of Cambridge University Cricket Club. I quickly became Senior Treasurer of Crusaders and then of CUCC itself, positions which I still hold. Downing's **Jon Atkinson (1987)** and **Mike Atherton (1986)** were among the first Cambridge Captains I got to know well, but over the years I have been privileged to become well-acquainted with many of the great names of post-war Cambridge cricket. From my first days at Downing it has always been a lot of fun!"

Ken Siddle (1966)

DOWNING BLUES PRE-WAR – INCLUDING MIGRANTS

As mentioned by Ken, **Phillip Hodson** was awarded a Blue in 1972. Such was the rarity of this event the Association published the following review of previous Blues:

“In a *Griffin* article of Michaelmas 1934, based on Harold Abrahams’ *Book of Blues*, only one cricket Blue from Downing was recorded: **Edward St John (1827)**, a Fellow Commoner, who played in the 1829 match¹. After the publication of Venn’s volumes *Alumni Cantab*, **W L Cuttle**, then Tutor, extracted all Downing entries and had them typed on cards. He thus revealed several cricket Blues who migrated to Downing; in the *Book of Blues* they were listed under their other colleges.

Our first Blue was **Edward St John** of the 1829 match, **Frank C Cobden (1871)**, played in 1870–72, hero of a famous hat-trick (see *The Oxford Book of English Prose*, Cobden’s Over 1870); **Frederick E R Fryer (1872)**, played in four years, 1870–73²; **Arthur F Smith (1874)**, played in 1875, ‘a useful bat and a fine long leg,’ said Wisden; and **Charles J Brune (1869)**, 1867–69, who migrated from Caius and whose death in 1877 was overlooked by Wisden for over sixty years.

To these should be added **Douglas G Spiro (1885)**, who played in 1884, the year before he spent a single term in residence at Downing after migrating from Trinity Hall; and **William Blacker (1874)**, a Fellow-Commoner who played 1873–76, and was killed while hunting thirty years later. Venn gives a separate



Downing Cricket team 1890 ©Lafayette Photography.

1. The first Varsity Cricket match was held in 1827 [Ed]
2. He first matriculated in 1869 at Caius and also represented the Gentlemen against the Players in 1873-5 and against the Australians in 1878

notice to a W Blacker who came up to Downing in 1874, and a W Blacker who was at Trinity and played four times for the University. The *University Calendars* show W Blacker at Trinity in 1873, and at Downing in 1874-76: in his third and fourth years he resided at Downing only in the Easter term, content to pay a small fee for non-residence in the non-cricketing terms.”

Whilst Downing produced a number of Blues over this period, it is believed that there was no College team until 1890. The photograph on page 53, from an old album in the College archives, is a unique record of a team with ‘attitude’!

Blacker and the other migrants to Downing were lured to the College by tutor John Perkins, and a gap of nearly eighty years followed before Downing had another cricket Blue, **Michael Morgan**, in 1954. Several Downing men in the last half century were chosen as twelfth man or otherwise narrowly failed to make the team, for example **William Timms** (1921), **Cedric Humphries** (1932), who played for Worcestershire 1934-5, **Mahendra Kasippillai** (1955), and **Simon Clarke** (1960).”



Downing Cricket team 1935 ©Lafayette Photography

Back Row: G M Fisher, D S Tabraham, J A H Castle, C Galloway; Front Row: J P Tomlinson, W S Frankland, C A Humphries (Capt), G A Cooke, H D Senior; Seated: R E Grose, G R Lamb.

1970s – THE GLORY YEARS

Hodson again played for the University in 1973, topping the batting and bowling averages. Having not had a Blue since 1954, **Hodson** was followed by **Peter Hayes** (1973) in 1974 and 1975 (during which he was nominated ‘Cricketer of the Week’ following a particular all round performance at Fenners) and, in 1976, **Charlie Bannister** (1974).

This run of success was a precursor to the glories of 1977, when in addition to three Blues (**Ian Greig** (1976), **Peter Hayes** and **Adrian Moylan** (1974)) and a member of the University 2nd XI the Crusaders (**Charlie Bannister**), Downing won Cuppers for the first time. **John Moore** (1975) has provided the following recollections of the day Downing beat Fitzwilliam in the final.



Downing Cricket team 1977 ©Lafayette Photography

Back Row: P Tregidgo (Scorer), M G Duncan, P J Rees, A N E Baxter, B W Allen, I A Greig, J P Moore, K A Thimaya, M R C Humphrys (Umpire); Front Row: C S Bannister, A C O Moylan, M H Williams (Captain), P A W Cotton (President), A M Grove (Secretary), I M Swalwell, P J Hayes.

“Forty years ago, the College won Cuppers for the first (and still only) time by beating Fitzwilliam in the final at Fenners, before a big Sunday afternoon crowd on the weekend of the Queen’s Silver Jubilee celebrations. That we won was in no small way attributable to the four Blues in the team and aided by the absence of Fitz’s star, Alastair Hignell, who was called up the day before to play for Gloucestershire in the John Player Sunday League. Such a shame... A couple of weeks earlier, he was carried semi-conscious out of the Downing bar a few hours before he scored a big hundred against a County at Fenners. So, a formidable but now missing opponent!

Our own stars included **Charlie Bannister**, a bear of a man who played his cricket like his rugby – best not to get in his way... Charlie was famous around the College both for bowling Geoff Boycott at Fenners, and for being unbeatable at table football (if he ever looked like losing, there were certain steps he could take, up to and including picking the table up and taking it home). **Ian Grieg**, brother of Tony, went on to become Surrey Captain (highest first class score of 291!) and played in several Tests against Pakistan in 1982. **Peter Hayes** performed for Suffolk in the Minor Counties Championship for

many years. **Adrian Moylan** received a late call-up into the University squad after term ended, and made it into the game against Oxford to become our fourth Blue. With **Bannister**, **Grieg** and **Hayes** being front-line bowlers, and all four highly capable with the bat, we were always in with a chance!

But cricket is a game of 11 players, and the Blues were not always available in the early rounds. Club Captain **Mark Williams (1974)**, **Ian Swalwell (1974)**, **Barry Allen (1976)** and **Mike Duncan (1975)** were very decent school and club players, with **Williams**, **Allen** and **Swalwell** carrying the brunt of the bowling (22, 22 and 18 wickets, respectively over the season). **Ian Swalwell** also scored a bucket of runs (283 during the season), so was quite the all-rounder (and also a Football Blue). The rest of us were there to make up the numbers by stopping as many runs as we could in the field. I don't think I faced more than a couple of balls during the entire Cuppers' run; and I am pretty sure that **Kiran Thimaya (1976)** didn't either. But it was a privilege to play and although I have played club cricket every year since (for the past 25 years in New York) and won a few team trophies, the Cuppers Final remains a career highlight.

In the early rounds, we defeated St. Catherine's by 7 wickets and Queens' by 35 runs, both fairly comfortable wins, and both away from home on damp and dank days in early May. I can't remember much about these games, other than holding onto a stinging catch at point to remove Catz's own Blue, a policeman by trade. I think that kept me in the side for the remaining rounds.

The semi-final against St John's though! What a game! There was real trouble scheduling it, as both sides wanted to include their Blues and the University was playing back-to-back 3-day games in the only week available. In the end, the powers-that-be scheduled a 25-over game starting at 6pm at our Addenbrooke's Hospital ground. I don't remember when the game actually started, but it certainly wasn't at 6pm! The stars straggled in, there was much milling around, but we finally got under way. The point is that, even in late May, it does eventually get dark in the evening... Downing batted first and racked up a pretty impressive score of around 150 as I recall. St. John's then replied in the ever-gathering gloom and their batsmen made some decent scores as they got closer and closer to the target. But it was getting very dark as the innings reached its climax and the likes of **Bannister** and **Grieg** were quite quick by College standards! It was, however, tough for the fielders too. I was out on the boundary in front of the pavilion (and the spectators) in the last few overs and I literally could not see the stumps, just indistinct white shapes moving around in the middle, 40 yards or so away. As to the ball (red of course), it was invisible. It came my way a couple of times and I needed shouted directions to find it, and then had no sense of the distance back to the keeper and how hard to throw it! Of course the scorers were also having trouble, and I for one had no idea of the runs required off the

last few balls. I suspect nobody was completely sure. As the game ended, there was mass confusion, much milling around and a lot of nervousness before the umpires declared that the scores were tied, but Downing had won by losing fewer wickets! Of course we went ballistic with joy, our opponents were dejected and the St. John's coach (and Head Porter) was furious. His protests were overruled, thanks to the soothing influence of our club Patron, the Reverend Pat Cotton, who must have preached on the importance of love and goodwill to all men, particularly the winners! After a few beers in the changing room, we made it back to the College bar floating on the proverbial cloud for a night's raucous indulgence in which the temples of our bodies were defiled by abundant alcohol.

The Final was only a few days away. On the day before, we played a friendly game that had long been scheduled. Being, well, students, most of us had only one set of cricket clothes, and they were not in great condition after this game (had they been washed all season? One wonders...). With the big game ahead we wanted to look our best so, being one of the team gophers, I offered to wash everyone's kit. I dumped everything in the biggest washing machine in the College laundry and, as an afterthought before heading to the bar, took off my Downing sweatshirt and threw it in. Big mistake... The entire wash ended up dyed magenta! Did I panic? Absolutely, I was shaking in my shoes. I took the once-cream shirts, trousers and socks to the bar, showed them to the boys, and asked plaintively "anyone got any ideas?" The reaction I received was, shall we say, pithy and unconstructive. But I got the clear message that if I did not sort the mess out I would be executed painfully and, far worse, left out for the final (now about 12 hours away). A girl in the bar was more helpful, and suggested using bleach. But it was now around midnight on a Saturday, and the shops were all shut. My saviour then suggested I hunt around the College lavatories for as many cartons of toilet-cleaning powder as I could find (who knew it even existed?). I then loaded up a bath with water, dumped in said powder and the cricket kit and literally trampled up and down for what seemed like hours as the magenta dye gradually disappeared. A final wash in the machine and by around 3am I ended up with white clothes again. Not the best preparation for a Cuppers Final!

When I handed the kit out at Fenners a few hours later, it became clear that there were still problems... First, cricket clothes are supposed to be cream, not dazzling white; second, bleach makes metal zips rust. My offers to help teammates with their frozen zips were summarily rejected, but with the help of pliers and some spare trouser handouts from the Blues we all managed to take the field, me still quaking.

The game itself passed me in a blur. Fitz scored a modest but certainly not trivial 132, as our six high-class bowlers did their jobs well, and we all hurled ourselves around in the field. Led by yet another terrific **Adrian**

Moylan innings, our top-order batsmen then chased the total down with what seemed like some comfort as we late-order guys chilled out, wandered round the ground and (horror of horrors) had a free pint or two from the College kegs. But the cricket gods shall not be mocked, and a couple of late wickets saw our pissed-off Captain go hunting for his tail-enders to get them padded up; to my surprise I was to bat at eight, so nine, ten and jack must have been clueless (sorry guys!). Fortunately, we were not called upon, as the last of the experienced batsmen saw us home by 5 wickets with a few overs to spare. The trophy was presented in front of the crowd and then it all goes hazy. Drinking in the changing room, various players and uninvited guests (including at least one girlfriend) being dumped into cold showers, more drinking in the upstairs room of a Greek restaurant on Downing Street (the food was cheap and cheery, but we all seemed focused on the wine list, which included some utterly vile Retsina), and then even more drinking back in the bar. I have vague memories of Yards of Ale, saturated clothing, lending a handkerchief to a blonde girl with beer-soaked hair after someone tripped and sent his pint skywards, swallow-diving down the bar steps onto the gravel below as I demonstrated fielding “technique”, crawling across Parker’s Piece with the apparently impressed (or sympathetic?) blonde, and missing the Silver Jubilee friendly game the following afternoon (who scheduled that one!) for what seemed, to me, quite good reasons that were not sympathetically received. But, hell, we had won Cuppers, and that should forgive a lot!”

John Moore (1975)

INCREASING REPRESENTATION

After the success of 1977, the next decade was one of steady performances. However, there was increasing representation in various University teams, including a Blue for **Ian Hodgson (1979)** in 1981 and 1982. In the initial first class game of the 1982 season, Hodgson took eight wickets in an innings against Glamorgan and we are intrigued by a reference in the 1982 Newsletter to “four ‘hit wickets’ and three ‘bails dislodged by falling cap’”!

In 1986 and 1987 **Paul Bail (1985)** was awarded a Blue. A notable event in 1981 was a match between the College 2nd XI and the University Women’s Cricket Club. This is the first reference in the *Association Newsletter* to a Women’s Cricket team. Downing had admitted women the previous year. In 1989 **Sarah Wickens (1983)** became the first member of Downing to play for the University Women’s XI.

The end of the 1980s was notable for **Michael Atherton** playing for the University in 1987–89, captaining in his second year as well as in his third. He was joined by **Johnny Atkinson** in 1989.

SO NEARLY CUPPERS FINALISTS

As was the case in the mid 1970s, achievements at a University level fed through to the College. In 1990 the College again produced two Blues, **Johnny Atkinson** (also Captain) and **Rory Jenkins (1989)**. Such was the size of the College's squad that it was able to field a 2nd XI for the first time in several years. The 1st XI had a good Cuppers run losing in the semi-finals to the eventual winners, St John's. This was repeated in 1991, this time falling to Pembroke. **Tom Boucher (1988)**, Captain, recalls:

“The summer of 1991... what (fading) memories! After metaphorically being passed the captaincy of the Cricket team from the seemingly permanently injured **Pete Wooldridge (1987)**, the task was to assemble a team capable of bringing home Cuppers.

The batting line up was built around flair players (me excluded), who enjoyed striking the boundary boards as much as they hated shambling around for singles. The likes of Macca, Mano, Tucker and Pascoe, were ably supported by Boshier's flashing blade (whilst on day release).

The uninterrupted accumulation of big scores, at our hallowed Long Road HQ, was somewhat marred, however, by a controversial incident during a friendly warm up game. On his way to scoring a big hundred, a trainee medic (now an internationally renowned ankle surgeon), who has to remain nameless for legal reasons, refused to leave the field after being given out. In what appears to be the first ever use of the DRS system, the umpire's decision was soon overturned, after the mercurial South Yorkshire man refused to leave the crease.

The bowling attack was equally short on fitness, but long on aggression and was led by a fearsome triumvirate of **Brent (1989)**, **Bradshaw (1988)** and **Hall (1989)**, supported by the acrobatic plunging pig, **Gavin Howard (1990)**, taking sharp catches behind the sticks.

A glorious cup run was inevitable with such a galaxy of stars which took Downing all the way to a semi-final against Pembroke, only to lose again, as with the previous year, to the eventual winners.”

Tom Boucher (1988)

1992 saw promotion to Division 1 and another Cuppers semi-final, this time against Trinity. **Joe Brent (1989)** was Captain and **Howard Yates (1991)** Secretary. Both remember the match against Trinity.

Howard recalls:

“We were hugely fearful of one Jon Crawley of Trinity who was already a prolific county batsmen playing for Lancashire. He would later go on to his Test debut for England against South Africa in a year's time. We had our own cricket star, **Rory Jenkins**, who had played for Cambridge and the Combined

Universities. The stage was set and the first over saw Rory opening the bowling to Crawley. The field was carefully placed and included some subtle adjustments to deep square leg. It transpired that this had not gone unnoticed by Crawley who clearly had it in the back of his mind that the first ball he would be receiving would be a bouncer. In the event, Rory's first ball was a good length out-swinger which left Crawley slightly off the pitch. It then took a slight edge and was caught by me, the wicket keeper, one handed in front of first slip having just carried. It was a sensational dismissal, enjoyed all the more so because of the little mind game that went on.

Looking back, I think we perhaps took too much relief from the dismissal and should have piled on more pressure. Instead, we lost, thanks to some robust middle order batting from them and some less robust batting from us. Still a close and eventful match on a lovely day in late spring."

Rory Jenkins was awarded another Blue in 1993. Unfortunately, residence in Division 1 was brief and the Club returned to Division 2 in 1995. After that the Club continued to provide a respite from exams and an opportunity to enjoy some lazy days of summer post exams.

Howard Yates (1991)

MIXED SUCCESS AND LEAVING LONG ROAD

1999 saw the return of Downing to the University 1st XI with **Charles Pimlott (1997)** being awarded a Blue, which he repeated in 2000. In 2001 **Stuart Block (1998)** was awarded a Blue. At College level, following the absence of any report for the previous few years, it appears the Club was in good heart even though it "did not do justice to its immense talent and potential", losing to Jesus in the Cuppers quarter final.

2002 was one of the Club's more successful seasons, with two XI's being fielded. The 1st XI won seven of its nine matches. **Ed Vainker (1999)**, Captain, recalls:

"As a History student with Prelims at the start of term, my main value to Downing Cricket in my first year was my availability. This continued to be my principal asset through my three years of playing cricket. I played under **Nick Jones (1997)** and **Brendan Cooper (1998)** in my first two years. Brendan's rock-like presence at the top of the order and relaxed attitude to scoring recalled another era, and led to slow progress when he was paired with our Blue, **Stuart Block**, who also enjoyed time at the wicket. The bowling was carried by **John Gaston (1998)**, who marked out his run for the first over with the trudging demeanour of a man already fifteen overs down.

In 2002 we won ten straight games on our way to the Cuppers semi-final. My captaincy was more secretarial and organisation than anything else,

recruiting some very handy grad students. We enjoyed a series of flickering cameos from **Dan Samson (1999)**, who played brilliant shots and found ever more exotic ways to get out, but most runs were scored by **Nathan Conduit (2001)** and 'keeper **Huw Moore (1999)** who combined the side-burns of the village blacksmith with appropriately lusty hitting and some snide sledging. **Pete Frank (2000)** and **Pete Davenport (2001)** took wickets, as did a visiting MPhil candidate called **Ngugi (2001)**, who floated in for games and then disappeared for weeks on end.

Our eleventh game was against John's, on the afternoon of my last exam. 21 players scored 20 or less but frustratingly a Johnian football Blue with a great eye was the 22nd and he scored 120 out of their 160. Even with our big name players **Lynden Spencer-Allen (2000)** and **Brahman Dharmarajah (2000)** parachuted in, we capitulated and missed the chance of a final at Fenners.

We did take the opportunity that day to mark the last game at Long Road, buying Melvyn Langford a bottle of scotch to thank him for preparing many pitches over the years, and regretting that our skill levels seldom matched his own."

Ed Vainker (1999)

Since then the Club has continued to provide the University with players: **Adam Clarke (2000)** in 2003–4, **Vikram Banerjee (2003)** in 2005, **Philip Hughes (2009)** in 2010–12 and, in 2013, our second Women's Blue **Nikhila Ravi (2010)**. The College team played its first game at Granchester Road in 2004. That year it lost in the Cuppers semi-final to Clare. Since then it has continued without hitting previous highs.

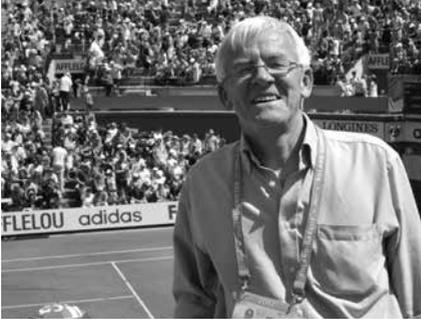
[Editor's Note: If this article has stirred memories of cricketing exploits which have not been reported, please do send them to Association@dow.cam.ac.uk for inclusion in next year's *Newsletter*.

Despite our intention to cover Hockey this year, reports from cricketers seemed to gain a life of their own which became irresistible... However, next year, the matter will be rectified and the Editor is looking forward to receiving reminiscences from former Hockey players, male or female! We would particularly be interested in hearing from members of the successful Men's teams of 1954, 1962–3, 1972–5, 1984 and 1988 or the Women's teams from 2007 and 2011.

Please send contributions to Association@dow.cam.ac.uk.]

NEWS OF MEMBERS

MEMORIES OF A TV DIRECTOR



Alan Griffiths (1973), recently retired from the BBC, recalls his life as an Outside Broadcast Director for major sporting events.

October 1973 – just three weeks into my first term at Downing, and I am in a packed TV room watching England against Poland. England need to win to qualify for the World Cup, but tension rises as the ball refuses to go in. Suddenly Poland score, and someone at the front jumps up and starts cheering. Later I will understand why, when I meet the student with the Polish name, but the general response at the time is not favourable. England can only draw, and a group of us seek comfort in the Prince Regent.

Move on a mere 34 years, and I am in a truck in the bowels of Wembley Stadium staring at a bank of video screens showing a variety of different camera angles, replays and graphics. Not far away England are about to face Croatia for a place in the European Championships, and this time I am in charge of the match coverage which millions of people will be watching on BBC Television and around the world. History repeats itself, England fail to qualify and I hope some Downing students made the pilgrimage to the PR.

It's not a career path I envisaged back in the student days of the 70s, but one I have no complaints about. Thirty years working for BBC Sport, twenty-five of those as an Outside Broadcast Director, has been an education in itself and a great way to earn a living. At times I have wondered what it all has to do with the Carolingian idea of kingship or the economic effects of the railway boom in the 1840s, but after all a university education should help you improvise when necessary.

You never know what the future holds, and I certainly didn't when I left Downing in 1976 armed with a History degree. Two unhappy years working for a bank and then two much more enjoyable years with a local newspaper in Bedford, and there I was at the start of 1981 working in the videotape area of BBC Television Centre for Grandstand, Sportsnight and Match of the Day. I can't really say that it was an area for which I felt especially prepared – the mechanics of television production were a complete mystery to a technophobe like me, and the general atmosphere was pretty chaotic and punctuated by a lot of shouting and swearing. Still, sink or swim... Three years at the sharp end

of sports TV and I was set (more or less) for my first crack at live direction. I prepared as well as I could, but what I hadn't planned for was the commentator being carried out on a stretcher and off to hospital. At the time I didn't think the coverage had been as bad as all that, and it soon emerged that he had had too social an evening preceding my debut.

That snooker was the first of 29 sports I was able to direct for the Beeb – Test match cricket, seven FA Cup finals, Six Nations rugby, what a privilege. The director is the person who decides what the viewer sees, selecting which camera, video replay or graphic appears on the screen. I suppose the prospect of directing a fast moving and unpredictable event with no script to help out wouldn't be everyone's idea of fun, and things can certainly go awry at times. Unexpected rain at the cricket, a camera failure at the football, the event timings veering off course – those plates have to keep spinning somehow. If they do crash to the ground you can expect a call in pretty short order asking why, but if it all goes well it's a real thrill.

A lot has changed in that time. For my first big match at Wembley in 1988 I had six cameras, for the Cup Final in 2008 about thirty. We used to cover Test matches with twelve cameras, now I should think Sky are well into the twenties plus various gadgets. There's no doubt the coverage has improved, though personally I regret that the character and rough edges of the sports I grew up watching have been marketed and smoothed over.



A highlight was being asked to direct the world coverage of the rowing, flat water canoeing and open water swimming at the Beijing Olympics in 2008, but despite all the planning, it was hardly an easy start. There was a violent thunderstorm the night before competition started (I suspect it had something to do with a report the

Chinese had seeded the clouds to prevent rain on the opening ceremony), and when we rolled up to the lake that morning we found that eight of our cameras had been put out of action, giving us no coverage at all of the first half of the course. The engineers did a fantastic job in eventually coaxing them back to life, but my main memory from the most prestigious event I had ever done was someone saying to me just before racing started, "You might get camera 3 back with a bit of luck." Eton Dorney for London 2012 was less fraught, although I'm afraid Maidenhead town centre doesn't really compare with the Great Wall.

Ironically most of the sport I have seen over this time has been on a bank of television monitors rather than in the flesh, but there

have been exceptions. Seeing Great Britain win hockey gold at Seoul in 1988 was definitely one, watching Wales fail to qualify for a succession of football tournaments a less pleasurable experience (happily that sequence has now ended). Sadly I was able to watch Downing's own **Michael Atherton (1986)** slipping and being run out for 99 in the Lord's Test against Australia in 1993, since a colleague was directing the cameras at the time.

I left the BBC at the end of 2010 but have been able to keep in practice in the freelance world with football, tennis and a few others. My 30th sport, kabaddi, was one I had never previously heard of, and it took me to India for a month. I hope to keep going for a while yet, and that there will be plenty of time after that to resume with the Carolingian Renaissance and the idea of kingship.

Alan Griffiths (1973)

MEMBERS' RECOLLECTIONS



John Glasswell (1955) has recently experienced a stay in College and was impressed by the facilities...

"I lived in I6 for all three years and spent much of my time fencing (mainly épée). I fenced in all three Varsity matches and first represented England whilst at Downing. Since then, I have been British Champion, won competitions in Europe and am currently Vice-President of the Épée Club (founded 1900).

I celebrated my 80th birthday last year and had several celebratory parties, the first at Downing. We combined some of these with also celebrating our 40th wedding anniversary. I met Patricia on a blind date in March 1976, proposed to her on an island in the Cam at Darwin College's May Ball and we married at Hampstead Parish Church on Saturday, August 28 1976 - the day the major drought ended!

We stayed three nights at Downing for the Cambridge Celebration. I was initially taken aback when I saw the prices for "B and B" with daily cleaning (albeit with a 10% alumnus discount). When we arrived at our superior double bedroom on the first floor (yes, a lift!) at Howard Court I changed my mind! A five star hotel with a very wide double bed (for 1 student?!), T.V., en suite with all the little extras you expect in a top hotel. Very different from I6! I now know Downing aims to be one of the top two or three colleges for conferences of all sizes and is much used for the six months without students.

When our guests arrived for dinner in West Lodge (where I stayed briefly with others during the Asian flu epidemic!), they were directed from the Porters' Lodge either to the car park spaces we had reserved or to the West Lodge by signs to

“Glasswell Celebration”. During drinks before the meal we showed a film of my wife as a volunteer in Algeria towards the end of the French/Algerian war – a nurse/midwife saving lives and educating the village populations (Richard Burton gave the commentary). I said the College Grace (Latin and English) and we all sat down to a wonderful meal with prosecco and wine. No speeches but Patricia asked some of the guests how they had first met me/us – some fascinating responses!

Plenty of time to tour Cambridge, including the Ai Wei Wei exhibition both in the College’s new Heong Gallery and in front of the Chapel.

When I received a Customer Questionnaire afterwards I ticked “Excellent” against every question. “NOTHING TO CRITICISE” ALL PERFECT – THANK YOU – including considerable help from the event manager. A great place for weddings, family celebrations and other events!”

LORD-LIEUTENANTS, DEPUTY LIEUTENANTS AND THEIR ROLE



John Hazelwood CBE (1955) is still busy with his role as a Deputy Lord-Lieutenant for Gloucestershire, and acceded to a request from his year rep, **John Hall**, for clarification of what that entailed. It is reproduced here, since it may be of interest to those from other years.

“Lieutenants were established by Henry VII and Henry VIII to uphold the role of the King and maintain the peace across England. Equivalent roles were later established for Wales and Scotland. The first Lieutenant was appointed in 1536 and they soon covered all 42 English counties. Deputy Lieutenants (DL) were appointed at the level of one to two per county as the role gained the responsibility for recruiting and training the local militia. The militia were supplied with uniforms, and each county had to demonstrate that it had the right number of suitable recruits and serviceable weapons. These included 9 foot pikes, long bows, halberds and arquebuses, the earliest form of musket.

The Lieutenancy were recruited from people with significant military experience. Lieutenants carried the rank of Major-General and Deputies the rank of Colonel. Uniform is currently based on the Army’s No 1 Dress Blues, including sword and spurs. Lieutenants have often been members of the aristocracy and so it became convenient to describe the title as Lord-Lieutenant (L-L), although this was only formally recognised in the Local Government Act

of 1972. Deputy Lieutenants retained their original title, now unchanged for over 400 years.

The current role of the Lieutenancy still follows much of the original aims laid down by Henry VIII. The Lieutenancy supports the Sovereign locally and its members assist in ceremonial duties as well as an active involvement in local events in all sectors of the community. They are responsible for overseeing the organisation of Royal visits to their county, which can vary in number from 3 to 30 per annum per individual county. They support Remembrance Day parades, Armed Forces Week, the military generally including all armed services, reservists and cadets.

Through their individual involvement, the Deputy Lieutenants cover their county demographically by age, ethnicity and gender. The first lady Lord-Lieutenant was the Duchess of Norfolk, following the death of her husband in 1975.

The Lieutenancy is involved in putting names forward for the Honours Lists and also Royal Garden Parties. It supports the Queen's Awards programme, representing the Queen at Citizenship Ceremonies, which take place once or twice per month in each county. These ceremonies confirm the desire and acceptability of people who have lived/worked in the UK for a significant time and who want to become UK citizens. They are formally admitted at prestigious ceremonies.

DLs act as the intelligence information gatherers across their personal demographic area and advise the L-L of events of activities which should be brought to their notice.

Many of the Lieutenancies are very active in ensuring that individual excellence is recognised and rewarded in a suitable manner. The Lieutenancy is not remunerated in any way and is non-political. It remains discrete but involved, and therefore its role continues to remain in support rather than continuously in the public eye. It is felt that Henry VIII would still be satisfied by the current role."

Footnote: A number of alumni are, or have been, in similar positions – **Bill Tudor John (1963)** was High Sheriff of Hertfordshire for 2006-7 and **Sir Angus Farquharson (1953)** was Lord-Lieutenant of Aberdeenshire from 1998 to 2010. **David Davies (1980)** became High Sheriff for mid-Glamorgan in April and Fellow Commoner Sydney Wynn Graystone (1862-1924), of the Graystone bequest, was High Sheriff of Cambridgeshire in 1912. **Martin Gaskell (1965)** and **Air Chief Marshall Sir Stuart Peach (1996)** are currently Deputy Lieutenants of Northamptonshire and Lincolnshire respectively. Ed.

RECENT BIOGRAPHIES

Our former President, **Flemming Heilmann (1954)**, writes that he has recently completed his memoirs which, he reports, covers “childhood & education on three continents up to the point when I actually get a real job!”. He continues “I have tried to tell the story with the camera on my shoulder for much of the time, rather than plonking myself permanently in front of the lens!” One whole chapter is devoted to his time at Downing and the Cambridge experience which he describes as “a treasured time in my life, described in some places in an explanatory manner for the American reader unfamiliar with collegiate Cambridge & Oxford teaching, or our eccentricities of tradition, language and sartorial practice!”

If the information supplied by his publishers is anything to go by, it should be a fascinating read:

“[Odyssey Uncharted is] a memoir about Flemming’s itinerant World War II childhood and education in British colonial Malaya and beyond. The book leaps into a roiled global environment, which forces risky decisions and navigation of uncharted waters, sink or swim.

Imminent Japanese invasion plucks the frail five-year-old Flemming out of his environment within the bosom of benign Muslim culture on a Malayan rubber plantation, where his father, PB, is in charge of a Danish-owned group of properties. Abdul Rahman is his Malay mentor, whose daughter, Fatima, is his beloved playmate. Alongside his brother, John, and mother, Hedde, he waves his father a fearful, tearful farewell in a monsoon deluge as an evacuation vessel inches sideways from its Singapore dock through the gloom. They are refugees, headed for unknown Australia. Eventually, his father escapes to reach Perth via the Indonesian archipelago after months of naked peril. The family is reassembled for years of refugee life assuaged by generous Australians.

Peace in Europe prompts another perilous odyssey as the family returns to Europe before the Japanese capitulate. As Hedde returns to Malaya to join PB, her religious conviction consigns Flemming to an evangelical school in otherwise secular Denmark where he sinks roots into Danish culture, observing its socialist embrace of *Janteloven* – a Nordic egalitarian dogma, which scorns individualism and personal achievement. Upon a return visit to his parents in Malaya, he survives a communist insurgent attack on the plantation homestead, and then soaks up the eclectic folklore, colours, sounds and smells of the country. PB’s pragmatic leadership and grasp of risk make a deep impression.

In England, Flemming at last spent four years at Gresham’s School after attending nine different schools in eight years. He embraces Western democracy with a dash of Danish egalitarianism and a heavier dose of market economics gleaned from his teacher and mentor, Eric Kelly. He gets to appreciate America’s role in the post-war global recovery and sees its economic engine driving social and technological progress. A long vacation exposes him to South Africa’s early

apartheid and an encounter with Swaziland's King Sobhuza, resplendent in leopard skins and eagle feathers.

Years in the academic cocoon that is Cambridge University are stimulating, yet sometimes frivolous. Preconceptions are reversed, religion rejected, government intervention in personal choice is confronted. Policies of entitlement, and the dependence they foster, are questioned as Flemming focuses on opportunity and self help. New career aspirations are hatched. The sway of teaching masterminds on this unexceptional student inevitably molds a solid intellectual footing. Life is replete with social events and rugby. Finally, two years of hands-on training in the grimy industrial heartland of Britain help prepare Flemming for the real world. The yarn concludes as he disembarks in Cape Town to plunge into and uncharted career in the African hinterland beyond Table Mountain's purple silhouette. There he will either sink or swim."

Full details are given in the Publications section below.

George Horsington (1992) was appointed Managing Director of Maritime Archaeology Consultants of Zug in October 2016.

Professor Evangelos Raftopoulos (1974) is Professor of International Law and International Environmental Law at the Panteion University of Athens and is currently spending his second academic year as a Visiting Scholar at Downing. He divides his time between the two institutions, working five months per year in Downing. As a student in the 1970s Professor Raftopoulos gained an LLM and PhD and was MCR President in 1977-78. He also performed as a solo pianist in the Downing College Music Society and was a member of the Hopkins-Parry Fellowship Committee (2002-2005).

His current work involves a number of projects including preparation of his book *International Negotiation: Theory and Technique of Constructing International Common Interest* to be published by Cambridge University Press.

He is also working on the activation of a research proposal *Treaties as Trust Deeds: Mainstreaming the Public Trust Approach (PTA) in the Barcelona Convention* in cooperation with the Cambridge Centre for Environment, Energy and Natural Resources Governance (C-EENRG), University of Cambridge, the Mediterranean Programme for International Environmental Law and Negotiation (MEPIELAN Centre), Panteion University of Athens, UNEP-WCMC and UNEP/MAP Barcelona Convention Secretariat.

In addition, he is liaising with C-EENRG as Centre Fellow, for the development of the educational aspect of international environmental governance.

Jason Varukas (Bye-Fellow 2009-10) is Associate Professor at Melbourne Law School and an Associate Fellow at the Cambridge Centre for Public Law.

FOR THE RECORD

AWARDS, HONOURS AND APPOINTMENTS

Former Downing College Boat Club member **Mark Aldred (2005)** competed in the Team GB men's lightweight coxless fours in the Rio Olympics.

Sarah Aldridge (née Scrivener) (1989) won a Silver and two Gold medals as a member of the City of Southampton Swimming Club relay teams at the 2016 British Masters Swimming Championships.

Richard Baker (1981), Chairman, Whitbread plc, has won the Non-Executive Director (NED) 2017 Award in the FTSE 100 category.

Paul Cheshire (1960) was awarded a CBE in the New Year's Honours list. The citation was for 'Services to Economics and Housing'.

Scott Davidson (1974) has been appointed Vice Chancellor of Newman University in Birmingham.

Sir Nicholas Francis KBE (1977) has been appointed a Justice of the High Court, assigned to the Family Division and was knighted in December 2016.

Martin Gaskell DL (1965) held the position of Master of The Worshipful Company of Educators 2016-17. He remains Deputy Lieutenant of Northamptonshire.

Charlie Hall (1989) has been appointed Chief Constable of the Hertfordshire Constabulary.

Martin Humphrys (1975), Chairman of the Thames Regional Rowing Council, has been awarded the British Rowing Medal of Honour, in recognition of his long service to the development of the sport and the success of the Junior Inter-Regional Regatta.

The Rt Hon Sir David Lloyd Jones (1970) has been appointed to the Supreme Court.

In April 2016 **Karsten Köhler (2010)** became the world record holder for the most countries visited in 24 hours by bicycle. She cycled from Gemmenich to Évrange, passing through five countries - Netherlands, Germany, Belgium, Luxembourg and France. Her exploits are described in an article that she wrote for the magazine of Camcycle <https://www.camcycle.org.uk/newsletters/130/article11.html>. The record was ratified by Guinness World Records, but was beaten the following June by a German, Michael Moll, who visited six countries - Italy, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Austria, Germany and France.

David Lee (1989) has won the 2016 News and Documentary Emmy Award for Outstanding Nature Programming as Director of the David Attenborough series *Rise of Animals: Triumph of the Vertebrates*.

James Lomas (2006) has been awarded the inaugural Willard G Manning Memorial Award for Best Research in Health Econometrics by the American Society of Health Economists.

Dr Geoffrey Manley (1964) received the 2016 Award of Merit from the Association for Research in Otolaryngology for his pioneering research in cochlear physiology across vertebrate species. This is considered to be the world's most prestigious award for hearing research and the citation was for "outstanding comparative and evolutionary research on the hearing of amniote vertebrates, mostly carried out while Geoff was the founding Professor of Zoology at the Technical University in Munich".

Syed Mansoor (1989) has been appointed the 45th Chief Justice of the Lahore High Court.

Sophie O'Connor (née Harman) (1988) is named as one of "100 Women to Watch" in *The Female FTSE Board Report 2016*.

Following the election, **John Penrose (1983)** retained the seat of Weston-super-Mare and remains their Conservative MP.

Dr Frank Salmon (1981) is President of St John's College.

Fiona Scolding (1991) has been appointed Queen's Counsel.

Sam Turner (2009) has been competing for Great Britain in Ultimate Frisbee.

Graham Virgo (1984) has been appointed honorary Queen's Counsel (see page 239).

Caroline Wilson CMG (1989) has been appointed Europe Director at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

PUBLICATIONS AND PERFORMANCES

Debbie Cannon (1989) will be performing a one woman show, *Green Knight*, which she has also written, at the 2017 Edinburgh Fringe.

Paul Cheshire (1960), Paul C. Cheshire and Christian A.L. Hilber (Ed), *The Economics of Land Markets and their Regulation*, Edward Elgar Publishing, 2017, ISBN: 978-1-78347-298-7.

Flemming Heilmann (1954), *Odyssey Uncharted*, Telemachus Press, LLC, 2017, ISBN: 978-1-945330-30-8.

Martin Kemp (1960), *Martin Kemp and Giuseppe Pallanti, Mona Lisa – The People and The Painting*, Oxford University Press, 2017, ISBN: 978-0-19874-990-5.

Holan Liang (1994), *Inside Out Parenting: How to Build Strong Children from a Core of Self-Esteem*, Bluebird, 2017, ISBN-13: 978-1-50983-017-6.

Mike McCarthy (1966), *English Grammar: Your Questions Answered*, Cambridge: ProLingua Publishing, 2017, ISBN: 978-1-52046-060-4.

McCarthy, M. J. (ed.) *The Cambridge Guide to Blended Learning for Language Teaching*, Cambridge University Press, 2016, ISBN: 978-1-31650-511-3.

Mungo Melvin CB OBE (1977), *Sevastopol's Wars: Crimea from Potemkin to Putin*, Osprey Publishing, 2017, ISBN-13: 978-1-47280-794-6.

Christopher Murphy (1961), *Goliath Trembled: Confronting the Cabal*, CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform, 2016, ISBN13: 978-1-53026-879-5

Peter Murphy (1963), *The Heirs of Owain Glyndwr*, No Exit Press, 2016, ISBN-13: 978-1-84344-786-3.

Henry Naylor (1985), *Arabian Nightmares: Three Plays*, Nick Hern Books, 2017, ISBN: 978-1-84842-634-4.

His new play, *Borders*, will be performed at the 2017 Edinburgh Fringe.

Roger Nelson (1954), *The Case against Racism – An Investigation into the Nature of the Prejudiced Mind*, CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform, 2017, ISBN: 978-1-54460-036-9.

Tim Parks (1974), *In Extremis*, Harvill Secker, 2017, ISBN-13: 978-1-91121-570-7.

Justin Pollard (1986), *The World of Vikings*, Chronicle Books, 2015, ISBN-13: 978-1-45214-545-7.

Tom Priestly (1957), *The Last Temptation of Sergij*, Ljubljana: Slawa, 2016, [Series: Slavic Authors of the World, 5].

Alan Rosling (1980), *Boom Country? The New wave of Indian Enterprise*, Hachette, 2017, ISBN: 978-9-35195-080-6.

Dr Ian Shine (1951) has authored or co-authored numerous journal articles, as well as books including:

Serendipity in St. Helena: A genetical and medical study of an isolated community, Pergamon Press, 1970, ISBN-13: 978-0-08012-794-1.

Thomas Hunt Morgan, Pioneer of Genetics, University Press of Kentucky, 2009, ISBN 978-0-81319-337-3, (joint author with Sylvia Wrobel).

The Discovery and Significance of the Blood Groups; Star Bright Books, 2012, ISBN: 978-1-59572-422-9, (joint author with Marion Reid).

Hidden Letters, Star Bright Books, 2008, ISBN: 978-1-88773-488-2 (joint author with Deborah Slier).

In preparation – *Upon this Rock*, which chronicles Dr Shine’s time working as a physician on the isolated island of St. Helena.

For more information, please see Dr Shine’s website: www.ianshinemd.com.

Richard Stephens (1978), (Hughes, Landers, Arkenau, Shah, Stephens et al), Development and Evaluation of a New Technological Way of Engaging Patients and Enhancing Understanding of Drug Tolerability in Early Clinical Development: PROACT, *Advanced Therapy*, 2016; 33.

(Downing A, Morris EJA, Corrigan N, Stephens R et al.), High hospital research participation and improved colorectal cancer survival outcomes: a population-based study, *Gut Published Online First*: 20 Oct 2016; doi:10.1136/gutjnl-2015-311308.

John Stevens (1977), *Bristol Politics in the Age of Peel, 1832–1847*, ALHA Books, 2014, ISBN 978-1-911592-17-4.

Rob Waller (1992), *The Perfectionism Book: Walking the path to freedom*, IVP Books, 2016, ISBN-13: 978-1-78359-401-6.

MARRIAGES AND ANNIVERSARIES

Rory Beattie (2003) is married to Orlaith.

Nienke Boomsma (2009) and **Mark Jackson (2009)** got married this spring.

Gareth Bradley (2003) married Vicky Maskill last year.

Janine Collins (nee Lumley) (2003) married **Edd Collins (2003)** in September 2013.

Graham Crane (1956) married Rosemary Orton in 1968.

Ian Cullen (2004) married Finola Brooke-Williams in May 2017.

Will Dobbin (2001) married Kate in December 2016.

Jennie Doolan (2007) married Neil in 2014.

Nick Drinnan (2001) married Elle last summer in France.

Ollie Fielding (2004) married Amy Holson-Schwartz last year.

Vanessa Fox (1980) married Bert van den Ende.

Mayank Girdhar (1999) married Maria in Italy.

Sarah Hawes (1998) got married last year.

Tom Larsen (2001) married Emma in July 2016.

Rhodri Lewis (2003) is married to Philippa.

Shanika Nayagam (2003) married Claire in Sri Lanka in February.
Nilesh Pareek (1999) is married to Kopal.
Rowan Planterose (1973) married Julia (née Moore) in September 2016.
Kathryn Robertson (2012) married **Carlos Arrebola Rodriguez (2012)**.
Jessica Woodliffe (née Pham) (2011) married Luke Woodliffe (Jesus 2011) in August 2016.
Tim Woods (1989) married in December 2016.
Ed Wright (1996) married Carole in 2010.

BIRTHS

Krusha Agarwal (née Patel) (1996): two children, Ela (5) and Rohan (3).
Tamsin Alger (1996): two daughters, Layla and Emma.
Fiona Goldsworthy Amusin (2001): a daughter, Phoebe – a sister to Ari.
Ali Arshad (1998): a boy, Jasper born in August 2016, a brother for Amira (6) and Reuben (4).
Liz Ashby (1996): a daughter, Beatrice (1) and son Alexander (4).
Sara (née Lloyd-Jones) Baylis (2004): a daughter, Darcey Sylvia, born 29 November 2016 – brother to Joseph.
Olivia Bays (1996): a son, Alex (1).
Rory Beattie (2003) a son, Jackson, aged 18 months.
Olivia Cannon (née Ide) (2006): a daughter, Rose, aged 8 months.
Andy Chan (1989) became a father for the first time in October 2016.
Aris Cheng (1999): a daughter – sister to Justin.
Ed Corke (2006): a daughter, Imogen Rose, born in 2016.
Graham Crane (1956): three children, Emma (1969), Martin (1971), Richard (1978).
Hywel Dafydd (1996): a second son born in 2016.
Helen DeVille (née McLaughlin) (1996): two sons, Johnny (4) and Alex (1).
Andreea (née VasIU) and Peter Dewsbury (2002): a daughter, Isla, born in October.
Paul Dyson (1998): a son, Vincent Beauregard, born on 27 April – a brother for Theo, Lloyd, Monty and Heather.
Emma Jackson Erhart (née Jackson Stuart) (2005): a son, Saul, born in March.
Ollie Fielding (2004): a daughter, Florence Marian, born on 12 May 2017.
Phoebe Gane (née Bointon) (2005): a son, Eric, born in January.
Amy Garden (née Allen) (1998): a daughter, Gracie.
Tim Gatheral (1996): two daughters, Celia (6) and Alice (4).
Rhia Ghosh and Michael Bisgrove (2001): a daughter, Lila, born in May – a sister to Amaya.

Ruth (née Collins) (2004) and Jonny Green (2004): a daughter, Orla Alice, born 29 November 2016.

Ravi Gupta (1994): a third daughter, Lavanya, born at the end of 2016.

Richard Hardyment (2002) and Kate (née Lawson): a son, Samuel – brother to Ada.

Alex Haynes (1997): two daughters, Sofia (8) and Sara (6).

John Hillier (1997): a third child, Megan.

Chris Hughes (2005): a daughter, Amelia Florence Elizabeth, born in March.

Sarah Hunt (née Cowey) (2001): Samuel, born in September 2016 – youngest of three children.

Paul Jackson (1996): two girls, Eva (5) and Grace (2).

Mariane Jang (2001): a daughter, Alina, born in October 2016.

Nisha Kelley (née Lakhani) (1999): a new daughter, Nina.

Lucy Kivlin (née Cheke) (2005): a daughter, Ginny born in March.

Jo Kwok (1995): a daughter, Grace, born March 2017.

Cher Lassalvy (née Chua) (1996): two children, Mathieu (6) and Ines (3).

Simon Maslin (1997): a daughter, Elizabeth Nyra, born in January.

Claire (née Currie) (2006) and Gareth Matthews (2006): a daughter, Eleanor, born in March.

Elliot Miller (1996): two children, Eoin (5) and Alice (2).

JP Muriuki (2003): baby, Zion, born in March.

Ed Olson-Morgan (2001) a son, Benjamin Clifford, born in July 2016.

Alex Rothman (1999) and Rachael (née Elder, 1999): a second son, Alastair.

Gregg (2006) and Stephanie Ruff (2006): a son, Samuel, born in March.

Sophia Salmon (née McMillan) (2001): a son, Francis, born in January.

Martyn Taylor (1996): six-year old twin girls, Jessica and Florence.

Patrick Taylor (1998): a daughter, Mia Magali, born in January.

Hannah Thornley (1998): two girls, aged 4 and 7.

James Tinworth (1994): four boys, Samuel (8), Oliver (6), Benjamin (5) and William (8 months).

Richard Turner-Wright (2004): a daughter, Arianna, born in December 2016.

Bethan Vasey (née Pugh) (1999): a second child, Agatha.

Ed Wright (1996): two boys, George (5) and Alexander (3).

Jonny Wood (2002): a son, Oscar.

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.

Albert Adomakoh (1950) died on 16 August 2016, aged 94. He read Economics.



His children write:

Albert Adomakoh was a remarkable man. Born in a Ghanaian village in April 1922, the third of twelve children, he rose to become Governor of the Bank of Ghana and Director of the International Finance Corporation (IFC).

Although Albert left elementary school with distinction, his Headmaster was unable to secure a scholarship for him to attend secondary school. In 1940, he gained employment as a bank clerk with Barclays Bank, where he worked and studied for nine years, gaining a Professional Diploma in Banking and passing the London Matriculation Examination, enabling him to apply for admission to UK universities. In 1948 the Ashanti Council awarded him a scholarship, enabling him to enter Downing in 1950 to read Economics.

Following graduation, he remained in Cambridge, where he studied Law and was called to the Bar in 1955. From here, he joined Barclays Bank as a management trainee, working in Manchester and London and gaining his Institute of Bankers Diploma. The Gold Coast Bank arranged a trainee attachment for him at the merchant bankers Glynn, Mills and Co, where he was able to demonstrate achievements as a young economist, banker and lawyer.

He was married twice, in 1956 and again in 1966, and was blessed with six children. Sadly predeceased by his second son Osei in 2005, his other five children (**Louis (1975)**, Rebecca, David, Nicholas and John) survive him, as well as thirteen grandchildren. His wife Fitnat (née Mograbi) also survives him.

In 1956, he joined the newly created Bank of the Gold Coast as a manager, with responsibility to prepare the ground for the establishment of a central bank, prior to independence. He thus became one of the twelve founding fathers, who laid the foundations of the Bank of Ghana, which was established on 4 March 1957, two days before the Gold Coast became the independent

country of Ghana. Albert was appointed Secretary to the Bank, responsible for the Administration Department.

In September 1962 he was invited by Dr Kwame Nkrumah to form the National Investment Bank and, in 1963, he became its founding Chairman and Managing Director. By 1965, he had generated a pipeline of projects, researched, structured and placed with foreign investors and, in August 1965, he was appointed Governor of the Bank of Ghana. He took over at a time of deep financial crisis characterised by uncontrolled spending, sharp inflation and acute shortages of consumer goods. Through a positive influence on fiscal policy, he managed the nation's almost depleted international reserves and secured the support of the IMF and World Bank.

Following a change in government, he worked for a brief period as Commissioner (Minister) for Agriculture before accepting an appointment in 1969 as Assistant Director General at the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation in Rome and in 1970 he moved to Washington DC as Director of Investments for Africa and the Middle East with the International Finance Corporation, an affiliate of the World Bank.

In 1972, he left the IFC and returned to Ghana as a Development and Finance Consultant, during which time he became Vice Chairman for the Society International pour les Investissements et le Développement en Afrique S.A., between 1978 and 1980.

In 2008 he was awarded The Order of The Star of Ghana, the highest national award.

Religion was an important part of his life. He was a devout Anglican and, during his lifetime, he built two chapels which were dedicated to the communities of the respective hometowns of his father and his mother.

His life's work was greatly appreciated by the four Asantehene, the rulers of the Asante. The current Asantehene, Otumfuo Osei Tutu II, called him "Papa Albert" and paid tribute to him: "He assisted Otumfuo Opoku Ware II in the formation of Asanteman Associations in Europe and North America and he served as Patron of these Associations. As a result of his efforts, many Asantes and other Ghanaians now take pride in wearing their world-renowned kente and adinkra cloths, and in performing the graceful Adowa dance. The quiet brain behind all this was Albert Adomakoh."

His life is summed up in the same tribute, where the Asantehene describes his qualities as "dependability, faithfulness, responsibility, accountability, reliability and above all, the determination not to disappoint."

The full tribute from the Asantehene may be found in *Graphic Online* at <http://www.graphic.com.gh/features/opinion/tribute-to-albert-adomakoh-esq-he-was-dependable-and-responsible.html>.

Ian Frank Nicholas (Nick) Bagnall (1962) died on 17 August 2016, aged 72.



He read Mechanical Sciences. **Neville Tait (1962)** writes:

Ian Frank Nicholas Bagnall, known as Nick, died on 17 August 2016 of motor neurone disease and frontal lobe dementia, aged 72.

Nick came up to Downing from Lancaster Royal Grammar School to read Mechanical Sciences, as Engineering was known in those days.

Having previously rowed at school, he immediately joined the Boat Club and was an enthusiastic member of the DCBC during his time at Downing, rowing at

No. 4 in the 1965 May Boat and at Henley Royal Regatta.

After leaving Cambridge in 1965 he worked for a number of civil engineering firms including Tarmac, Osborne and Costain on a wide variety of projects around the country, including the Gate Room for Concorde at Heathrow, works at Gatwick Airport, and Chatham Flyover.

Alongside his work he became interested in Wellbeing and in the late 1980s he qualified, and then practised, Remedial Massage at his home in Horsham. It was at about this time he became a Quaker and he followed that calling for the rest of his life. He also became involved in the 'green' movement and stood as Parliamentary Candidate in the Chichester Constituency for the Ecology Party (1979) and the Green Party (1987), but without much success. However, in the 1989 European Parliament elections he was the Green Party Candidate in Sussex West and came second with 49,588 votes. At the time Nick said that it was the highest number of votes ever cast for a single Green candidate in Europe.

Nick married his second wife, Anita in 1993 and they later moved to Worthing, on the coast in Sussex. After retirement, he became Manager at Claridge House, a Quaker Healing Centre in Surrey, which he revitalised, organising a popular programme. They lived there until 2007 when they moved to Auckland, New Zealand where two of Anita's children were living. While there they became Resident Friends (wardens) at Auckland Friends Centre for the year April 2007 to 2008. While in Auckland they designed and had built an open-plan bungalow in Tauranga, on the Bay of Plenty, with a wonderful view of the sea, in which they lived until February 2014 when they returned to the UK.

Nick was a very keen gardener, and while in Tauranga he designed and worked a very productive, vegetable, fruit and flower organic garden on terraces. More detail can be found by opening the following link: - <http://quaker.org.nz/nick-and-anita-bagnall>.

In early 2014 Nick and Anita moved back to England by way of a leisurely cruise, but not long after their return Nick started to show signs of the illness, which unfortunately progressed fairly rapidly.

Thomas Anthony “Tony” Ball OBE (1949), died on 25 September 2016, aged 88. He read Geography followed by Law. His daughter, **Jenny Young (née Ball, 1987)**, writes:



Tony was born on 9 June 1928 in Cambridge to father, Harold (a secondary school teacher) and mother Edith Gladys. He had a half-sister “Peggy” and a sister, Kathleen, who sadly died aged 13. His school education spanned Cambridge, Staffordshire and finally East Sheen, London, following his father’s school moves and was often disrupted by air raids during the war. Tony was called up to the Fleet Air Arm in the very first batch

of National Servicemen in January 1947.

With his ex-service grant, he changed to Downing College, Cambridge. He read Geography in 1949 for one year then switched to Law, graduating in June 1952. He had found an interest in Hotel Management by working abroad during the long vacations for Poly Tours (Switzerland and Italy) and took a two-year Diploma in Hotel Management, at the Scottish Hotel School at Crookston, Glasgow. In his second year he was President of the Students’ Union.

After gaining his Diploma he joined the Royal Air Force as a Student Officer in the Catering Branch. His first posting was as Station Catering Officer at RAF Leeming, near Northallerton in 1955. This was a night fighter station with Mosquito NF 11s. He had been courting Kathleen since his Cambridge days and they married on 12 May 1956 at St Peter’s Church, Swinton, Lancs.

Early in married life, Tony served a tour at RAF Christmas Island in the centre of the Pacific, during which he witnessed a series of H Bomb tests that were part of “Operation Grapple”. Sadly, Kathleen was forced to live back with her parents during this posting. On his return, he moved to RAF Cosford before joining the new RAF School of Catering at RAF Hereford as a Flt Commander of No 5 Boy Entrant Squadron. He was promoted to Flt Lt in 1960.

In 1961 he and Kathleen adopted their first daughter, Catherine. In 1963 the family embarked on an accompanied exchange posting to join the RNZAF at RNZAF Wigram, Canterbury in South Island, New Zealand as Station Catering Officer. The family visited most of North and South Island in New Zealand, usually borrowing a small caravan owned by the Officers’ Mess. It was a very happy posting with fond memories. During Christmas 1964, while on leave at Rotorua, Tony was promoted to Sqn Ldr.

In 1965 the family all came back by SS Southern Cross from Auckland to Southampton, stopping off at Fiji, through the Panama Canal, Miami, Bermuda and UK, finally arriving in November 1965.

In 1968, daughter Jennifer was born. Later postings with the family included HQ GULF, Bahrain as Commanding Catering Officer and RAF Wildenrath, before Tony retired in May 1971. The family moved to Sittingbourne, Kent.

After retiring from the RAF, Tony entered the Civil Service, first with Kent County Council and later with the Dept of Education and Science, with a remit to oversee schools meals at county, then national, level. He finally retired in 1988 and was awarded an OBE.

He and Kathleen enjoyed an active retirement and moved to Olney in 2007. They travelling frequently, involved themselves in the local PROBUS and NADFAS groups, and kept in contact with the many friends far and wide that they had made through the years. Tony always remembered his time at Downing with huge affection and was a regular visitor to alumni events right up until his death.



Tony is survived by his wife, Kathleen, daughters Catherine and Jenny, and five grandchildren. He is remembered fondly as an active, selfless, loyal and loving father and husband.

Oswell Bardsley (1944) died on 20 September 2016, aged 90. He read Mathematics.

Whilst at Downing, he played cricket, was Captain of Football and a Griffin. His wife informs us that, after graduating Senior Optime in 1947, he did National Service for two years. Following that, he worked for A V Roe (which became part of Hawker Siddeley Aviation and ultimately BAE Systems), then took a post as a lecturer in Salford. He remained in education until he retired, finally as Head of Mechanical Engineering at Sheffield Polytechnic.

Eric William Bates (1956) died on 10 January 2017, aged 80. He read Natural Sciences Part I followed Geography Part II and a Certificate of Education.

The following is adapted from a tribute at the Service of Thanksgiving:

Eric Bates was born in March in Cambridgeshire on 29 July 1936, the third child of his parents James and Ella. He showed great promise at school, academically, musically and in a whole range of sports including cricket, football, rugby, hockey and athletics. Although he gained a County Major Scholarship and a place at Downing, he chose to first complete his National Service in the RAF, serving in Germany and Denmark.

His studies at Cambridge led to a degree in Natural Science and Geography, followed by a Certificate in Education. He became involved with the University Methodist Society (MethSoc) and became the College rep. It was through MethSoc that he met his first wife, Carol.

They married in 1962 and by 1970 they had become the proud parents of Kathryn, Nick, Jackie and Stuart. Meanwhile, Eric had embarked on his career as a secondary teacher at Northampton Grammar School. From there he moved to the Ranelagh School, Bracknell and Bosworth College at Desford, at both of which he served as Head of Science. For his final seventeen years in teaching he held the post of Vice-Principal at Hind Leys College in Shepshed. During this time he gained an MEd at Leicester University.

Eric subsequently met Margaret and they married in 1988, celebrating their Silver Wedding anniversary in 2013.

Eric's interests extended beyond his professional life. Following early retirement he continued to do so supply work as a teacher, but he was also a driver for the Dial-a-Ride service and helped RNIB students with talking books. He also played a leading role in the local U3A, sharing his interest in music, gardening, walking and science. He remained physically active for as long as he could and, even when he could no longer play sport, he remained passionately interested in it. He was a season ticket holder at Leicester Tigers and was excited by the triumph of Leicester City in the Premier League.

He was an active member of the Methodist Church throughout his life both as an organist and treasurer.

As briefly reported in the 2016 *Newsletter*, **John Hilary Bates (1958)** died on 25 June 2016. His wife Carmen and children Fiona and Tony now add a fuller tribute:



John Hilary Bates was born in Sheffield on 13 January 1939. He was educated at King Edward VII School, Sheffield (1950–1957) where his grandfather had taught Classic and Modern Languages.

He then went to teach English in Cartagena (Spain) to young people at the Centro Británico, and to Senior Officers at the Naval Base.

He came up to Downing in 1958 and read Modern Languages: French and Spanish.

During his time at Cambridge John was actively involved in university life. He was Secretary of the Society for the Study of Religions, played cricket and badminton for the College 1st teams, and soccer for the 2nd XI.

In 1962 he was appointed Head of Spanish at Torquay Grammar School for Boys, where he met his wife Carmen, leaving in 1971 to take the post of Head of Modern Languages at Davenant Foundation Grammar School, Loughton, Essex and later became Director of Studies.

Although after 23 years at Davenant he sought early retirement, teaching was what John wanted to do from an early age and he could not give it up easily, so he then taught part time for a further ten years at Anglo European School, Ingatestone, Essex and at New Hall School, Chelmsford.

He trained teachers in this country and abroad, travelling to Trinidad, Bahamas, Chile, Argentina and USA.

John was OCR Chair of Examiners for A Level Spanish and Chief Examiner for A Level Spanish for the University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate, making frequent visits to Cambridge.

He was the author of *Longman Revise Guide: GCSE Spanish* (1994) and *Longman Study Guide: GCSE Spanish* (1998) as well as contributing material to other educational publications.

John continued to play cricket all his life, captaining the Shiphay St John team in Torquay and the South Chelmsford Cricket Club.

He was an easy-going, generous, kind hearted, approachable person who was always willing to help others.

Dr John Alvin Bedford (1961) died on 14 February 2017, aged 79. He studied for a PhD in Chemistry.

Dr Bedford came up to Downing in 1961, having gained his first degree at London University. On arrival, he studied for the Certificate of Postgraduate Study in Chemistry prior to undertaking his PhD on *The structure and reactivity of silicon systems*.

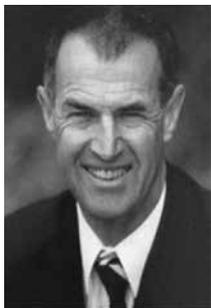
In 1964 he went to Sussex University as a Research Assistant, before two years at the Case Institute of Technology in Cleveland. In 1967, he joined the Celanese Chemical Company.

His sister, Elizabeth, informs us that, when in America, he worked for NASA and invented the square patches on the Shuttles that enabled them to re-enter the atmosphere. On his return to England in 1972, he worked for Albright and Wilson at Halesowen, followed by Cuprinol at Frome. Having been made redundant, he took up photography and, as a cycling enthusiast, wrote for a cycling magazine. He ran a number of marathons in London.

Richard Maurice George Briggs (1954) died on 30 July 2016, aged 83. He read Engineering.

Col (Retd) George Briggs served in the REME from 1953–1988. He held the post of Commander HQ REME TA in the early 1980s. He leaves a wife, Maureen, and children Richard, Nicki, Suzi and Lily.

Anthony Ashley (Tony) Brooker (1961) died on 24 October 2016, aged 77.



He took a PGCE in Physics. His friend, **Jeremy Martin (1961)**, writes:

Tony arrived at Downing in October 1961 for a one year PGCE course in Physics. He had graduated from Cape Town University, South Africa, having previously been at school at St Andrews College, Grahamstown. His academic career in Downing was successful but will be better remembered for his hockey-playing prowess. A Rhodesian international, he did not obtain a Blue at Cambridge but was a regular for the University Wanderers team and a stalwart of the winning Downing Cuppers team 1961–62.

After his year at Downing, he returned to Africa to teach at Peterhouse, in Rhodesia, married Jenna in 1964 and they had three daughters: Angie, Cathy and Susie. Tony and Jenna decided that neither Rhodesia (then entering civil war and yet to become Zimbabwe) nor South Africa were the places to bring up daughters. They spent time in England where Tony taught briefly at Radley and Stowe before emigrating to Australia in 1972 to teach at Melbourne Grammar School. Six years later Tony was asked to head up a relatively new co-educational boarding and day school, Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School, in the South West of Western Australia. Tony was Headmaster there for 13 years and oversaw its considerable growth to become a school with a particularly high reputation.

On leaving Bunbury, Tony completed an IT Diploma and a Masters in Education at the University of Western Australia, then taught briefly in Morawa, a small remote wheatbelt town in Western Australia. He moved to Geraldton and was integral in the development of Geraldton Grammar School, becoming its Founding Principal in 1995. After retiring in 2000, Tony and Jenna continued to live in Geraldton. Tony joined the board of the Midwest Development Authority and was delighted to revive his interest in Physics, becoming involved with the Australian bid for the Radio Telescope project, the Square Kilometer Array. He continued his interest in education, was integral in acquiring and maintaining funding for the Geraldton University Centre and for a while was its CEO. He also chaired the Geraldton Residential College Board. He was increasingly involved with Jenna's interest in local environmental concerns, and became a good wildflower photographer.

Early in 2016 he was awarded the Australian Order of Merit for his services to rural education. Whilst having much more to give he was unable to continue many of his interests due to cancer-related ill health.

As reported briefly in the 2016 *Newsletter*, **Brian Ronald Buckley (1951)** died on 2 November 2015, aged 85. His friend, Bernard Capp, writes:



Brian Buckley, who matriculated in 1951 to read English, was born in London in 1930, the son of a staunch Labour union official and local councillor. The family moved to Chingford but for several periods during the war Brian was an evacuee, an experience which had its pleasures as well as pains. In one placement, in Kent, schooling was only provided for half the day, leaving Brian and his friends free to roam the fields and marvel

at the aerial dogfights in the skies above. Brian's much older brother, Ken, was an important early influence, and went on to become a left-wing economic historian and campaigner in Australia.

Back at Chingford's small, mixed grammar school, Brian flourished both academically and at sports, especially rugby, though his teenage Marxism evaporated once he discovered literature. Brian always lived life with a cheerful disregard to rules, and National Service was predictably an unsatisfactory interlude. He did not immediately settle at Cambridge; he switched briefly to Chinese, and then decided to leave and join the Merchant Navy, in imitation of Joseph Conrad, a literary hero. In the event he was persuaded to remain and soon became an ardent disciple of F R Leavis and The Great Tradition. He once told me that he had written only one essay as an undergraduate, and that there had never been any pressure to produce more. At the end of his second year, Brian married Margaret Earle, whom he had known in Chingford's Sixth Form, after a courtship of just a few weeks. His tutors told him that he had thereby ruined his chance of a good degree, but instead he achieved a First in Part II, far better than his Part I result.

He then became an English teacher and in 1958 he and Maggie moved to Newquay, where he enjoyed producing school plays. But he soon became restless and in 1960 secured a lecturing post at Coventry College of Education. Andrew Davies, well-known now for his TV adaptations of Austen and Dickens, was a colleague and friend. A few years later Brian also embarked on a part-time PhD on D H Lawrence at the new University of Warwick. At the College, Brian's independent style brought him admiring students but also criticism from some of his senior colleagues, and when the College

later merged with the University he was eased out with a fairly generous redundancy package.

Thereafter he and Margaret led a somewhat frugal but satisfyingly independent life. Brian was a devoted champion of Maggie's novels, and they published two jointly written books of literary criticism on the modern novel. Maggie's death from cancer in 1992 was a blow from which he never fully recovered. Sharing a house with his daughter Jane, her partner, and grand-daughter Hannah, he made regular trips to London for concerts, exhibitions and plays. Around 2006 he developed both myeloma and leukaemia, and amazed consultants by surviving almost ten years, before his death in November 2015.

I knew Brian as a close friend for forty years. He was always hugely supportive, devoted to his family, and passionate about literature and music. If life did not bring the tangible successes he might once have anticipated, he lived it on his own terms and to the full. His daughter, Jane, adds that her father "was fiercely independent in his thinking with very strong views about literature and life. I respected and loved him so much. He had a heart of gold - generous, loving, loyal and committed to those he loved. I'm so proud of him. He is deeply missed."

Bruce Arthur Niels Buckley (1950) died in May 2016, aged 87. He initially studied on the one-year Russian course, returning in 1966 to read for Part I of the Mechanical Sciences Tripos.

Bruce Buckley arrived as a Naval Officer in 1950 to read the one-year course in Russian and kept three terms. On his retirement from the Navy he gained permission to come back into residence for two years to read for Part I of the Mechanical Sciences Tripos, which he completed in 1968, thus completing the requirements for his degree. As a mature student, he elected to reside at the Rectory in Landbeach.

On leaving Downing, he joined the Space Communications Division of Marconi Co Ltd where he became Project Coordinator of the Marconi portion of the Radio Telescope.

William Malcolm Bussey (1960) died on 22 August 2016, aged 75. He read Natural Sciences.

Whilst at College he was a member of the Boat Club and the College and University Rugby Clubs, as well as being a Griffin. He became a teacher, retiring as Senior Master of Uppingham School. He is survived by his wife Michele and his children **Neale (1984)**, Michael and Tracey.

John Bryan Clinton (1951) died on 15 September 2016, aged 86. He read Law.

Lewis Fotheringham Donnelly (1964) died in 2014. He read History.

Peter David Ehrenzweig (1953) died on 10 November 2016, aged 82. He read Natural Sciences.

Limited information is available on his life, though it was reported that he was Senior Lecturer in Computer Science at Letchworth College of Technology from 1972.

It is reported that **John William Evitt (1959)** died in September 2001, aged 83. He read Moral Sciences.

John Beversham Filmer (1953) died on 21 January 2016, aged 85. He read Modern Languages.

The Master, Fellows and Scholars wish to acknowledge the generosity of John Filmer who benefitted the College in his will.

Valence Errol Gale (1942) died on 10 October 2016, aged 98. He read Agricultural Science. He was a Colonial Scholar, coming from Harrison College, Barbados.

Professor Harry Gregor Vladan Emil Gelber (1948) died on 10 April 2017, aged 90. He read History.

Harry Gelber was born in Vienna in 1926. In 1944 he joined the Army, rising to the rank of Captain. He came up to Downing in 1948 and, on graduation, he initially became a Correspondent for Reuters. He moved to The Times in 1956 and in 1957 he joined the BBC. In 1962 he moved to Australia, becoming a Lecturer at Monash University where he remained for thirteen years. Whilst there, he studied for a PhD, which he successfully completed in 1966. From 1975 until 1992 he was Professor of Political Sciences at the University of Tasmania, and latterly Emeritus Professor. He spent several years as Visiting Professor and Visiting Scholar at Harvard University and Boston University; and Visiting Fellow at the Department of International Relations, London School of Economics. His many books included *Nations out of Empires* (2001), *Opium, Soldiers and Evangelicals* (2004) and *The Dragon and the Foreign Devils* (2008).

He regularly returned to the UK, dining in College on a number of occasions.

Robert Adrian Goemans (1959) died on 27 May 2017, aged 75. He read Mathematics. His year rep, **John Austin (1959)**, writes:



Bob Goemans came up at only 17 years of age to read Maths. He was quickly persuaded to take up rowing and soon promoted to the first boat, rowing at bow. He was very modest and popular with the rest of the crew, being very good company off the river as well as on it.

After leaving Cambridge and spending some time with his family in The Netherlands, Bob joined the family firm, Parigo Horticultural Co Ltd. as Managing Director in the early 1960s and followed in his father's footsteps breeding new Freesias at Millfield Nursery in Spalding. The company were also producing new varieties of Alstroemerias and he had the foresight to see the value of new tissue culture techniques and set up a high-tech laboratory for micropropagation and research and development of the crop. Bob was an active member of the South Holland Growers Association and for many years a Board member of the Horticultural Development Company as well as making a big difference in the local community through charity work and fundraising.

Bob suffered partial paralysis from a severe stroke in March 2009 that turned his life upside down. After seven months in hospital, he returned home to live-in care and was fortunate to be able to stay in his own home until the end of his life with the support of his family, loyal carers, physiotherapist and an excellent consultant. Bob leaves his younger brother Frank as well as his son Robert and daughter Melanie, by his late wife Paula, and seven grandchildren. He also leaves his dear friend, Liz. I visited him together with **John O'Hanlon (1959)** and **Nick Faiers (1960)** in April this year about a month before his death. We spent a very enjoyable three hours reminiscing about Downing days, with Bob as bright as ever.

Richard Geoffrey Hampton (1974) died on 27 May 2017, aged 61. He read English.

He was Group Director for Regulatory Strategy at Willis Towers Watson in London.

Robert Searby Hewett (1945) died on 10 January 2017, aged 98. He read English. His daughter, Emma, writes:



My father was born in Royston, Hertfordshire to Agnes and Mark Hewett on 29 June 1918. Older brother of Molly and Ann, his niece Jenny remembers: “Mum and Auntie Molly talked a lot about their big brother. To them both he was a handsome, witty and clever hero, a hard act to follow. My greatest memories of Uncle Robert will remain the slightly wry, crooked smile when he was telling an amusing tale and the warm welcome he always gave us.”

Bob’s father was a highly successful headmaster who encouraged his son to become a teacher. From 1937–39 Robert attended Saltley Teacher Training College in Birmingham. During World War II Bob became an Army PE instructor and was invalided out of the Italian campaign with amoebic dysentery, which probably saved his life. Commissioned into the Suffolk Regiment, Bob was introduced to Suffolk during his posting to Bury St Edmunds. The War had a lasting effect on him; he never could listen to fireworks without being reminded of being under fire.

Post World War II Bob studied English with F R Leavis at Downing as a Kitchener Scholar. Matched with Lorna Reeve as his partner for his final year’s May Ball, Bob and Lorna wed in 1948, sharing a lifelong love of literature and a deeper love for each other which was evident throughout their long and happy marriage.

Bob was awarded his MA at Downing College in 1953.

Nothing prepared Bob for the shock of being a father to twins: James and Caroline were born in 1949, followed by non-twin Adam in 1954, and second set Polly and Emma in 1963.



Bob taught at Beckenham Grammar School before being appointed Head of English at Midfield School, Kent. Moving to Sudbury, Suffolk, Bob became Headmaster of Mill Lane Secondary Modern School for Boys in 1960, and was Headteacher of Uplands Middle School from 1972 until his retirement in 1979.

Retirement gave Bob a new lease of life. With Lorna’s encouragement he became a leading light in local organisations such as the Sudbury Society, Town Twinning Association and Liberal Democrats. Having tried a variety of pastimes with varying degrees of success (including woodwork and wine making), at the age of 70 Robert took up gliding at Rattlesden Airfield, and painting with watercolours and acrylics.

Colin Jonathan Brook Howes (1959) died on 6 February 2017, aged 77. He read History. His year rep, **John Austin (1959)**, writes:



Colin Howes read History and followed in his father's footsteps to become Captain of the Boat Club. He was a very successful and inspirational Captain and the Club achieved a lot in his time, including bumping our way into the First May Division, after an absence of generations. He will be remembered for many things at Downing, including the night after a bump supper when he led a party of us to Coe Fen to lasso some very reluctant ponies which we then led through a garden in

Lensfield Road and liberated to spend the night on the sacred College turf. The porters' astonishment next morning was a joy to behold!

Colin married Marian (his sweetheart from Downing days) in 1974, and they had Sophie, Kate and Toby, who each gave him a grandchild.

Colin went into Sales and Marketing management, initially with Turner and Newell in Manchester, and later with Tilcon in Yorkshire and Spear and Jackson. He was head-hunted in 1977 and went to work in Ireland, really enjoying the rural life. Many years later, Colin married Grainne, whom he had met in Ireland, and they retired to Bastonford near Worcester. With his degree background, Colin set up a History Society (in the local pub of course!) and gave popular regular talks on moments in history.

Colin came back to Downing on many occasions, both to coach boats and to attend various Boat Club, Downing Association and reunion dinners and events.

Colin suffered from a number of health problems in the last few years and he died in early February. His funeral at the local church (with a wake in the same local pub) was well attended by his family, friends and Downing friends, including **John Austin (1959)**, **Chris Wolverson (1959)**, **James Culmer (1959)**, **John O'Hanlon (1959)** and **Charles Judd (1960)** as well as Christine Chisholm (the widow of **Dudley Cook (1959)**).

He is dearly missed by his three children Sophie, Toby, Kate and his grandchildren Jake, Lucas and Silva.



Anthony Angus Haig Inglis (1955) died on 22 July 2016, aged 80. He read English. His wife, Elizabeth, writes:



Tony Inglis read English under F R Leavis, followed by a lifetime career as an academic.

Born and educated in Edinburgh, Tony went up to Downing following National Service in the Royal Navy. After graduating, he began research in Scottish literature under the direction of Professor David Daiches of Jesus College, transferring to Edinburgh University in 1961 to continue his research.

In 1963, Tony joined the recently established University of Sussex as one of a number of members of the English department in its pioneering days, born and educated in Scotland, who brought clarity, intellectual breadth and a strong sense of civic engagement to their teaching and writing. Tony thrived in the innovative and interdisciplinary culture at Sussex. His range of knowledge and expertise was extraordinary and he was as much at home in teaching the literature and culture of the English Civil War or the eighteenth century as he was in teaching the literature and culture of the Victorian period or modernist fiction.

He was a specialist in the work of Virginia Woolf, on whom he wrote a number of important essays, D H Lawrence (whose essays he edited for Penguin) and Walter Scott. His Penguin edition of *The Heart of Mid-Lothian* (1994) and his Edinburgh University Press edition of *Woodstock* (2009) show to the full his rigorous scholarship, historical understanding and finesse as a literary critic.

Tony was a much-admired colleague and friend, respected for his dedication to his students and to scholarship. A true European at heart, Tony remained dedicated to his Scottish roots, walking in the Highlands or browsing the bookshops of Edinburgh when he was not enjoying the art and culture of France and Italy.

Tony was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease and Lewy Body dementia in 2009, which he bore with dignity. He is survived by his wife, Bet, his three daughters and three grandsons.

David Jack (1954) died on 22 February 2017, aged 84. He studied for a Diploma in Agriculture.

Lieutenant Colonel Bernard Sydney Jarvis MC (1946) died on 11 January 2017, aged 96. He studied on the Royal Engineers Short Course in Mechanical Science (now called Engineering), coming up to Downing aged 26 after military service throughout the Second World War. His son, **Peter (1970)**, writes:



At the age of 18 my father began officer training at the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich. With the outbreak of war, training was curtailed and in early 1940 he was commissioned into the Royal Engineers. He served abroad for most of the war initially in the Middle East and in North Africa where at the Battle of Alamein he

led a troop of sappers forward at the commencement of the battle to successfully find and clear a path through two minefields. He carried out more mine clearance at the front of the Eighth Army as it advanced across North Africa and was awarded an immediate Military Cross at the Battle of Mareth in Tunisia in March 1943 when he led his troop in clearing a path through the Matamata Hills. He was just 22 when he carried out these exploits. He then attended Staff College in Quetta (now in Pakistan) before serving again in the Middle East, Italy and Germany.

He came up to Downing in 1946 but this nearly did not happen. In August 1946 the War Office suddenly announced that it would restart a scheme suspended during the war and send certain Regular Officers in the Royal Engineers commissioned during the war to Cambridge that year but only if they could find their own place. He was given 48 hours leave to do this and had several interviews at Colleges which his old headmaster arranged. He was offered a place in 1947 but not 1946, which was no good. Walking dejectedly back to the station along Regent Street he noticed a college entrance. He went to the porters lodge, asked the name of College, was told it was 'Downing' and asked if the Admissions Tutor for Engineering was available. He was and thirty minutes later he had his place. It probably helped that the tutor he saw, Frank Wild, had developed the thermite explosive he had used to destroy the engines of abandoned vehicles in the Western Desert. The faith of the College was rewarded with my father getting a First and being made an Exhibitioner. He took the fast course in Mechanical Sciences graduating in two years since under the Army scheme a year's active service counted as one term's residence in Cambridge. He married my mother Elisabeth (Barbie) Dashfield at the end of his first term. My sister was born during his second year making the award of a First even more impressive. It always amused my father that whilst married at Cambridge the authorities deemed my mother to be his official university landlady and responsible for reporting any misdemeanors to the University or College.

In his subsequent military career he served in Malaya in 1951–53 during the emergency, in Germany from 1955–58 and took part in the Suez campaign in 1956. He returned to Cambridge in 1958–1960 in his penultimate army posting as Commanding Officer of the Cambridge University Officer Training Corps.

On retirement from the army aged 40, he set up a small property development company but most of time was involved in local activities in Surrey. He was a Councillor on Runnymede Council for 14 years and Surrey County Council for 8 years. He was President of this local Branch of the Royal British Legion. From 1982 to 1990 he was Chairman of the Governors of Sir William Perkins's School, Chertsey, which he helped to develop from a grammar school to a successful independent school for girls.

Throughout his life he was thankful for his time at Downing and until a few years ago regularly attended Association dinners. Between 1991 and 1994 he was on the Committee of the Downing Association.

Robert Tudor Rhys Jenkins (1944) died on 13 February 2017, aged 89. He read Estate Management. His son, Andrew, writes:



My father's early childhood was not easy as he suffered terribly from asthma, with one attack very nearly proving fatal, and meant that he missed a lot of early school. However, despite these initial health setbacks, he passed Common Entrance and was accepted at Merchant Taylors' School. He enjoyed his time, revelling in the sporting facilities and, remaining relatively free of his asthmatic problems, his lifetime love affair with rugby and cricket blossomed.

In 1944 he entered Downing College to study Estate Management. He enjoyed university life to the full with sport playing a big part and with Bob representing the College at first-team level for both rugby and cricket.

He left Downing in 1947 and started out in the world of employment. After various jobs at architectural and surveying practices, he joined a surveying firm by the name of Gale and Power and, after working his way through the ranks, eventually became Senior Partner.

His time at the helm saw expansion, with rising revenues, and he eventually helped negotiate the sale of the business to the Leeds Building Society in 1989, the height of the property boom. He remained with the firm for another five years, but at the age of 60 went his separate way. He continued providing surveying and town planning advice (his particular area of expertise) as well as expert witness work and only finally gave up a few years ago in his mid-80s.

Outside of work, he very much enjoyed his leisure time and on leaving university he continued playing rugby and cricket, this time for his school old boys (Old Merchant Taylors'), representing both the rugby and cricket clubs at first team level. It was here that he met Connie who in 1953 became his first wife and with whom he had four children. Although they enjoyed a very happy marriage, very sadly he lost Connie to a rare form of bone cancer in 1982.

In 1984 Bob met and married Janet. They were married for 33 years and had a wonderful time together, travelling all over the world, building their own house, creating their own garden and orchards and led a full and happy life together.

Unfortunately these happy times were also marred by tragedy as in March 2004, Bob lost his first-born Stephen, an awful event from which in many ways he never recovered. However, he continued where possible to lead an active life being a keen supporter of the Welsh National Opera, which reflected his love of music and his Welsh background.

The family received a great many cards, letters, e-mails, texts and calls from people offering their sympathy. Many of these were accompanied by memories, recalling his sometimes mischievous sense of humour with one of the recurring themes being that "I will always remember Bob's smile – it was so welcoming and friendly" and that's not a bad way to be remembered.

David Robert Kay (1972) died on 26 August 2016, aged 62. He read History.



His colleagues, Liz and Ian Wallis, write:

David was born in Sheffield on 3 March 1954. After attending Birkdale Preparatory School, David excelled at Repton before going up to Cambridge to read History at Downing College. Passionate about learning, David undertook a PGCE in Secondary Education at Durham University which was followed by his first appointment at Haberdashers' Aske's School for Boys, Elstree. Following several years teaching the Oxbridge entrants, David sought greater opportunity to exercise his considerable intellectual acumen and creative flare. A chance opportunity arose within Sheffield-based Fretwell-Downing Ltd, formerly a prestigious catering company where David had been employed as a student. Changing economic circumstances necessitated diversification and David, along with other Cambridge graduates, enabled the owners to set up what proved to be one of South-Yorkshire's leading IT companies, specializing in education and knowledge management – regionally focused, whilst developing a national and international clientele.

In 1994 David was appointed Strategic Development Director with responsibility for e-learning and library system product design, as well as for

heading up major projects with clients such as the DTI and the European R&D Frameworks. During this period, he played a key role in developing some of the world's largest knowledge and learning solutions, notably with the University for Industry (Ufi), the US National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. The rapid growth of Fretwell-Downing led to acquisition of the education company by Tribal Group plc in 2002, where David continued his strategic directorship, taking a lead on the flagship South Yorkshire e-learning Programme.

Never one for the status quo, David embarked on a fresh adventure in 2004, launching Sero Consulting Ltd with longstanding colleague and friend, Liz Wallis. Sero quickly gained a reputation in the use of ICT and digital technologies within education and training, working throughout the UK as well as internationally with clients including Becta, the HE Academy, the Scottish Funding Council and the European Commission, in addition to local authorities, schools, colleges and Regional Development Agencies, plus sector suppliers such as Microsoft UK, RM and PA Consulting.

Latterly, David took the lead in launching SeroHE, an education and digital technology consultancy with particular expertise in learning, library and e-resource solutions. In many respects, this was the pinnacle of David's career when he was given opportunity to work within the UK and US HE sectors, undertaking many shared-service projects for universities and the Government-funded HE research agency, Jisc, as well as, over the Atlantic, in collaboration JSTOR creators, Ithaka. Unsurprisingly, David's reputation earned him a place on a number of influential boards, including the British Council Knowledge and Advisory Committee. 'Catalyst for change' is Sero's strapline; 'catalyst for change' sums up David's contribution to computer-aided education and learning.

David married FE lecturer and world champion canoeist Julia Harling on 25 October 1986, setting up home in the High Peak district of Derbyshire where they remained for the next 30 years – never far from a canal or suitable



expanse of water. They have been blessed with two children, James and Becky who, as adults and in their own inimitable ways, reflect David's predilections for intellectual endeavour and sporting excellence.

David's enthusiasms and abilities reached far beyond the world of professional engagement. Of particular note are his sporting achievements. Although a life-long supporter of Sheffield United FC and keen player of the 'beautiful game' in earlier years, it proved to be in wild-water canoe and

kayaking that he achieved greatest success, competing at the highest level for a decade during which he was four times National Champion and represented Great Britain on five occasions at the World Championships, securing a bronze medal in 1987. Nor should we fail to mention his passions for music, art and literature, where special mention must be reserved for the Grateful Dead and its subsequent iterations, plus the artistic creations of Jerry Garcia, Robert Kipniss and Owsley Stanley. In these spheres, David had few peers when it came to enthusiasm and commitment, as the extent of his collections amply attest. Such was the affection and regard in which David was held within these circles that memorial concerts were staged in his honour.

David was diagnosed with bowel cancer in 2012. With the aid of pioneering treatment, he managed to continue with a full and fruitful life largely symptom free until late July 2016 when his health deteriorated with unexpected swiftness, ending in sudden death on 26 August. In addition to expressing shock and sadness over his untimely loss, the ensuing wave of tributes celebrated not only David's many achievements, qualities and abilities, but also his collegiality and friendship. One, in particular, encapsulates David's essence: 'a ball of infectious, inspirational energy, with a prodigious intellectual and athletic prowess, all enclosed in a highly individualised wrapper.'

Geoffrey Sedgwick Keeping (1944) died on 30 August 2014, aged 90. He was a Colonial Scholar, studying on the one year Colonial Service course for administrative officers from the Colonial Territories.

Roy Rossea Frank Knight (1948) died on 11 May 2016, aged 89. He read Natural Sciences.

Peter Alan Lusher (1949) died on 14 June 2016, aged 88. He read Natural Sciences.

Following graduation from Downing in 1952, he worked in Norwich as an Analytical Chemist at Reckitt and Colman until retirement. He leaves a son **Christopher (1978)** and a daughter Carol.

Timothy Godfrey Marks (1958) died on 4 January 2016, aged 78. He studied for a one-year Diploma in Agriculture.

He was a serving member of Suffolk County Council and was Mayor of St Edmundsbury in 2012–13 during the Olympic year, welcoming the Rwandan team to their training camp at Bury St Edmunds. He was also Mayor of Haverhill from 2004–2006.

A fuller tribute in the East Anglian Daily Times may be found at <http://www.eadt.co.uk/news/shock-after-sudden-death-of-suffolk-councillor-tim-marks-14368468>.

Rev Vernon Marsh (1967) died on 14 May 2016, aged 67. He read Modern and Medieval Languages. The following tribute, edited by his wife, Megan, was given at his funeral:



A packed Victoria Hall in Sheffield met to remember and pay tribute to a man who had a profound effect on our lives. It was a service full of love and laughter, tributes and poetry, tears and sorrow, and music, plenty of music! Elbow, The Who, Bruce Hornsby, a song from Vernon's son, Tom and Charles Wesley.

Vernon was born in St Albans on 20 April 1949. He grew up in Bournemouth and in 1967 moved to Downing College, where he studied Modern Languages. During his undergraduate years he volunteered regularly with the Simon Community, working with homeless people. This made a big impact on him and formed an important part of his later life and ministry. In 1970 he trained for the Methodist Ministry at Wesley House, Cambridge. It was during this time, in 1972, that he spent a year studying Theology in Tübingen, Germany. During this year he was part of the local parish and assisted with youth work.

Vernon's commitment to God was founded in his childhood experience: his parents were greatly involved in the life of the church.

In 1973 he went as a probationer Minister to the Newcastle Brunswick Methodist Circuit. Two years later, following ordination, he moved to the Gateshead and Jarrow Circuit and was Minister in Washington New Town during a time of growth in the town, including the building of two Methodist Churches. He was also Chair of the committee running a children's play scheme and was involved with the local Council for Voluntary Service.

In 1980 Vernon moved to London as a minister on the staff of the London Mission (East) Circuit. He engaged with a number of organisations working with homeless people in East London and worked ecumenically with local Anglican ministers and congregations. He was passionate for those who were vulnerable and this care and concern continued throughout his life.

In 1989 Vernon moved to the Portsmouth Circuit, with pastoral charge of two churches and was later Free Church Chaplain to Portsmouth University. In 1995 he became Superintendent Minister of the Rotherham Circuit, with a variety of patterns of pastoral oversight of local Churches, including two Local Ecumenical Partnerships and engagement with local mosques. In 2005 Vernon took on a wider significant role, becoming Chair of the Sheffield District. He was also Chair of the Stationing Advisory Committee of the Methodist Church, engaging with Ministers seeking to change the focus of their ministry. A love of singing was nurtured during his childhood and he sang in the Portsmouth Choral Union and the Sheffield Philharmonic Chorus.

On the Church's behalf, Vernon visited Ghana and Nigeria; was a member of the Sheffield Faith Leaders Group (bringing together, Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Jews, people of Baha'i faith, Hindus and Buddhists) and engaged with Church leaders from other Christian traditions.

In 2014 he became a supernumerary Minister in the Farnworth and Worsley Circuit. His energy and enthusiasm were undimmed and he became a source of wisdom and support to colleagues. He continued to exercise his ministry in a wider context, becoming Chair of the Touchstone Council in Bradford and a member of the Connexional Safeguarding Committee. He still found time for music, singing in the Salford Choral Society, gardening, nature and the outdoors. He walked a great deal, discovering the joys of the West Pennine Moors. He became a member of the Labour Party.

During his ministry in London, in 1980, Vernon and Meg were married. Their son Tom was born in 1984 and their eldest daughter Jo was born in 1986, followed by Beth in 1992.

The mutual love and support from his family and the time they gave to one another was plain to see. Vernon was a wholehearted supporter of all his children's endeavours and aspirations. He acted as a roadie and driver for Tom on tour in the UK with his band. He regularly travelled from Salford to Wrexham to be Jo's gardener, and spent time with her at her art studio in Liverpool as her technician preparing for exhibitions. In Summer 2015 they installed an exhibition as part of the Edinburgh Art Festival. His support for their younger daughter Beth took the form of lifts to University or help with fundraising for overseas volunteering. Even more often he supported her with wisdom, kindness, love, and always a big hug.

The love shared by Vernon and Meg was palpable and humbling, as Meg and their children cared for Vernon during his illness, as they all dealt with the effects of his disease, a variant of CJD, an extremely rare and aggressive neurodegenerative disease. At the end, Vernon knew he was deeply loved by his family and by the God who held him secure in love.

James Wilkie McIvor (1960) died on 14 January 2016, aged 87. He read Oriental Studies.

Robert Paul Meyerhof (1937) died on 17 November 2014, aged 95. He read Modern and Medieval Languages.

Robert Meyerhof was born on 9 September 1919 in Munich. He attended boarding school in Germany followed by the Institute auf dem Rosenberg in St. Gallen, Switzerland. He came up to Downing in 1937 at age 17. When England declared war he was unable to continue classes and faced possible

internment as a German citizen, so he boarded a ship landing in San Francisco where he joined his father.

Robert worked at various jobs, eventually enlisting into the Tenth Mountain Division of the US Army, where he taught fellow recruits how to downhill ski. He was shipped to Italy, where he served as a medic in the 86th Regiment. He was awarded the Bronze Star for bravery as he ran out in the middle of fire to carry a wounded man to safety.

Upon return to the US, Robert entered the UC Berkeley School of Architecture. After graduation he married Sonia Trynin, whom he had met in a modern jazz class. They raised their four children. Robert first worked for architect Richard Neutra, and then became partners with Smith and Williams and spent his entire career in their iconic building in South Pasadena.

After retirement he developed his skills as an artist, first delving into sculpture, jewelry, printmaking and then finally settling into ceramics where he found a calling throwing and glazing many pieces for his family and friends. He spent many summers at Laguna Beach, eventually living the last of his years in Three Arch Bay, surrounded by his family and beloved Basset hounds. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Sonia Riva, his daughters Tina, Greta and Lisa and son Paul and five grandchildren.

Denis Eustace Allen Miller-Williams (1942) died on 5 July 2016, aged 91. He read Law.

Ian Sydney Mitchelson (1956) died on 18 June 2017, aged 80. He read Geography, followed by a PGCE.

Ian was a well-loved year-rep and will be greatly missed. This sad news arrived shortly before going to press and a fuller obituary is planned for 2018.

Peter Norris (1948) died on 27 October 2016, aged 88. He studied History.



His son, Simon, writes:

Peter died very suddenly of a stroke on Thursday 27 October 2016. He was very fit and energetic for his 88 years. He was lucky to have led such a full life and to be fit until the last moment.

Peter was born in Blackburn, Lancashire, in 1928. His father John was a chartered accountant, and Kitty was mother to Peter and his older brother David who also became an accountant.

He went to school in Clitheroe and then to Ackworth, a Quaker boarding school in Yorkshire, which was an important part of his life. He enjoyed his studies, and loved all sports, excelling as a cross-country runner. He became Head Boy in his final year. Most importantly he met fellow student, Juliet Binks (Binkie), who was to become his wife and lifelong companion.

After leaving school in 1946, he spent his 2 years of National Service as a 'Bevin Boy' working as a tool man at Foxend Pit in North Yorkshire. He said that he left school 'an ignorant and arrogant young man' and went down the pits and got the best education he ever had. It was an experience that shaped his character and his respect for others in all walks of life.

In 1948 he came up to Downing to study History. During his time there he became a Griffin for representing the College at cricket, football, hockey, tennis and athletics.

He and Binkie got married in 1952 and spent their first year together in Cambridge, Peter doing his teacher training and Binkie working as a physiotherapist.

Peter returned to Ackworth School where he took up his first post teaching history. He and Binkie began their family of four boys - Simon, Leo, Guy and Mark. After four years, he moved to a new post at a residential school for 'troubled' children at Breckenborough in North Yorkshire where he became Deputy Head.

Then, in 1963, the family moved to Peebles where Peter became the Headmaster of Craigerne School, a Barnardo's residential special primary school for children experiencing complex emotional, relationship and educational difficulties. Through his richly intelligent and positive orientation to life Peter provided inspiration, a sense of security, and creative leadership to all around him. He consistently encouraged and supported the development of progressive approaches and improved professionalism within this specialised field, spreading these ideas to the wider Barnardo's network and to social work and special education circles. It was a challenging job, and Peter and his family lived on the school estate for the duration of his 23-year career there. At the heart of it all, the many children and families who came to Craigerne felt deeply valued and respected by Peter.

Outside work, he developed his interest in woodturning, played tennis for Peebles and enjoyed camping holidays on Mull with family, sailing and canoeing.

Peter retired in 1986. His retirement, spanning over 30 years, was full of projects, hobbies and activities.

Peter and Binkie loved to see their family growing, becoming grandparents and great-grandparents. Their nine grandchildren adored their grandpa, loved to visit him and were greatly influenced by him. He supported them in all their activities, their music, school events and developing careers.

He continued to develop his love of woodturning, starting his small business making bowls, clocks and his Hobbit Houses, sharing his enthusiasm for making things and engaging children in creative activities. He was enormously proud when a family exhibition was curated at the local museum displaying a stunning collection of art and craft items made by Binkie, his four sons, and himself.

Peter was a very well-known figure in Peebles. He was deeply interested in the life of the town and devoted much of his time to preserving its heritage, and guarding its future and its development. He played a particular part in its cultural development.

Peter was a prime mover in the formation of the Peebles Civic Society. He was a member of its Committee from its inception in May 1973 until November 2007, serving as Chairman for 21 years. Thereafter, he remained a great supporter of the Society, always ready with his wise counsel.

His contribution to local arts was enormous. For the whole community of artists in this part of the Borders, Peter has been an inspirational and essential figure over many years. He helped to set up and run the Peebles Arts Festival, which brought many creative activities to the town. He became involved in the campaign to establish a theatre in Peebles, joining the original board of Borders 1996 Company and continuing to act as a director when the company successfully opened the Eastgate Theatre in 2004. He continued to support the theatre as a helper and very regular member of the audience. On the morning of his death he had completed his daily early morning sweeping of the theatre forecourt.

He was passionate about promoting peace and justice and set up the Tweeddale Peace Group in the 1980s. Meetings aimed to educate, build bridges between people and work towards non-violence, justice and peace. He was involved in the World Court Project, an academic endeavour with lawyers to prove the illegality of weapons of mass destruction under international law. During the 80s many visits and trips were arranged for people from Tweeddale to go to Russia, Bulgaria, Hungary and the USA, as well as to welcome people from those countries to Peebles to promote peace. Peter organised the first Peace Group Book Sale in the spring of 1986 to raise the airfares for these visits. Over the last 30 years the sale has raised around £180,000, which has been distributed to many peace and justice causes.

He was also a keen and active supporter of 'Tools for Self-Reliance' which collects and distributes tools to self-help projects in Africa. He helped collect unwanted tools and regularly ran a stall for the charity.

In the end, it is difficult to encapsulate all the things which Peter was to so many people. He was the man who loved making announcements from the stage at his Christmas craft fair; revelled in competing to be the best peerie spinner in town; was proud to get third prize in the horticultural show for his

onions; was on friendly terms with Santa Claus; loved to find out whether people were yes or no for independence; in or out of Europe; for Trump or Clinton, but always without judging them. Mainly, he was a kind, committed and active citizen, not just of the year, as on one occasion, but for a lifetime. He was a do-er. There are so many accounts of his small kindnesses, so many more that will go unknown.

Peter will be missed by all who knew him – for his wisdom, patience, enthusiasm, curiosity, eloquence, the twinkle in his eyes and his friendship.

Peter Nowosad (1974) died in 2016. He read Natural Sciences.

James Brook Nurton (1944) died on 6 June 2017 aged 90. He read Engineering.

Ronald Albert Packham (1965) died in 2013. He read Classics. **Mike Wheate (1967)** reports that, since graduating from Downing in 1968, Ron had been living in Italy. He began working there with Operation Mobilisation, a Christian mission agency, marrying an Italian and staying in Italy after 2-3 years with the mission.

John Pickard (1956) died on 14 February 2017, aged 81. He read Natural Sciences. His son, **Jeremy (1986)**, writes:



My father died of cancer on 14 February 2017, aged 81.

Following National Service with the RAF, John was awarded an Exhibition and matriculated at Downing in 1956. He read Natural Sciences, graduating in 1959 with a First Class Honours degree.

A Lincolnshire man through-and-through, he returned to Sleaford to teach Mathematics at Carre's Grammar School where he was a former student. His professional life thereafter was dedicated to the technological development of glass.

In 1960 he joined the staff of the former Triplex research establishment at Holly Grange, West Midlands as a mathematical physicist. He headed the general physics and later the glass physics section, before becoming the leader of the Applied Physics section of Triplex Safety Glass Research and Development Centre at Kings Norton. He was awarded a Fellowship of the Institute of Physics in 1972.

At the age of 36 he was promoted to the position of Research and Development Manager at Triplex Safety Glass where laminated safety windscreens were being developed for use in automobiles and aircraft. To his

immense pride, the Triplex Ten-Twenty Laminated Windscreen project won the Queen's Award to Industry in 1974 and, in 1978, the Royal Academy of Engineering's MacRobert Award (which recognises outstanding innovation, tangible societal benefit and proven commercial success).

Sociable, but undemonstrative, he talked fondly of his time at Cambridge and, unusually for the 1970s, he regularly took his family on holiday to France and Spain where they gained an appreciation of the wider world's cultures and cuisines.

He was fluent in French and a very competent speaker of both Spanish and German.

John had four children and, after retirement from Pilkington in 1992, lived in Cheshire with his wife Diane.

His illness was borne with typical stoicism. He died peacefully at home on 14 February, surrounded by his family.

Michael John Quarmby (1955) died on 6 January 2017, aged 81. He read Modern and Medieval Languages Part I followed History Part II and a Certificate in Education. His wife, Mary, writes:

Michael read Modern Languages and History but also sat at the feet of F R Leavis, going to his tutorials. He taught at Ashby-de-la-Zouch Grammar School, an inner city Rochdale school and others, to gain experience, ending up as Head of Archbishop Sancroft High School in Norfolk. It would appear to be an uneventful life but it was a life of devotion to the children he taught. As Head he knew the name of every child, their siblings, their parents and where they lived and had a reputation of still knowing them, twenty-five years after his retirement. His past colleagues speak of his care for staff and pupils and of being a role model for them as subsequent heads. Many people spoke of him as a gentleman. He died suddenly from a stroke leaving his widow Mary, four children, two of whom went to Cambridge, their spouses and seven grandchildren. His funeral was full of love.

Dr James Roberts (1962) died on 22 January 2017, aged 81. He read Natural Sciences.

Stanley Michael Arthur Robinson (1947) died on 3 August 2016, aged 90. He read Law.

The Master, Fellows and Scholars wish to acknowledge the generosity of Stanley Robinson who was a member of Downing's 1749 Society and benefited the College in his will.

Alan Keith Rose (1953) died from Prostate Cancer at his home in St Albans on 18 June 2016, aged 83. He read Mechanical Sciences. His wife, Betty, writes:



Alan won a Scholarship from Cardiff High School to read Mathematics but later changed to Mechanical Engineering. He spent the last twenty years of his working life with Selection Trust whose business was the mining and treatment of nonferrous metals worldwide. He was 56 when the company was 'taken over' for the second time and consequently we enjoyed a long and active retirement.

He had two daughters from his first marriage, who also survive him, as well as four grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Robert Robin Sellick (1944) died in November 2015, aged 88. He read Agriculture.

Michael John Shadbolt (1952) died on 16 May 2017, aged 83. He read Natural Sciences.

In 1973 Michael Shadbolt became Head of Mathematics at Ingatestone Anglo-European School and is remembered by staff as living in Kent, and travelling to the Essex school each day. He was "a gentle giant, a very calm and caring man with a big beard! He was an excellent mathematician."

Paul Thornton Smith (1975) died on 19 April 2017, aged 60. He read Natural Sciences. His wife, Caroline, writes:



Paul was educated at The Judd School, Tonbridge before matriculating at Downing College in 1975 to read Natural Sciences. It was at Cambridge that he met his wife, Caroline, who was training to be a secondary school English teacher at Homerton College. They married in 1980.

Paul went on to have a varied and successful career managing a wide range of manufacturing companies before beginning his own green energy business designing and supplying wood-fuelled heating systems for the commercial and domestic market.

A keen cyclist right up to the last year of his life, Paul tackled many long-distance rides and reacted to his terminal cancer diagnosis by cycling from London to Paris with his two sons and raising over £10,000 for Prostate Cancer

UK. His love of music was a constant source of enjoyment and he sang with a range of choral societies, played piano and organ for the local churches at which he was a committed member and more recently took up the trumpet, playing with a wind band in Cheltenham.

He travelled widely and loved the outdoors, spending many enjoyable hours walking and gardening. In 2007, he travelled with a team to the Kisumu area of Kenya and brought a water supply and plumbing to a poor rural clinic.

Paul was an extremely positive, courageous and generous man renowned for his inquiring mind and eclectic knowledge. He is survived by his wife, two sons, Michael and Christopher, and two grandsons, Jacob (3 years) and Zachary (1 year). He will be greatly missed by family, friends and colleagues.

Robert Guy Foster Smith (1953) died on 17 May 2016, aged 82. He read Law.



His daughter, Melanie, writes:

Guy worked for Redland Group as Company Secretary from 1968–1991 in Reigate, Surrey, where he enjoyed the local walk to work and had an ever-changing job as the company expanded around the world. He loved the travel, especially to the Middle East with new cultures and stunning snorkeling. After retiring, Guy and his wife Ann liked to travel, garden, chair their newly formed Bridge Club, do charity work and socialize with children, grandchildren and friends.

Guy gave talks and slideshows on their travels for the Rotary Club, which he chaired (award for long service at age 80). He also voluntarily chaired the Prospect Housing Association during a period of rapid growth, helping more people with learning disabilities and mental health problems to get appropriate housing and care. He loved sailing dinghies, then windsurfing, then yachts and often helped friends with their legal battles. Guy lived life to the full, embraced new challenges and enriched the lives of his family, friends and community with his sense of humour and dedication to helping others. A true gentleman.

Geoffrey Francis Stephens (1946) died on 5 June 2016, aged 95. He read Modern and Medieval Languages.

John Lawrence Stevens (1948) died on 6 February 2016 aged 93. He read Mechanical Sciences. His son, Tony, writes



John Lawrence Stevens, known as Jack, was born in Farnborough, Hampshire on the 29 August 1922, the third of four children. His father, **Herbert Lawrence Stevens CBE (1911)**, was a leading figure in the early British aircraft industry, ending up as the Deputy Director of the Royal Aircraft Establishment at Farnborough. Jack went to Farnham Grammar School, then as a boarder to Bradfield College.

Jack had plans to follow his father and elder brother (**Donald Stevens (1938)**) and go up to Downing to study Engineering, but as happened to many at that time, these plans were disrupted by World War II. Instead he went into the Army and began officer training with the Royal Engineers.

Jack was sent to Chelmsford where he was responsible for the mining of all road and rail bridges in the area – in case of the much-feared German invasion. It was while in Chelmsford that he met his future wife Pip. They married in 1943.

Jack went on to run intensive training courses for new Army recruits prior to D-Day and specialised in bridge building, which he greatly enjoyed, a big Meccano set really. He was sent to India after D-Day to help the preparations for liberation of Burma and Pip went with him.

After the war they stayed on in India, still with the Royal Engineers in the Punjab, then went to Nigeria for two years and various parts of the UK. By now they had their only son, Tony, so each move was quite an upheaval for the family.

Jack finally obtained his degree from Downing in 1950 with the help of Army sponsorship. He was now an instructor at the School of Military Engineering at Chatham. During this period he also planned nuclear bunkers and for light relief he updated the coastal water charts for the Commodore of the Royal Engineer Yacht Club. Whilst at Chatham he became interested in gliding and many summer weekend afternoons were spent gliding over the nearby Kentish Downs.

When Jack left the Army in 1955 with the rank of Major, he became Head of Maths at St Edmund's College in Hertfordshire. Being the only Protestant member of staff amongst the many Roman Catholic priests on the staff was just another challenge for him.

In 1959 Jack moved to become the Head of Maths at the Bedford Modern School at the early age of 37. As a teacher he insisted on high standards of behaviour from his pupils. He also preferred teaching the less able pupils, devising new ways to help them achieve good O-levels. Jack served in the CCF

and greatly enjoyed taking them on their annual camp and arduous training in Wales and the Lake District. He was a keen member of the staff cricket team.

As well as all this Jack found time to build a cabin cruiser on his driveway so that he could take Pip on canal holidays and he installed probably the first double glazing and solar panels in Bedford because he thought his bills were becoming a bit steep.

Jack retired from BMS in 1982 but there was no slowing down. He was now a full-time carer for Pip and very much enjoyed spending time with his two small grand-daughters Zoë and Tessa. He volunteered to work for the Bedford Talking Newspaper for the Blind, recording local news stories for many years.

Sadly Pip died in 1990 and Jack took on another job, driving for Bedford Social Services. He helped many disabled and disadvantaged people to access their hospital appointments and to have holidays in destinations as far away as Bournemouth and the Lake District.

At around this time, Jack became interested in the history of religions and found time to write a pamphlet called *The Creation of God by Man*. This contains some quite radical ideas for the time it was written.

Jack now rebuilt his garage as a snooker room, bought himself a full-sized table and joined his local club. He decided (sadly) that he could no longer play snooker only a few months before his death.

Jack always loved cars. During the Suez crisis in 1956 when petrol was rationed he managed to swap his frugal little Austin A30 for a Rolls-Royce 20/25 limousine and a considerable sum of money. Jack had found a cunning way to obtain an extra fuel ration for the thirsty Rolls-Royce by using it as a bus to take boys to school.

In the early 2000s, Jack bought one of the first Toyota Prius hybrid cars as part of his green approach. In his later years the loss of his driving licence was a bitter blow but Jack soon bounced back. He bought a mobility scooter which gave him back his independence and satisfied his “need for speed”.

In recent years Jack had to cope with frailty, the trauma of a serious head injury, a broken wrist, the loss of his sense of taste and smell and increasing hearing problems. In spite of these difficulties, he maintained his independence with characteristic determination. When his wrist wasn't healing properly he designed and modified some cutlery to enable an easier grip. He remained positive through all his difficulties, always ready for a game of cards (which he usually won) or Scrabble (which he always won) with any visitor.

During his short, final illness he was looked after with great care and consideration by the staff of Bedford Hospital. When he died peacefully in his sleep he had defied the doctors by surviving a week longer than they expected. How typical that was of Jack!

Michael Peter Stillman (1980) died on 10 January 2017, aged 55. He read History. His wife, **Catherine Stillman-Lowe (née Lowe) (1980)**, writes:



I am deeply saddened to report the death of my husband, Michael Peter Stillman (1961–2017). Mike and I met almost immediately upon arriving at Downing College in 1980 where we read History and English respectively. We quickly bonded over our joint love of cricket and other interests including classical music and art. After leaving Downing, we fulfilled our ambition of travelling to India and Australia. Working temporarily in Sydney, Mike was a popular member of staff at the War Widows' Guild of Australia.

On our return to England, we settled in Berkshire and Mike concentrated on his career at the General Medical Council, and caring for his increasingly frail elderly parents. In 1992, we married at the beautiful church in Iffley, Oxford, with six guests including our Downing contemporaries **Sarah Harris (1980)** and **Matthew Dickens (1980)**. In 1994 our son Christopher James Peter was born, much to Mike's delight.

Unfortunately I became very ill post-natally, and Mike made the courageous decision to become a full-time dad while I slowly recovered, his commitment to his family being a theme that ran through his life. Later he returned to work at the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, and in 1998, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration (Ombudsman). He was always a meticulous and very able public servant, and his last career move was into complaints handling and social care policy and commissioning at Wokingham Council, where he won the respect and admiration of his colleagues.

Cancer cut short Mike's life, initially presenting as tongue cancer and then, after some years of remission, as cancer of the jaw and trigeminal nerve. He withstood punishing treatment for tongue cancer, which left him with permanent disabilities, and coped heroically when I became very unwell under the strain. He met his final illness with huge courage and integrity, putting his family's interests first, for example by planning his own funeral in detail.

He died on 10 January 2017, at a superb Sue Ryder hospice, and his funeral was attended by many people, with members of Sonning Golf Club, and staff from Wokingham Borough Council, standing alongside family and friends. The Bible reading was given by **Sarah Earthy (née Harris)** – using the same text that she had delivered at our wedding. Mike chose works by our favourite composers Mozart and Bach to begin and end the service. In keeping with the altruistic values he held, most of Mike's surplus possessions have been donated

to charity, and substantial sums of money have also been raised in his honour for Sue Ryder and Cancer Research UK (the latter by his son Chris).

Mike was an incredible carer to me and an absolutely devoted dad to our son Chris, who is completing a degree in Biomedical Sciences prior to training to become a doctor at Warwick Medical School. Chris and I feel our loss most acutely but as has been rightly said: "The good that men do lives after them". So I feel it will be with Mike.

Bernard Storer (1948) died on 26 March 2017, aged 92. He read Natural Sciences. After leaving Cambridge, Bernard became a school teacher. He was also a naturalist, being chiefly associated with the wildlife of Somerset. He authored *The Natural History of the Somerset Levels* and *Somerset Wild Flowers – A Guide to Their Identification*, both essentially scientific. He followed these with *Musings from a Country Garden*, which was published in the month of his death. He also appeared on a number of television programmes and was scientific adviser on several others.

Robert James Nicholas Aubrey de Vins Wade, Major RE (Retd), Chevalier de la Légion D'Honneur (1941) died on 30 June 2016, aged 93. He studied on a short course of Religious Education.

Dr Gordon William Wallis (1957) died on 8 November 2016, aged 90. He read Natural Sciences.

Kenneth William Ward (1959) died on 17 January 2016, aged 77. He read Natural Sciences.

Kenneth Ward initially worked as a chemist researching magnetic ceramics for use in computer memories. There followed a period of employment in computer design, before he became a lecturer on software construction and usage. He is survived by his wife Barbara and his sons, Ian and Andrew.

Robert Ansley Watson (1974) died on 18 November 2016, aged 61. He read Engineering. His wife, Sue, writes:



Bob came up from Penistone Grammar School and graduated from Downing College with a Bachelor's Degree in Engineering. He joined Rolls Royce Motor Cars as one of their first trainee graduate engineers at the Mulliner Park Ward factory. By the closure of the factory in 1991 he had progressed to Engineering Manager.

Bob's career continued in the automotive engineering industry with Aston Martin, Tickford Ltd.,

Ricardo, Society of Motor Manufacturer and Traders, Engineering Employers Federation, Think (Oslo), Evida Power Ltd and Jaguar Land Rover.

As an active member of the Institute of Mechanical Engineers, Bob judged the Formula Student Competition. He was a great believer in encouraging youngsters in engineering through activities such as this and through mentoring.

Throughout his career Bob gained EurIng and Chartered Engineer status and gained an MSc in Nano Engineering from Cranfield University.

In spite of a heavy work schedule, Bob did manage to take up an old Downing activity – he joined the Milton Keynes Rowing Club and, for several years, was an active member, both coaching and rowing.

Bob was also a registered Motor Sports Association Marshal, which meant that he could marshal at Aston Martin Owners Club events – a cause dear to his heart.

In 2013, Bob co-founded TEVVA Motors who develop and produce Range Extended Electric Trucks. As Engineering Manager, Bob worked with all his energies and passion on a project that he truly believed in.

Bob died on 18 November 2016 at the age of 61 having been diagnosed with cancer a year earlier. He is greatly missed by family, friends and colleagues. He leaves his wife Sue and daughters, Catherine and Victoria.

Neville Watterson (1946) died on 18 February 2017, aged 97. He read Engineering.

His son Clive reports that he died in his sleep at Northampton General Hospital after a short illness. Following his retirement from Northants CC he followed his passion for philately and postal history, becoming renowned for his collections and active participation locally and nationally. He also was the author of several technical books.

Peter Howell Williams (1944) died on 22nd December 2015, aged 89. He read



Law. The following is adapted from an obituary written for the Liverpool Law Society by Barrie Marsh¹:

At the memorial service for Peter Howell Williams, two words came through time and again in the various tributes and memories shared with a large congregation. They were integrity and intellect. The dictionary definition of integrity refers to moral uprightness, honesty and soundness. There is absolutely no doubt that these attributes defined and regulated the whole of Peter's life,

whether in the law or in all his other many and varied activities.

1. Courtesy of Barrie Marsh (Former President, Liverpool Law Society) and, his son, Craig Howell Williams.

Born in Oswestry in 1926, his father was a Presbyterian Minister. Peter was, as they say, a “son of the manse”. Educated at Liverpool Collegiate School and subsequently at Rydal, Peter decided not to follow his father into the Ministry and he studied Law at Downing where he also found time to become involved in amateur dramatics, rugby, golf and badminton (a Half-Blue for the latter). He was admitted as a solicitor in 1953 and joined the Liverpool firm of Henry H Bell & Co. Peter was largely responsible for the growth of that firm which, after a result of mergers, became Bell, Lamb and Joynson with 12 partners and 8 offices. He was particularly well regarded for his expertise in planning and public inquiry issues.

One cause célèbre was when he was instructed to head the objection to the proposed demolition of Albert Dock (the scheme of the developers already having been approved by Liverpool City Council). After a public inquiry the objection was upheld and Albert Dock was saved. The Liverpool Civic Society awarded Peter its highest honour in recognition of his efforts.

Having served on the committee of the Liverpool Law Society for many years, Peter was elected President in 1980. Peter had also been a Chairman of both Mental Health Tribunals and Rent Assessment Tribunals.

Peter’s interests and involvements outside the law were myriad. He loved music and was a regularly seen at the Liverpool Philharmonic Hall. His interest in the theatre continued from his student days² and he served as Chairman of the Liverpool Everyman Theatre for many years. He served as a Councillor on Wirral Borough Council for nine years and on two occasions he stood as a Liberal candidate for the parliamentary constituency of Wirral. The sitting member at the time – with a very hefty majority – was Selwyn Lloyd (a former Foreign Secretary and Chancellor of the Exchequer and then Speaker of the House of Commons). Although Peter was not elected, he made very substantial inroads into the previous majority.

For over 30 years Peter devoted a great deal of his time to the housing/retirement needs of the elderly. He was a founder of the Maritime Housing Association and he became very involved with the Abbeyfield Society, in due course becoming national Chairman of that organisation, in which role he showed commitment and compassion. Peter had been President of The Athenaeum in Liverpool and it says a great deal about his sense of fairness and commitment to what he felt was right that during his year in office women were admitted to full membership of that club.

Peter loved books and indeed published two, *Liverpolitana*, “a miscellany of people and places – an illustration of contemporary Liverpool” and A

2. The family also believed that he was involved with the Footlights and would welcome any information on this from his contemporaries.

Gentleman's Calling – the Liverpool Attorney-at-Law. He was also a collector of antiquarian books – particularly those relating to all aspects of Welsh life and history (he was very proud of his Welsh roots, and his ashes have been placed in the family graveyard in Anglesey). He had probably one of – if not the – finest collection of those works. In retirement he had carried out detailed research into the history of tourism in Wales (with particular reference to the 18th and 19th centuries) and this culminated in a thesis for which he was awarded a PhD by the University of Wales.

Above all, Peter Howell Williams was a family man. Married to Fiona for 61 years, he is survived by his beloved wife and their three children – Rachel, Craig and Sian. There are seven grandchildren. He will be sorely missed by them and by all his friends and those whose lives he touched. He led a full life and he wasted not one moment.

David Meyer Willington (1948) died on 14 September 2016 at the age of 89.



He read Geography. His former colleague at Plymouth University, Dr Ruth Weaver, writes:

On a sunny October afternoon, in the graceful surroundings of Dartington Hall, geographers, family and friends met to celebrate the life of David Willington, one of the founding fathers of Geography at Plymouth University. David was an undergraduate student in Geography at Downing College and started his professional geographical career with Hunting Surveys, undertaking surveying and mapping work in Zimbabwe (then Rhodesia) and Iraq. By the late 1960s David was teaching Geography at the City of Plymouth College of Technology, which became Plymouth Polytechnic in 1970. David became a full-time Lecturer in Geography at the Polytechnic later that year, as part of an expanding complement of staff preparing students for the external degree of the University of London. David's interest in mapping continued at Plymouth, where his classes included the principles of plane table surveying, taught on the sand dunes of Aberffraw in the first year field class to Llanberis. Generations of Plymouth Geographers will also remember David's enthusiasm for the !Kung bushmen of the Kalahari, their language and food sources, as well as his appreciation of the contemporary human geography of China. After retiring from academic life, David continued to live locally and to enjoy travel and music, especially through the artistic community of Dartington Hall, with his wife Jeanette. David died in the autumn of 2016 at the age of 89. Academic staff past and present – together spanning nearly 50 years of Geography teaching at the

Polytechnic and University - attended the celebration of David's life and spoke warmly of his sharp intellect, compassion, enthusiasm and kindness to both colleagues and students. He was, literally, one of the foundation stones of Geography at Plymouth and is remembered with great respect and affection.

Douglas Harry Yelland (1945) died in October 2016, aged 88. He read History. We were informed of his death by **Timothy Briden (1971)**, who writes:

Following his time as an undergraduate at Downing and National Service with the Royal Corps of Signals, Douglas Yelland became an Assistant Master at Ipswich Preparatory School, where he spent the remainder of his teaching career. Many generations of pupils (myself included) received from him a thorough grounding in English and History. In 1969, he was appointed Headmaster, eventually retiring in 1987. He also ran the Scout Troop attached to Ipswich School, his long service being recognized by several awards from the Scout movement. In 1970 he married Patricia, a fellow teacher, who survives him. Together they acquired a cottage near Ipswich which they took great joy in renovating and where they welcomed a wide circle of friends.

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 MBA 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

VISITING DOWNING

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.

DINING IN COLLEGE

Downing members in the categories below who are out of residence are welcome to dine at High Table twice in each full term and may bring with them their spouse or partner.

On the first occasion, dinner will be free of charge for the alumnus, although guests' meals will be charged for. On the second occasion, both meals will be charged for.

You are eligible to dine at High Table if you meet one of the following criteria:

- you have a Cambridge BA or any other Cambridge postgraduate degree, and 19 terms have passed since you matriculated at Cambridge
- you have a Cambridge MA
- you have a Cambridge postgraduate degree or qualification and have reached the age of 24 years.

Places at High Table may be booked through the Catering Office, by telephone on 01223 746709 or by email to dining@dow.cam.ac.uk.

Permission to bring a guest other than a spouse or partner may occasionally be given, but must be sought prior to booking from the Fellows' Steward, Professor Chris Haniff.

STAYING IN COLLEGE

Alumni who wish to stay in College may book guest rooms, subject to availability, by telephoning the Accommodation Office on 01223 762063 or by contacting them by email at accommodation@dow.cam.ac.uk.

If you would like to hold business or private meetings in College, please visit the Conference Office's website, <http://www.downing-conferences-cambridge.co.uk>, for further information.

VISITING OTHER COLLEGES

The CAMcard is issued free of charge by the Cambridge University Development and Alumni Relations Office to all alumni who have matriculated and studied at Cambridge. It identifies you as a member of the University, allowing you and up to three guests to visit most of the Cambridge colleges on the Backs and King's College Chapel, when they are open, without paying an entrance fee.

In addition to giving you automatic membership at the University Centre, the CAMcard entitles you to various discounts, including those on accommodation charges in some local hotels, money off at local restaurants and bars and 20% off at the Cambridge University Press Bookstore.

For further information telephone or write to the Development and Alumni Relations Office, 1 Quayside, Bridge Street, Cambridge, CB5 8AB. Tel. 01223 332288, email contact@alumni.cam.ac.uk or visit <http://www.alumni.cam.ac.uk/benefits/camcard>.

EDITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

This publication, combining *The Association Newsletter*, *Magenta News* and *The College Record*, is built on contributions from students, past and present, Fellows, and College staff. Ken McNamara (Fellow), Assistant Editor, *The College Record*, collects contributions from current students and the Fellowship as well as, with the College Secretary, compiling the list of the Fellowship which changes from year to year. From the College departments Sarah Pickard, Academic Registrar, with her colleagues, gives us the list of joining students, examination results, academic awards and the Colours and Blues. Claire Varley, Donna Thomas and Susan Esden from the Development Office have kept us in touch with the alumni database and edited *Magenta News*. An Editorial Committee of **David Lloyd Jones (1970)**, **Neville Tait (1962)**, **Leo Judd (1965)**, **John Hicks (1955)**, **Peter Thomson (1953)**, **Frank Weiss (1950)** and Gabrielle Bennett, Development Director advise on content. **Simon Walker (1975)** and **Karen Storey (1982)** have helped with proof reading.

Downing College

College Record 2016–2017



DOWNING COLLEGE 2016–2017

THE PATRON

THE DUCHESS OF KENT GCVO

THE MASTER

GEOFFREY GRIMMETT MA DPhil DSc (Oxon) ScD FRS, Professor of Mathematical Statistics

THE FELLOWS (IN ORDER OF ADMISSION)

PAUL CHRISTOPHER MILLETT MA PhD, *Vice-Master*, Collins Fellow in Classics, Senior Lecturer in Classics (1983)

WILLIAM MARK ADAMS MA MSc (London) PhD, Fellow in Geography, Moran Professor of Conservation and Development (1984)

TREVOR WILLIAM CLYNE MA PhD FEng, Fellow in the Mechanics of Materials, Professor of the Mechanics of Materials (1985)

CATHERINE LYNETTE PHILLIPS BA (Queens) MA (Toronto) PhD, R J Owens Fellow in English (1988)

GRAHAM JOHN VIRGO BCL (Oxon) MA QC (hon), Fellow in Law, Professor of English Private Law, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Education) (1989)

JOHN STUART LANDRETH MCCOMBIE MA (McMaster) MA PhD, *Tutor*, Fellow in Economics, Professor of Regional and Applied Economics, Director of the Cambridge Centre for Economic and Public Policy (1989)

DAVID JOHN WALES MA ScD FRSC, Fellow in Chemistry, Professor of Chemical Physics (1989)

TREVOR WILLIAM ROBBINS MA PhD CBE FRS FBP'sS, Angharad Dodds John Fellow in Mental Health and Neuropsychiatry, Professor of Cognitive Neuroscience (1991)

CHRISTOPHER ALLIM HANIFF MA PhD, *Fellows' Steward*, Fellow in Physics, Professor of Physics (1993)

NICHOLAS COLEMAN BSc MB ChB (Bristol) PhD FMedSci, Verjee Fellow in Medicine, Professor of Molecular Pathology (1994)

ADAM NOEL LEDGEWAY BA (Salford) MA (Manchester) PhD (Manchester), Fellow in Italian, Professor of Italian and Romance Linguistics (1996)

- IAN RICHARD JAMES BA MA (Warwick) PhD (Warwick), *Graduate Tutor*, Fellow in Modern and Medieval Languages, Reader in Modern French Literature and Thought (1996)
- SUSAN ELIZABETH LINTOTT MA PhD (UKC), *Senior Bursar*, *Senior Treasurer to the Boat Club* (1997)
- ZOE HELEN BARBER MA PhD, Fellow in Materials Science and Metallurgy, Professor of Materials Science (2000)
- SOPHIA DEMOULINI BA (Wooster) MSc (Minnesota) PhD (Minnesota), Fellow in Pure Mathematics (2000)
- IAN GARETH ROBERTS BA (Bangor) MA (Salford) PhD (USC) LittD FBA, Fellow in Linguistics, Professor of Linguistics (2000)
- MICHAEL TREVOR BRAVO BEng (Carleton) MPhil PhD, Fellow in Geography, Senior Lecturer at the Scott Polar Research Institute (2001)
- DAVID ROBERT PRATT MA PhD FRHistS, *Fellow Archivist*, *Keeper of Art and Artefacts*, Fellow in History (2001)
- DAVID JOHN FELDMAN MA DCL (Oxon) LLD (hon Bristol) FBA FRSA QC (hon), Fellow in Law, Rouse Ball Professor of English Law (2003)
- LIPING XU BSc (Beijing) PhD, Fellow in Engineering, Lecturer in Turbomachinery (2004)
- PAUL DEREK BARKER BSc (Imperial) DPhil (Oxon), Fellow in Chemistry, Senior Lecturer in Chemistry (2004)
- GUY BARNETT WILLIAMS BA PhD, *Senior Tutor*, Fellow in Clinical Neurosciences, Assistant Director of Information Processing at the Wolfson Brain Imaging Centre (2004)
- MARCUS TOMALIN MPhil MA PhD, *Tutor*, *Undergraduate Admissions Tutor*, *Graduate Admissions Tutor*, *Fellow Librarian*, *Senior Treasurer of the Music Society*, Fellow in English, Research Associate in the Machine Intelligence Laboratory at the Department of Engineering (2004)
- JAY THEODORE STOCK BA (Trent) MA MSc (Guelph) PhD (Toronto), *Graduate Tutor*, *Graduate Admissions Tutor*, Fellow in Archaeology and Anthropology, Reader in Human Evolution and Adaptability (2005)
- NATALIA MORA-SITJA BSc (Barcelona) MA (Barcelona) MSc (Oxon) DPhil (Oxon), *Tutor*, Fellow in History, Senior Lecturer in Economic History (2005)
- WILLIAM O'NEILL BSc (Essex) MSc (Essex) PhD (Imperial), Stephen Peel Fellow in Engineering, Professor of Laser Engineering (2006)
- AMY CATHERINE GOYMOUR MA BCL (Oxon), *Tutor*, Fellow in Law, Lecturer in Land Law (2006)
- AMY LOUISE MILTON MA PhD, *Praelector*, Ferreras Willetts Fellow in Neuroscience, Lecturer in Experimental Psychology (2007)

- BRIGITTE STEGER MA MPhil (Vienna) PhD (Vienna), Fellow in Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, Senior Lecturer in Japanese Studies (2007)
- KENNETH MCNAMARA BSc (Aberdeen) PhD, *Dean*, Fellow in Earth Sciences, Senior Lecturer in Earth Sciences, Director of Sedgwick Museum (2008)
- JIE LI BS (Wuhan) MS (Paris) PhD (Paris), Fellow in Engineering, Lecturer in Fluid Dynamics (2009)
- KEITH JAMES EYEONS MA MA (Nottingham) PhD, *Praelector, Chaplain, Secretary to the Governing Body*, Fellow in Theology (2010)
- ROBERT KEITH HARLE MA PhD, Fellow in Computer Science and Technology, Senior Lecturer in Computer Science (2010)
- TIMOTHY JAMES BURTON MA MB BChir PhD, Fellow in Pharmacology, Clinical Lecturer in Translational Medicine and Therapeutics (2010)
- MARTA MORGADO CORREIA BA (Lisbon) PhD, *Undergraduate Admissions Tutor*, Fellow in Biological Sciences, Senior Investigator Scientist at the MRC Cognition and Brain Sciences Unit (2010)
- ALICIA HINAREJOS BA MPhil (Valencia) BA (UNED) MJur MPhil DPhil (Oxon), Fellow in Law, Senior Lecturer in Law (2011)
- GABRIELLE BENNETT BA (Virginia) MA, *Development Director* (to 27 January 2017) (2011)
- MICHAEL PHILIP HOUSDEN MSci MA PhD, Fellow in Chemistry, Senior Assessment Manager at Cambridge Assessment (2012)
- KAMRAN YUNUS BSc (Bath) MA PhD (Bath), Fellow in Chemical Engineering, Technical Officer at the Department of Engineering and Biotechnology (2012)
- JOHN STUART RICHER MA PhD, Fellow in Physics, Professor of Physics (2013)
- SARAH LILIAN KENNEDY BA (Melbourne) LLB (Melbourne) PhD, Research Fellow in English (2013)
- MÓNICA MORENO FIGUEROA BA (UIA-León) MA (Goldsmiths) PhD (Goldsmiths), Fellow in Social Sciences, Lecturer in Sociology (2014)
- BRENDAN PLANT BEc (Sydney) LLB (Sydney) MSc (LSE) PhD, *Fellow Editor*, Hopkins Parry Fellow in Law (2014)
- HARRIET GROOM BA MSci MA PhD, *Tutor*, Henslow Research Fellow in Natural Sciences (Biological) (2015)
- ANDREW NICHOLAS HOLDING MChem (Oxon) PhD MRSC, *Tutor, Senior Treasurer of the Amalgamation Club*, Fellow in Biochemistry, Senior Research Associate at Cancer Research UK's Cambridge Institute (2015)
- RUTH ELLEN NISBET BSc (UCL) PhD, Fellow in Biochemistry (2015)
- EWAN JAMES JONES BA MPhil PhD, *Graduate Tutor*, Fellow in English, Lecturer in Nineteenth-Century Literature (2015)

EDWARD CAVANAGH BA (Canberra) BA (Melbourne) MA (Witwatersrand)
PhD (Ottawa), Isaac Newton Research Fellow in History (2016)

PRIYANKA JOSHI MSc (Pune) PhD, Everitt Butterfield Research Fellow in
Biochemistry (2016)

MICHAEL CRISP MEng PhD, Fellow in Engineering, Lecturer in Photonic
and RF Systems (2017)

MORGAN FELLOW

DR TOBIAS GROSSE-PUPPENDAHL PhD

THE HONORARY FELLOWS

GILES SKEY BRINDLEY MA MD (London) FRS

SIR FRANCIS GRAHAM SMITH MA PhD FRS

SIR ARNOLD STANLEY VINCENT BURGEN FMedSci FRS

SIR ALAN BOWNESS MA CBE

DAME JANET ABBOTT BAKER MusD (hon) LLD (hon) CH DBE

ALAN NORMAN HOWARD MA PhD FRIC

SIR TREVOR ROBERT NUNN BA CBE

GODFREY MICHAEL BRADMAN FCA

SIR COLIN BRIAN BLAKEMORE MA ScD FRS FMedSci FRSB FBPhS

MARTIN JOHN KEMP MA FBA

RICHARD JOHN BOWRING MA PhD LittD

DAVID STANLEY INGRAM BSc MA PhD (Hull) ScD DUniv (hon Open)
OBE VMH FRSE

SIR QUENTIN SAXBY BLAKE MA DLitt (hon Loughborough) CBE FCSD
FRSL RDI FRA

THE RT HON LORD COLLINS OF MAPESBURY LLD FBA

SIR DAVID ANTHONY KING ScD FRS

THE RT REV'D NICHOLAS THOMAS WRIGHT MA DPhil DD

SIR JOHN PENDRY MA PhD FInstP FRS

AITZAZ AHSAN MA LLB (Lahore) LLM Barrister at Law

SIR WILLIAM BRIAN VICKERS PhD DLitt FBA

THE RT HON SIR KIM MARTIN JORDAN LEWISON MA

JOHN CARDY MA PhD FRS

THE RT HON SIR DAVID LLOYD JONES MA LLB

THE RT HON SIR RICHARD GEORGE BRAMWELL MCCOMBE MA FRCS (hon)

SIR STUART WILLIAM PEACH BA (Sheffield) MPhil DTech (hon Kingston)
DLitt (hon Sheffield) GBE KCB ADC DL

HOWARD ERIC JACOBSON MA

BARRY JOHN EVERITT BSc (Hull) PhD (Birmingham) MA ScD DSc (hon
Hull) DSc (hon Birmingham) FRS FMedSci

MARTIN BAKER MA FRCO
STEPHEN CHAMBERS MA (Chelsea School of Art) RA
MICHAEL APTED BA CMG

THE EMERITUS FELLOWS

ALFRED THOMAS GROVE MA
DAVID ANDREW BLACKADDER BSc (Edin) MA DPhil (Oxon). (dec. 8
February 2017)
IAN BONAR TOPPING MA
ROBERT JOHN RICHARDS MA PhD
CHARLES HARPUM MA LLB LLD
JOHN ALAN HOPKINS MA LLB
MARTIN JOSHUA MAYS MA PhD
PHILIP HUSON RUBERY MA PhD ScD
CHARLES PORTER ELLINGTON BA (Duke) MA PhD FRS
MARGERY ANN BARRAND BSc PhD (London)
RICHARD MICHAEL SMITH BA (London) MA (Oxon) PhD FBA
STAFFORD WITHINGTON BEng (Bradford) PhD (Manchester)
PETER JAMES DUFFETT-SMITH MA PhD
PETER DAVID EVANS MA PhD ScD
PAUL FREDERICK LINDEN BSc (Adelaide) MSc (Flinders) PhD FRS
RICHARD KEITH TAPLIN BSc (LSE) MA MBE

THE EMERITUS ASSOCIATE FELLOWS

JULIAN JEFFS MA QC
WILLIAM TUDOR-JOHN MA
GEORGE FREDERICK PULMAN MA QC
JOHN NEVILLE TAIT MA

FOUNDATION FELLOWS

HUMPHREY BATTCKOCK MA MBA (London Business School)
TADAYASI TAZAKI MA (from 16 October 2016)

THE WILKINS FELLOWS

JULIAN ROBIN DARLEY MA FEng
RICHARD ALEXANDER FRISCHMANN MA
CHRISTIAN FLEMMING HEILMANN MA
JOANNA MAITLAND ROBINSON
THE LORD VERJEE MA CBE
GEORGE TIMOTHY ELLWOOD CADBURY MA
JANET CECILIA JOSEPHINE OWENS MB BS (dec. 10 December 2016)

RICHARD ANTHONY WILLIAMS MA
JONATHAN HOWARD MA
CHRISTOPHER JOHN BARTRAM MA FRICS
MARIA FERRERAS WILLETTS MA (Oxon)
ROBERT JOHN MA DLitt (Swansea)
LOUISE ARNELL BA MA (Open) MA (Sussex)
ROBERT MARKWICK MA MBA (Manchester)
JAMES SIMON EDWARD ARNELL MA
EDWARD GARY BLANKENSHIP MLitt AIA (from 19 October 2016)
GIFFORD COMBS AB (Harvard) MPhil
STEPHEN MARK PEEL MA (from 4 November 2016)

THE FELLOWS COMMONER

TIMOTHY RAWLE MA
JOHN GEOFFREY HICKS MA FEng, *Emeritus Fellow Commoner*
PETER THOMSON MA, *Emeritus Fellow Commoner*
DAVID CHAMBERS BA (Oxon) MSc (LBS) MSc (LSE) PhD (LSE)
BARRIE HUNT MA MEd (Exeter) FIMA CMath
GABRIELLE BENNETT BA (Virginia) MA (from March 2017)
PENNY FURNISS MA

BYE-FELLOWS

ANNELA ANGER-KRAAVI MA BSc (Tallinn) MPhil PhD
RICHARD BERENGARTEN MA
JIMENA BERNI MS (UBA) PhD (UBA)
ALEXANDER BLEISTEIN BA
DANIEL BRIGHAM BA (York) MA (York) PhD
IAN BUCKLOW PhD
EMMA CAHILL PhD
MATTHEW CARTER MA MB BChir
ANDREW COCKBURN MSci PhD
ANDREJ COROVIC MA MB BChir MRCP
GEORGE COUCH MA MB BChir
JUSTIN DAVIES MA MChir FRCS
ELOY DE LERA ACEDO MEng (Madrid) PhD (Madrid)
EOIN DEVLIN BA (Dublin) MLitt (Dublin) MPhil PhD
NEDA FARAHI BSc (Edinburgh) PhD
VICTORIA JONES MA MB MChir MRCS
LUCIA LI MA MB BChir
KATHLEEN LIDDELL BSc (Melbourne) LLB (Melbourne) MBioeth (Monash)
DPhil (Oxon)

DEEPTI MARCHMENT MA MB MChir
 CATHERINE MAUNDER MA
 ALEXANDRA MORRIS BA MSc PhD
 AMEERA PATEL MA PhD MB BChir
 JILL PEARSON BA VetMC RCVS
 ADRIANA IRMA PESCI MS PhD (Nacional de la Plata)
 WILLIAM SCHAFFER PhD
 RACHEL ROSE SMITH BA MA (Courtauld Institute) PhD (York)
 SARAH SMITH MA MSci PhD
 GARETH TAYLOR MA PhD
 MICHAEL WAKELAM BSc (Birmingham) PhD (Birmingham)
 CORINE WOOD-DONNELLY PhD
 HAIXI YAN MA MB BChir
 XIN-SHE YANG MSc (USTC) DPhil (Oxon)

VIRGINIA FELLOW

(Thomas Jefferson Visiting Fellow from the University of Virginia)

MATTHEW JULL BSc (Montreal) PhD MArch (Harvard)

KEIO FELLOW

CHIAKI HANABUSA BA (Tokyo) MA (Tsukuba) PhD (Birmingham)

POMONA FELLOW

BENJAMIN KEIM BA (Virginia) MA (London) MPhil PhD

THE DIRECTORS OF STUDIES

Anglo-Saxon, Norse & Celtic	Dr D Pratt	
Architecture	Dr E So*	
Asian & Middle Eastern Studies	Dr B Steger	
Chemical Engineering	Dr K Yunus	
Classics	Dr P Millett	
Clinical Studies	Mr J Davies*	
Computer Science	Dr R Harle	
Economics	Professor J McCombie	Part I
	Dr A Anger-Kraavi	Part IIA and Part IIB
Education	Dr Y Liu*	
Engineering	Prof W O'Neill	Part IB, Part IIB & Manufacturing Engineering
	Dr J Li	Part IA and Part IIA

English	Dr C Phillips	Prelim to Part I and Part I (Lent and Easter)
	Dr E Jones	Prelim to Part I and Part I (Michaelmas), Part II
Geography	Dr M Bravo	Part IB
	Dr C Wood-Donnelly*	Part IA and Part II
History	Dr D Pratt	Michaelmas and Easter
	Dr N Mora-Sitja	Lent
History of Art	Dr F Salmon*	
Human, Social and Political Sciences	Dr M Figueroa	Part I and Part II (Sociology and Social Anthropology)
	Dr J Stock	Part II (Archaeology and Bio Anthropology)
	Dr H Wydra*	Part II (Politics & International Relations)
Land Economy	Professor J McCombie	
Law	Ms A Goymour	Part IB and Part II (Michaelmas and Lent)
	Dr B Plant	Part IA Part II (Easter), Part IB (Easter)
	Dr A Hinarejos	
Law (LLM and MCL)	Dr B Plant	
Linguistics	Professor A Ledgeway	
Management Studies	Professor B Lambrecht*	
Mathematics	Dr S Demoulini	
Medical Sciences	Professor N Coleman	
Modern Languages	Dr T Biberauer*	Part IA and Part IB
	Dr I R James	Part II and Year Abroad
Music	Dr C Valenti*	
Natural Sciences (Biological)	Dr M Correia	
	Dr H Groom	Michaelmas & Lent
	Dr A Milton	Easter
	Dr E Nisbet	

Natural Sciences (Physical)	Professor Z Barber	
Natural Sciences (Physics)	Professor C Haniff	
Natural Sciences (Chemistry)	Dr M Housden	
Natural Sciences (Geology)	Dr K McNamara	
Natural Sciences (HPS)	Dr R Jennings*	
Philosophy	Dr M Tomalin	
Psychological and Behavioural Sciences	Dr E Cahill*	Michaelmas & Lent Easter
Theology	Dr A Milton	
Veterinary Medicine	Rev'd Dr K Eyeons	
	Mrs J Pearson*	

* External Director of Studies

COLLEGE LECTURERS

Anatomy	Dr V Jones
Biochemistry (MVST)	Dr M Carter
Classics	Mr F Basso
Classics	Dr R Omitowoju
Economics	Dr A Anger-Kraavi
Engineering	Dr X-S Yang
Land Economy	Dr A Morris
Mathematics	Ms C Maunder
Mathematics	Dr G L Taylor
Medical & Veterinary Sciences	Dr N Farahi
Natural Sciences	Dr N Farahi
Philosophy	Dr D Brigham

COLLEGE TEACHING ASSOCIATES

Cell Biology	Dr W Schafer
Geography	Dr C Wood-Donnelly
Engineering	Dr E de Lera Acedo
Engineering	Dr I Bucklow
Engineering	Dr A Cockburn
History	Dr E L Devlin
Medicine	Dr G Couch
Medicine	Dr L Li
Medicine	Dr D Marchment
Medicine	Dr A Patel
Medicine	Dr H Yan
Modern & Medieval Languages	Dr C Woodford
Natural Sciences (Mathematics)	Dr S Smith
Neurobiology	Dr E Cahill
Physiology	Dr A Corovic

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

OBITUARIES

David Blackadder BSc (Edinburgh) MA DPhil (Oxon) died on 8 February 2017, aged 83.



Fellow and Bursar 1983–1997; Vice-Master 1994–1997; Fellow Emeritus 1997–2017.

Philip Rubery (Emeritus Fellow) writes:

I first met David Blackadder in his office in the Department of Chemical Engineering, where he was a University Lecturer, in the Lent Term of 1964. I was a freshman natural scientist at Jesus College, and he was my supervisor in Physical Chemistry. Of course neither of us could then have predicted that 20 years later we would become colleagues and friends at Downing. My first impressions were of an organised man in an organised office, arrays of books and journals, a clear desk and a clear mind, and in a glass-fronted cupboard on a shelf of its own – a square cap, or mortarboard as I then would have called it. Over the following weeks I learned a valuable lesson. That an apparently austere and forbidding topic, basic chemical thermodynamics, was not only graspable with the help of a logical and knowledgeable teacher-practitioner, but was also capable of providing a rigorous and fascinating mental framework for thinking about energy transformations at large. Those supervisions were, in retrospect, a strong influence on my later approaches to research and teaching in Biochemistry.

During his doctoral and post-doctoral research at Oxford (1954–59), he was fortunate to have the physical chemist Sir Cyril Hinshelwood OM as his DPhil supervisor and mentor. David, in reminiscent mood, spoke admiringly of him and indeed his wife Ann describes Hinshelwood's role in David's career development as both marvellous and generous. Hinshelwood was a man of remarkable intellectual breadth and achievements, a Nobel Laureate who in 1959 was simultaneously President of the Royal Society and of the Classical Association.

David was a substantial academic scientist who published some 40 papers on polymer science in leading journals, supervised 10 PhD students, and gave well-regarded final-year lectures on polymers (subsequently continued in the 1980s by Professor Malcolm Mackley, who also directed studies for Downing). He took on a range of administrative duties, including being Secretary of his Department for four years. He was a Director of Studies at Jesus College, was elected to a Fellowship there in 1976, and became a Tutor in 1979. Foreshadowing his later

career at Downing he served on the Bursarial and Finance Committees and had a spell as acting Bursar. As David himself put it, he moved his centre of gravity firmly towards Jesus College.

The focus now moves to Downing. Stephen Fleet, remarkably as it now seems, was a part-time Bursar, and when he became one of the principal University Officers as Registrar in 1983, Downing decided that it would advertise a full-time Bursarship. This was a timely opportunity for David who by then was looking to rebase his career in just that fashion. In his clear-sighted way, David thought that the era of part-time Bursars who also had major Departmental commitments was drawing to a close, as the burgeoning burdens of duties and responsibilities inherent in and being imposed upon the collegiate University would need a greater investment in “human resources” – not a phrase then current – for efficiency and effectiveness of administration to be sustained. David’s application was successful, and so began a fourteen-year Bursarship until his decision to retire from office in 1997.

Members of the Association will be familiar with the annual notes from Senior College Officers that are a feature of the *Newsletter and College Record*. David contributed his share of these, introduced simply as “The Bursar writes.” And he was of course writing principally to the Downing alumni, the “old members” in the parlance of the time. As a newcomer to the College, he was eager to get to know alumni as individuals and encouraged them with renewed invitations to call in at the Bursary Office so that they could learn from each other. These interactions grew and developed into friendships over the years, and culminated in David’s election as President of the Association for 1997-8, immediately following his retirement. It is noteworthy that the impetus that led to the appointment of a Development Director in 1996 and the establishment of the Development Office was provided by a group of old members. That important new arm of Downing was most strongly supported by David.

In his first report (1984), David recorded how reassured he was by the wise management, pervasive solid realism, and attention to detail that was evident from the work of Stephen Fleet and the Bursary staff. He also drew together some familiar and ever-present aspects of the College finances: the need to build up endowment, to increase income, to extend and improve facilities; and the risks of unexpected repairs to our ageing buildings. As can be seen from David’s reports in the *Newsletters* of 1996 and 1997, these risks later became manifest in serious, extensive and expensive occurrences of dry rot whose eradication had to be funded from general capital.

It was the new buildings, designed and constructed during David’s Bursarship and largely funded by benefactions, that are a concrete (or rather, stone) tribute to his integral involvement in their realisation. These were the Howard

Building (1985–87) and Howard Lodge (1993–94), the Butterfield Building (1987–88), and the Maitland Robinson Library (1991–93). The Architect in each case was Quinlan Terry, with whom David formed a stimulating working and friendly relationship. I was privileged to see this at close hand when I was the Fellow Librarian during the design and construction of the new library, and was able to participate in the harmonious team that also included Harry Faulkner-Brown, the consultant library-architect and Domestic Bursar Ian Topping. David sometimes remarked that with hindsight he would have rather liked to have been an architect himself – he probably had the skill set, hinted at by his creative and detailed miniature ink drawings in the margins of papers for College meetings. As Bursar, he often reminded the College that beautiful and precious new buildings need endowment income to service and maintain them.

Given Downing's modest endowment, that burst of building in the hard financial times of the late 20th century excited the curiosity of some outside the College. David's happy explanation was simple and admiring – that is was our old members who had made it all happen. Twenty years later, both the building projects and the financial pressures continue, and his successor as Bursar, Dr Susan Lintott, would no doubt echo those words.

David's family knew that he very much enjoyed being Bursar of Downing. There was the interest and intricacy of the work itself, congenial and supportive colleagues, the rewarding involvement with old members, his interactions with undergraduate and graduate students in College government, and not least his sense of the history, heritage and future of Downing, and the sheer beauty of the environment in which he worked. One of his favourite visual memories was of being in his rooms in E3 and seeing the low early morning mist rising over the grass in the court. His preferred instrument of routine written communication was the fountain pen, and his trademark letters in elegantly scribed black ink were memorable to their many recipients. I last received one in 2013, shortly after his 80th birthday when he was already in indifferent health. He reiterated what he had written as President of the Association in the 1998 Newsletter – that his Bursarship was the most satisfying part of his working life, and added that he took pride in belonging to the “last generation of generalist bursars who would have a go at anything.”

David was a quiet man who was excellent company. His persona was multifaceted: although private he was clubbable and congenial, but not gregarious; he was serious yet amusing, with a wry and dry sense of humour; he was a dispassionate analyst and a shrewd judge of character. He was deeply principled with a strong sense of what was proper and yet was tolerant and understanding of human frailty. He was conservative by temperament yet supportive of evolutionary change.

David's marriage of 57 years to Ann, and their family, were the foundations of his life. He was sustained by his Catholic faith. He took immense pleasure in music, particularly in the operas of Wagner, Mozart and Handel. He continued with voluntary work after retirement, becoming Treasurer of the Cambridge Festival and of the Cambridge Handel Opera Group, and was on the Committee of Arthur Rank House, a hospice charity.

NEW FELLOWS

In the past year Downing College has welcomed three new Fellows.



Dr Edward Cavanagh, Fellow in History.

Dr Cavanagh is a Fellow of the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law. His research focuses on the history of legal thought and its place within the history of imperialism, international relations and colonial politics.



Dr Priyanka Joshi, Everitt Butterfield Research Fellow in Biochemistry.

Dr Joshi works at the Centre for Misfolding Diseases in the Department of Chemistry. She studied for her PhD at Clare Hall and completed her thesis on *Targeting Intrinsically Disordered Proteins (IDPs) associated with neurodegenerative diseases: A strategy towards drug discovery*.



Dr Michael Crisp, Fellow in Engineering.

Dr Crisp studied Engineering at Downing where he completed both his undergraduate studies and PhD in optical and RF systems, exploiting the benefits of optical fibres for the analog distribution of radio signals within buildings.

Since his PhD he has remained in Cambridge working on radio frequency identification systems, for which he was awarded the Royal Academy of Engineering Young Entrepreneurs award in 2011 and co-founded a spin out company PervasID. He now has been appointed to a lectureship in Photonics and RF Systems at the Engineering Department. His current research focuses on RF power delivery for next generation batteryless sensors.

This year's Virginia Fellow is **Professor Michael Jull**, who is working at the Scott Polar Institute. He is accompanied by his partner, Leena Cho, who is Assistant Professor of Landscape Architecture at the University of Virginia.

NEW FOUNDATION FELLOW

Tadayoshi 'Taz' Tazaki (1964 Economics) has been admitted as a Foundation Fellow.



After working in several City based companies, Tadayoshi Tazaki started his own business, The Japan Agency and Consultancy (JAC), in 1975 to pursue his idea to help and support the growing Japanese business community in the UK. The company focused on staff recruitment for Japanese companies, rental accommodation for Japanese expatriates (JAC Property) and Japanese food for the Japanese community (Tazaki Foods). In 1996 JAC Property expanded outside the Japanese clientele sector to become JAC Strattons and now has several branches in Central and North London with a significant market share of the London residential sales and rentals sectors. They also now include a division, JAC Interex, providing a comprehensive property 'design and build' and refurbishment service for both residential and office premises.

NEW WILKINS FELLOWS

Edward G (Gary) Blankenship (1968 Architecture) was admitted as a Wilkins Fellow on 19 October 2016 in Nashville, Tennessee, with the Senior Bursar and Development Director present.



Gary has spent his career as an architect principally in airport consulting. He was the Chief Architect for John Wayne Airport (JWA) in Orange County, California, and was involved in JWA's \$543M Airport Improvement Program and future infrastructure development. Before his role at John Wayne Airport, Gary has been an integral part of the architectural firm Landrum & Brown and remains an Emeritus Member of the Board of Directors.

Stephen Peel (1984 Land Economy) has been admitted as a Wilkins Fellow.



Stephen is the founder of SMP Policy Innovation Limited, a not-for-profit organization aiming to design and promote advanced government policy. After graduating from Downing in 1987, he rowed for Great Britain in the Olympic Games in 1988. He now dedicates his time to public policy and philanthropic activities after stepping down from a 25-year career in the global private equity industry. He serves on the Board of Lenta Limited, the Board of Global Witness, the Global Partners Council of the Institute of New Economic Thinking, the

Advisory Board for the Institute of State Effectiveness, the Advisory Board of the Open Contracting Partnership, the Jackson Institute’s Advisory Council at Yale University, and the Board of Right to Play Hong Kong.

AWARDS, HONOURS AND APPOINTMENTS

Dr Amy Goymour has been promoted to a University Senior Lectureship with effect from 1 October 2017.

Dr Amy Milton is due to receive the Young Scientist Award from the European Behavioural Pharmacology Society at their forthcoming biennial meeting in Crete.



In recognition of her outstanding work teaching at the University of Cambridge, **Dr Mónica Moreno Figueroa** has been awarded the Pilkington Teaching Prize for 2016–17. She was also shortlisted in the Supporting Students category for this year’s Student-Led Teaching Awards.

She has been promoted to a Senior Lectureship in the University Sociology Department with effect from 1 October.

Professor Trevor Robbins has received the 2017 Gold Medal Award from the Society of Biological Psychiatry. This award is given for lifetime achievement in advancing the understanding and treatment of psychiatric illness. He received his award for his “fundamental contributions to the understanding of cortico-striatal function and its role in many psychiatric disorders and addictions” and for his “work bridging mechanisms of pathology to new treatments”.

Professor Graham Virgo has been appointed an Honorary Queen’s Counsel. The citation states that “He is a leading academic who has made a major contribution to English law in the growing area of the law of restitution. He has been foremost amongst the leading academic voices developing the subject, and has shaped the direction of the law of unjust enrichment, mistake and other related areas of restitution.

Part of his extensive contribution has been by means of books, including *Principles of the Law of Restitution*, academic articles in leading journals and in contributing chapters to books (such as editing the chapter on ‘Restitution’ in *Chitty on Contracts*).

He is highly regarded amongst academics, and widely recognised for his significant contribution to the teaching of law. His work is regularly cited in the English courts, including the Supreme Court, as well as other common law jurisdictions.”

Architects Caruso St John have won the prestigious 2017 RIBA East Award for their work on The Heong Gallery at Downing College.

The citation on the RIBA website states: “An unloved area of Downing College consisting of unremarkable buildings has been transformed into an understated but elegant gallery with a well-detailed forecourt.

The layout of the building is straightforward consisting of two main spaces, foyer and gallery, housed within a former maintenance building that had originally been stables. The gallery has one central roof light orientated to the northeast but treated symmetrically. One generous window frames the views onto the adjacent garden otherwise the space is left for hanging pictures. A subtle distinction has been made between the timber-panelled finish to the interior of the roof light and the gallery ceiling soffit and walls that are seen as a plastered insertion into the existing building. Timber panelling is also used in the foyer ceiling and breaks up what would have been a monotonous plastered surface. A floor of black encaustic tiles unites the rooms. The interior has the same domestic feel as Jim Ede’s Kettle’s Yard which the architect alludes to. This is reinforced by well-placed fireplace, reclaimed from the original building, which is an invitation to sit down and take a view out of the adjacent window offering another view onto the garden. This simple domesticity nicely contrasts with some of the more magisterial buildings in the gallery’s proximity.

The approach of simplicity and elegance has been taken through to the external treatment and detailing of benches and cast aluminium rain canopy. The courtyard adds a sense of repose and generosity, giving the College an adaptable but welcoming space. Together with the building this makes a small but important enhancement to Downing College.”

REPORTS FROM THE FELLOWS

Bill Adams stepped down as Head of the Department of Geography in October 2016. He has since enjoyed a visit to the Division of History of Science, Technology and Environment at the Royal Institute of Technology (KTH) in Stockholm, Sweden, while trying to remember what research felt like.

Ed Cavanagh’s arrival at Downing in September was followed within months by the release of the *Routledge Handbook of the History of Settler Colonialism*, and the publication of articles in *History Compass* and *Historical Journal*. All of these, readers will be happy to know, bear his affiliation to the College. Tucked away in the rose garden, he has been busy this year writing five articles, based on new research, on legal and constitutional history. This is all part of his plan to get as much feedback as possible on separate components of the book he is writing about conquest and the British Empire, which is ambitious to provide even coverage across the period 1066–1923. Naturally therefore he is available

to field all of your burning questions about war and legal personality in the imperial constitution.

David Feldman's year started with a visit to Philadelphia and Washington as part of the UK delegation to the UK-US Legal Exchange, offering a chance for discussions between the two countries' top courts. Two other members of the UK's delegation were members of College: the **Rt Hon Sir David Lloyd Jones** (1970), Lord Justice of Appeal, Downing alumnus and Honorary Fellow; and **David Anderson QC** (1982), the (now retired) Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Powers, another Downing alumnus. It was a fascinating and thought-provoking exchange, highlighting the commonalities as well as the differences between the two constitutional and legal cultures. Other highlights included being shortlisted for a CUSU Student-Led Teaching Award, chairing a sub-committee of the Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology Management Committee (which he also chairs) to advise the Museum and Trinity College on a request for repatriation of four indigenous Australian spears, chairing the University's Research Ethics Committee, and serving as Director of the University's Centre for Public Law. In the little time left over for research and writing, he has started work on a book on constitutional law, and has seen a number of shorter pieces through the press to publication.

During the last academic year **Dr Mónica Moreno Figueroa** has held an active agenda in Latin America as well as in Europe. In August 2016, she participated as a lecturer in the summer school *Racism, Eurocentrism and Political Struggles*, organized by the Centro de Estudos Sociais CES, at the University of Coimbra. At the end of 2016 she spent two months in Mexico completing fieldwork research for her project on institutional racism, funded by the British Academy. During her stay, she gave lectures for the International Diploma on Women Studies, Feminisms and Decolonization in Oaxaca, Mexico.



*Mónica Moreno Figueroa
lecturing in Oaxaca*

During 2017 she also gave lectures at the University of Kent in England on beauty, resistance and internalised racism, and at Lehigh University and Moravia College in the US, on the subject of racism in Latin America.

In January 2017, along with Professor Peter Wade from the University of Manchester, she launched the *Latin American Anti-racism in a Post-racial Age* project. Funded by the ESRC, this comparative £1.1m project investigates anti-racist practices and ideologies in Ecuador, Brazil, Colombia and Mexico,

contributing to address the problem of racism and racial inequality in Latin America and shaping the debate on racism, anti-racism, discrimination and the idea of race. During the second half of 2017 she will visit these four countries to discuss the research progress with each of the national teams, participate in workshops and give a public talk on the research.

Link to LAPORA Project: <https://www.lapora.sociology.cam.ac.uk/>

Also during 2016–2017, Monica has acted as co-convenor for the programme *Decolonizing the Curriculum in Theory and Practice* at CRASSH. This constituted a space of reflection on the demand of decolonising knowledge in universities across the world and how this could be applied in the specific context of the University of Cambridge.



Link: <http://www.crassh.cam.ac.uk/programmes/decolonising-the-curriculum-in-theory-and-practice>.

Geoffrey Grimmitt has had three mathematical projects this year as follows: (i) understanding aspects of critical behaviour in statistical mechanics, (ii) continuation of a programme to describe the growth rates of walks on graphs in terms of the algebraic groups that generate the graphs, and (iii) developing the theory of voting systems in the European Parliament and Council. The last project is probably the least taxing intellectually but the most challenging politically. The College kindly allowed him sabbatical leave from the Mastership between January to March, which he spent at the University of California at Berkeley.

Harriet Groom researches interactions of the host cell with viruses, and is most interested in how the cellular environment influences HIV infection (the virus that causes AIDS). She and her collaborators recently demonstrated that the antiviral protein SAMHD1 enhances inhibition of HIV-1 through a particular class of drugs (*Ordonez et al., Sci Rep* 2017). This year she has won four grants to research variation in SAMHD1 in the general population and the potential toxic effects of therapeutic targeting of SAMHD1. She has presented her preliminary findings at the Recently Independent Virology Researchers meeting and at two invited seminars. She is also enjoying acting as a mentor to a THRiVE-2 PhD student through the Cambridge Africa programme.

Within College, she continues to enjoy supervising first year Natural Scientists and acting as Director of Studies in Dr Milton's absence. She has learned a great deal participating in the Teaching Associates' Programme this year, alongside fellow Sarah Kennedy. She has found being a new

Tutor this year extremely rewarding and a great opportunity to get to know the incredible students in Downing. She hopes she has encouraged students from her own school in Essex (Colchester County High School) to consider Cambridge through giving a talk on her research and Cambridge admissions there earlier in the year.

Andy Holding was honoured this year to be selected as the Thomas Jefferson Visiting Fellow to spend two months at the University of Virginia. He is looking forward to building a long standing relationship with members of the University of Virginia's Cancer Biology research programme. In support of the visit he was awarded funding from Cancer Research UK to develop normalisation strategies for monitoring dynamics by ChIP-Seq with Assistant Professor Michael Guertin who has particular expertise in resolving these challenges.

Adam Ledgeway has had a most productive and busy year. He organised two conferences in Cambridge: the *Cambridge-Oxford Workshop on Daco-Romance Linguistics* and the *Cambridge Workshop on Voice*. He co-edited three books, including *The Oxford Guide to the Romance Languages* and *The Cambridge Handbook of Historical Syntax* (with Ian Roberts). He also had 16 book chapters published and gave 18 keynote or invited lectures.

Paul Linden has been awarded a European Research Council Advanced Grant entitled 'Stratified mixing and turbulent processes' (STAMP) valued at €2.3M for 5 years from 1 October 2017.

Ken McNamara has been busy as Director of the Sedgwick Museum, but found some time to work on a new species and new genus of 270 million-year-old brittle star from Western Australia and to collaborate on a project on Cenozoic crinoids from Australia and Antarctica. He has also been active in researching Dr John Woodward (1667–1728), whose collections formed the basis for the Sedgwick Museum's collection, and he has started writing a book on him. He also signed a contract with Reaktion Books to write a book on the archaeology, anthropology and folklore of fossils, which deals with why people for half a million years have collected fossils. In June this year a book called *Australian Echinoderms* (CSIRO Publishing) was published and Ken is the senior author of a major chapter on the echinoids (sea urchins). Although this copiously illustrated book has been about 15 years in gestation, it has been well worth the wait.

Amy Milton returned from maternity leave in February 2017. Her laboratory has been continuing its research into the mechanisms underlying memory reconsolidation, with an aim to develop new treatments for drug addiction

(funded by the UK Medical Research Council) and for obsessive-compulsive disorder (funded by the Wellcome Trust). In April 2017, she chaired a Scientific Discussion Meeting, *Of Mice and Mental Health: Facilitating Dialogue between Basic and Clinical Neuroscientists*, at The Royal Society in London and she is currently guest editing a special issue of *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society B* on the content of the meeting. As noted above, in August 2017, she will be receiving the Young Scientist Award at the European Behavioural Pharmacology Society biennial meeting in Crete. In College, Amy was very pleased to return to her Director of Studies duties for the Natural Sciences (Biological) and the Psychological & Behavioural Sciences Triposes at the beginning of Easter term 2017. She also enjoyed presenting and discussing her research at the Catalysis Conference in March.

Ian Roberts has been on the second year of his extended sabbatical (subsequent to his four-year stint as Chair of the Faculty of Modern and Medieval Languages). He spent most of the year in the USA, living close to Harvard in the Other Cambridge and teaching a graduate seminar once a week at the University of Connecticut. He has given talks at Yale, Stanford, UCLA, USC and MIT, as well as invited lectures in Hong Kong, Stellenbosch (South Africa), Jerusalem and Beijing. 2017 is proving to be an *annus mirabilis* for books: so far this year he has published three – two handbooks (*The Oxford Handbook of Universal Grammar*, OUP, and *The Cambridge Handbook of Historical Syntax*, CUP, with Adam Ledgeway) and an introduction to linguistics called *The Wonders of Language, or How to Make Noises and Influence People*. A fourth book, a joint volume with three colleagues resulting from an earlier research project, will be published by MIT Press later this year.

Trevor Robbins has been ranked the fourth most influential brain scientist, just behind colleagues at University College London and Washington University in St Louis. An online tool, Semantic Scholar, parsed 2.5 million articles to calculate a score which reflected each author's influence in the field of Neuroscience in the modern era.

Brigitte Steger featured in the news following the publication of her new book on 'inemuri', the Japanese custom of napping in public. In Japan, falling asleep in public is a sign of diligence. Inemuri is often translated as 'sleeping on duty', though Dr Steger says a more accurate translation of is 'sleeping while present'.

Marcus Tomalin has published several journal articles this year in the related fields of linguistics, literature, and speech technology. For instance, he contributed a chapter on 'Language' to the volume Mark Bevir (ed.), *Historicism and the Human Sciences in Victorian Britain* (CUP, 2017), and his article

‘Pendulums and Prosody in the Long Eighteenth Century’ appeared in *The Review of English Studies*. As part of his ongoing involvement with the EPSRC-funded *Improving Target Language Fluency in Statistical Machine Translation* project, Marcus has developed neural models that incorporate syntactic information while converting bags of words into fluent sentences in natural language. In his spare time, Marcus has continued in his role as one of the convenors for the CRASSH-funded ‘Cambridge Conversations in Translation’ research group. This year’s fortnightly panel discussions and workshops have focused on the theoretical and practical strategies translators adopt when dealing with humour, drama, censorship, and multimodality. As a form of respite from all of this, Marcus has continued to give regular lute recitals, the most recent being a Downing College Music Society concert in the chapel during the Easter Term. This consisted of numerous short pieces, the majority of which were taken from a lute book dating from 1603 (Dresden MS M 297).

Graham Virgo was appointed Queen’s Counsel (honoris causa) in February. He has been reappointed for a further three years as Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Education. His publications include the sixth edition of *Simester and Sullivan’s Criminal Law Theory and Doctrine* by Simester, Spencer, Stark, Sullivan and Virgo (Hart Publishing, 2016) and the second edition of *Contractual Duties: Performance, Breach, Termination and Remedies* by Andrews, Clarke, Tettenborn and Virgo (Sweet and Maxwell, 2017). In July 2016 he helped organise the 8th Obligations Conference on behalf of the Cambridge Private Law Centre, which took place at Downing.

COLLEGE CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

SPORTS TEAMS RESULTS 2016-17

Basketball

1st Men's team, Captains Stergios Koutsoumpas and Stephanos Bennett: 2nd in Division 5 (promoted to Division 4); Cuppers - knocked out in first round.

Boat Club

Men's Captain Andrew Niven; Women's Captain Georgina Frater.

Men's 1st VIII: Lent Bumps - started 2nd, finished 2nd; May Bumps - started 7th, finished 5th.

Men's 2nd VIII: Lent Bumps - Division 2 started 13th, finished 11th; May Bumps - Division 2 started 13th, finished 11th.

Women's 1st VIII: Lent Bumps - Division 1 started 2nd, finished 3rd; May Bumps - started 1st, finished 5th.

Women's 2nd VIII: Lent Bumps - **Division 3 started 15th, finished 9th**; May Bumps - started 1st in Division 3, finished 15th in Division 2.

Cricket

1st team, Captain Simon Bennett: Cuppers - knocked out in group stage.

Football

1st XI, Captain Tom Ingham: 8th in Division 1; Cuppers 2nd round.

2nd XI, Captain Tom Reynard: 10th in Division 3 (relegated to Division 4).

Women's 1st XI, Captains Kirsty Hibbs, Sarah Galley: 3rd in Division 3; Cuppers quarter-final.

Hockey

Men's 1st XI, Captains Canishk Naik, Raffaello Mangiavacchi: 4th in League A; Cuppers 1st round.

Women's 1st XI, Captains Charlotte Williams, Miranda Adams - 7th in League A (relegated to League B); Cuppers 1st round.

Mixed XI: Cuppers 2nd round.

Lacrosse

1st Mixed X, Captains Gina Marsh, Jessie Shea: Cuppers - knocked out in group stage.

Netball

Ladies 1st VII, Captain Tabby Adams: **League 1 Champions**; Cuppers quarter-finals. Ladies 2nd VII, Captain Harriet Jackson: 8th in League 3 (relegated to League 4); Cuppers knocked out in group stages.

Mixed 1st VII, Captain Alfie Wright: **League 1 Champions**; **Cuppers runners up**.

Mixed 2nd VII, Captain Leo Ferrari: 8th in League 1 (relegated to League 2); Cuppers quarter finals.

Rugby Union

Men's 1st XV, Captain Dougal Balfour: 3rd in Division 1.

Squash

Men's 1st team, Captain Thomas Sheat: **Cuppers Winners**.

Tennis

Men's Captain Irfan Allana: 6th in Division 1 (Relegated to Division 2); Cuppers quarter-finals.

Women's Captain Nithya Kadiyala: Cuppers semi-finals.

Ultimate Frisbee

Captains Aimeric Malter, Beth Boucher: 2nd in Division 2 (Promoted to Division 1).

REPORTS

Basketball

The Downing Basketball team had a very successful year, qualifying for Cuppers for the first time since our creation. Although the team struggled in Michaelmas, they still managed to finish in the middle of their division with 2 losses, 1 win and 1 draw. In Lent however, they picked up their pace and won 3 of the 4 games, securing second position and qualifying for Cuppers.

Blake Society

With the first full year of the Heong Gallery's welcome addition to the College, the Blake Society has thrived. Their first event took place in the Gallery, with The Big Draw. Quentin attended the event and joined in. They have worked on organizing more workshops and drawing events. They have held a number of speaker events, including a talk on the painter William Blake Richmond and another by the novelist Selma Dabbagh. It was marvelous to see Quentin again in March, at the Annual Dinner. This year's theme was 'Sparkle', a reflection of how the society is continuing to flourish and grow each year.

Chapel Choir

With the Chapel Choir fresh from a hugely successful tour to Toronto last summer, the new academic year began in a burst of enthusiasm, with the Alumni weekend in September seeing many former members returning to sing a short service of Evensong. A plentiful supply of Freshers keen to sing in their Chapel Choir meant the Michaelmas Term started well, and any fears of becoming known as the ‘death’ choir due to the atypical occurrence, of not one, but two memorial services in Michaelmas proved unfounded, as we all very much valued the opportunity to play our part in contributing to these significant events in the life of the College.

The newly-established Alumni Carol Service in London in December gave the Choir the chance to take Advent ‘on tour,’ as for the second year running they ventured out of Cambridge to take on a different acoustic and congregation. The biennial Alumni Reunion service in early Lent Term provided another occasion for nostalgia, as recent and not-so-recent singers returned to power through *Brewer in D* and to enjoy a College Formal Hall.

Easter Term is always a potentially difficult time, as the rigours of examination preparations begin to take their toll. Despite this, however, the chapel has continued to resound with music spanning several centuries, by composers ranging from Palestrina to Herbert Howells, via contemporary South African and American music, introduced to them by our two Graduate Organ Scholars.

On the cusp of May Week, they look forward to the final DCMS concert of the year, when they shall delight in the chance to present a selection of works from their tour programme to a discerning ‘home’ audience, before braving the Baltics in the form of a tour to Lithuania, for which they have been lucky enough to receive invitations to perform at music festivals in Kaunas and Vilnius, and to sing Mass in Vilnius.

Thanks are due to the Organ Scholars, Adam Begley and Marnus Greyling, for their ideas, drive, and exceptional musicianship this year; to the Chaplain for his continued support for the Choir and its ambitions; to the Choir themselves, of course; and to Dr Christopher Robinson, who has been an absolute rock throughout the ups and downs of this academic year: an enduring source of solace in times of stress, a formidable fount of wisdom on matters musical, and a magnificent mentor to us all.

Netball

Michaelmas term League winners, Lent term League runners up, lost in quarter-finals of Cuppers to Queens in extra time. Despite not having any University players the Club has had a very strong team made up of members from four year groups, and had a very successful season.

Maitland Society

The Maitland History Society has had another prosperous year, with the Society continuing to go from strength to strength. Maitland now boasts over 60 members from across a range of subjects and the talks continue to be very well attended, from students across Downing and the University. Four talks were scheduled for this year, on a diverse range of subjects. In Michaelmas Dr Rebecca Fleming addressed the Society on Plague in Late Antiquity, before Professor John Hatcher gave the Society a lively paper entitled 'Mistaken Medievalists', addressing some of the central historiographical debates surrounding medieval economic history. In Lent Dr Tom Hamilton delivered a paper on Witchcraft in Early Modern France, with Dr Amy Erickson concluding the Society's proceedings with a paper on Fan Manufacturing in the 18th Century.

The Society also went on an excellent field trip to Bury St Edmunds, which was enjoyed by all who attended. Finally, the Annual Dinner was a great success and Charlie MacCallum was awarded with the inaugural Dr David Pratt Trophy for the best fancy dress costume, for his impersonation of Bismarck. Dan Armstrong now stands down as President to be replaced by Deborah Herzberg, with Nick Chevis and Lily Cairns-Haylor being elected as Secretaries. Overall the Society is in excellent health.

Mathias Society

The Mathias Society has had a year of transition with a new Director of Studies for Economics. The Annual Dinner for students and alumni was well attended, and attempts have started to broaden its reach to increase attendance above 100 people. There have been several talks throughout the year, from the efficiency of the football betting market to the economics of happiness, which have provided light relief to accompany Tripos studies. The social calendar has also been full, with drinks and a forthcoming garden party among the highlights.

Pool

The club swelled in numbers this year, thanks to all who joined and made it easy to organise games! After the team was promoted last year, it was decided to enter two teams into the college leagues, with the Is in Division 2a and IIs in Division 3. Downing II won all of their matches and so are promoted for next year. Downing I won Division 2a and so are promoted to Division 1. They also reached the quarter-finals of the Cup, knocking out a top Division team on the way. Special mentions go to David Sydenham and Ian Gibson who came 1st and 2nd in hotshots for the Division. Good luck for next year from all those graduating.

Griffins Endowment Fund

The Fund exists to support and encourage talented University sports people 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 that it is for The Griffins Fund. Otherwise, to set up a monthly or annual direct debit please contact Susan Esden (sa153@dow.cam.ac.uk) or to make a one-off donation online visit <https://www.downingcambridge.com/make-a-donation-online>. In the field entitled Designation, please enter 'Other' and use the space provided to enter 'The Griffins Fund'.

Our Latest Merchandise

Watercolour of Downing c1920



Men's socks
by Marco John's



Tote bag

Chef's
apron



Downing
tray



Champagne flutes

To purchase these items, please use the enclosed form or
visit www.dow.cam.ac.uk/souvenirs.
Or just type 'Downing gifts' into Google!



The Rose Garden Fountain

Photograph by Tom Nagel

Commended, Downing Alumni Association Photographic Competition.

Front cover: Heong Gallery Exhibition – *When Heavens meet the Earth*
Photography by Perry Hastings.

Image courtesy The Heong Gallery.