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■ President's Foreword

It has become almost a tradition for the Downing Association to elect as Presidents those who have served the College as Senior Tutors. In my time at Downing this honour has been conferred on Frank Wild, Peter Gay, Dick Grove and John Hopkins but I did not take it for granted that the Association would add my name to this distinguished list of Fellows. I was delighted when it decided to do so.

The principal role of the Downing Association has always been to keep alumni in touch with each other and with the College. It has achieved this aim by the individual efforts and initiatives of its elected officers, by organising an annual dinner and by publishing the annual Association Newsletter. None of this has changed but in recent years the College itself has taken a much more active role in alumni relations and has moved to strengthen its own direct links with alumni. Thus the College through its Development Office now organises an alumni weekend, publishes *Dow @ Cam* twice yearly and arranges other activities for alumni such as the London Event and the Annual Donors' Garden party. In my view this greater direct involvement of the College with its alumni is to be welcomed on all counts, and it is heartening to see the large and ever increasing number of alumni who have renewed their links with the College and with each other by attending College organised events. Obviously, however, with the changing role of the College in fostering alumni relations it is timely for the Downing Association to evaluate and perhaps reassess its own role in this regard. There is no reason why the alumni related activities of the College and of the Association should not be complementary rather than competing and it is clearly in the interests of both organisations that they should be so. In my year as President I have initiated a debate within the Executive Committee of the Association and within the Fellowship about these matters and would welcome contributions from other alumni. Please do write to me or to the Secretary if you have strongly held views or good ideas to communicate. One idea that has come forward is that the College and the Association should sometimes organise joint events rather than separate events and the alumni weekend might be one example of an event that could be organised in this way. It would also be helpful to know whether members of the Association are content with the format of their annual Association Newsletter and College Record or whether they would like to see some restructuring in the light of other more recently established College publications.

My year as President of the Association has coincided with my last year as an Official Fellow of the College, though the Governing Body has kindly elected me as an Emeritus Fellow from this October and I look forward to a continuing association with the College. It is now nearly fifty years since I first spent a night

in Downing, this occasion being when I came up to take the Laboratory Practical Entrance Examination in December 1954. I nearly froze in my room on H staircase since the gas for the gas fire struggled rather unsuccessfully to get through the water which had collected in the gas pipes! Much has changed for the better since that time, not least that College rooms are now warmer than they were then. But the quality of the Downing alumni has always been high and I am proud to count myself among them.

Finally may I pay tribute to the untiring efforts of the Secretary of the Association, John Hicks, and to the new Treasurer, Peter Thomson. Without their enthusiasm and unstinting efforts the Association would be much the poorer in every sense.

■ Association News

The 2003 Annual Dinner was well attended again, 160 members and their guests; enough to fill up the Hall but not as many as in 2002 which required an overflow into the SCR. The AGM preceding it was attended by some 80 members. Dr Martin Mays was elected President and for the first time a President-elect was nominated in the person of Michael Gibbons (1967). This change was instituted because previous Presidents found that they would have been able to perform more pro-actively had they been witness to the previous year's business. Dr Mays relinquished the role of Treasurer which position he had held for many years; he was thanked for his generous service to the Association. The College has pre-elected him a Fellow Emeritus and he still contributes to the College in the role of Vice-Master and Assistant Admissions Tutor. A new Treasurer was elected in the person of Peter Thomson (1952). Peter pursues a distinguished career in industry and business and has experience of College finances in particular. We have put on hold the "professional network" concept which was started with the engineers last year due to limitations on resources, however we hope to continue this year and also introduce another professional group. The matter of the attendance of guests at the Annual Dinner was raised; it was agreed that a survey of all members would be made and a decision on the 2004 dinner would then be made by the Executive Committee. The operational synergy between the Association and the College, through the Development Office, is being kept under review to ensure the best outcome for the Association and the College.

■ The Secretary's Diary

Firstly apologies to all those members who received last year's *Newsletter* late, or very late. It was only when I met some of our members in Western Australian in November 2003 (see photo elsewhere) that I found they had not received their copies. Indeed they, and members in the rest of Australia, did not receive them until the end of January. I have since made enquiries in other countries and it seems that copies sent to Japan did not arrive until January. I have taken this matter up with our printers who will be monitoring this year's deliveries closely.

As we anticipated last year the new Master, Prof. Barry Everitt, took his place in October and is very supportive of the Association. His immediate predecessor, Dr Stephen Fleet, had to go into hospital in January and it is gratifying that he is now to be seen about the College again.

The Director of Development, Nicky Bryant, left us in March to take up a similar role at the Leys School. The Association is grateful for her help and support and in appreciation the Honorary Secretary, in the absence of the President, presented her with a print of the College by Philip Martin at a reception in the West Lodge on March 19th.

There have been more new Fellows each year than was once the case and for those of my generation the brevity of tenure of some of them is unexpected. Not for many years have there been bachelor fellows in permanent residence in the main court, evidence of whose presence to us undergraduates in the 1950's was limited to the sight of a College servant carrying their breakfast tray under a green baize cloth to them each morning. The College has welcomed a new Chaplain, The Rev. Keith Eyeons, and his wife Mel but more about them elsewhere in this issue.

The new Master has continued the practice of hosting musical recitals by Downing students and their friends in the drawing room of the Lodge in the early evening several times a term. These are open to all and any member visiting should check if one is to be held when they are in College; they really are delightful, as is the glass of wine and opportunity of talking to the performers afterwards.

To maintain currency with the younger student generations, at least as portrayed in the media, I feel driven to say like them, as though it were a burden, that I was the first in my family to go to university, as were many, if not most, of my contemporaries. That was almost fifty years ago and my predecessor as Secretary and an Association Past President, Colin Hill was also the first in his family having come up from a Yorkshire mining village in 1940. So please can we not have to keep reading that sort of thing as if the current generation were in some way different? Some government ministers might also observe this with benefit. I gagged when I read in a newspaper of some recent graduates from "top" universities who were complaining that they couldn't get the jobs in marketing and public relations which

they wanted (probably meaning jobs to which they thought they were entitled). What sort of brain do they have that doesn't think to find an alternative way of achieving their ambition or, better, of finding a really useful job?

The College's Annual Commemoration of the laying of the foundation stone in 1807 took place on 18 May with a Service in Chapel followed by dinner in Hall for Fellows, Scholars and eminent guests. The latter included the Lord Chancellor as the College Visitor. There is said to be no truth in the rumour that he was there to advise on the choice of wallpaper for the much debated refurbishment of the Hall interior.

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To increase the ease and rapidity of communication with members we would like to know the e-mail addresses of all those members who have one. If you have not already made it known or if you have changed your e-mail address recently please send a message to Helen Limbrick on hjl26@hermes.cam.ac.uk.

■ Next year's President

Michael Gibbons came up to Downing in 1967 from Chislehurst and Sidcup Grammar School for Boys to read Natural Sciences but was immediately impressed with the College Boat Club and rowed virtually every possible day for the next 3 years. Outings were originally disrupted by the pursuit of an evening newspaper, much to the annoyance of other members of the crew, and then by the need to arrange practical experiments at Lensfield Road in such a way that they fitted in with the rowing. He was delighted to be part of the 1970 May Boat which achieved its oars. He is the current year representative for 1967 matriculants and hopes that there is no connection with the fact that this year seems to supply the least attendance at Association dinners. However, George Pulman demonstrated in his very substantial way that it is a good year for Association Presidents.

Since going down he has enjoyed a business career with ICI and Powergen, thereby gaining almost 20 years experience in most aspects of the energy business, and now has a portfolio of interests including being a member of the Government's Better Regulation Task Force. While now only rowing once a year for the Segreants he still manages to play grandfatherly games of squash, tennis and golf and is an enthusiastic England rugby supporter, including having travelled to the Rugby World Cup Tournament and Final in Australia.

■ Forthcoming events

The September Meeting

The 77th AGM and Dinner will be held on September 25th 2004. This is the same weekend as the University Alumni Weekend but members should note that the College is holding its third Alumni Day on Sunday 26th September. On Saturday there will be lunch for a limited number in Hall at 12.45pm.

Afternoon tea will be served in the West Lodge at 4.15pm after which a service will be held in Chapel at 5.00pm. The AGM will follow in the Howard Building at 6.15pm. Drinks will be served at 7.00pm followed by dinner at 7.30pm. Holy Communion will be celebrated in Chapel on Sunday morning at 8.15 after which breakfast will be available in Hall from 8.30am.

Members attending the dinner may, if they wish, be accompanied by one guest. However due to the popularity of the dinner and limitations on space we have to say that after 150 places have been booked we may have to accept bookings for members only. For this reason members are asked, if they wish to bring a guest, to say whether they would wish to attend alone if their guest could not be accommodated.

If you have not used the form already distributed by the College to make a booking jointly with the alumni day please make your bookings for the Association events on the enclosed (green) form.

When you arrive on the Saturday please call at the Porter's Lodge where you will be given a list of those attending, the minutes of the 2003 AGM and a programme of events. You will also be given the key to your room if you have made a prior booking.

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■ The Master writes:

This is the first time that I write in the Association Newsletter as Master and I do so almost at the end of what has been probably the busiest year of my life. The pleasure of my election in January last year was followed by even more pleasure at my admission on October 1st – and then the reality of life as Master, University Professor and researcher rapidly became apparent! But with my wife, Jane, and my daughter, Jessica, we have rapidly and happily settled as a family in the beautiful Master's Lodge and this was made possible by the warm and supportive environment provided by the Fellowship and the College staff. My predecessor, Stephen Fleet, with whom I have been a Fellow for more than 25 years, and his wife, Alice, also gave generously of their time, advice and friendship to ensure an easy transition for all three of us. As many or all of you will know, Stephen has given some 30 years of devoted service to Downing – the last three as Master – providing me with an extremely hard act to follow.

The Fellowship has and will see major changes this year. Dr Marijn Ford joined us as Research Fellow in Molecular Neurobiology; Dr Oke Odudu as Fellow in Law; Professor David Feldman as Professorial Fellow in Law (and is the Rouse Ball Professor of the Laws of England in the University); Dr Ludmilla Jordanova as Fellow in Art History (and is Director of the Centre for Research in the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences – CRASSH – in the University); Dr Liping Xu as Fellow in Engineering and Dr Paul Barker as Fellow in Chemistry. Drs David White (Engineering), Guy Williams (Mathematics for Natural Sciences) and Marc Richards (Research Fellow in Linguistics) will join the Fellowship on October 1st for the start of the academic year. In October 2003, Keith Eyeons became our new Chaplain, having spent time as a parish priest in Oxford and, prior to that, a first class degree in Natural Sciences from Cambridge. With distinguished arrivals come sad departures. Oke Odudu, having so recently joined us, takes up a permanent position in European Law at Kings College London and Dr Will Poole, who has been a Research Fellow, Teaching Fellow and Director of Studies in English during his four years with us, is returning to New College Oxford. In the short time they have been at Downing, Will and Oke have had an enormous and positive influence. At the other end of the temporal continuum, John Hopkins and Martin Mays retire at the end of the year, both having been Fellows for 40 years plus and both having served as Directors of Studies in their subjects (Law and Natural Sciences, respectively), Tutors, Admissions Tutors and Senior Tutors during that time. Their commitment and service to Downing are exceptional and I am sure will continue albeit in different ways. During the year, we took pleasure in the promotions of Richard Smith to Professor in Historical Demography (Richard was also elected Vice-Master from October 1st 2004) and Barry Moore to Reader in Economics. Quentin Blake, artist, author and illustrator of children's books and



The Master. Prof Barry Everitt

Honorary Fellow of Downing received an Honorary Degree in June and we were delighted to welcome him in the College when he attended the impressive Honorary Degree ceremony. Professor John Pendry FRS, a distinguished scientist at Imperial College, London, and a former Fellow was knighted in the Queen's Birthday Honours list. Regretfully, I am also very sad to report that John Rushbrooke, and Pat Carter, both former Fellows (Pat retired just a few years ago), and Donald Northcote, Honorary Fellow and former Master of Sidney Sussex College, died during the year.

One of the most pleasurable and important aspects of my new role as Master is to be able to work closely with a new Senior Tutor, Graham Virgo. I have known Graham since he was elected as a Fellow in Law; he is an outstanding scholar, reflected in his promotion to Reader this year. His major responsibility is to provide the best possible environment for students to study at Downing, ensuring fair and wide access to the College, as well as academic success when students are here; these tasks could not be in better hands and I am absolutely certain that he will be an outstanding Senior Tutor. As his own report in the Newsletter makes clear, there is much to be proud of, but also much to do, and we share the common objective of enhancing and maintaining Downing's reputation as a centre of excellence.

Of all the aspects of College life that I have experienced this year, interactions with students have provided the high spots. Our students, undergraduate and graduate, are talented, of course. They push the boundaries of every domain of their lives – as they should. They have been a delight to get to know and they, too, have been kind and supportive to me and my family. I was especially honoured – and not a little terrified – to act as Vice-Chancellor's deputy and award the final year students their degrees at the June congregation (Latin tuition courtesy of Paul Millett, our Admissions Tutor and Fellow in Classics). In addition to their academic studies – which the Senior Tutor, Fellows and I emphasize are of

paramount importance – they manage to do so much more, frequently excelling in artistic and sporting activities. Music in Downing is, well, exceptional. Our organ scholar, David Pipe, was elected Fellow of the Royal College of Organists during the year – an astonishing achievement for a second year (or any other year) undergraduate. He has led the choir and musical activities in the College with real distinction. There have been memorable concerts, frequent recitals in the Master's Lodge (ranging from operatic arias, Schubert's Winterreise, songs from musicals to exquisite piano virtuosity) and a final performance from our barber shop ensemble, the Downing Gents, all attended by Fellows, staff and students. The drama society has been revitalised with excellent performances of Abigail's Party and The Brothers Menachmus and yet another Cabaret evening that was a fine showpiece of the musical talent in the College.

In sport, the Boat Club has had a very successful year with both men's and women's first eights winning the Fairbairns and the women's first boat going head of the river, followed by a memorable boat-burning, in the Lents. This is the first time in the College's history that our women have had such success. The women's hockey team also came within a whisker (one goal in extra time) of winning the Cuppers final. Many Downing sports men and women gained blues in University sports. I am also very happy to report that the Segreants thrive (with Julian Childs as President) and the Griffins continue to flourish with the Senior Presidency having passed from Flemming Heilmann, who has been and is such a strong supporter of the College, to Phil Boulding – distinguished former rugby blue and lawyer with a first class degree. He certainly brings a larger-than-life feel to the Griffins and it is a pleasure to welcome him back to active engagement with the College. The academic societies in the College – Whitby, Danby, Cranworth, Maitland, Lord Guildford also thrive with frequent and successful lectures combined with more social gatherings. The Cranworth Law Society held a special dinner in the spectacular Middle Temple Hall in London earlier in the year to mark John Hopkins' retirement and, for good measure, did the same again in College in June.

Among other memorable events during the year, a most special one was inauguration of a College telescope purchased through donations in memory of an Old member, Thomas Rymer. Not only did Thomas's widow, daughters and grandchildren visit the College, they did so during the transit of Venus, when the telescope was used to dramatic effect with a live viewing via a camera link from the telescope to a large screen – enabled by our resident astronomer Peter Duffett-Smith, ably assisted by Holly Hedgeland, a graduate student and David Swan, an undergraduate. Once Peter worked out the time of day, so that the computer driven telescope searched the sky rather than the ground beneath the College, all went spectacularly well during a brilliantly clear day.

Another pleasure this year has been to meet many Old Members (I am never sure about the attractiveness of that description; many were younger than me!)

at Reunion events throughout the year. Some of them were the first students I supervised as a Fellow and for whom I was Director of Studies in Medicine in the mid-late 1970's; it was particularly poignant to see them again. I hope to see many, many more of you at Reunions both at Downing, around the UK and in many other places during the coming year. I will be visiting the USA (East and West), Taiwan, Singapore and Hong Kong during the coming year, often in connection with lectures that I will be giving at neuroscience conferences and I will look forward to meeting Downing Old Members at events that will be specially organized and to which you will be invited. Your affection for the College is greatly cherished and I look forward to discussing College life with you, not least because we increasingly depend upon your support and advice in the challenging times ahead.

One of the facts of life now and in the future is that we must actively raise funds to secure the future of the College. Most importantly, these funds support our educational, teaching and research activities, which are central to our mission. But also to support and maintain our beautiful domus, not only because many of the listed buildings are showing signs of their age, but also because we are subject to stringent new legislative requirements, most frequently health and safety. We have recently appointed a new Development Director, Tariq Sadiq, to coordinate our fund-raising activities; he joined us from Selwyn College via the Royal Institute for International Affairs at Chatham House and he is looking forward to getting to know both the College and the Members of the Association. This year has seen the completion of our new sports pavilion on the new Grantchester Road playing fields, which was opened by local man, Keith Fletcher, former captain of Essex, England cricket captain and coach. Major refurbishment of N staircase is underway and also of two Lensfield Road houses for undergraduates. Four new terraced houses in Devonshire Road have been acquired for our graduate students and these have been named 'Collins House' after a major benefactor. Major legacies have also been received this year through the generosity of Geoffrey Walton, the parents of Peter Sakal and also a further, major benefaction from Wilkins Fellow, Richard Frischmann. As many of you will know, not least because you have contributed so generously, the Hopkins-Parry Fellowship campaign, chaired enthusiastically by George Pullman QC, last year's President of the Association, reached its impressive target of £1,000,000. The Hopkins-Parry Teaching Fellowship in Law will be advertised this summer and the appointment will help to secure our teaching needs and our excellence in Law for years to come. We embark on a new venture in November this year, the Mays-Wild Fellowship and Research Fund, chaired by another former President of the Association, John Hawkins, which aims to support our teaching, research and scholarship in the Natural Sciences. The launch will be held at the Salter's Hall in London on November 9th, with a talk by the Government Chief Scientific Adviser and Former

Master, Sir Dave King FRS, in combination with the very popular London Event; I hope to see many of you there.

And so my first as Master year draws to a close (with a family vacation between now and then, not least deserved by Jessica who has survived GCSEs and awaits her results). It has been a wonderful, even though demanding year. I could not have survived without the support of many people – Fellows, Staff, Students and Old Members. But there are some individuals who I must mention especially: the Senior Tutor, whom I have referred to above; Paul Millett, our deeply committed Admissions Tutor; the Bursar, Susan Lintott, who devotedly manages our finances in very difficult, even hostile circumstances; the Fellows' Steward, Richard Stibbs who works tirelessly not only in that role, but as Secretary to the Governing Body, Praelector (along with Iain Dupère) and also photographer extraordinaire – as a brief glimpse at our website will show! And Rowena Erby, my personal assistant who has kept me on the straight and narrow with great patience. The future promises to be demanding. As, finally the details of the government's Higher Education Bill have been revealed and we now know that we face a difficult future dealing not only with progressive reductions in the College fee, but also the impact of tuition fees, increased regulation and, I fear, insufficient financial investment to ameliorate the damage done to Universities by government during the past two decades. But everyone at Downing is determined to meet this challenge and to ensure that we continue to provide the very best education and scholarly environment for our undergraduates and graduates. But I look forward to this challenge with a confidence that is based upon the certainty of the exceptional quality and commitment of the Fellowship, the Staff and the Students that make Downing the place that it is and will continue to be.

Barry Everitt

Master, July 2004

■ The Senior Tutor writes:

The life of the College is cyclical. Things start, I suppose, with the open days during the summer. We have a number of popular open days which provide potential applicants with their first opportunity to see the College, to meet the Fellowship and to have their questions answered. We have other open days specifically for students from the South West, as part of our own Access scheme, which has been very successfully organised this year by Katie Childs. In addition she has undertaken a number of visits to schools in the South West. Although the

Government funding for Katie's post has at the time of writing not been renewed, I am delighted that the College has agreed to fund the post for another year, with the generous support of a number of donations from old members, and am equally delighted that Katie has agreed to carry on this important work.

In mid-August the College receives the school examination results for students to whom conditional offers have previously been made. This year we admitted 123 undergraduates and 117 graduate students. The cycle continues in October with the new undergraduate and graduate students being matriculated and then the College takes on a new vibrancy. What in the previous month had been a quiet main court is suddenly full of excited students. Throughout the next two Terms the fundamental academic mission of the College and the University continues, little changed for many decades, with the regular cycle of lectures and supervisions.

From late November for three weeks the College changes again with applicants arriving for admissions interviews. Yet again the number of candidates applying to Downing increased, this time to just under 700. The organisation of the admissions season is a mammoth task for all concerned and I am enormously grateful to our Admissions Tutors and support staff, as well as all the Fellows who do the interviews, for their dedication and hard work in ensuring that we select the best candidates.

Throughout Michaelmas and Lent Term students are involved in a wide variety of sporting and cultural activities. Although all students know that academic attainment is at the core of their life in the College, they also know that attainment in other spheres is also important. This year there has been a great deal of success in many areas, reported on other pages of the College Record. The particular success of the women's first boat in coming head of the river in the Lent Bumps is of especial note; the first time that a Downing women's crew has done so. But the extra-curricular attainment of our students occurs on many different fronts, both within the College and beyond. Music remains an integral part of the life of the College, with the choir under the direction of David Pipe, recently elected to become a Fellow of the Royal College of Organists, maintaining the standard of excellence in choral singing. In addition many of our students have held positions of responsibility in a wide variety of university societies.

Of course it is not just the undergraduate body which has contributed to the life of the College. We have a particularly vibrant M.C.R. with an impressive committee which has successfully sought to integrate graduate students into the College community. The Fellowship is aware that we need to find more accommodation for our graduate students, especially for those who are new to Cambridge, and the recent purchase of four refurbished houses on Devonshire Road for graduate students will undoubtedly help to strengthen links with our graduate students.

In Easter Term the College changes again with examinations looming which provides a focus for hard work and late nights in the library. And then the results are published. This year the results have been mixed. There have been many highs but some lows as well. As regards the lows, the results overall of the first and second year students has been disappointing and the Fellowship expect greater endeavour from these students in the next academic year. Amongst the highs was the fact that 70 of our students were awarded first classes or distinctions. Indeed, 30 firsts were awarded to third and fourth year students, a record for the College. Some of these results were exceptionally good as reflected in the award of 13 prizes for especial distinction, prizes which are awarded to those students who came within the top 2.5% of their class list. The quality of some of these performances is also reflected in the fact that for the first time ever the Governing Body awarded the Association Prize to four candidates, each of whom came top in their respective subjects: Nick Dodd for Part II Classics, Alex Johnson for Part II History and Philosophy of Science, Nick Long for Part II Archaeology and Anthropology and Pete Skene for Part III Biochemistry.

Although these events recur, with students visiting, applying, studying and graduating every year, there are other events in the life of the College which are unusual and momentous. One of these has been the arrival of a new Master. Professor Barry Everitt's first year of his Mastership has been characterised by his commitment to every aspect of College life and everybody connected with the College in any way. At the start of the year Barry Everitt was translated from Fellow to Master. Come the end of the academic year there will be another two translations, again momentous in the history of the College, but this time tinged with sadness. For on 1st October John Hopkins and Martin Mays will cease to be official Fellows and will become Fellows Emeriti. On many levels this translation will be unnoticed because they will remain strongly connected to the life and mission of the College, but it is a translation nonetheless. Their advice will be missed in the Governing Body. But their influence on what we do will continue. The regard of our students for all three men was reflected by the hordes of graduates who wanted to meet them at the graduation ceremony and introduce their parents to three people who, in their different ways, have shown genuine interest and concern for them throughout their university career. This is an incredibly important part of what the College seeks to do for all our students.

With the election of a new Master and the retirement of two long-serving Fellows the College moves into a new era. But although we may be moving into a brave new world, with top-up fees, growing bureaucracy, frightening health and safety initiatives, the cyclical life of the College will remain unchanged. The wheel has come full circle. We have already had a number of open days, school examination results will soon be published and, come next October with the matriculation of new students, the life-blood of the College will be renewed.

■ Development Director's report

Introduction

In March 2004, Nicky Bryant, left Downing to join The Leys School as their Development Director. The College welcomed Tariq Sadiq, her successor, in June 2004. Prior to joining Downing he was Development Director at Chatham House, The Royal Institute of International Affairs, in London and before that he had set up the Development Office at Selwyn College, Cambridge, where he raised funds for a major building project. He has considerable experience of fundraising and higher education administration. After graduating from Durham University in History and Politics, Tariq spent eight years working at the London School of Economics where he also took his Masters' in The History of International Relations.

The Campaign

The past year has seen further impressive progress towards achieving the £12m Campaign goal with the total now standing at over £11m either received or pledged by the end of July 2004. £1,660,976.74 was raised during the 2003–04 financial year with 71% of the total being in the form of unrestricted gifts, which will benefit the College enormously.

The telephone fundraising campaign in March 2004 had a very good year with 330 alumni pledging a total of £131,956.36 of which 90% was received by July.

The Hopkins Parry Fellowship appeal reached its £1m target. This fantastic achievement is due to the generosity of many old members and the enthusiasm and dedication of the appeal committee and its Chairman, George Pulman QC and the support provided by the Development Office.

Planning for the Mays-Wild Fellowship appeal for the Natural Sciences continued during the year under the leadership of John Hawkins (1952). Just under £194,000 has already been donated or pledged towards the £500,000 target. The appeal will be officially launched on 9 November 2004 at Salter's Hall preceding the London event.

As we approach the end of the Campaign which started in 1996 the College will be taking a fresh look at its needs and priorities and will be considering new ways of engaging alumni and donors in the life of the College.

Events

Another successful London event took place at the end of October at Lincoln's Inn. 164 alumni attended the Association Dinner in September 2003 and over 200 attended the Alumni Day. Sir Kim Lewison (1970), High Court judge, was due to

give a talk on "Transition to the Bench" but unfortunately he was taken ill at the last minute so George Pulman QC (1967) and Graham Virgo (1984), Senior Tutor, stepped in gallantly to fill the breach. Graham gave a talk on "Murder: Myth and Meanings" which kept everyone entertained. A well-attended and very productive Year Representatives meeting took place on 14 January 2004 in College. 125 alumni attended the Reunion Dinner on 3 April for the 1975 – 79 years. The Griffins Dinner took place on Saturday 8 May and over 300 attended the Donors' Garden Party on 12 June 2004. Reunion lunches for 1951 & 1961 matriculants were held on 19 June.

■ Around the College

The Domestic Bursar reports that the Porters' Lodge has been lovingly restored and the College now uses the entire building. The Pavilion on the new sports ground in Granchester Road has excellent facilities. It was officially opened on 14 June 2004 by Keith Fletcher, former Captain of Essex and England team member (see separate article by John Hall). In the accommodation sphere Kenny B has been upgraded to full en-suite capability, and includes a new disabled ramp and one disabled-modifiable room. The College bought a new development of four terrace houses, Collins House, in Devonshire Road which have been constructed to yield twenty new graduate student rooms. We have created a new flat for disabled people, with adjacent carer's quarters, in 44, Lensfield Road.

Theft! Your help needed

If you were at the Association weekend last year (27–28 September 2003) you may have seen someone or something which will help the College recover a valuable Thwaites and Reed clock which was stolen from the Howard building.

If you have any information please phone the Porters' Lodge **01223 334800** or e-mail the Domestic Bursar, Dick Taplin, at rkt23@cam.ac.uk

■ News of members

Why make us wait until we print your obituary to learn about your life and achievements? Tell us what you have been getting up to; better, tell us what you plan to do!

About fourteen members of the Association live in Western Australia and at very short notice at the end of November 2003 a few of them, with their families, gathered in the bar of The University House, University of Western Australia, when your Honorary Secretary was visiting for a couple of weeks. **Jeff Bowen (1961)**, Secretary of the Western Australia Branch of the Cambridge Society kindly set this up and was joined by **Cecil Walkley (1948)** and **Brian Trembath (1954)**. A message from the Master was presented.

R W Adam (1949) writes –

Lorna and I celebrated our Ruby Wedding in September 2002. Our first grandchild, Daniel Joseph, was born July 2001 in Peterborough, Ontario, Canada to our elder son Timothy and his wife Rachel.

John Black (1962) has been elected a Member of Council of the Royal College of Surgeons of England to serve from 2003 to 2009.



Members in Western Australia, November 2003. r-l Jeff Bowen (1961), Cecil Walkley (1948), Brian Trembath (1954), John Hicks (1955) Hon Sec.

Robert Drayson (1938) tells us that he and his wife Rachel were married on August 24th 1943 in Repton Church, Derbyshire, where her father was Second Master at Repton School. They celebrated their Diamond Wedding with a big family gathering and a thanksgiving service in the church in which all the family took part in providing musical items.

Sean Gorby (1985) rowed in *Diamond 44*, a 60th anniversary re-creation of the 1944 University Boat Race which had been held on the River Ouse near Ely, one of the wartime races to be held out of London and the only one not on the Thames. *Diamond 44* took place on the last Saturday in February 2004 over the same 1½ mile course with the finish, as in 1944, at the village of Queen Adelaide. The result was a win for Cambridge by some five lengths. Sean was the youngest in the crews; the Oxford boat had two oars of 67 years of age and Cambridge one of 62.

Robin Kirk (1953) tells us that after Downing he was at the London Hospital and then specialised in pathology (histopathology and cytology). After working as a lecturer at Manchester University from 1963 to 1971 he was a consultant histopathologist at Lancaster from 1971 to 1978. From 1979 to 1983 he was a pathologist for the Streeklaboratorium Zeeland, Netherlands, responsible for the histopathology services in Dutch Flanders. From 1984 until his retirement in 1999 he worked at Arnhem, Netherlands and was responsible for the pathology services in the hospitals in Doetinchem, just east of Arnhem. He says "Since my retirement, I read a lot, and do a lot of voluntary work at the Open Air Museum at Arnhem, dividing my time between working as a conductor on the trams and helping with the guided tours." The Museum website is at <http://www.openluchtmuseum.nl>

Lucy MacGregor (1990), formerly Research Fellow in Earth Sciences, has been appointed Chief Scientific Officer of OHM Ltd, a company spun out of research, first at Cambridge and latterly at Southampton Oceanography Centre. The Company was formed in 2002 to provide electromagnetic surveying services to the offshore hydrocarbon industry.

Kendrick Partington (1947) was invited by the Alkan Society to give the first recital in the Fifth Triennial Cambridge Music Festival in November 2003, on the organ of St John's College Chapel. Kendrick has made a special study of the music of Charles-Valentin Alkan, the 19th century piano virtuoso and composer. His programme included his own transcription for organ of Alkan's *Le festin d'Esope*.

John Stevens (1977) was admitted solicitor in 1984. From then until 1989 he was with the Law Society and from 1989 to 2000 with the Legal Aid Board. Since then he has been with the Legal Services Commission.

Gordon Stuart (1944) of Colliston Castle, Angus, was born in 1925 in Kobe, Japan, where his father was working for the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank. He came up to Downing in 1944 from King William's College, Isle of Mann, on an Open Classical Exhibition. After taking Part I Classics in 1946 he switched to French and German, taking his 2nd Part I in one year and graduating in 1947. He became Captain of the University fencing team and received a Half-blue for fencing in 1946. He taught variously English, French and Classics at Lathallan and Craigflower preparatory schools and subsequently French with occasional German and Spanish at Arbroath High School. In 1961 he received a BA Hons (London) in Polish with Russian, externally and entirely through home study. Gordon retired from teaching in 1985 and became a full time freelance translator working from home in twenty languages, having previously done such work in his spare time and holidays. He is a Fellow of the Institute of Linguists and a founder Member of the Institute of Translation and Interpreting. He stood as Conservative and Unionist candidate against Tam Dalyell in West Lothian in the 1964 parliamentary election. He was one of the 20 finalists in the Polyglot of Europe Competition 1990 out of 149 entries from the European Community with twenty languages (minimum qualifying number – 9). Gordon competed in Mastermind 1993, coming equal top in his specialist subject (Slavonic languages since 1700) but didn't progress beyond the 1st round. He has travelled all over Europe, both on holiday and as a delegate to international translators conferences, including visits beyond the former Iron Curtain. Gordon lists his former hobbies as ski-ing, sailing and, hill walking and his publications as the English text of "*Manual of Russian for Adult Beginners*" (bilingual English-Russian) by Dr. Vera Doljanski of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and "*US Army Vehicles of World War Two*" (translated from the French, Haynes 1991). He is a Commissioner for Europe of the Stewart Society.

John Hall (1955), an Assistant Editor of the *Newsletter* and an avid reader of *The Croquet Gazette*, tells us that the new Chairman of the Croquet Association Council is **Ian Vincent (1970)**. In an article in the *Gazette* Ian refers to his introduction to the game whilst at Downing.

■ Appointments, retirements and distinctions

Michael John Cassidy (1965) deputy chairman, City Architecture Forum has been appointed CBE for services to the Corporation and City of London.

John Hawkins (1952), President of the Association 2000–2001, has been elected an Associate Fellow of the College in recognition of his role in strengthening the finances of the College and more recently his work in raising funds for the Wild-Mays fellowship.

John Pendry FRS (1962) Professor of Solid State Physics, Imperial College, London was made a Knight Bachelor in the Queen's Birthday Honours.

George Pulman QC (1967), the Association's Past President, has been elected an Associate Fellow of the College. George is Chairman of the Hopkins Parry Fellowship Appeal Committee. As well as being a practising barrister specialising in personal injury matters George is Chancellor of the Diocese of Chelmsford, an Ecclesiastical judiciary post.

Frank Salmon (1981) Honorary Research Fellow of University College, London in the History of Art Department, Chairman of the Society of Architectural Historians of Great Britain, Member of Council of the Society of Antiquaries.

Clare Sumner (1990) Senior Civil Servant, Prime Minister's Office has been appointed CBE.

■ Publications

H Brammer (1943) *How to help small farmers in Bangladesh*. University Press Ltd. Dhaka. 2003.

J. Barrie Jones (1965) Translator:

The Correspondence of Camille Saint-Saens and Gabriel Fauré: Sixty Years of Friendship", edited by Jean-Michel Nectoux. Ashgate Publications. 2004.

Roy Turner (1937) *The Mysterious Mission* – a history of the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty, its origins etc. The author uses his experiences as a Major, SORA, as a member of the Mission in 1945/6. *Selected Poems: Reminiscences of a Yorkshire Tyke* – autobiographical and amusing.

■ Marriages

The Editor has received no news of any marriages.

■ Births

Justine Shackleton (1987, née Fender) a son, William James, in 2004.

■ Not many people know that!

The door to room D1 in College came from No 10 Downing Street, London SW1. It was acquired by the then Bursar, Malcolm Fisher, when No 10 was being refurbished in the mid-1960's. A small plaque on the door records its provenance and we show it on the back cover of this issue of the Newsletter and College Record.

■ William Lindsell Cuttle

We have received a number of letters following Colin Hill's article in last year's Newsletter. They are all very supportive of Colin's observations that Bill Cuttle was a highly respected teacher and academic who was instrumental in furthering the status of Downing.

■ Glynn Jones Scholarships for Business and Management Education

Members of the Downing Association may like to be 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 £9000 per annum, for courses of up to two years' duration, have been made in the recent past. Further information about the awards and application forms are available from the Tutorial and Admissions Office (email: senior-tutor@dow.cam.ac.uk).

■ Obituaries

Anthony Ridley Beal (1943)

Tony Beal came up to Downing from Haberdashers' Aske's School for the Lent and May Terms in 1943, having won an Open Major Scholarship in English. His university career was then interrupted by war service in the Royal Navy, in which he became a sub-lieutenant, RNVR. Returning to Downing in 1946, he completed the English Tripos in 1948, gaining a First in Part II. His supervisor was F R Leavis. After a year teaching at Eastbourne Training College he joined the education department of William Heinemann Ltd as deputy to Alan Hill, the managing director. Together they developed Heinemann Educational Books into a leading publisher not only of books for schools but also of literary criticism, drama, and African literature. Particularly influential for English studies in schools were the New Windmill series of modern novels and the Poetry Bookshelf series of selections of the works of major poets. Beal's own publications were *D H Lawrence: Selected Literary Criticism* (1956) and *D H Lawrence* (1961). In 1955 Dr Leavis's *DH Lawrence: Novelist* was published by Chatto & Windus. During the editing process someone had noticed that the MS - contained extensive quotations from Lawrence's work with no acknowledgments to or permission from Heinemann Ltd who held the British publishing rights. When Chatto's informed A S Frere, chairman of Heinemann, of this, Frere was angry at what he regarded as breaches of copyright and threatened to refuse permission for the quotations. Leavis sought Tony Beal's help who interceded with Frere, taking Leavis to meet him; and Frere eventually gave permission for the quotations provided an acknowledgement appeared at the front of the book. When Alan Hill became chairman of Heinemann Educational Books Beal succeeded him as managing director. He was chairman of the Educational Publishers Council from 1980-83, and a council member of the Publishers' Association from 1982-1986. He retired in 1985. Beal was a cultured, witty and charming man who inspired affection and respect in all who knew him. In 1958 he married Rosemary Howarth, with whom he had three daughters. Sadly, she succumbed to a long and distressing illness and died in 1989. In 1990 Beal married Carmen Martinez. After a happy twelve years together he became ill and was devotedly cared for by her until his death on 29 October 2003 aged 78. Carmen and his daughters survive him.

Jack Dalglish(1943)

Kanaiyalal Devshankar Dholakia (1934)

Mr Atul Dholakia tells us that his father, Kanaiyalal died in December 2001 at the age of 91. He read for the Mathematics Tripos at Downing and had a distinguished career in the service of the Government of India.

Hugh Doggett (1938)

Died on July 20, 2003, aged 83. Whilst still in the sixth form at Whitgift, he wrote a book on English grasses with his teacher, Dr C. T. Prime. A Scholar at Downing, he read botany and when war came he was sent to lecture at the Imperial College of Agriculture in Trinidad. In 1944 he took up a post in Tanganyika as an agricultural officer. Later he went as a botanist to Ukiriguru, a research station near Lake Victoria where his task was to improve a number of crops including rice, tapioca, and sorghum (millet). Between 1958 and 1967 he worked as plant breeder in Kenya and Uganda, pioneering a pest-resistant strain of sorghum able to grow with minimal water. In one of the first books about the crop, published in 1970, he explained its significance as a staple food in many semi-arid regions of the developing world. He was awarded a Colonial Agricultural Scholarship and a PhD in 1968. He spent the next years, until his retirement, working on sorghum and millet programmes in Africa and India. Latterly he lived in Histon near Cambridge.

Edwin Everett OBE QPM MA (1934)

Passed away in Johannesburg on 26th September 2003. He was born in 1916

Peter Greig-Smith (1941)

Professor Peter Greig-Smith died of leukemia in February 2003. His career culminated in a personal chair at the University College of North Wales, Bangor. (His obituary was published in *The Bulletin of the British Ecological Society* 11/03.)

B B Hopton (1964)

Died on 12th August 2003. The following are extracts from the eulogy delivered by the Head of Wolverhampton Grammar school at his funeral.

Born and bred in Wolverhampton, his father a local Primary School head, after his degree and teacher training at Downing, Brian was appointed a Biology teacher at his old school in 1968. He knew his stuff; it was simply a 'given' that he was a great teacher. But it wasn't his knowledge that made his pupils respect him. It was his enthusiasm; his down-to-earth approach; his abhorrence of affectation; his immense patience when patience was needed; his impatience with time-wasting; and his eccentricities – like his passion for ferns and his own affectation, that of despising animal biology as something that had been slipped into his beloved subject as some kind of dirty trick. Brian was fiercely proud of the Black Country and his roots in it. He was tireless and animated in talking about the things he loved. I'm sure he showed the same passion in his Biology lessons as he did when he explained the mysteries of Aynuk and Ayli, of the gulf of

suspicion between Upper and Lower Gornal, of Simpkins Ales and the Jolly Crispin. Brian's love of music was profound, as was his knowledge of it. It was his piano playing that contributed much of the magic to his Victorian Ballad Group. He played the organ too, and it's only a few years ago that he finally stopped playing in church. He used to complain about the Church of England – 'bloody vicars, bloody new translations' – but stuck with it. In a way, it was a love-hate relationship that typified his approach to many things. I think he felt hurt and let down by the church, or maybe by God, when he lost first his father and then his brother to cancer. I knew Brian only after that double bereavement, and I always sensed a deep bitterness in him. He worried about caring for his mother who was ill for many years: he was determined that she should never go into a home. Nonetheless it was a shock for us when in 1997 he relinquished the post of Head of Biology, worked for us part-time for a couple more years and then said he'd had enough. I couldn't imagine Brian without teaching as part of his life, a big part. But he said that they'd changed Biology. The subject he was now expected to teach was not the subject he'd learned and loved. So he left us – to our great sorrow. And he did care for his mother, right through until she died at Easter this year. He devoted these last years of his life to her, and was proud that he kept faith with her. After her death his friends scarcely saw him at all, though he did still speak on the phone, often at great length. Those most closely in contact with him became very worried about him. It seems he became neglectful of himself; we must assume his pride did not permit him to ask for help, although it was offered from many quarters. He died from septicaemia. Perhaps in his weakness and self-imposed loneliness he failed to recognise serious illness or infection when it struck him.

Michael Robert House (1951)

Professor Michael House, Emeritus Professor of Geology in the University of Southampton, died at Weymouth on 6 August 2002, aged 71. Born in Blandford Forum in 1930, Michael House came up to Downing from schooling in Weymouth and National Service in the Army, and was much influenced by Professor W B R King and the specialist in Jurassic studies W J Arkell, who persuaded him that rather than follow his own instincts and study Jurassic ammonites, he should study their poorly known ancestors in the early Devonian rocks. Astonishingly, before he graduated with a First in 1954, he was appointed to a Lectureship in Geology at Durham, where he learned much of his skills in academic life from the head of the Department, another Dorset man, K C (later Sir Kingsley) Dunham.

So began his life's work in the study of ammonoids of the Devonian period (some 360–410 million years ago). He spent 1958–1959 as a Harkness (Commonwealth Fund) Fellow at Harvard and Cornell. While doing fieldwork in

the Appalachians he failed to persuade a landowner to have access to an old locality famous for its fossils: he calculated where there would be an exposure of the same rock, which turned out to be even more productive. With work on other collections he doubled in one year the number of known genera of Devonian ammonoids in the Americas. He extended his work to cover areas in France, Morocco and the Canning basin in Western Australia. He emphasised the importance of translating the time divisions of geological systems, largely based on fossil successions, into time in years. Radioactive methods could only date to an accuracy of ten million years in the Devonian system. In the early 1980s he showed that the procession of the equinox (the conical rotation of the Earth's axis) could be used to measure the duration of sedimentary rhythms in the rock record to an accuracy of tens of thousands of years.

In 1963 he moved to Oxford as Lecturer in Palaeontology, acting as Dean of St Peter's College, and in 1967 was appointed Professor and head of the small Geology Department at Hull University. He extended the Department's North Sea research to include industrial mineralogy, and established a chair in Micropalaeontology. His warm personal relationships and good administrative talent were put to use as he served as Dean of Science (1976–1978) and Pro-Vice-Chancellor (1980–1983). Disaster struck with the University Grants Committee's Oxburgh Report in 1987 which led to the closure of several good earth science departments, including that of Hull.

He transferred to Southampton University in 1988, which brought him nearer to his beloved Jurassic rocks and his roots in Dorset. He took early retirement in 1995, and was recognised as Professor Emeritus until his death.

He was awarded a PhD from Durham in 1958, a DSc from Oxford in 1982, and was due to be given an Hon DSc by Plymouth University, but his death came too soon. His outstanding contribution to palaeontology and stratigraphy was marked by numerous awards including the William Bolitho Gold Medal of the Royal Geological Society of Cornwall (1970), the Neville George Medal of the Geological Society of Glasgow (1984), the Sorby Medal of the Yorkshire Geological Society (1985) and the Murchison Medal of the Geological Society (1991). With some still to be published at the time of his death, he was responsible for some 220 research papers.

His classic guide to the geology of the Dorset coast became the vade-mecum of amateur and professional geologists, and he made a significant contribution to the successful bid for World Heritage status for the East Devon and Dorset coasts. A modest man and a superb teacher, he liked nothing better than joining other enthusiasts on a Friday field excursion of Dorset geology.

We are grateful to Michael's widow, Felicity, for her help in compiling this obituary with John Biggs (1952).

Peter Jukes (1944)

Mr Anthony Russell tells us that Peter Jukes passed away on 22 July 2003. He had been unwell since the beginning of the year with lung and heart problems.

Ian Duncan MacKillop (1957)

Died on 27 May 2004. He came up to Downing from Dulwich and read English under Leavis. He then went on to Leicester University where he took a doctorate, teaching there and later at Keele. He was eventually appointed to a lectureship at Sheffield. He will perhaps best be known to a wide circle of Downing men and women for his biography of Leavis – *FR Leavis: A Life in Criticism* – published by Penguin in 1995, to coincide with the centenary of Leavis's birth. This involved a number of visits to the College to consult Leavis papers and other documents. The result is generally agreed to be an outstanding work of scholarship.

Dr Paul Millett

H S Marmorek (1937)

Stephen Marmorek died in Toronto on October 28th 2003. Born in Vienna in 1919, he read Mechanical Sciences at Downing and during World War II served as a captain in REME in the UK and the Middle East. He moved with his family to Canada in 1949 holding positions in factory and general management. He was proud of using his skills as President of Sprague Electric of Canada for 23 years, to create many jobs for Canadians as a key supplier of electronic components to the US automotive industry, while building the best of employee relations. After retiring from full time employment, he practised as a management consultant. He overcame a number of serious health problems and in turn sponsored the H. Stephen Marmorek Urological Cancer Fund at Harvard University.

H J Matthews (1934)

John Matthews came up to Downing from King Edward's School, Birmingham and read mathematics from 1934 to 1937. After graduating he joined the staff of Oundle School. As a Territorial Officer he was called up in 1939 and served during the Second World War with the Royal Engineers (Survey), his travels in uniform taking him to such places as Wynnstay (Ruabon, North Wales), Egypt and Italy. After the War he returned to Oundle School, where he was appointed a Housemaster, and for a number of years commanded the Combined Cadet Force. He also coached junior Rugby teams. He subsequently rose to the position of Deputy Headmaster (successfully acting as Headmaster for one term), not an easy

office to hold in the protest-ridden 1960s and early 70s. Many former pupils have acknowledged the positive influence he exerted on their lives. He continued to teach mathematics until his retirement.

We recorded John Matthews' death in last year's Newsletter and this obituary was written by his widow and his son, A D Matthews (1971).

Ken Mills (1962)

Held a Graham Robertson Research Fellowship from 1967 and was awarded a PhD in 1972. He came up to Downing from the City of Norwich School.

Nick Moyle (1955)

Died on 21st October 2003. The following are extracts from a eulogy by Mr Giles Slaughter.

Nick had been at King's College School in Cambridge before going to Framlingham. Downing came after two years of National Service in which he served as a subaltern in the gunners in Germany. From what I have heard, with his characteristic zest for life, he and his fellow subalterns managed at times to reduce military exercises to games for boys with toys. Nick's energy, his intelligence and his sense of fun, qualities which he retained throughout his life, made him an ideal undergraduate and the years at Cambridge, studying, acting, sport to which rowing was now added – and socialising were some of the happiest of his life. They were also very significant in confirming Nick's plans to become a teacher. He wanted other young people to enjoy at school the sort of experiences he had enjoyed. Nick started his teaching career at St. George's School, Harpenden. When I first met him I can almost quote his first words, "Hallo, I'm Nick Moyle, I hear you were in the Footlights at Cambridge". "So was I. Let's do a review". I had never seen this chap before, but my immediate response was to say 'what a great idea' and from that day on we were friends. Nick spent a year at The Valley High School in America which he greatly enjoyed and then returned to St George's. His appointment as Deputy Head at King Edward VI's, Bury St Edmunds, a post he held with distinction for fourteen years, demonstrated that he would have made an excellent head but he chose to eschew that role in favour of his family life.

John Clive Baird Nesfield (1939)

John spent his early years as a doctor in the Royal Army Medical Corps in India and Burma, following in the footsteps of his father, Major Vincent Nesfield, who had pioneered the use of chlorine in the purification of drinking water and accompanied the Younghusband expedition to Tibet in 1903. The bulk of John's

working life was spent as a general practitioner. This was a role in which he became a trusted friend as well as doctor to many Whitstable families. He was a large man, both in frame and personality, whose calm reassuring manner made him an easy person to turn to in trouble. He had an intuitive understanding of the fact that every consultation had a psychological component at a time when such things were hardly spoken of. He gave the impression that visiting a patient at home was a privilege. This writer cannot be the only medical student who chose general practice because of John's influence. John spent the last 10 years before retirement as a medical officer in psychiatry. He had a rare ability to enter into the patient's world and to demonstrate that what he found there could be accepted and coped with. Colleagues used to call on him, even after his retirement, to calm some of their more problematical patients. He was an eccentric and lived in a house, full of exotic treasures, in Whitstable in which another eccentric doctor, Somerset Maugham, grew up. After retirement he moved to Sandhurst, Kent where he tended his animals and his garden with the affection he had shown his patients. He leaves a wife, Stella, 3 children and 1 grandchild.

Andrew Polmear

This obituary was sent to us by Robert Drayson (1939)

Richard Anthony Potter (1970)

Richard came up to Downing from Abingdon School to read Veterinary Medicine and, although no schoolboy oarsman, swiftly established himself as the stroke of the 1st VIII and became Captain of Boats in his third year. In addition to the normal duties of the captaincy, Richard spent long hours coaching junior crews and encouraging those who were new to the sport. Qualifying as a vet in 1976, he joined a practice in the Oxfordshire countryside where he had been raised and where he would spend all his professional life. He became senior partner in 1999. Initially Richard practised general farm animal medicine but by the 1990's had established himself as one of the country's foremost pig-practitioners. Much sought after as a speaker and as an author, he was an examiner for the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons and in 2000 was elected as Vice-President of the Pig Veterinary Society. But Richard was much more than a highly respected and successful vet. At heart a countryman and talented naturalist, he took great pride in his garden and its colony of newts. He was also a fly-fisherman who made his own rods and smoked his own fish and a painter whose watercolours adorned the walls of his home. It was therefore particularly cruel that Richard should be struck down in 2000 by the cancer that would finally kill him. Bravely supported by his wife Amanda and his four children, he faced his final illness with the same optimism, good humour and determination that characterised his whole life. Richard died on 11 May 2003.

Gareth Davies (1971)

R J W Price (1954)

Passed away in January 2002. His son, Julian, tells us that his father worked in missile engineering for Raytheon in Massachusetts for a number of years. He went on to work for a number of other engineering companies in California and New Jersey.

Robert Taylor (1928)

Mrs Johan Taylor wrote to tell us that her husband Robert died peacefully on 8 January 2004.

Geoffrey Walton (1932)

Died on 18 September 2003. For several years he was Head of English Studies at Ghana University and later at two other African Universities. Latterly he lived in Canterbury and Lewes.

H J (Jack) Woodliff (1956)

Died in Western Australia on 20 July 2003. He was awarded a PhD in 1962. He held Chairs in Pathology in Uganda and Papua New Guinea in the 1970s. Following a heart by-pass operation in the early 1980s he worked as a consultant haematologist in Perth, Western Australia. Latterly he suffered poor health for many years, I last met him in about 1994 at a Cambridge Society function; he developed Parkinson's disease and was basically house-bound after that.

Jeff Bowen (1961)

■ 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.

Business meetings in Downing

The College makes its facilities available for conferences and meetings; for Members out of Residence the College offers rooms, subject to availability, for meetings during term time. For further information contact the Conference Office on 01223 334860 or fax 01223 467934.

High Table Dining Rights

Members out of residence in the categories below are welcome to dine at High Table twice per full term, the first occasion being free of charge. Appropriate gowns can be obtained on loan from the College on the evening, but you may wish to bring your own.

You are eligible for dining rights if you have one of the following:

- a Cambridge BA and 19 terms have passed since you matriculated at Cambridge.
- a Cambridge MA or higher Cambridge degree.
- any other Cambridge postgraduate degree, and 19 terms have passed since you began your first degree.

For further information please telephone the Conference Office on 01223 334860 or e-mail: jr279@cam.ac.uk. (Unfortunately members out of residence may not bring guests to High Table.)

Visiting other Colleges

As a graduate of the University you are entitled to a Cambridge University "Camcard" which permits you and four guests to free entry into all of the Colleges of the University when they are open. For further information telephone or write to the University Development Office, 10 Trumpington Street, Cambridge, CB2 1QA Tel. 01223 332288.

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Richard Stibbs, Assistant Secretary (College Record) finds time amongst his roles as Fellow, Fellows' Steward, Secretary to the Governing Body, Praelector, Supervisor in Mathematics, and Senior University Computer Officer to solicit contributions from the College Club secretaries and the Fellowship. Richard also plays a mean game of croquet to which he has introduced many an academic visitor from home and abroad. Another croquet enthusiast, in his home county of Hertfordshire, is our other Assistant Secretary, **John Hall (1955)** who helps with drafting obituaries and other editorial matters.

Mary Evans, Helen Limbrick and Sarah Brinkley of the Development Office give us titbits of news of members and help us through the database as well as providing a permanent foot on the ground in College.

Jane Perks, Manager of the Admissions and Tutorial Office, supplies the lists of new admissions and the Tripos results and awards hot off the press.

Janet Wass, College Secretary keeps us up to date with the Fellowship, a more fluid constituency than at one time.

We thank also those of our members who send us pieces on a whole range of subjects which add spice, perspective and purpose to the whole. We would also like to thank the staff of the University Printing Service of the University Press who take our amateur editorial efforts and convert them into a professional looking publication.



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■ News of the Fellowship

Bill Adams has written a new book on conservation: *Future Nature: the story of conservation*, published by Earthscan. In June 2004, Bill was awarded the Busk Medal of the Royal Geographical Society for 'interdisciplinary research on conservation and sustainable development in Africa'.

Paul Barker has joined us as Fellow in Chemistry after being appointed this year to a University Lectureship in Chemistry. After his D. Phil in Chemistry at Oxford, he took research fellowships at University of British Columbia, Vancouver, and then at the MRC Centre for Protein Engineering, here in Cambridge. He joined the Chemistry department here in 1998 as a BBSRC Research Fellow, so he was no stranger to the University, or Cambridge, when he was appointed to the lectureship. His expertise is in Bio-inorganic Chemistry and his research interests are currently focused on using metal-containing proteins in molecular electronic devices, with the potential for use as sensors, switches and other components of self-assembling circuits.

An exhibition celebrating the work of **Quentin Blake (1953)** (Honorary Fellow) under the title "*Quentin Blake: Fifty Years of Illustration*" was held in Somerset



Prof. Quentin Blake

House, London WC2 over the first quarter of 2004. He spoke about his work in the BBC Radio 4 programme *Loose Ends* on 17 January. He is Visiting Professor at the Royal College of Art and on 21 June 2004 the University of Cambridge conferred on him the Degree of Doctor of Letters. On the day before his degree ceremony the College held a dinner in Hall in his honour.

In the course of the year, **David Feldman** who joined us at the beginning of the year as a Professorial Fellow in Law has been conducting research on aspects of the legislative process, on the impact of international law on national constitutions, and on English public law in general. Publications in the last year include a major collaborative work, *English Public Law*, which he edited and to which he contributed several chapters; an essay on the history of civil liberties over the past hundred years in Vernon Bogdanor (ed.), *The British Constitution in the Twentieth Century* (one of the publications

marking the centenary of the British Academy); an article on the impact of human rights on the legislative process; and a chapter on the internationalisation of public law in a new edition of Jeffrey Jowell and Dawn Oliver (Eds), *The Changing Constitution*. He has collaborated with colleagues at Harvard University on a project to produce a legal framework for a long-term anti-terrorism strategy, and has accepted invitations to deliver lectures and conference papers in many venues in the UK and abroad, as well as performing his functions in Bosnia and Herzegovina as a judge of the Constitutional Court.

David Holbrook (1941) (Fellow Emeritus) has published another novel – *Going Off the Rails*, Cappella Archive. 2003. He has also re-issued *A Play of Passion*.

John Hopkins (Senior Fellow) celebrated his impending retirement at a special dinner of the Cranworth Law Society in Middle Temple on March 4th 2004. Here are some extracts from his speech:

"I have been a Fellow of the College for 43 years, over one fifth of the time since the grant of the Charter. Most of that time I have been Director of Studies in Law and well over half of it as Tutor or Senior Tutor. And it has all – or nearly all – been such fun. Imagine some early days: being given an (almost) blow by blow account by F R Leavis of his (literal) fight with Wittgenstein and being involved with discussions with Bertrand Russell about his coming to give a lecture at Downing which he eventually declined to do owing to his being "too busy in negotiating an avoidance of war between the USA and Russia". I have served under seven Masters; the fabric of the College has been transformed in my time, most notably by the construction of the Howard Court and the Maitland Robinson Library. In 1980, ladies were admitted to the College. And that, in spite of my former reservations, has proved to have been the most admirable and natural change in the life of the College. Then being Tutor and Senior Tutor, as Sir Robert Jennings put it, "the best job in the world" – or so it was until it became overtaken by committees, inspections and the like. They all produce reports ad infinitum (or ad nauseam?) which only the pedant enjoys and only the fool takes wholly seriously. Maitland, no less, could write in about 1885 of the country: "we are becoming a much governed nation, governed by all manner of councils, boards and officers, central and local, high and low, exercising the powers which have been committed to them by modern statutes". The Cranworth is a remarkable institution, comprising as it does, all Downing lawyers – and their guests – on any occasion. To me, and I suspect to many present, it represents continuity and stability in a changing world. And it will surprise none who knows me, that I regard continuity as far more important than change. (I have long had sympathy with the Lord Chancellor of the 19th century who, when learning of a proposal

for a reform responded: "reform, reform! Aren't things bad enough already?). But then, dear Clive Parry more than once told me that I was born not only a Conservative – but also middle aged. I regard that as a compliment and I think it was meant as one, but one could never be entirely sure as to that sort of thing with Clive!

On January 9th 2004 the Fellowship celebrated the 90th birthday of **Sir Robert Jennings (1932)** (Honorary Fellow) at High Table in the company of his wife Christine.

Ludmilla Jordanova, who was at New Hall between 1968 and 1978, joined the Fellowship in October when she took up the post of Director of the Centre for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities. She is on a three-year secondment from UEA where she is Professor of Visual Arts, and has previously held chairs at the Universities of York and Essex. The Centre sponsors and promotes interdisciplinary work, has a visiting Fellowship programme, runs conferences, workshops and seminars, and helps scholars raise external funds for research. Ludmilla read Natural Sciences at Cambridge, took her Ph.D. in history of science, and also has a Masters degree in art history from the University of Essex. She writes about cultural history and is a Trustee of the National Portrait Gallery in London. Recent books include *History in Practice* (2000, with a second edition currently being prepared) and *Defining Features: Scientific and Medical Portraits 1660–2000* (2000).

In October this year's Keio Fellow, **Professor Takao Matsumura** of the Faculty of Economics at the University of Keio, accompanied by his wife, took up residence. Prof. Matsumura's subject is British Economic History.

Okeoghene (Oke) Odudu joined Downing this year from Keble College Oxford, after completing a doctorate concerned with aspects of European Community law. During the year he has published a note on the failed Airtours (now First Choice) (*Collective Dominance Clarified?* 2004. 63 CLJ 44–46) and an article on penal theory (*Retributive Justice In An Unjust Society*, 2003. Ratio Juris 416–431). A case annotation analysing the independence of the European Central Bank is forthcoming in the Common Market Law Review; and four books on European competition law have been reviewed (2003. 40 Common Market Law Review 1292–1296 and forthcoming CLJ). He has been engaged in writing a monograph re-conceptualising the way European competition law should be understood, which is due to be published by Oxford University Press at the end of 2005. After a very happy year in Downing we are sorry to lose Oke on his appointment to Kings College London to continue research and teaching in competition law.

William Poole, Research Fellow in English, is returning to Oxford to take up a tutorial fellowship at New College. During his time at Downing he has taught extensively for both college and faculty, and has researched early modern literature and history of ideas, publishing in various journals. This year he has completed a monograph, *Milton and the Idea of the Fall* (CUP, forthcoming), and a scholarly edition of a utopian fiction *A Country Not Named* by the early-modern linguist Francis Lodwick (Medieval and Renaissance Texts and Studies, forthcoming). Over the last year or so he has also published or has forthcoming articles in *Shakespeare Quarterly*, *Milton Quarterly*, *The Seventeenth Century*, *Notes and Queries*, and *Historiographia Linguistica*. He has also written a chapter on interpretations of the Genesis narrative in the circle of the early scientist Robert Hooke.

Graham Virgo has been appointed one of the Editors of *Chitty on Contracts* and has rewritten the Chapter on the Law of Restitution for the 29th edition (2004), pp. 1631–1753. He has provided written evidence to the House of Lords Select Committee on the European Union concerning the negotiations for the Rome Convention II on choice of law rules for non-contractual obligations.

Dr Tom Wright (Honorary Fellow), Bishop Of Durham, has this year presented a series of Lenten musical meditations on BBC Radio 3 under the title *Spring Journey*.

Liping Xu joined the College as a Fellow in Engineering in January. He is University Lecturer in turbomachinery and works in the exciting field of aerodynamics in aero-engines and gas and steam turbines. A recent project he works on is the Cambridge MIT Institute Silent Aircraft Initiative to develop technologies required for such environmentally friendly aircraft.

Deaths

Patrick Lea Carter MA PhD, Fellow Emeritus, died on 8 March 2004. An obituary will appear in the next issue of the College Record.

It is with sadness that we record the death on 7 January 2004 of **Donald Henry Northcote** ScD, FRS, Honorary Fellow, a former Master of Sidney Sussex College and Emeritus Professor of Biochemistry. An obituary will be published in next year's College Record.

John Rushbrooke died on 5 May 2003. He was a Fellow of the college from 1967 to 1977 and served the college as a Director of Studies in Natural Sciences for the whole of this period. John also served on the College Council for most of this

period. He was a Reader in the Physics Department and Head of the Experimental High Energy Particle Physics Group. John regretfully resigned his fellowship in 1977 in order to spend more time leading his research group. He spent considerable periods of time at CERN, the international centre for particle physics. Among his many achievements he led the UA5 streamer chamber experiment at the CERN SPS collider during the 1980s. This was a major international collaboration involving a large team of physicists from many European countries. John was always interested in wider applications of the technology developed for these experiments. He was a founder director of Laser Scan, which was the first company started on the Trinity Science Park. Later he founded a second company, Cambridge Imaging, and moved to California to work on developing technology for the company. Tragically he was diagnosed as suffering from cancer shortly after this move and after a brave battle died in 2003. I first met John in 1967 as a young research student and worked with him until his death. He was always willing to help, advise and inspire the people he worked with and is sadly missed.

Richard Ansoorge

■ The New Chaplain

The Rev Keith Eyeons took up his post in the Michaelmas Term 2003. Keith read Natural Sciences at Clare from 1989 to 1992 gaining a first. From 1992–1993 he was Pastoral Assistant at St Michael's Church, Bishop's Itchington, Warwickshire. He then took a PGCE in Primary Education at the Institute of Education, London University, part-time, combined with working in a school. In 1995 he became a teacher at Whitchurch County Combined School, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire. He read for a DipHE in Theology at St. John's College, Nottingham (part-time) and in 1999 became Curate at St Mary's Church, Iffley, Oxford. From 2001 – 2003 he read for an MA(MM) in Theology at St John's College, Nottingham, also part-time and gained a distinction. Keith's hobbies include playing the piano, the flute and singing bass; and building and repairing computers. He has been able to do them all in Downing, as he has been singing in the Chapel Choir, playing the flute in the Downing College Music Society Orchestra, and helping distressed students with their computer problems. He works three-quarter-time as Chaplain, and spends the rest of his time on a part-time PhD on the theology of Karl Barth, supervised by Professor David Ford, the Regius Professor of Divinity. Keith's wife, Mel, works as an Assistant Librarian at the Faculty of Education. She has recently completed a part-time MSc(Econ) and is now working towards becoming a Chartered Librarian.

■ The Thomas Jefferson Fellowship

Professor Ed Ford has been this year's "Virginia Fellow" as the position is colloquially known. He and his wife Jane have been with us for the first half of 2004 and he writes of his experiences and impressions:

Thomas Jefferson made only one trip to England. It was a visit that must have been, in 1786, not entirely comfortable, the Revolutionary War having ended only five years earlier. It does, however, make him arguably the first American tourist. His primary purpose was diplomacy but that did not stop him from indulging his love of houses and gardens and in a few days he worked in visits to fifteen country houses including Chiswick, Osterley Park, Kew, Syon, and Stowe. Jefferson's English experiences were only a few of the many that he drew on when he rebuilt Monticello ten years later. But although Jefferson's great love was France, and although there was much about England he disliked, a visit to Monticello shows how much he modelled his life and world on Cobham's Stowe and Burlington's Chiswick.

Jefferson's feelings about England were ambivalent. In a 1785 letter he argued that the youth of America should avoid Europe, where the student might "acquire



Prof. & Mrs Ford. (Ed and Jane)

a fondness for European luxury and a contempt for the simplicity of his own country" and "become fascinated with the privileges of the European aristocrats." Yet in 1823, when the time came to hire faculty for the newly founded University of Virginia, he immediately sought to recruit them from England.

Perhaps there is something in the American character that encourages this type of ambivalence. Two other Americans, Robert Frost and T. S. Elliot, came to England in 1912 and 1915 respectively, reacting in very different ways. Elliot 'went native' never coming home, becoming a banker-poet-editor in a three-piece suit and bowler hat, more English than the English, and wrote *The Wasteland* and *Four Quartets*, some of the best poetry set in England, a strange end for the son of a St. Louis brick manufacturer. By contrast, Robert Frost, escaping from the drudgery of a farm in Derry, Vermont, discovered his Americanness, and while living in Buckinghamshire wrote some of the most American of American poems- *Mending Wall*, *The Death of the Hired Man*, *After Apple-Picking* and the others that make up *North of Boston*, all describing quite meticulously the life on the farm he had left 4000 miles behind. Like Jefferson, what Elliot and Frost found in England was primarily what they brought, perhaps unconsciously, with them. Distance gives a perspective on our origins, origins that are not so much geographic as intellectual. At the same time these lives illustrate that the innocent eye of the tourist can see many things that familiarity will conceal from the resident.

My first visit to England was even shorter than Jefferson's and produced no art, great or otherwise. I was one of the legions of backpack-toting American students who descended on Europe in the summer of 1969 thanks to cheap airfares and good exchange rates. I spent only six hours in Cambridge, but I would like to think their effect on me was as strong as Jefferson's, Frost's or Eliot's times here were on them. Cambridge was then and remains now one of my favourite places on earth, a feeling I have found that a prolonged exposure to damp weather and warm beer has done little to alter.

My six-hour visit of thirty-five years ago was of course followed by my six-month stay at Downing this year. It has been a productive environment as might be expected for one in my profession – architecture and architectural criticism, and I take home with me hundreds of digital photographs, countless photocopies of architectural drawings, a full sketchbook, and a manuscript badly in need of editing. It is a work that I seriously doubt will take its place alongside the Elliot's *Wasteland*, Frost's *North of Boston* or even Jefferson's *Notes on the State of Virginia*, but it has in common with them I hope, the advantage of a different perspective, one that comes with distance in the case of America and one that come from unfamiliarity in the case of England.

As an architect there are few eras of English architecture I do not admire, including the Modern, and as an outsider it is perhaps easier for me to see the

exceptional in that which is to the resident familiar. Two of the most beautiful parts of Cambridge to me are the tall chimneys and dormers of Pembroke Street and Trinity Lane, despite the fact that to one familiar with Cambridge, they might be of little interest since they are merely the backs of the far more prominent architecture that faces the courts of Pembroke and Trinity Colleges.

What I admire most about English architecture is the link between ideology and architecture and, at its best, the fusion of art and science, and my views of the English landscape are coloured accordingly. Thus Chipping Camden is more to me than a pretty village in the Cotswolds but the home of the nineteenth-century social reformers of Guild of Handicraft and the art and architecture it produced. Letchworth is more than a train stop on the way to London but the built reality of the Garden City movement. Cheadle is not just a rusty town in Staffordshire but the home of A. W. Pugin's finest church – a model of nineteenth-century Catholicism. The finest manifestation of this union of ideas and forms is the wonderful mixture of faith, art, ideology and science that are the seemingly countless parish churches of East Anglia. My favourites of the many I visited are South Creake and March, but it is one of the many aspects of this country that seems to allow for endless exploration. Many critics in history and many more today say that this link between ideology and form is what is wrong with English architecture, particularly in the Modern era, that ideology has solved few problems and created many more. I could not agree less.

I doubt that my most profound experiences in England will find their way into print since, like all truly architectural experiences, they defy verbal description. I was inside the tower of Ely Cathedral late one Saturday afternoon inspecting the joinery and wood framing of the octagonal tower, a gargantuan and complex construction that might baffle a Japanese puzzle maker. It thus was purely an accident that I was there as the Evensong service began below and I watched and listened from a hundred feet above. The access to the inside of the tower is from the roof of the transept, and I exited to a somewhat precarious perch to watch the sun set over the fens. Like the best of architecture, English or otherwise – the vaults of the chapel at Kings or the dome of St. Pauls – was art and science inseparable.

Thomas Jefferson never visited Cambridge, and as to whether he or his associate Latrobe ever saw William Wilkin's plans for Downing appears to be something of a mystery. Cinzia Maria Sicca suggests that even if Jefferson did not see the design of Downing, he probably did read the Downing statutes, and I find it fascinating to think that these two schools, both born on the threshold of the vast changes in university education that would take place in the nineteenth century, should share the common bond of not just formal similarity but a shared body of principles. Of course as an architect, I like to think the forms

of the schools and their ideologies are inseparable in a way that goes far beyond pediments and Ionic columns.

While marvelling at the many differences between Downing and Virginia I have concluded that ultimately the similarities are far more important. While my contact with the academic life of Downing and Cambridge has been limited, I have found a healthy respect for the opinions of students, a willingness by the faculty to make commitments and efforts for purely altruistic reasons, an equal value given to teaching and research, a belief that a commitment to professional education is not a commitment to the status quo, and a genuine concern for the life of the student in the present and future. As for the fusion of the arts and science, it is a characteristic of the college system that if the two are not exactly joined they are certainly at very close quarters, along with everything else, and can hardly avoid one another. It is, to my regret, an area in which my own University has the most to learn from England.

Since the Thomas Jefferson Fellowship began in 1976 twenty-six fellows have come to Downing, all I think gaining their own perspectives. I hope 2032 will have seen another twenty-six Fellows from Virginia, and many more fellows from Downing coming to Virginia, whose experiences have been equal to my own.

■ A new sports ground with a new pavilion

The official opening of the new Pavilion and Sportsground in Granchester Road took place on Monday 14 July, after about seventy guests, including some of the College's new neighbours, had been warmly welcomed by the Master. He paid particular tribute to Jeremy Fairbrother, Senior Bursar of Trinity, from whom the ground had been leased, Brian York of York Construction who had built the pavilion on time and within budget, and the designers Stephen Collins and Tim Marshall who had been responsible for interior design. Within the College Susan Lintott, Bursar and Richard Monument, Buildings Manager, had been deeply involved throughout, and the Domestic Bursar Dick Taplin had organised the Opening Ceremony – including the active presence nearby of the Cambridge Bowmen. The Master then introduced Keith Fletcher and Mrs Fletcher, noting that Keith's father Joe had worked in the College and was remembered by many. Keith himself had captained Essex and played for England at cricket, and it was a great pleasure to invite him to open the Pavilion and Ground. Mr Fletcher recalled his many cricketing visits to Cambridge, stressed how much his father had enjoyed his time with Downing, and duly declared open the College's impressive new facilities. Pimms and strawberries helped reminiscences to flow, and the occasion



The new pavilion

was much appreciated by all those present, including former Master Stephen Fleet with Mrs Alice Fleet, Senior Tutor Graham Virgo, Association President Martin Mays, and the Presidents of the Middle and Junior Common Rooms.

John Hall

■ The Richmond Lecture 2002

The Richmond lectures were instigated by Admiral Sir Herbert Richmond, Master of Downing 1936 – 1946, to bring to undergraduates the background to current affairs during the second world war. The event had gone into abeyance in recent years but was resumed in November 2002.

From Sellafield to CJD – Handling Uncertainty; Telling the Truth

A summary of the 2002 Richmond Lecture

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Introduction

Rather crudely one might say that 'experts' seek to reduce uncertainty, while stakeholders and the public aspire to learn 'the truth'. Both aims are versions of

a desire to attain certainty. But given the inherent intractableness of our environment and the limitations of the scientific method, is it more profitable for us to embrace uncertainty and learn how to live knowingly with relative rather than absolute truth?

Many of the questions we ask cannot be answered even after investment of time and money. Twenty years ago the Black Advisory Group confirmed that there was an increased number of cases of leukaemia in the children living in Seascale, the closest village to the Sellafield Nuclear Reprocessing Plant in Cumbria. In spite of considerable further research the cause of this excess remains obscure. A present day concern is about the relative merits of immunisation of children against measles using the 'triple' vaccine (MMR) versus a monovalent measles vaccine. Both formulations have been licensed and used in the UK. Public concern centres around suggestions that Crohn's disease or autism may be provoked by MMR, and the risk reduced by giving the three components sequentially, but this is no more than a hypothesis.

Meanwhile parents have to decide what to do for their own child. The weight of scientific evidence that *is* available supports the real benefits of the MMR vaccine when weighed against the unpleasantness and real risks of long term complications, including death occasionally, from measles. But parents don't see pictures of children damaged by measles on the TV; they see children with autism or Crohn's disease that have had MMR vaccine. Because few children receive the single vaccine no cases of autism or Crohn's disease are linked to it. Since more than 9 out of 10 children in the UK are protected against measles using MMR, most children with autism or Crohn's disease will have received MMR by chance. The Department of Health has made matters worse by adopting an overly authoritarian attitude and appearing to try to force parents to toe the line. Coercion will not work in the 21st Century, however good your case.

Differing values

The reasons why such polarisation of opinion occurs vary. Here there is tension between the perspective of the parent, responsible for the safety of their individual child, and the public health professional, responsible for improving the health of the population. The two groups inevitably value the same information differently because of their different 'frame of reference'. Neither perspective is wrong, and mechanisms for reaching final agreement need to focus on values as well as 'evidence'.

A similar tension can exist between those seeking immediate benefit versus those worried about future possible long-term harm, often only remotely likely, but with serious and irreversible consequences if it does occur. The debate over genetically modified (GM) foods falls into this category.

Absolute Safety

The wish for certainty also leads to a desire for absolute safety and intolerance of any mistakes occurring in our institutions. Then guidelines, audits and regulations proliferate in an attempt to deliver this impossible objective. All we are likely to do is to substitute a culture of *carefulness* for one of *caring*, which is surely what the phrase 'patient-centred' medicine should mean? Our doctors and nurses train for several years precisely so that they can make individual judgements on what is best for each patient, not just look up the answer in a book.

Why is there such a decrease in our tolerance of uncertainty?

In Europe our life expectancy is increasing, and in spite of many concerns about the environment, it is generally undoubtedly safer and more pleasant than it was in Victorian times. Perhaps this in itself reduces our tolerance? Others have hypothesised that the broader changes in the beliefs of our society contribute. Most of us can no longer blame God, or look forward to paradise in the future if misfortune strikes now. The belief that science was the new saviour and would deliver us from harm has become tarnished with the arrival of problems such as BSE and weapons of mass destruction. The Welfare State has also disappointed, but we feel powerless to improve it. Overall we feel disempowered and want someone else to sort things out for us.

Wicked Problems and Satisficing

To help us face up to the inevitable uncertainties of life, it might help to re-define the nature of these intransigent issues. The term '**Wicked Problem**' is proposed for issues that:

- a) clearly do not have a right or wrong answer;
- b) that have adverse effects for some groups or categories and benefits for others;
- c) that need to be managed by discussion and accommodation of differing perspectives rather than by a flight into 'evidence-based' wrangling;

and

- d) that need to be kept constantly under review so that decisions can be modified as the situation changes.

It is also suggested that the mechanism for handling such problems might usefully be called '**Pragmatic Satisficing**', which is defined as accepting a 'good enough' way forward at any particular time, either because there is no choice, or because to obtain more information would involve an unreasonable expenditure of resources.

Defining a problem as 'wicked' and therefore not soluble might shift the focus from constantly seeking to obtain more 'evidence' when what is often needed is greater efforts to understand the key parameters surrounding the issue and so to seek an accommodation between differing values and views. Genetically modified (GM) foods provides a good example of such a 'wicked' problem. At present it is largely addressed by scientists from a scientific perspective, but the concerns of most of the public centre on possible damage to the environment and on ethical concerns that one should not 'meddle with nature'. Both of these are issues that cannot be settled by scientific endeavour since science cannot prove a negative. Yet research continues to be undertaken, supposedly to reassure the public.

Satisficing a wicked problem aims to progress it rather than solve it. To be an acceptable way forward the process needs to concern itself with how to handle transparency, generate trust and encourage a belief that we are approaching nearer to 'the truth' while recognising the unattainability of 'absolute truth'. Transparency has been much in vogue but needs to be handled intelligently if it is to help. Examples from which lessons can be learnt are described.

Truth, Trust and Transparency

Increasing transparency doesn't necessarily increase trust, as Onora O'Neill remarked in her Reith lectures recently. Bernard Williams has recently suggested that the public's desire for truth is not matched by any expectation of finding it! Clearly a lot more needs to be done before we feel confident in handling the 'Values' part of the equation, but to start the process we need to recognise its existence and importance.

The Food Standards Agency (FSA: set up April 2000) carried out a BSE Controls Review as one of its first activities. This was conducted entirely in the public arena, with all meetings held in public and drafts of the final report on the web-site. Although an innovative and interesting exercise, there were some disadvantages to the process, and for their subsequent Review of the issue of BSE and Sheep, the FSA adopted a mixture of open and closed meetings followed by further consultation. This allowed a more rigorous investigation of the issues, and also resulted in some real changes in perspective and understanding in those stakeholders engaged in the process. Transparency is not just a question of putting everything on the web, but needs to be developed as a tool for increasing mutual understanding.

Conclusion

Since science cannot provide clear answers to our 'wicked problems', we need to recognise the incomplete information we *do* have will quite legitimately be valued differently by different sectors of society. We need to be more open about the limited nature of the 'Evidence' upon which we are likely to be able to base our

interim judgements and *any* actions. We need to learn how to take account of different perspectives and values and cultures. Perhaps out of this exercise we will indeed reduce uncertainty a little and approach slightly nearer to what the Public perceives as truth.

■ The Thomas Rymer Telescope

The College has been most fortunate in being able to purchase an astronomical telescope for general use by all members of the college from a legacy of the late Dr. Thomas Rymer. The instrument, a Meade ETX 125 with a 5-inch aperture, was commissioned by his widow, Dr. Stella Rymer, on 24 May 2004 and has been in use since to observe various astronomical phenomena, particularly the transit of Venus on June 8th. Members can see photographs of both events on the college website. The instrument is computer controlled, and easy to set up. I shall be happy to give demonstrations – weather permitting of course!

Peter Duffett-Smith



Commissioning of the Rymer telescope by Dr Stella Rymer

■ Scattering of Ashes

On May 2nd 2004 a moving service was conducted by the Chaplain in the College Rose Garden when the ashes of Mr David Richards were scattered in the presence of his family and the Master, the Senior Tutor, the Secretary of the Governing Body, the Admissions Tutor and the Praelector. David Ernest Richards was born on 25 August 1915 and died on 28 December 2003. He was educated at Eltham College from where he gained a place at Downing but his father did not allow him to take it up, a circumstance which he regretted all his life. The College was touched to be asked by his widow, Elizabeth (Betty), to allow the family to scatter his ashes within the College grounds and was delighted to welcome Betty, Mr and Mrs Anthony Richards (eldest son and daughter-in-law), Miss Anthea Richards (daughter), Mr Geoffrey Davison and Miss Barbara Conolly. David Richards worked in Williams Deacons Bank in Manchester until 1940, when he joined the army and in that year married Elizabeth Eardley Roberts. He flew spotter planes for the Royal Artillery 8th Corps and rose to rank of Major. He landed at Arromanches soon after D-day. He rejoined the Bank in 1947 after seven years army service; took the Inland Revenue exams and became an Inspector of Taxes. He joined the Mercantile & General Reinsurance Company in 1950 in charge of taxation and accounting, and was there until he retired (1977), rising to be Assistant General Manager. He was interested in photography and wine (especially claret) and was a member of St George's Hill Golf Club, Weybridge, (where he won their diamond jubilee trophy in 1973), and, later, Lyme Regis Golf Club).

■ College clubs and societies

Athletics

Captain – Mary Pickering

2003/2004 was the inaugural year for Downing Athletics. Several members represented the university throughout the year and in the Varsity Match against Oxford. Andrew Bennett attained a half blue in the high jump, Rob Harle represented Cambridge in the 100m and 200m and was awarded a full blue and Mary Pickering threw half blues distance in the hammer. We hope to increase interest in Downing athletics, take part in more intercollegiate events and look forward to a successful season in 2004/2005.

Basketball

Captains – Loucas Petridis and David Davis

This year saw a very promising intake of new players for the Downing basketball team. Without doubt we had the best Downing team for at least the last five years. The college league produced solid performances, with victories over a number of very strong teams. The whole season boiled down to the final game against Sidney Sussex the winners of Cuppers for last year. The Downing team put up a very hard fight against a larger team with a number of university players. With one minute to go we were up by one point. Unfortunately Sidney came back to win by two points. However, the whole team should take pride in what was undoubtedly the strongest Downing performance in recent times. Congratulations to the whole team for the whole season, and to Ian Couchan and Jon Talpos who are taking over from Loucas Petridis and David Davis as captains.

Boat Club

Captain of Boats – Tom Radcliffe

Women's Captain – Susie Herbert

2003–4 has been a largely very successful year for DCBC. As a result of an extremely generous donation by Chris Harborne we were able to buy a brand new restricted VIII and a set of blades to accompany it. Richard (Winnie) Young donated his Janousek Scull and blades, and through judicious planning and the excellent frugality of Edward Richardson's Captaincy last year, we were able to sell both the Jon Leczkowski and the Mathias (both eight man boats.) These were replaced with brand new Janouseks, specifically designed to be faster around corners and to have a longer lifespan. A donation from the Segreants meant that we could purchase a Fillipi single scull and blades which has seen extensive use over the year. All of the new boats were named in a ceremony after this year's Segreant's regatta. We were very lucky once again to secure the services of Alan Inns who returned for a second year. His help has been completely invaluable and we could not have hoped to have been so successful without him. The year started off very well for the Club with both the Men and Women taking first place in the Fairbairn races at the end of the Michaelmas Term. The Novices were also successful and the Clare Novices trophy was won in style by the 3rd Men's boat. A pre-Lent term training camp at Tideway Scullers School in Chiswick was extremely successful. And our thanks go to Rod Chisholm (ex Downing) who very kindly allowed us to stay. The Lent Term saw further success, most notably by the first women's boat who bumped Caius off the head station on the Thursday and rowed over at head station, easily, on Friday and Saturday. That evening, the Sir John Butterfield was burnt in College. The first men had four rather painful row-

overs every day, maintaining our excellent position at 3rd on the river. A crew was dispatched to row in the VIII's Head of the River, which was unfortunately cancelled due to foul weather. At the Women's Head of the River, the first women's crew managed to achieve the extremely impressive time of 20mins 24secs a mere 8secs behind the Cambridge University B crew.

The Easter Term started well, with all in high spirits. The Men's squad attended the Metropolitan Regatta where M1 rowed very well, to finish 3rd, 1sec behind the Cambridge University Lightweight boat, and 4 seconds behind Bristol University. We comfortably beat UCL (A) and Emmanuel College BC. M2 had an extremely good row against some tough opposition, finishing a very creditable 5th in their race, and were the fastest second crew on the lake that day. Due to work commitments, sadly the women could not attend the regatta. Peterborough regatta followed soon afterwards, which M1 won. M2 came 2nd a mere 2secs behind the winners of their category, who set a new course record. The women (W1) won their race in style, despite a bit of a fright in one of the early qualifiers. The May bumps were always going to be a bit of a battle for the men, who lost our 3 strongest members to injury, work and CUBC respectively, but managed nevertheless to only go down one to St Catherine's College, whose meteoric rise we could do nothing to halt. M2 suffered a similar fate being something of a victim of their own success in past years. The women were dogged by personnel problems all term and had found it hard to settle. In the end, their unfortunate lack of water time towards the end of the year let them down. And sadly, they fell 3 places to finish in 8th place. All told, a successful year with perhaps an unfortunate dip in performance right at the end. Specific mention should go to Jon Leczkowski who has now been working for us for 20 very successful years. We are very grateful for his contribution.

Chess Team

Captain – Bernhard Klein

Vice Captain – Paul Davies

The Downing College Chess Team was reformed in 2003 after a gap of four years following expressions of interest from more than twenty college members. We achieved immediate success, winning the second division of the intercollegiate league and emerging as the runner up in the cuppers. All players were given the opportunity to gain competitive experience in the league, whatever their standard. Nevertheless, we outclassed most of our opposition there and beat our nearest rivals from the Cambridge City Chess Club to secure the top spot and promotion to the first division. For those who could not play this year because of the time commitment involved, we plan to enter a second team in the third division next year. Its matches will last up to an hour only and will hopefully give

more people the chance to represent Downing. A smaller squad consisting of Edmund Bolton, Paul Davies, Aidan Ellis, Bernhard Klein, Hayden Lossock and Ian Sealey was selected for the coppers. With three players having experience at national and international levels, we were among the strongest contenders on paper and proceeded to beat opposition from all divisions. The final against Trinity I, the highest-placed college team in the first league division, was drawn on points, but fell to the opposition on tiebreak after organisational difficulties off the board. Next year we hope to go one better. Two Downing players represented the University against Oxford this year. Paul Davies was top board for the second Varsity team and Bernhard Klein, playing on board four for the first team, scored the only win for Cambridge in the 2004 Varsity Match. More Downing players deserved to represent Cambridge and hopefully they will be given the chance in future. Looking to next year, it will be sad to see Aidan Ellis move on but, with the rest of the squad remaining at Downing and the freshers to come, the Chess Team should only get stronger.

Chapel Choir

Organ Scholar – David Pipe

Treasurer – Andrew Bamber

Social Secretary – Ed Costar

Downing College Chapel Choir has had another busy and productive year. We have gained several new members, including our new Chaplain and his wife, with the total number of singers now standing at twenty-five. We hope to maintain this level of membership for the next academic year. The weekly music lists have continued to build on the Choir's growing repertoire. As usual we have had several social events, as well as 'Port and Pringles' each week after the Tuesday evening rehearsal. Soon after the beginning of Michaelmas Term, the Choir visited Ely Cathedral where we gave a lunchtime concert in the famous Lady Chapel and later sung for Evensong. At the end of term, we presented a varied selection of hymns and carols at the Advent Carol service, including works by Ord and Britten. We were asked to give a lunchtime concert of Advent music the following day at the Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs (OLEM). The Lent Term also proved to be a busy one, including an invitation to sing for the University Sermon Service at St. Mary the Great at the beginning of February, for which we received many favourable comments. At the end of the term, we gave a joint concert in the Chapel with 'Sine Nomine', a Rugby-based chamber choir; the evening finished with a massed-choir performance of Charles Wood's anthem "Hail, Gladdening Light". Following the success of this event, we will very likely join up again next academic year for another concert. The Easter Term has, as usual, allowed for

singers' exam leave. However, we visited Norwich Cathedral at the start of May to sing for Evensong. This was organised by Tom Leech, the Organ Scholar at the Cathedral, who is a former Downing Organ Scholar. Again, we received many positive comments, including an invitation to return in the imminent future. The final choral service of the term was a Choir reunion Evensong at the start of June, for which we had nearly fifty singers with Revd Bruce Kinsey returning to preach. Our thanks go to Peter Kitson for organising everything. The service was a great success, so we hope to have another reunion in the near future. The Choir will end the term with a May Week concert of British choral music at OLEM, where we are pleased to have created a link between the Church and the College. I would like to take the opportunity to thank those who are leaving for their support and loyalty to the Choir during their time at Downing. Next year we will gain a new Organ Scholar, giving Downing two Organ Scholars once again. We have been invited to sing for Evensong in Coventry Cathedral in November, so the year already promises to be an active one.

Cambridge Intercollegiate Christian Union Group

The year began with an event in Freshers week, involving a Gospel talk and lunch. The group also met for breakfast on Sunday mornings in the first term before church to welcome Freshers, and accompany them to church if they wanted. The second term was largely taken up by the university wide Christian Union Mission, 'Promise'. The group in Downing ran a well attended pudding party, with a Gospel talk from John's Gospel (a copy of which was given to each undergraduate in Downing). In the Easter Term, an evangelistic event was held in May Week, with a talk entitled 'Taste and See'.

Cricket Club

Captain – Hugh Watkins

The 2004 season has started very promisingly for Downing, with a core of the 2003 team still in residence. On an unusually sunny April day Downing lost by 4 wickets to a very strong Jesus side. This was to be our only friendly of the season, with the main focus being the Cuppers knockout competition. Trinity Hall was unable to field a team and quickly conceded the first round. The second round, played away at the ground of Fitzwilliam College, was a hard fought match. The target of 151–6 (L.Spencer–Allen 52, A.Clarke 25) seemed unattainable by a weaker Fitzwilliam side. A tense run chase by Fitzwilliam fell 10 runs short after economical bowling by Spencer Allen (4–0–15–0). The Quarter Final of Cuppers saw Downing play at our home pitch at Granchester Road for the first time. The bright sunshine was

matched by the Downing bowlers who reduced Wolfson's weak batting lineup to 80–9 off 20 overs. This target was easily achieved by some good batting (L.Spencer-Allen 27*, H.Watkins 19*) with 2 overs to spare. At present the team looks forward to meeting Clare College in the Cuppers Semi Final and with luck a successful Final to be played at Fenner's during May Week. I would like to take this opportunity to thank every member of the Cricket Club who has played for Downing this term. It has not been easy to juggle sporting commitments with the pressure that the exam term brings. I would also like to thank Melvyn Langford, the Head Groundsman, at Granchester Road for all his hard work. The new Pavilion and cricket square will prove a huge asset to the club in future years.

Football

Captain – Rasheed Zakaria

It has been a difficult but rewarding year in the top division for Downing College Football Club. After winning promotion last year with a ten game unbeaten run, we knew there would be a step up in class this season, with large colleges like St Johns and Jesus regularly fielding a plethora of university players. Old stalwarts like Nick Drinnan, Rich Payne and Rob Stokes needed to be at their best and were strongly supported by a core of second years; Ben Wiles in goal, Matt Ward and Steve Kemp in defence, Ben Dewhirst in midfield and Brendan McCann up front. There was room for a few new faces too though, Steve Bailey slotted effortlessly into the midfield and Tom Godwin looked immediately confident at centre back. Richard Grievson, David Filtness and Joe Sullivan all put in tireless hours of work often playing in unaccustomed positions to help the team out. The return of Adrian Pollentine from injury to the attack brought much needed impetus after the Christmas vacation. After early wins against Pembroke and Homerton we found it tough going, losing five on the trot, but gutsy draws against Girton (who went on to win the league) and St Johns gave us a foothold and a decisive win against Trinity secured a mid-table finish. No more than we deserved and a solid platform from which to assault the league next year.

Hockey

Captain – Hugh Watkins

The 2003–4 season has proved to be very successful for both the Women's and Men's teams at Downing. The Men's side was without the bulk of players who gained promotion to Division 1 in 2003. The season only began to pick up after Christmas with solid victories over Emmanuel and Pembroke, however the team achieved their main aim of successfully avoiding relegation back to Division 2.

A 2nd Round exit in Cuppers was a little disappointing after the successes of 2003, however next season will hopefully bring regained commitment and fresh players to help bolster the side. I wish Saleem Khoyratty (Captain 2004–5) every success. The Women's team of last season was strengthened in October by a large group of talented Freshers, helping them to form a well drilled and successful side. The successful promotion to Division 2 was overshadowed by the successes in Cuppers. Despite huge support from the sidelines, the Women's team was unable to win a fiercely fought Final against a strong Caius team. With the bulk of the team remaining next season, Katrina Beechey (Captain 2004–5) will be looking to build on the successes of this year. A special mention should be given to Jo Tibbitt and Rachel Sissons for gaining their Blues after playing in the Women's Varsity match. I would also like to wish Sandra Healy a speedy recovery from her damaged ACL, a knee injury that cruelly kept her out of the 2004 Varsity Match.

Jazz Band

Director: Malcolm Parry

Secretary: Elizabeth Williams

After a few problems at the beginning of the year finding someone willing to take over from Carl Jenkins as band director, the band settled down with some very promising new talent coming to the fore. Two large gigs at the end of Michaelmas and Lent Terms brought in much needed cash to the band coffers and showed the world (or at least a select hundred or so) what Downing Jazz could do. Downing Jazz were privileged to find three wonderful singers to lead them onwards. Calvin Smith, a singer previously on Broadway who showed us the way to charm an audience and wowed the crowd with his 'many voices' (no less than 4 encores were requested at the last show!!) Verity Moore, a fresher with shedloads of talent, often to be seen dancing to Machinehead and other such bands, managed to turn her hand to the wonders of swing and stunned everyone with a beautifully pure voice during the first concert. Unfortunately, commitments forced her to miss the second concert, but hopefully she will be continuing with us next year. And last, but by no means least the gorgeous Vikki Evdokimonto, who took us through many classics such as Summertime and Fever with an inspirational improvisational style and a wonderful 'edge' to her voice that is so suited to the music. Also, the wonderful soloing by many members of the band made every evening go with the swing required. Thanks must go to everyone who helped out throughout the year: the bar girls at both gigs; Carl for being a legend from the start; Liz Williams, Ruth Gold and Jonathon Macdonald for being that hidden backstage presence that just keeps things ticking; and everyone else for lending a hand and selling those tickets!!

Music Society

President – Katie Collinson

Vice President – Vanessa Babington

Treasurer – Xiao-Hui Eng

Downing College Music Society has spent the year continuing to achieve its aims of raising the musical profile of the college, putting on high quality performances of great musical works, and showcasing the remarkable talent of Downing students. We are grateful to the students from other colleges who helped make this possible through their participation. The core performances of the year were the two DCMS concerts, both of which took place in Downing College Chapel. Our first concert took place in the Michaelmas Term and included highly entertaining renditions of Haydn's Trumpet Concerto and Missa Sancti Nicolai. The Trumpet Concerto was conducted by Katie Collinson, with Matt Davey shining as the soloist. David Pipe took up the baton for the Mass, which included the Music Society Chorus in addition to the DCMS orchestra. The second concert of the year, held at the end of the Lent Term, built on the high standard set by the first. Richard Adamson opened the proceedings by conducting the DCMS orchestra in an engaging performance of the first movement of Haydn's Symphony No. 45 "Abschiedssymphonie". Vanessa Babington, under the musical direction of Katie Collinson dazzled the audience with Vivaldi's 'Cello concerto in A minor. David Pipe concluded the evening's entertainment by conducting the orchestra and chorus in Bach's cantata 147 "Herz und Mund und Tat und Leben". However, the DCMS year would not be complete without its series of Master's Lodge recitals, allowing any musician from the College to perform to an audience in a less formal setting. These included vocal recitals as well as performances on the 'cello, piano and Arabian lute. We are very grateful to the Master and his wife for being so good as to host the events and provide refreshments afterwards. None of this would have been possible without the hard work, dedication and commitment of all the members of the committee, to whom we are very thankful. The music society looks forward to continuing its work next year under the new leadership of Richard Adamson as President, and Andrew Bamber and David Pipe as Vice-Presidents.

Pool Club

President – Tony Evans

Captain – Paul Bassarab

This year saw the re-formation of the Downing Pool Club by Tony Evans, Matt Mayer and James Bell. Paul Bassarab was appointed as captain of the Downing team who played in Division 2B of the University league. The season started in fine style with an 8–1 drubbing of Fitzwilliam, but a series of frustrating 5–4

losses left us marooned mid-table. As well as regulars Tony, Matt, James and Paul, other team stalwarts included Chris Lions, JP Muriuki, Chris Apps, Aidan "7-ball" Ellis, Mike Bisgrove, Lynn Graham-Taylor and Ugi Balasubramaniam, while the cheerleading squad was ably led by Tia Ward, Emily Knight and Nick Owen. We finished the season in sixth place, a creditable finish for our first season. With the ceremonial passing-on of the Pool Club cue to a new host of talented youngsters, next season may prove yet better.

Rugby

Captain – Will Dobbin

The loss of several key players from the previous year always meant that this year was going to be tough for DCRUFC. However, a strong fresher intake bolstered a strong squad and led to us finishing third in the first division. As in the past the Downing game revolved around its forwards. Favouring a tight game, we were able to exploit the strength of players such as Dix, Dobbin and Harrison in the mauls and the dynamism of White, Middleton and the new Goodman, Beattie, Thompson, Mohammed and Price within a pack that was rarely rivalled. Our rolling mauls from lineouts, as in previous seasons, were particularly effective – it was always a pleasing sight to see Harrison emerge clutching the ball after another pushover try. The backs lost many key players last year and what they lacked in experience was more than made up for by effort and commitment. Ably directed by Secretary Wiles, they produced several moments of magic. Scrum half Begg provided an ever calm head at the base of the scrum, while Wiles' excellent boot from fly half gave Downing the territory they needed. The centres of Rawkins and Godwin proved solid in defence and committed in attack. The whole back line benefited from the return of Guha, our LX's winger and by the end of the season was an effective unit. Our season started off on good form with a close fought 10–7 victory against St Catherine's where Downing Forward dominance proved too much. However, there then followed losses to Jesus (14–10) and Fitzwilliam (25–23) before a strong victory against Peterhouse-Selwyn. The might of Johns in the Lent term was too much for us, and close defeats to a vastly improved St Catherine's side (15–10) and Jesus (12–8) put us in a tough position. Despite this, Downing pulled through with emphatic victories against Peterhouse-Selwyn (29–5) and Fitzwilliam (28–0) to secure third place in the first division. Cuppers was where Downing College shows its true mettle, where after a hard-fought victory against Caius (22–14), Downing was pitted against the eventual winners, the Blues-laden Hughes Hall. Widely predicted to be a rout, this match went right to the wire with Downing leading for the first half. However, the raw pace and power of Hughes was too much for Downing, with Hughes ending up 26–21 victors. Despite the loss, the match is where the aspects which characterise

Downing Rugby shone through the most. The commitment and team spirit within the squad was fantastic – an excellent way to end the inter-collegiate season. The Easter Vacation saw a tour to a tournament in Dublin where Downing came third out of a strong field of colleges from Oxford, Cambridge and Durham. This gave an excellent chance to start to build a team for next year. Writing a report such as this does little justice to the effort and commitment put in by the players all year. This year has seen the club develop a bigger squad than in previous years which puts the team in great stead for seasons to come.

Squash

Captain – Malcolm Parry

The year just passed was a particularly fine one for Downing squash. The first team began the Michaelmas Term in Division 3 of the inter-collegiate league, but gained promotion to Division 2 by winning all its matches comfortably. Lent Term saw a repeat performance, with the strong team again enjoying victory in every match it played, although the games were somewhat closer, in particular a nail-biting 3–2 victory over St John's. The only disappointment in an otherwise fantastic season was a first-round cuppers exit at the hands of Queen's. Downing was forced to play without its usual number 1 and number 2 players, and as a consequence lost to its Division 1 opponents. Nevertheless, the team has a fantastic squad of players, all of whom will remain Downing students next year, and a qualified coach in Khal Mohammed. With regular training sessions the team expects to mount a strong challenge for both the Division 1 and Cuppers titles next year. It is also hoped that there will be an increased number of students representing Downing squash teams next year, with the prospect of a second (and perhaps third) men's team and a women's team being entered into the inter-collegiate competitions. A good year for Downing squash; hopefully next year will be even better! First team squad: Ben Roberts, James Gunton, Chris Lion (incoming captain), J-P Muriuki, Kahlid Mohamed, Malcolm Parry (outgoing captain), Rajiv Shah, Ian Couchman.

The Whitby Society

We began the Michaelmas Term by welcoming the Freshers at The Annual Drinks Party and, as always, this started the year with a bang. Later in the term Prof. Tony Redmond came to speak to us about his experiences in various humanitarian disasters around the world and in spite of the tragedies he has witnessed his talk was uplifting and inspiring. With three speaker evenings, the Lent Term was extremely busy. Our first speaker was Dr Iain Smith, who told us about his

experiences during his elective and as a junior doctor. Dr Tom Shakespeare later discussed the thought-provoking question "Medical Diagnosis: Is ignorance power or knowledge bliss?" and Dr Adrian Parnaby-Price gave the third talk of the term, which was a highly entertaining presentation on various techniques of cataract surgery. The Labcoat and Boots Party was a light-hearted end to the term! The Sir Busick Harwood Annual Dinner was the highpoint of the May term and this year it was particularly special as Mr John Bridger, who has supervised every member of the society, spoke to us about his experiences after many years as a general surgeon. A large number of London clinical students came back for the evening and it was great to see them all again. As always, the evening ended with a Greek reading on the paddock and the libation of Sir Busick's grave. The Whitby Society provides an ideal arena for medics and vets in different years to socialise and have fun together and this year was no exception. It was particularly good to see so many ex-Downing medics returning for Whitby events and hopefully this is something which will continue in the years to come.

Wine Society

Chairman – Holly Hedgeland

The Wine Society has continued to flourish this year with affiliation to the Amalgamation Club placing the society on a more formal footing and promoting increased interest throughout College. The year began with our traditional introductory tasting with Richard Stibbs, Fellows' Steward, where we were pleased to be joined by many new faces. Due to strong numbers, Michaelmas saw two further tastings, with John Harrison of the University Blind Wine Tasting team leading us in a blind tasting, and Brett Turner of Cambridge Wine Merchants guiding us through the Loire. In Lent Term, Brett joined us again for a comparison of varieties from the old and new worlds. The highlight of the term however, was a tour and tasting of the College cellars, with refreshments in the SCR. This unusual opportunity to visit the cellars was most interesting and was greatly enjoyed by those who attended. Recently, we concluded the academic year with an excellent summer tasting of Champagne and sparkling wines. We send our appreciation to our speakers from throughout the year and also to Graham Bates who retired from the role of chairman of the society in Lent after much dedicated service.

