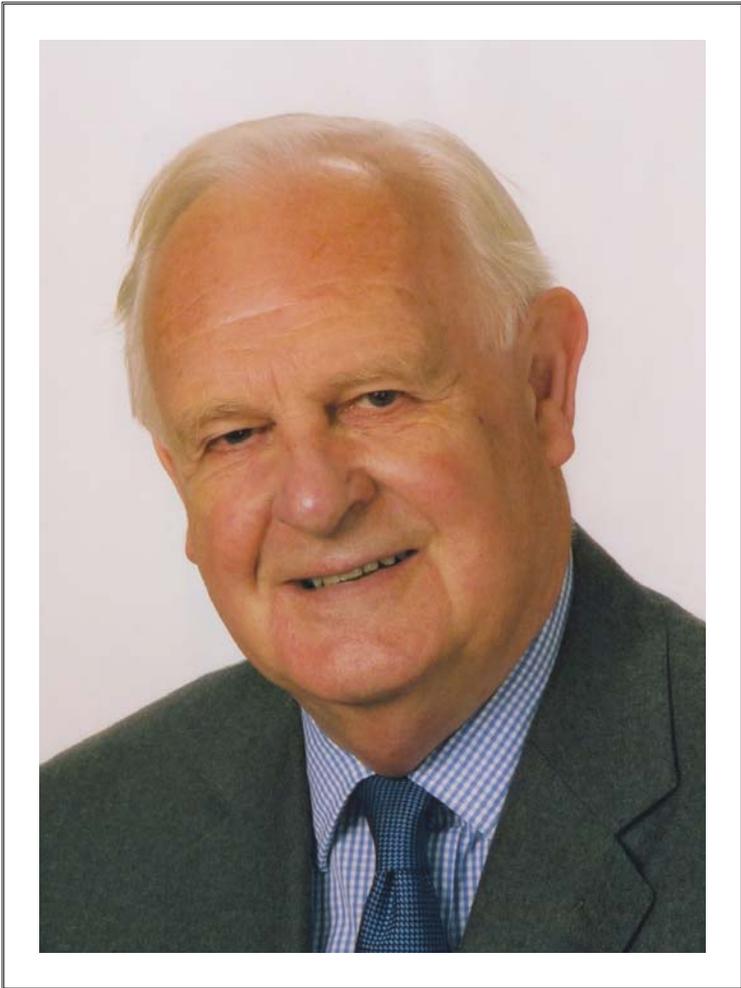


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PRESIDENT'S FOREWORD

Being President of the Association is very pleasant, but not particularly onerous. That is until the Editor starts asking for the Foreword for the *Newsletter*, so I am sitting gazing out of the window seeking inspiration and reflecting on the huge privilege of being closely involved with Downing and living in such a lovely place as Cambridge. It is a gorgeous day in early June (the Editor's deadline was the end of May) and I am looking out across Fenner's, where the groundstaff are beavering away on the square, a handful of cricketers are having a net, and the pigeons are gorging themselves on what I assume is freshly-scattered grass seed. It must have been pretty much like this every summer for decades and yet it is different in important ways.

There has been no cricket in the past couple of weeks because of Tripos, but the next two fixtures, in a week's time, seem to me to epitomise the changes in the years since I was an undergraduate. They are a game between the University women's team and MCC followed by a day with three twenty/twenty matches. On the one hand, the change in the gender balance in the University has been a huge success, and on the other, the acceptance of the twenty/twenty format illustrates an enthusiasm to embrace new ideas which was not always a feature of Cambridge.

Any old member visiting Downing would be struck by the same two things. In many ways, it looks and feels much as it always did and yet there are signs of change everywhere, especially in the new Howard Theatre and the refurbished Hall. The capacity to retain what is good but introduce change if it is beneficial is a key characteristic of the place.

The Association represents continuity in many ways, but in the last decade it has also moved on. The establishment of the Development Office gave us cause to think seriously about the role of the Association. The relationship between the two organisations had to be managed sensitively to avoid treading on each other's toes, and we looked for ways in which the Association could fulfil its objective of giving help to the College while remaining distinct as a member-managed operation. The Student Support Fund is the main outcome of that and it continues to help about sixty students a year with grants for books, travel and so on.

During this period, John Hicks has been at the centre of everything as Secretary of the Association. It is only when you get involved yourself that you realise how much the Secretary does, and John can take a great deal of credit for the way the Association has developed but yet has remained a stable and independent member-run organisation. He is now standing down after thirteen years and I would like to thank him on behalf of all the members and wish him well. If, as I hope, the Association continues to thrive and develop, he will have played a pivotal role in bringing that about.

Peter Thomson

ASSOCIATION NEWS

The 82nd Annual General Meeting was held in the Howard Building on Saturday 26th September 2009. With about fifty members present the President, Bill Tudor John, reported on another successful year for the Association with good merchandise sales continuing to bolster the Student Support Fund. He emphasised his enjoyment of his year of office, and stressed his thanks to Secretary, Treasurer and Committee members. Peter Thomson and Frank Weiss gave their reports on finance and merchandise followed by an address by the Bursar, Susan Lintott. She noted the strong position of the Association, whereas it had been a difficult financial year for the College. Conference business had been adversely affected by the refurbishment programme, and the portfolio had sustained a significant loss. The Howard Theatre, nearly ready and boasting a remarkable interior (see the front cover of this issue), would be fundamental to financial recovery, and better results were expected from the very competitive conference business. The fund manager had been changed and the investment committee reinforced. Bed and Breakfast business would be promoted through the “Cambridge Rooms” website, and it was hoped that alumni would take advantage of that. Lower building expenditure would now be possible, with restoration of V staircase finished and the completion of the boathouse causeway.

The Secretary, John Hicks, advised that at the Annual Dinner there would be about 165 diners (with the Hall thus being almost at full capacity), of whom about 60 members would be on their own and the rest with spouses or partners.

The President then formally conducted the elections, with Peter Thomson succeeding him in that office, Gwyn Bevan (1948) becoming President-elect, John Hicks and Norman Berger remaining Secretary and Treasurer, and Neville Tait (1962) and Leo Judd (1965) joining the Executive Committee, the latter succeeding David Parr who had resigned. Barrie Hunt (1966) became an Assistant Secretary, and David Blackadder and Martin Mays remained Auditors. Roy Farmer, Julian Childs and Holly Hedgeland had been co-opted onto the Executive Committee to continue their roles in communications, merchandising and publicity.

Finally the President reported that, in the light of several requests to be given earlier notification of Alumni Weekend events before decisions had to be made on University events, Tariq Sadiq had agreed to attempt this, though the need to get commitments from speakers would present a problem.

Members then enjoyed a superb dinner in the extremely impressive restored Hall, hearing from the Master about the College’s achievements in the past year, applauding the awards of the Association Prize to four students for best Firsts in College in their final year, and appreciating the President’s recollections of

his years at the College and his acknowledgement of the debt he felt he owed to it. All then repaired to the bar in the Howard Building to continue reminiscence and discussion.

NEXT YEAR'S PRESIDENT



Born in Gower, youth in Northumberland, wartime schooling in Windermere, family brought up in deep Worcestershire, retirement in Anglesey, clearly my choice of living space has been most fortunate. Having Downing as my College seals it all. Chapel as a young child was influential. Our minister repeatedly drew my attention to 'the heavens' and looking there I found things of great interest – though probably not in the way he intended: I wanted to become an astronomer.

Grateful for his guidance, at the age of five I showed my appreciation by putting a pink ten-bob-note in the collection plate after one of his sermons. The sermon, as usual, was in Welsh and I didn't understand a word of it which had the advantage of it sounding magnificent whilst excusing me the need to disagree with what was said. So from the start I was clearly not going to be any good with money as neither was my family, though, here and there, there was quite a lot of it about, certainly when compared with later times.

A scholarship to a Dame's School founded in 1705 provided contact with some very fine teachers even though the staff was depleted because of the war. Conscription for two years into the Royal Air Force followed where I wangled an interesting librarian/instructor's niche at Cranwell: thenDowning. I shall not try to recount the delights and satisfactions of being up here as their kind are known to all members. Briefly, astronomy was catered for by reading Physics at the Cavendish and who can ask for more than that? Not without exertion, Rugby and Athletics yielded Blues. I went down remembering the comment of one of my schoolmasters that Cambridge would prepare you perfectly for the life which you could not possibly lead. The life I did lead however has been wonderfully fulfilling and enjoyable. It started with a year's research into grain orientation in electrical steels then into managerial roles in manufacturing with about 10 years in consultancy, some of it as sole proprietor, and work in 18 countries.

My erstwhile wife and I brought up three daughters now successful in important and different roles which included providing us with 7 grandchildren. My partner since 1980 has been Elvira whom I met in 1952

when she was ‘defeating’ the Tripos examiners at Newnham before going on for her Doctorate – our Sir Lionel Whitby awarded her his Vice-Chancellor’s prize for her successes.

I am very honoured and happy to have been elected as your President.

Gwyn Bevan (1948)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

This year’s Association weekend will be on September 26/27th.

THE MASTER WRITES

The academic year has quite understandably been dominated by the financial crisis. Our efforts across the College have been focused on reducing our costs and enhancing our business income in order to ensure that our primary activities of education and research are affected as little as possible. It was on this backdrop that the College’s ‘Catalysis’ fundraising campaign was launched at the London event last November and which it is hoped, with help from many of you, that Downing’s inadequate endowment can, after over 200 years, finally be raised to a level at which we are sustainable in the long term. The indications from our new coalition government are that higher education is not going to be spared severe cuts and we are bracing ourselves for the inevitability that life in Downing and in Cambridge is going to become more difficult over the next few years. It will also become increasingly difficult financially for present and future generations of bright and talented students who study here and our focus must be to ensure that they can do just that regardless of their financial circumstances.

But it has also been a year of great celebration. The Howard Theatre, the result of a supremely generous gift from Dr Alan and Jon Howard of The Howard Foundation, was completed ahead of schedule and was opened on March 3rd. And what an opening it was. Distinguished alumnus and Honorary Fellow, Sir Trevor Nunn, opened the theatre at a wonderful event at which many of our talented students sang, recited, played and danced to and for an enthralled audience. You can enjoy it too if you follow this link: http://www.varsity.co.uk/episode/egkbf7/DowningCollege_Howard_Theatre_Opening/. The theatre will be a superb resource for our students and the Drama Society has already mounted a sumptuous production of ‘The Relapse’ (or, ‘Virtue in Danger’), a Restoration comedy from 1696 written by John Vanbrugh. This was directed by 2nd year History of Art student, Alex Lass, who

also directed, together with Camilla Godlee our senior Organ Scholar, the theatre's opening performance. The theatre, along with the newly restored Hall and high quality student rooms, is also the cornerstone of our business activities and the signs are, even at this most difficult time, that the investment by the College and by The Howard Foundation is beginning to pay off. The exceptional efforts of the College Staff to make sure that Downing is the most attractive venue in Cambridge in which to hold conferences, weddings and dinners, is also of the greatest importance to our future.

You will read in the Senior Tutor's report that the year has been a mixed one so far as academic performance is concerned with some really excellent performances tempered by some more disappointing ones. This emphasises that we must do ever more to bridge the widening gulf between school and university, and to facilitate the transition that our students must make. This is important also in an increasingly difficult graduate employment market, where excellent degrees are increasingly going to be required by employers.

Clearly it has been a very good year for the arts in the College as a result of the new theatre, not just for drama, but also for music. The choir has been resurgent and is currently on a tour of New York city and state. We have had excellent recitals in the Master's Lodge and in the Chapel and the choir also sang beautifully at Clare (the Suffolk town) Church just before they left for the US. It has also been an excellent year for sport. The Boat Club had a series of wins and great performances in regattas around the country and also were very successful in the bumps. Both the men's and women's first VIII's are 2nd in their first divisions in the Lents. The men's first VIII had a most exciting race in the Lents, coming within a canvas of going head; the women's first VIII had an equally exciting race in the Mays, gaining the highest over-bump ever recorded in the first division, to go second. Both crews will challenge for the headship in the Lents and Mays next year. In other sports, too, Downing has excelled. The women's netball team won the league again and just lost in the final of cuppers. The men's 1st XI won the football league and just missed out on the double. The rugby 1st XV were plate champions and finished joint second in the league. The men's basketball team won league and Cuppers; the women's squash team won the league; the men's fencing team won Cuppers. Many of our students represented the University across the sports and Anthony Crutchett, who graduated this year, is in the London 2012 fencing squad. As I write this, I have just seen Annie Vernon jump into the lake after winning another gold medal at the World Championships.

It is a time of major change for the Fellowship. Professor Charlie Ellington FRS, long-time Fellow in biological sciences, sadly retired through ill-health in April and will be greatly missed. Tariq Sadiq (our Development Director) left

the Fellowship in June to pursue a career in politics; Penelope Nevill (law) and Franco Basso (classics) will leave the Fellowship in September. Our Professorial Fellow in history and geography (!), Richard Smith FBA, who is a distinguished historical demographer and has been Vice-Master for the past 6 years, has decided to take retirement on December 31st. We will surely miss his wisdom and great commitment to undergraduate teaching in the College. As you will read elsewhere in this volume, our most distinguished Honorary Fellow, Professor Richard Gregory CBE FRSE FRS, the most distinguished psychologist of his generation and an alumnus of the College, very sadly died just a few weeks ago. Professor Trevor Robbins FRS, our Fellow in Psychology, has written elegantly about Richard's many achievements.

But we are also fortunate to have a number of Fellows joining the College before the new academic year begins. First, our Chaplain – now the Reverend Dr Keith Eyeons – will join the Fellowship in July, having just been awarded his PhD; he also directs studies in theology. Dr Rob Harle (computer science), Dr Tim Burton (pharmacology), Dr Jamie Alcock (economics), Dr Jimena Berni (Henslow Research Fellow in biomedical sciences), Dr Marta Correia (biological natural sciences) and Dr Alicia Hinerajos (law) will all join the Fellowship on October 1st. Serita Rana, our new acting Development Director has been elected Fellow Commoner. We congratulate three Fellows on their promotions this year: Dr Zoe Barber (Director of Studies in physical natural sciences) was appointed as Reader, while Drs Jay Stock (biological anthropology) and Ken McNamara (geology) were appointed Senior Lecturers. Dr John Quale visited us in the Lent term as the Thomas Jefferson Fellow from the University of Virginia; Dr Mary Paster was the Pomona Fellow in the Easter term. We look forward to welcoming Dr Marcia Inhorn as the first Diane Middlebrook and Carl Djerassi Visiting Professor on October 1st. Professor Aiko Kurasawa (economics) will be the next Keio Fellow, arriving in October and Dr Elizabeth McGill (law) will be the next Thomas Jefferson Fellow. We are very fortunate to be able to enrich the Fellowship with these distinguished visitors each year.

I have been able to meet alumni on occasions here and abroad again this year – at the Association Dinner, Reunion Dinner and the Donors garden party here in Downing; at the London Event at the RAF club in November and during a wonderful visit to Hong Kong in the spring. I also attended the University's 800th event in New York City in December having hosted a dinner for Downing alumni in the Harvard Club the evening before. It always gives me the greatest pleasure to meet our alumni and I hope that many of you will attend an event during the next year. Those of you who have not been back to Downing for some time would, I am sure, enjoy dining in the Hall and visiting the new Theatre as well as reconnecting with old friends.

Here 'at home' in the Lodge, it's been another busy year. Jane has just returned from a week being Vice-Presidential at the British Association for Dermatology meeting, though the year has been a sad one for us with the death of her mother in the spring. Jessica is close to completing her MA at Goldsmith's, begins an internship in London next week and is tackling a very difficult job market in between times. It is a continually busy year for me. In February I gave the J.P. Flynn lecture at Yale University in honour of the memory of this eminent psychologist. I became a member of the newly formed Independent Scientific Committee on Drugs, chaired by Downing alumnus Professor David Nutt, who was summarily dismissed as Chair of the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs for trying to provide the Government with independent, rather than policy-constrained, scientific information on the harms of addictive drugs. The rest of my summer will now be dominated by writing a renewal of my programme grant before the start of the new academic year, the success of which will be vital if my research is to continue. The signs are not good, however, for the buoyancy of funding for academic research over the next period. I was also delighted recently to hear the news that I have been awarded an Honorary D.Sc. degree by the University of Birmingham, where I obtained my Ph.D. and despite having been rather fully involved in the lively campus events of 1968. The degree ceremony is later this week and I am looking forward very much to visiting Birmingham again.

Finally, my sincere thanks go to a most energetic President of the Association, Peter Thomson, to the Treasurer Norman Berger and, of course, to the Honorary Secretary John Hicks and the entire executive committee for all their hard work. John will stand down as Honorary Secretary and Editor this year and I am immensely grateful for his constant hard work both on behalf of the Association and for the good of the College. The Association's support for our students is vital and we greatly appreciate all that you do. I look forward to seeing many of you here at the Alumni day and Association dinner in September and during the year ahead.

Professor Barry Everitt Sc.D. F.Med.Sci. F.R.S.

Master's Lodge, July 2010

THE SENIOR TUTOR WRITES

The pressures on higher education change over time. For the College at the moment this involves competition. We are competing for scarce financial resources with others who depend on State funding. We are competing to obtain customers for our conference business, which is vital to make up the shortfall arising from the reduction in State funding for the education of our students.

And we are competing with other Colleges and other Universities, in this country and abroad, to attract the best candidates. There are strict rules in collegiate Cambridge about the methods which can be used to attract applicants. So, for example, it is not possible to attract undergraduate students by means of full scholarships. But Colleges are able to use more subtle types of inducement, such as enhanced book and travel grants, bursaries, the provision of computers and by enhancing library, sporting and other facilities. We try and compete with this, but with our modest resources it is increasingly difficult to do so.

But even though the College's endowment is comparatively small we are able to compete well in the things which really matter. Recently at a meeting with some other Senior Tutors, many from much better endowed Colleges, I was informed that Downing punches beyond its weight as a less well endowed College. And we do, because we are able to make the most of the resources which we do have. The environment of the College, with its open space, elegant architecture, beautiful gardens and excellent facilities, does make it a highly competitive conference venue. This will, no doubt, be enhanced by the completion of the Howard Court.

Another significant resource of the College is our staff, both those at the front and back of house. Many students tell me how welcoming and friendly the College staff are. It is invidious to single out any particular departments when all work so hard to make the lives of students, Fellows, old members and conference guests so much better, whether it is the gardeners, catering staff, Bedders (I am always reluctant to call them by their official title of Domestic Assistants or DAs, since that meant something very different when I was at school) or members of the maintenance department. But I will mention two specific departments, simply to illustrate the significance of their work to the College. The Porters in the Lodge regularly receive fulsome praise from applicants, who are often surprised that they are met by such welcoming people who have a knack of calming the nervous candidate. The staff in the College offices are exceptional too in their friendliness and expertise. For example, a number of our students who became ill during the examination season (we had particular problems with a vomiting bug which struck at just the wrong time) commented to me that they could not have got through their exams without the support and encouragement of the staff in the Tutorial and Admissions Office.

The quality of the teaching staff too is another significant resource. But making appropriate provision for teaching within the College is a matter of fierce competition too, since we are competing with other Colleges to attract University Lecturers and other academics to join the Fellowship. The recent elections to the Fellowship, as identified in the Master's letter, testify to the fact that we are able to attract new Fellows, but largely because of the academic reputation of the College and welcoming Fellowship, rather than the financial and accommodation

packages we are able to provide. We simply cannot provide houses or mortgages or large research grants, as a number of other Colleges are able to do.

The student experience in the College remains highly competitive too. That is most obvious as regards the wide variety of sporting activities our students participate in, often with conspicuous success. But increasingly we have been able to see this competition as regards cultural activities as well. With the new Howard Theatre we are able to compete as never before with drama groups in other Colleges and the University more generally, with there already being signs that established drama groups want to use our theatre for their productions, and that members of other Colleges want to participate in productions put on by the Downing Dramatic Society. This new theatre really could become one of the premier performance spaces in Cambridge. This competition is also true of our musical activities. The College choir is student run and this proves to be a significant attraction for our organ scholar applicants who want the freedom to be able to play for, conduct and manage a choir without the intrusion of a Director of Music. And the quality of the singing goes from strength to strength. I hope that this will be encouraged by the recent introduction of choral awards, which should raise the profile of the choir amongst potential applicants.

As regards academic attainment our students are generally holding their own well, although they are not always competing with the top flight as we hope that they would. Nevertheless, there have been examination performances amongst certain cohorts, as well as specific individual performances, which have been exceptional. Nine second year medics and vets obtained firsts; five of the first year lawyers obtained firsts, with all five in the top 12 of the class list of nearly 200 candidates; four fourth year chemists obtained firsts; four clinical medics and four fourth year engineers obtained distinctions, as did three of the Part III Mathematicians. Special prizes, for those students who rank in the top 2.5% of their class list, were given to Ajay Ratan (top of Part IA of the Law Tripos, who obtained four of the five University prizes awarded in Part IA); Katherine Blatchford (Part IA Law); Justin Morgan (Part IA MML, who came top in German); John Morgan (Part IB Natural Sciences Physical); Frances Topham-Smallwood (Part II Oriental Studies) and Michelle Jin (Part IIB Economics). Both Frances and Michelle were awarded Downing Association prizes for the best performances amongst the graduating students. The Whalley-Tooker prize for the best performance by a student in the penultimate year of their studies was split between Jessica Rajakumar (Part IB Law) and James Stefaniuk (Part IB Medicine). The Alcan Prize, which is awarded to the most successful undergraduate student in his or her penultimate year studying Natural Sciences (Physical), Engineering, Computer Science or Applied Mathematics, was awarded to Vaiva Imbrasaitė (Part IB Computer Science).

The national and international financial crisis has had a direct effect on the undergraduate and graduate student body. The undergraduate and graduate Tutors have seen real financial hardship being suffered by a number of students. Thankfully the College's hardship funds have provided a life-line for a number of students, and this has in most cases ensured that they have been able to continue with their studies. But the hardship funds are limited, even though they have recently been enhanced by the generous support of a number of alumni and firms. This year the funds were exhausted by the start of the Easter Term. Consequently, the generosity of the Association in providing the student support fund has proved especially important this year. This has enabled students to buy essential books, present papers at conferences, stay in the College over the vacations to use the library facilities and participate in overseas travel on trips which are directly relevant to their studies. We know that the financial pressure on students will continue and we are all sincerely grateful for the continued financial support of old members for these funds. But the financial pressures are likely to have wider effects. The supervision system, the jewel in the crown of education at Cambridge, is not sacrosanct. Senior Tutors, Bursars and Heads of House in all Colleges are reviewing this system to ensure that it is as efficient as possible. It is my view that this system, while it can withstand minor reform at the margins, must be allowed to continue without radical change; for it is this more than anything else which makes education at Cambridge so special. It needs to be defended.

So the College is competing well. It is, I think, managing and nurturing its resources effectively. But we could expand our provision, especially when we see what many other Colleges can provide. We spend so much of our collective time making do with the little we have. Now, of course, all Colleges are having to cope with much less, especially when funds come from the State. But the less which the well endowed Colleges have to cope with is so much more than what we have even when times are good. This is why the Catalysis endowment campaign is so vital to the future of the College. If we do consider ourselves to be a big hitting College, and that is certainly the view of the Fellowship and the student body and, I trust, the view of alumni, then having a secure endowment is essential. I would be very happy to speak to any old member about what we provide for our students, what we should provide and how we can make ourselves as competitive as possible.

Professor G J Virgo, M.A., B.C.L. (Oxon).

THE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

This last year our main focus has been on launching the Catalysis endowment fundraising campaign which took place at the London alumni reception in November 2009. The aim is to raise £20m by 2015 and the need has become urgent because of the effect of the recession and stock market falls on the value of our endowment and the College's income and expenditure account. To survive as we are we must focus more of our resources on fundraising.

Alumni activities have continued and have been successful as always but the College deficit means that we have had to save money in all areas so we hope we have been able to make economies without it becoming noticeable to you. One area which you will notice is Dow @ Cam which will now be issued only once a year rather than twice. It will carry more material but Magenta News will henceforth appear in this publication rather than Dow @ Cam.

After six years at Downing, this is my last Association report. From 1st July, I will give up my post as Director of Development and become a self-employed development consultant although I will continue working with the College over the next year on a number of projects. Serita Rana will take over as Acting Development Director. It's been a great privilege to work at this College and with its staff, Fellows and students and a great pleasure to have met so many dedicated and generous alumni, not least of whom are the members of the Downing Association and the Association Committee who give enormously of their time and energy for the good of the College. I also want to say thank you to the Master, the Senior Bursar, and the Junior Bursar all three of whom have very difficult jobs but carry them out with skill and professionalism. Finally, my warmest thanks go to all the wonderful, hardworking Development staff I have worked with over the years. My best wishes go to them all.

Tariq Sadiq

THE JUNIOR BURSAR'S REPORT

The major focus within the Maintenance and Building area over the past year has been completing the Howard Theatre. This building, generously donated by the Howard Foundation, was officially opened by Sir Trevor Nunn in the presence of Dr Alan Howard on 3 March 2010 at a ceremony which included a student multi-media extravaganza, entitled The Seven Ages of Man.

In addition to the building - which delivers state-of-the-art conference and theatre facilities within a Regency-style setting - the Foundation has also supported improvements to the external finishes to the garden which now tie the three Howard buildings into a cohesive architectural group. This area - now

known as Howard Court – provides the ideal centre for student events during Term, and for conference guests during the vacation. The final elements of the infrastructure should be completed by late July 2010, comprising new gates into the Kitchen Yard, a large multigym utilising the former squash courts, and a Herb Garden at the rear of the Pineatum. The Howard Theatre has been featured in the RIBA Journal, while we have also won RIBA and specialist prizes for the Hall, completed 18 months ago.

Elsewhere, funds have been much more restricted because of the recession. Many of our commercial properties on Regent Street are untenanted – which cuts our income while creating additional costs for rates and insurance – and so we are looking to make virtue out of necessity by converting upper floors into additional student rooms. Some years ago we converted 96 Regent Street (above the Christian Science Reading Room) into 3 flats. More recently we provided 4 student rooms above 76 Regent Street and, since last year, we have a further 6 rooms above the shop at 70 Regent Street. We are now contemplating creating 20-plus rooms in the upper floors of 14 Regent Street (‘Oddbins’ and ‘Charlie Chan’), and will look at further projects if conversion money becomes available.

For the immediate future, Austerity is the rule, and during this Summer Vac the only new works we will undertake is to create an external access to the Masters’ Lodge Flat, under our direct management. General staff will also take the opportunity to freshen up a number of student rooms prior to the start of the Academic Year 2010/11.

Wg Cdr R K Taplin

THE HOWARD THEATRE OPENS

Following the gala opening of this magnificent building on 2nd February 2010 with a performance by students of Vanbrugh’s restoration comedy *The Relapse* the formal opening ceremony was held on March 3rd. The Master introduced Dr Alan Howard (1948) whose Howard Trust had funded the entire building with its beautifully furnished Georgian interior which is shown on our cover. The opening was proclaimed by Sir Trevor Nunn (1959) giving a recollection of his time as an undergraduate with contemporaries who have since reached the top in the stage, the law, music and sport. There then followed an entertainment by students with poetry, music and dancing ranging from Shakespeare to the Beatles via Cole Porter. The Theatre completes the Howard Court which many older alumni (including your editor) will remember as the West Lodge garden.

Dr David Pratt, Fellow in History and Keeper of Arts and Artefacts writes:

The opening of the new Howard Theatre brings to fruition a project which aimed

not only to enhance the College's facilities for theatre, music and other public events, but to do so with a building of distinction, one which respected the best traditions of the College's neoclassical idiom and continued these priorities in an elegantly provisioned interior. For a theatre building, the implications were self-evident, and to the College's great benefit the architects Quinlan and Francis Terry, working with theatre consultants Theatre Projects, addressed the brief, to provide a Georgian theatre interior, with imagination and verve. The overall organization of the auditorium takes as its inspiration the two surviving examples of small Georgian theatres, that in Richmond, Yorkshire (1788) and the recently restored Regency theatre in Bury St Edmunds (1819), originally designed and owned by the College's architect William Wilkins. Theatres of the period relied upon a close connection between performers and audience, and the Downing design includes all the iconic elements of the contemporary theatre space: a prominent forestage; side galleries for additional audience-seating, extending as far as the stage; double doors at either side of the forestage providing prominent entry and exit points; and a main 'curtain' in painted canvas, rather than cloth, enabling the forestage to be isolated from the deeper stage space behind. These elements in themselves go some significant way to emulating the spirit of Georgian theatre, but Quinlan and Francis Terry have gone further in their aesthetic treatment of the space, which follows the playfulness of Georgian theatre decoration, reliant on illusion and symbolic representation, in colours and design of Regency inspiration. Thus the lighting on the front panels of the first-floor gallery replicates the lamps of Wilkins' restored Bury theatre, and is matched by the ceiling, an enormous *oculus in trompe l'oeil*, as at Bury, giving the illusion of a theatre completely open to the sky. The playfulness continues in the frieze below, bearing on three sides griffins painted in grisaille, designed with great precision by Francis Terry to imitate sculptural carving. The principal side, above the stage, is highlighted by two-dimensional painting: a copy of *Parnassus* by the Danish artist Mengs (1761) depicting Apollo and the Muses, appropriate to the theatre's purposes and subtly echoing Wilkins' frieze at Bury. The *pièce de résistance*, however, and the element which immediately seizes the attention of any visitor, is Francis Terry's design for the painted canvas 'curtain', which again incorporates the *trompe l'oeil* effect of a depicted physical curtain, framing a remarkable representation of the Acropolis, simultaneously supplying flexible scenery for productions and a glimpse of the classical past truly unique to the College. For Francis Terry's Acropolis is no isolated depiction, but communicates at once between the reconstructive painting of the Acropolis by the neoclassical architect Leo von Klenze (1846) and the *trompe l'oeil* curtain incorporated into the restoration of the Bury theatre, depicting a *capriccio* of buildings designed by Wilkins. The result is what Francis Terry has called the 'Downing Acropolis', a

hypothetical version of the site as if it had been built by Downing's own architects, and thus including not only the original Propylaea (437–32 BC), itself a model for Wilkins' proposed north side of the College (never built), but Wilkins' own West range, Downing (1818–21), his County Gaol, Bury St Edmunds (1819) and Nelson's Column, Great Yarmouth (1815); the scene is completed by the Maitland Robinson Library (1992), by Quinlan and Francis Terry themselves. These dazzling elements shine as adornments to a scheme which is otherwise deceptively simple in its muted colours and architectural treatment of colour and light. The effect is a space uniquely suited to intimate theatrical and musical performances, but sympathetically incorporating modern comfort and technology, and infinitely adaptable to public occasions. The leather seating for example, in muted red, was tailor-made for the auditorium by the distinguished Italian company Poltrona Frau, and includes a foldaway desk discreetly mounted in the armrest. There is state-of-the-art lighting and audiovisual equipment, and the theatre can be swiftly adapted for conference purposes by removal of the forestage and double doors, and exchange of the *trompe l'oeil* curtain for a drop-down projector screen. Early uses of the theatre, not only in the opening ceremonies but in the student performance of Vanbrugh's *The Relapse*, and in early conferences, have shown the auditorium to excel as a venue for speech, music and public presentation, and to translate effectively the intimacy and illusion of a Georgian theatre-space to a modern audience. This is no mean achievement, and provides the College with a facility unique to Cambridge, and indeed now one of only three small Georgian theatres in the country. The College owes a great debt of gratitude to the benefactor, Dr Alan Howard, in realizing this aim, and to Quinlan and Francis Terry in achieving a fine building, historically informed yet also practical and innovative, which befits the College's notable place in the history of architecture and design.

THE COLLEGE KITCHENS

The main kitchen at Downing was completely refurbished as part of the West Range project during which time the staff operated from a complex of Portakabins and was reopened in June 2006. Part of the design brief was to provide a facility that optimised the space available whilst giving the catering team the type of equipment and layout that would enable them to provide excellent food and service to a wide range of customers and events. (See illustrations on the inside back cover of this Newsletter)

On any given day during term the team provide lunch for students, Fellows, and staff; dinner for students and staff; high table for Fellows and formal hall for students.

In addition we could be serving formal dinners simultaneously in the West Lodge and/or the Grace Howard room. During term we will serve approximately 2500 meals per week with society dinners and external functions in addition to this.

The department is open every day of the year apart from when college closes for Christmas and New Year. Outside of term time we are equally as busy catering for conference guests, summer schools, weddings, and external functions such as management development programmes. These all demand a high level of customer service and the team need to be extremely flexible to meet the various requirements placed on them. For example on 5th July 2010 we catered for Fellows, post graduate students, staff, and two different summer schools as well as producing more than 1000 canapes for a function that evening, all of which were produced on site.

Stuart Conibear is the Executive Head Chef and has been at Downing for less than twelve months and in a short time has brought a more contemporary style and flair to the cuisine. Stuart manages a kitchen brigade of eight chefs and with his high end commercial background is keen to make Downing the best place to eat in Cambridge.

Geoff Jameson, Catering Manager

BACK TO SOUTH INDIA

In the 2009 issue of *The Newsletter* Kenneth Hall (1953) wrote about a visit which he and his wife made to India. Here he describes a subsequent visit.

November 2009 saw us back in India, taking the same BA flight from Heathrow to Bangalore, which lies bang in the centre of the lower part of the South Indian triangle and is a bustling, high-tech city with a brand new airport. It was a comfortable, largely night-time 10-hour flight arriving in the early hours, Indian time. Our main purpose was to represent Senior Volunteer Network, a group of retired UK Christian teachers, for a course lasting a fortnight on teaching methodology and leadership in an Indian residential school in the Yelagiri Hills near Vellore. Our team leader was an energetic 81-year-old widower, who used to direct SVN.

Returning to our old haunts, we felt we must revisit Hebron School, in Ooty, where we served as teachers in 2008, and also see some of the places in that area which we missed last time. Our first stop was the royal city of Mysore, associated with sandalwood and silk, which has a famous, flamboyant palace, open to shoeless tourists, part of which is still inhabited by the Maharaja's family. The temperature was pleasant but sudden rain showers and power cuts were a sharp reminder of the instability of Indian life at this time of year. After a couple of days we moved on, up into the Nilgiri Hills, to visit the Mudulamai

Wildlife Sanctuary. The resort boasted a natural swimming-pool set against a stunning backcloth, and cosy lodges – even a tree-house – but the evening search for animals in the wild was mostly fruitless. A taxi took us on, up 36 hairpin bends, to Ooty, although this time we lived in hotels, not in the school. Despite many staff changes since our departure last year we slotted in as if we had never been away. We were keen to be of service and over the next few days we were given the task of teaching music to younger pupils, to relieve the head of department. The sense of Christian fellowship was as prevalent as before. Here we experienced the ‘worst monsoon storm in living memory’, according to the press, with mudslides blocking roads and a number of fatalities. When we came to leave, our normal escape routes downhill were blocked. Nevertheless our skilful taxi driver picked his way through the potholed roads of back-road villages and we reached Coimbatore Station in time to catch our train.

Staff from Samaritan School, our destination, met our train and we wound our way up the more gentle slopes of the Yelagiri Hills. Unlike Ooty, the school is in a very rural situation, with its own cattle, rice paddies, vegetable fields and silk farm. There is no village and there are no shops. The slopes have a natural, undramatic, boulder-strewn beauty, often shrouded in mist at the beginning of the day. When the sun shone the temperature was equivalent to an English summer. Our accommodation, well removed from the school buildings, was primitive. We had a basin in the room, supplied with undrinkable water, but the shower was in the toilet which would have rendered it useless as a toilet if we had used it – so we managed without! We had to use our cases for storage; the beds were hard and the coverings uncomfortable. Our colleague had a room to himself and between us we had another space for some of our meals and for meetings. We were cared for lovingly by a male member of the domestic staff, rather like an army batman – there are so many echoes of the British Raj in this part of India – whom we had great problems understanding but whom we regarded as a saint.

Our task was a very delicate one. We were insistent that we had to gather information about the merits and demerits of the school, which had falling rolls, from the students and from the staff – something which did not fit easily with the top-down Indian culture and teaching methodology. However, we gradually won over their sympathies and by the time we left there was some very good professional practice in place. The pupils were delightful, impeccably dressed in their uniform and greeting us cheerily wherever we went. The boarders formed a magnificent choir while we were there, the senior boys being an unusual strength. Worshipping with them on a Sunday was a great joy. What we hadn’t bargained with was being woken up every morning at 5 am by a tinny church bell, rung 25 times, right next to us, followed by numerous Christian songs at full blast, which made further sleep very difficult! Our reaction was far from spiritual!

A couple of days in Bangalore, with an inspiring communion service at the Cathedral, overflowing with Indians rather than Westerners, on Advent Sunday, and a luxurious upgraded flight home, brought an end to a memorable trip.

FIFTY YEARS ON

There will be many whose memories go back much further in time, but it was in 1959 that I graduated after three years reading law. There were about ten of us in our year – all men, of course. Indeed, as with the University, the legal profession in the world outside was also male dominated in those days. At one of our first supervisions Mr. Whalley-Tooker remarked that there were a lot of distractions at Cambridge and I said that work was one of the biggest. One of the other law lecturers or supervisors used to opine rhetorically “No time for parties!” As is no doubt still the case, there were a lot of parties, usually held in venues in the centre of town. The Union cellars were a favourite. Many were “bottle parties” where people were invited to bring along a bottle themselves. At one of them, the drink ran out and the nominal host came round asking his guests to chip in with money to buy some more – I gave him half a crown (12 p or £2.50 in 2010 money. Ed.)

From time to time – as maybe now – people went climbing the buildings at night. One day, there was a chamber pot upside down on a pinnacle of King’s College Chapel. The porters dealt with it by shooting it down. There was more difficulty removing a small saloon car that was visible one morning on the roof of the Senate House. It was rare for an undergraduate to have a car: the usual way to get permission – which was strictly controlled – was to join the Sailing Club, often merely a nominal membership....

In 1956, the Suez Crisis divided the nation and there was a large public meeting on Parker’s Piece. Mervyn Stockwood, Vicar of the University Church, later Bishop of Southwark, addressed the crowd. Some undergraduates stirred the occasion up by barracking and heckling the speakers, which annoyed the townspeople considerably. Oh dear! At the same time, Hungary was invaded by the Soviets. I put up notices on the College doors inviting donations to the Red Cross as a gesture of support for the uprising. In my innocence, I fixed these with drawing pins, a method not approved by the College. The result was a fine of £5, which was quite a large sum of money in those days.

In the summer of 1958, the film *Bachelor of Hearts* was being made in the town, with Hardy Kruger and Sylvia Sims in the leading roles. It was a Rank comedy, with the script co-written by Frederic Raphael. I watched an episode being filmed on the steps of Ryder & Amies, facing Great St. Mary’s – their shop is still there. At the end of the film, the happy couple were seen floating

romantically along the Cam in an unattended punt. I was later told the punt was in fact being towed upstream against the current (by a rope out of the camera's view) to enable its course to be kept straight.

I wonder looking back whether it was all a bit artificial in those days. "So many distractions"

Or was it just me?

David Cotton (1956)

Glynn Jones Scholarships for Business and Management Education

Members of the Downing Association are reminded that they are eligible to apply for Glynn Jones Scholarships. These valuable scholarships are for those wishing to further their education for careers in the business and management fields. Any who have already embarked on such careers are welcome to apply if they consider that further education and training are likely to improve their career prospects. Typically, Scholarships have been awarded to help fund MBA or equivalent courses in this country or abroad, but the awards are not restricted to such courses. Scholarships of up to £10,000 per annum, for courses of up to two years' duration, have been made in the recent past. Further information about the awards and application forms are available from the Tutorial and Admissions Office. (email: senior-tutor@dow.cam.ac.uk).

NEWS OF MEMBERS

We welcome news of members, just a short note on the form in this Newsletter is sufficient. Your contemporaries and others might be more interested in your life and achievements than you think. Sadly we often learn more about people after they have died than during their lifetime.

Guy Bradley-Smith (1974) is a GP in a large practice in Exeter, looking after 29,000 patients, where he has worked since 1985. He has been the lead for Exeter Primary Care Trust for learning disability since 2001, with involvement in the 2008 SHA Darzi review in the South West. He is currently leading the community module structured academic programme for final year medical students at the Peninsula Medical School in Exeter and Honorary University Fellow. He is a previous member of Devon LMC, Vice-Chair Exeter Primary Care Group, and was re-introduced to genetics when asked to do an audit of Genetic referrals to the Peninsula Genetics service by SHA specialist commissioners in 2005. He is a joint author of *The Oxford Handbook of Genetics*. OUP. 2009, referred to under Publications on page 28.

Matthew Dickens (1980) is Vicar General and Chancellor of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Southwark.

Paul Racey (1962) has retired from the Regius Chair of Natural History in the University of Aberdeen and has been appointed Honorary Visiting Professor at The University of Exeter in Cornwall.

Peter Rees (1975) was awarded the distinction of Queen’s Counsel in 2008. That distinction was, until fairly recently, confined to the most successful practising members of the Bar. There are very few solicitors who have been awarded it; Peter is the second member of Downing to be so honoured. The other is the Rt. Hon Lord Collins of Mapesbury, now a Justice of the (new) Supreme Court and formerly a Law Lord; he was the first solicitor to be made Queen’s Counsel when a senior partner of Herbert Smith. Peter came up from Baines Grammar School, Poulton-le-Fylde in 1975. (A school which sent a number of excellent lawyers to the College of whom Peter was by no means the least). He took excellent first classes in the Law Tripos and, upon going down in 1978, qualified as a solicitor with Norton Rose, a very distinguished commercial firm of solicitors in London. He quickly became a partner at Norton Rose and rose steadily in the firm and was, for many years, its senior partner. After some 27 years at Norton Rose, he left the firm and, thereupon, became a partner in Debevoise & Plimpton, an enormous American firm with a swiftly growing office in London.

John Hopkins

Cecil Walkley (1948) of Bicton, Western Australia, who practices in rehab medicine, finished the Perth Marathon in July 2009 in 6hrs 6mins. We pictured Cecil in the 2009 issue with other WA members. (Known in the rest of Australia as sandgropers).

PARLIAMENTARY NEWS

John Maples (1961) who first entered the House of Commons in 1983 and served as a minister in the governments of Margaret Thatcher and John Major retired as MP for Stratford and Avon before the 2010 General Election. He had represented the seat since 1997, having been MP for Lewisham West between 1983 and 1992. He was made a Life Peer in the Dissolution Honours announced in May 2010.

Robert Grierson (1985) and **Nick Griffin (1977)** stood as candidates in the 2010 General Election for Barking and Sutton Coldfield respectively and neither was elected.

YEAR REPS

Readers will notice that *Magenta News* is now bound in between the *Association Newsletter* and the *College Record*. At the Year Reps meeting in College on January 26th 2010 **John Salway (1964)** noticed that three of the Year Reps were from his old school – Beckenham and Penge County Grammar School for Boys – the other two being **Frank Weiss (1950)** and **John Williams (1956)**.

NOT MANY PEOPLE KNOW THAT –

William Wilkins, the original College architect, was headmaster of the Perse School, Cambridge, in 1805–7 through the close connections of the School with Caius College. This reminds us that both the current Association Treasurer and Secretary are Old Perseans. Others of our era are **Richard Dent (1952)**, **Alan Watt (1955)** and **David Owen (1952)**. Apologies to others we may have missed out.

PUBLICATIONS

Guy Bradley-Smith (1974)

Joint author of *The Oxford Handbook of Genetics*. Oxford University Press. 2009. ISBN13: 9780199545360. ISBN10: 0199545367. This work provides an essential overview of this complex subject, distilled into an accessible format for primary care practitioners and junior doctors.

Peter Rees (1975)

Civil Jurisdiction and Judgements. Briggs and Rees. 5th Edition. LLP Press.

Wallace Clark [father of the late **Miles Clark (1980)**]. *Sailing round Russia*. ISBN 0 9509042 1 X (hardback) and 2 8 (paperback). Wallace Clark Booksales. Maghera, Co Derry. The posthumous story of Miles' 5000 mile voyage from Ireland through the White Sea to the Black Sea.

John Stevens (1977)

The Catholic Question in Bristol Public Life, 1820–1829. In *Essays in honour of Gerard Leighton FSA*. Bristol and Gloucestershire Archaeological Society. 2010.
The Bristol General Election of 1830. In *The Regional Historian*. No 21. Bristol. 2010.

BIRTHS

To **Piran Mazaheri (1989)**, a son, Ilia, in 2009.

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.

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
- a Cambridge post-graduate degree or qualification and have reached the age of 24 years.

Members may bring a guest with the Steward's permission.

For further information please telephone 01223 746709 or e-mail: dining@dow.cam.ac.uk

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, 1 Quayside, Cambridge, CB5 8AB. Tel. 01223 332288 or e-mail to enquiries@foundation.cam.ac.uk

OBITUARIES

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

Richard Malvern Allen (1954) died on 3rd July 2009. His younger brother Terry Allen (1956) tells us that Dick came up to Downing from Bedford School, after National Service in the Royal Air Force, where he was commissioned as a Pilot Officer. He read Maths Part 1, but switched in his second year to Economics, and maintained his interest in the RAF as a navigator with the University Air Squadron. After graduating in 1957, Dick joined the Colonial Service and remained at Cambridge for a further year, learning the language and customs of the Bemba tribe in Northern Rhodesia, where he was to start his career a year later as a District Officer. He spent nine years in Northern Rhodesia which, while he was there, gained its independence. After independence, he transferred to the newly-established Zambian Government in the Game and Fisheries Department. Leaving Zambia in 1967, Dick moved to the Overseas Development Administration in the UK Civil Service. A few years later, he and the family were back in Africa, this time in Botswana, where he spent a couple of years as Director of Central Statistics. He then returned to the UK, where he remained for the rest of his career with the Overseas Development Administration, travelling widely around the world in his role as Chief Statistician. On retirement, Dick and his wife, Jennifer, moved to Blythburgh in Suffolk. He greatly enjoyed life in his adopted county, where he and Jennifer quickly became involved in a wide range of local activities. He appeared to have conquered the cancer, which he had first experienced some years earlier. Sadly, it returned. However during the last six months of his life, he showed tremendous courage in continuing to experience, as far as possible, the many things he loved in life – his family, his Church, his friends, his music, his books, his interest in sport and his adopted county. He enjoyed a helicopter flight over the Suffolk coast a few weeks before he died peacefully at home.

Eric Aspin (1945) has passed away. A call was received from his wife Celia.

Lestocq Courtney Bowerman (1948) died on April 11th 2010.

Mrs Anthea Denton tells us that his funeral was held at the Kingston-on-Thames Cemetery Chapel on April 30th. It was a very fitting service for him with approximately seventy attendees (mourners sounds too horrid). His family took a very active part in the service. He was a very keen sailor.

Donald Fraser Burnie (1939) died in August 2009. He read Law.

Frank Eric Clegg (1934) has died. He gained a First in Natural Sciences and went on to Teacher Training. His wife of 67 years, Margaret, tells us that Frank taught in several schools including St Albans School. He became a lecturer in the Education Department of Bangor University in 1947 before becoming Principal of St Mary's Church in Wales College of Education also in Bangor. A Service of Thanksgiving and a Requiem Mass were held at Bangor Cathedral on Thursday October 22nd 2009 followed by committal at Bangor Crematorium.

George Kenneth Connelly (1942) died on April 25th 2010.



Christopher W Daniels (1968). Chris read Serbo-Croatian and Russian, quite something in the 1960s. As a student he was clearly very gifted. He spent his 3rd year in Yugoslavia, returning to Downing to complete his degree course. So it was a pity that most of his contemporaries only knew him for those first 2 years. By the time he returned, they had gone their separate ways, thereby regretfully losing contact with him. That was our loss. However, fortunately he did make contact with Downing a couple of years ago which led to e-mail contact

with some of his fellow MML matriculands. Without this contact his passing may well have gone unnoticed at his *alma mater*. As a person he was tall and slim, ideally suited to his favourite game of basketball. He was quiet, gentle and kind, with a strong Christian faith. His good sense of humour was regularly tested when he was ribbed by his fellow linguists about his strong Suffolk accent; he was a proud supporter of Ipswich Town F.C. He could always be trusted and relied on.

Shortly after graduating, he married Darinka "Seka" Fragner from Belgrade, whom he had met during his year in Yugoslavia. His marriage to a national of a communist country put paid to his career in the civil service and he opted to take certified accountancy exams, a field in which he worked for almost twenty-five years. In the meantime he and Darinka had two sons, Mark and Nicholas,

and lived in Harlow in Essex, visiting Yugoslavia almost every year for holidays or family visits. Chris and Seka also made the most of their rare linguistic pairing to commit themselves to voluntary work translating Christian literature into Serbo-Croatian at a time when such reading material was hardly welcome in communist Yugoslavia. This work they continued until Chris's final months. Chris took early retirement after nine years in the position of financial director of a Mercedes dealership, both sons having left home and graduated from university. Nick had studied Italian and German at Lancaster and Mark Serbo-Croat and Russian at Nottingham University – surely no coincidence as they had both spoken Serbian exclusively in the family home from an early age.

In 1997, Chris and Seka moved to Belgrade, following their eldest son Mark's departure there two years earlier to work for British publisher Longman. After the NATO bombing of Serbia in 1999 they moved to Herceg Novi, Montenegro for several years, Chris teaching English at the Physiotherapy Institute in Igalo and carrying out freelance translation work. Chris never ceased to dumbfound every new acquaintance with his exceptional spoken Serbian which for all practical purposes was indistinguishable from that of a native. More often than not he saw no reason to immediately disclose who he was and thus blended in as no "real" foreigner could.

In 2005 Chris and Seka moved to Novi Sad, where Mark was now living, and Chris began taking on more and more translation work, registering a translation agency, Linguatrans, and also carrying out work for Mark's translation company Odista. He also served as a lay elder and treasurer of a local church. It was around this time that he was diagnosed with colon cancer, too late to prevent it also spreading to his liver. For the next three years Chris underwent regular chemotherapy and several surgeries but continued to live and work normally, with little to outwardly suggest illness. It was only a few weeks before his passing, when his health had begun to rapidly deteriorate, that he took on his last translation assignment, and declaring that he would be unable to take on any more. On the last day of his life he said the last word his family remembers him saying, in a Serbian word, but also somehow very understatedly English: in answer to the doctor's "Kako ste?" ("How are you?"), he weakly responded, "Onako" ("Oh, you know...").

Chris passed away at the all-too-young age of 60 in the early morning hours of 22nd December 2009 and was buried in Novi Sad's city graveyard, living just long enough to see his third grandson born in late October, on the day of his 60th birthday, and the death of his father at age 97 in late November. Chris leaves wife Darinka, twin sister Rachel, sons Nick and Mark, daughters-in-law Rosie and Sladana and grandsons Harvey, Aidan and Luka.

This obituary was prepared by Mark Daniels with the opening paragraph by Graham Woodard (1968) and Charles Aked (1968).

Raymond Day (1952) died on 15 April 2010.

John William Dunn (1953) has died.

Richard Ronald Humphrey Ellison (1940) died on 12th April 2010.

Rex Gooch (1958) died on March 13th 2007 after a long illness. We reported this briefly in the 2007 issue of the Newsletter since when his widow, Mrs Ann Gooch, has sent us the following.

Rex joined IBM in 1961 and retired from that company in 1993 as a Consult Systems Engineer. He travelled the world and was particularly interested in the Silk Route. He set numerous brain-teasers which were published in the Daily Telegraph, Sunday Times and New Scientist and published a book on them in collaboration with others. He solved the Great Ten Square Teaser.

He left a daughter, a son and five grandchildren.

David Gosden (1949) died on 19th June 2009. We were advised by his widow, Mrs Jennifer Gosden.

Frederic Sison Ham (1939). His daughter Angela Broadberry tells us that he died on 3rd November 2009. He read Mechanical Sciences.

David Harding (1938) died on 4th September 2008.

Anthony Crawford Hepburn (1959) died on 25th April 2008. We published a brief obituary in the 2008 issue of the Newsletter. His widow Mrs Felicity Hepburn has since sent us the following:

Tony came up to Downing from Dulwich College to read history. After graduating he returned to Cambridge to study for the newly-established Certificate in Historical Studies. In 1965 he followed his growing interest in Irish history to research a PhD under the supervision of Leland Lyons, at the University of Kent at Canterbury. Two years as visiting Woodrow Wilson Professor at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, USA followed. Then two years as a research fellow at the Institute of Irish Studies in The Queens University of Belfast. In 1972, he was appointed to a lectureship in Urban and Irish History at what was then the New University of Ulster at Coleraine. His edited and updated version of Erhard Rumpf's *Nationalism and Socialism in Twentieth Century Ireland* was published in 1977. Tony developed Irish History as a special subject at Ulster playing a central role in the redevelopment of teaching at Magee College in Londonderry, with the establishment of an

undergraduate degree in Irish History, Politics and Society. His collection of primary historical sources, *The Conflict of Nationality in Modern Ireland*, was published in 1980. With two colleagues he was the prime mover in founding the Centre for the Study of Conflict in 1979, to encourage, coordinate and conduct research into the Northern Irish conflict. He also helped establish a link with the Sorbonne Nouvelle, focussed on comparative approaches to the study of conflict. In 1988 he left Ulster to take up an appointment as Head of the Department of Social Studies at what shortly became the University of Sunderland. Unassuming and entertaining as a lecturer, he is remembered as an outstanding supervisor of postgraduates. Wholly devoid of self importance, he was encouraging and meticulous, insisting, as one postgraduate put it, that 'every sentence should be clear and mean something.' His own writing, a model of clarity and fluency, had not been achieved without effort. In 1994 he spent a short period as visiting fellow at the European University in Florence. He was given a personal chair in Irish History at Sunderland in 1996. In 1997 he was awarded a visiting Residency at the Rockefeller Centre in Bellagio. Yet another academic link with Italy was the Irish College in Rome, where for several years, the archives provided important material for his final book.

His knowledge of urban history, quantitative analysis and the demography and social structure of Belfast resulted in *A Past Apart: Studies in the History of Catholic Belfast 1850–1950*, published in 1996, and a collection of essays, *Contested Cities in the Modern West* in 2004. In 2005 Tony returned briefly to Cambridge as a visiting fellow at the CRASSH Institute and hugely enjoyed the hospitality he received from the Master and Fellows at Downing. He was made Professor Emeritus at the University of Sunderland after retiring in 2006, when he concentrated his energies on his long-cherished biography of Joe Devlin, the nationalist MP. He was diagnosed with Motor Neurone disease in June 2007 and was working on the proofs of the book when he died. *Catholic Belfast and Nationalist Ireland in the era of Joe Devlin, 1871–1934*, has been described by Patrick Maume as 'a fitting culmination of a lifetime's research...a learned and humane work [which] is his monument'. It was published posthumously in September 2008.

Tony is survived by his wife Felicity, his son Fred and two grandchildren.

John Scampion (1959) writes:

From the beginning Tony was ambitious to become an academic. I know now that the ambition derived from a genuine love of learning; then, in our undergraduate way, he would joke that it was because he didn't want to get a proper job – an early illustration of the self-deprecating ironic style that was to become something of his hallmark. It was an observation of course utterly undermined by the succession of posts he held in an energetic, professionally

committed and above all successful career. Tony was a warm hearted man with a generous spirit and kindly manner. He had an engaging open sense of humour which could sometimes disguise the sharpness of the insights which he would bring to bear on his observation of the world. He would prick pomposity without a trace of malice. At heart an intellectual who moved in those College and University circles, he nevertheless shared all the enthusiasms of his many friends in Downing which not infrequently revolved around sport. For him it might be to express the frustrations of supporting Palace or Reading, or to recount, very occasionally, something of his sporting achievements at Dulwich not generally flaunted at Downing beyond now and then demonstrating the art of off-spin on the college grounds after Hall. He never seemed more relaxed than when listening to or talking about music – or even playing. It was jazz, blues and only grudgingly, I think, pop. He certainly educated me in those arts – something I have always been grateful for as I suspect have many others. It is around music that my abiding image of Tony rests – guitar in hand, cord jacketed, polo necked, fag (it was never cigarette) in Belmondo-like suspension – strumming, singing in the style sometimes of Ledbelly or Joe Turner and sometimes of the emerging Ray Charles. It was something he never lost. And the last time I saw him he picked up the guitar and sang a few strains in reminiscence – just for me I think.

With acknowledgement to Mike Holmes (1959) and school friend for his recollections.

Robert Jefford (1956) has passed away. Bill Harpe called to inform us.

Marcus Lim (1990) died in a diving accident in Malaysia in October 2009. Marcus was a registrar in ophthalmology with the Singapore National Eye Centre. He was awarded the National Medical Research Council Fellowship in 2009. He was passionate about photography and a keen sportsman. He leaves behind his wife Christy and son Jayden. Their second child was due in November 2009.

Lisson Palmer Madge (1932) died on 25th August 2009 at his home in Kendal, Cumbria, aged 96. His son, Mr William Madge, says – “Peter” came from a gifted Exeter family of games players and captained the Exeter School Rugby XV and Hockey XI before winning his place at Downing. He read Natural Sciences and chose to play rugby and captained the College XV. He took the Teacher Training Diploma and after graduation he taught Biology and coached the 1st XV at Bishops Stortford College for four years before being commissioned into the Royal Artillery. From 1946 he spent the next 32 years

teaching at Sedbergh School, Cumbria where he is well remembered as a Biology teacher, Housemaster, games player and family man. Peter is survived by his wife Eleanor and their five children.

Peter Malins (1937). Mr Humfrey Malins wrote to say that his father, The Reverend Peter Malins, died on 25th November 2009.

R T A Molloy (1936) has died.

Robert B E Napper (1956) died in 2009.

Alastair Nelson (1982) died on September 9th 2009 of a heart attack while swimming. He was 46. He leaves his wife **Elizabeth (née Vigrass – 1984)** and their two children.

Alastair was widely renowned as a vet who combined the highest academic knowledge with rural practicality. Having attended Bootham School, York, he read veterinary medicine at Downing and began his career in that discipline with Brown, Grant and Partners in York. After a period in a specialist equine practice in Oxfordshire he moved to Valley Equine Hospital in Lambourn, Berkshire, in the heart of that horse racing community. Returning to Yorkshire in 1994 he joined Rainbow Equine Clinic, where he was made a partner four years later, and soon became a driving force in developing the technical side of veterinary work in scintigraphy, digital radiography and computerised tomography. The practice expanded into a highly successful business, taking first opinion and referral cases from all over the north east of England and recently gaining hospital status. Alastair volunteered to become an assessor and establish a training practice there for equine veterinary nurses. He contributed to veterinary papers, journals and books, lectured and ran courses, and was involved with several professional organisations, his pursuit of knowledge taking him on trips to America, France, Switzerland and Belgium. In the opinion of one of his partners, “Alastair was an Einstein of the veterinary world. He was an inventor, a very clever man, and not only expert in CT scanning, he was the sort of man who could fix the machines if they broke down. All of us looked up to Alastair, as did the whole of the equine veterinary world. He knew the answers to most questions especially in his specialist field of lameness diagnosis, and won many prizes for his knowledge.”

Alastair was also a keen sportsman. He rowed in the College first boat, ran the London Marathon, skied, played tennis, competed in triathlons, swam (qualifying as a swimming instructor shortly before his death), cycled and walked his dog at every opportunity. He was also a governor of his village school.

Kenneth Gordon Nichols (1942) died on November 3rd 2009. He read Economics.

William Richard Poirier (1952) died on 15 August 2009 aged 83, after a lifetime of literature as writer, editor, publisher and teacher. Born into a poor Massachusetts family with a fisherman father he acquired that interest from a high school teacher of English. After war service in Europe he went to Amherst and Yale. He then spent a year at Downing on a Fulbright Scholarship as a pupil of F R Leavis. He then gained a PhD at Harvard before spending most of his career as a professor of English at Rutgers University in New Jersey, USA. He was a busy reviewer for publications from *The New York Review of Books* to *The London Review of Books* and a joint founder of *Library of America* as a non-profit publishing house to champion the homegrown literature of the United States. In 1981 he founded *Raritan*, a quarterly review. His own work varied widely, from admiring studies of Walt Whitman and Norman Mailer to "Learning from the Beatles", which lamented the lack of serious cultural criticism about rock 'n' roll and recognised the revolution that the Beatles had begun to effect in American cultural life. Richard Poirier never married, and no immediate family members survived him.

Frank Russell Reavell (1943) died on 7th August 2009.

Norman Lilley (1943) writes:

I was very sorry to be told that my great friend, Frank Reavell passed away on the 7th of August, aged 83 years. Whilst born in Spalding he always thought of himself as a Guildfordian. His parents moved to Guildford when he was two years old. After attending Deanhurst Junior School, he moved to Guildford Grammar School. There he was a studious pupil and took his education seriously. He was active in various sports and much enjoyed his favourite subjects, physics and mathematics. This formed the logical and inquiring mind that he was known for all of his life. At the age of 16. Frank was awarded an Exhibition to Downing to read physics. I well remember him reading *Grace* (in Latin) on his very first night in college. He and I shared many lectures and practicals together, and I call to mind the experiences we had with Prof. Searle of Optics fame during those wartime years. His and my studies were interrupted after two years for National Service, which he did in the RAF, using his knowledge to good effect at Farnborough while my time was spent in the Royal Signals. Afterward he returned to Downing to finish his degree. Frank was a keen member of the Boat Club and had real pleasure rowing in the Bumps. A stroke of fate in the form of a telephone call to me from him in 1950 told us that we both had been married in the October of that year and that he and his

wife were then living only a few miles from where my wife and I were, a most happy coincidence. Frank had joined Unilever in 1949 as a physicist, where he stayed for most of his working life. He migrated in the 1950's to pioneer a personnel role as a staff officer, the first in Unilever Research. He moved to the head office in 1969 to lead the Personnel Department. In the research division he was known by many in Unilever as the driving force behind the recruitment drives to the USA to tempt scientists back to the UK. I remember that after starting married life in rented accommodation near Sharnbrook Frank moved to Podington, was elected on to the Parish Council and became a guiding light in designing the Village Services Club and organizing the celebrations for the Coronation in 1953. The family eventually moved back to Sharnbrook into a house of their own design. Frank was soon on the Parish Council in that village serving once more with enthusiasm. In 1971, the family moved to Harpenden allowing Frank an easy commute to London. Frank was married to Maxine for 59 years, had three children and had just acquired a new great grand-daughter who gave him much delight. After rowing on the Cam, in a recreation he took up sailing, first on the Stewartby Lakes and later on salt water on the south coast. He was a keen supporter of the R.N.L.I and always passionate when it was Boat Race time; this year, he would have been overjoyed at the result!!! In retirement in Harpenden, Frank and Maxine were ardent and terrific supporters of the Bowls Club, made many friends there and took part successfully in numerous competitions.

His funeral was held in St. Nicholas Church, Harpenden on the 18th August. It was filled with friends, colleagues, members of the Bowls club, and sailors... It was good to be there.

Robert Rowe (1946) died on 27th June 2009. He came to Downing from the Richmond School of Art after National Service in the Royal Air Force. He read History and his first post on graduating was at Birmingham Art Gallery. He became a leading authority on silver and published a work on Adam silver. In 1956 he was appointed deputy director of Manchester City Art Galleries and two years later became director of Leeds City Art Gallery. He was appointed a CBE in 1969 and in 1972 he was appointed to the British Council's fine art advisory committee. He was President of the Museums Association in 1973-74 and a member of the Arts Council of Great Britain from 1981 to 1986. Following his retirement he was awarded an Honorary Doctorate by Leeds University.

John Frederick Salmon (1944) passed away in 1989. He read Natural Sciences.

Roger Swann (1950) died on Thursday 24th September 2009. He read History.

John Geoffrey Tookey (1937) passed away on Thursday 11th February 2010. He was born in 1918 in Aston, Birmingham, educated at Wednesbury High School and came up to Downing to read English with F R Leavis. He served in the Royal Artillery from 1940 to 1945 when he returned to Downing to read for the Certificate in Education. His first teaching post was at Handsworth Grammar School, Birmingham and he went on to serve in four other schools including the first headships of two new schools, Frederick Gough Grammar School, Bottesford, Lincolnshire opened in 1960 and Bramhall County Grammar School, Cheshire opened in 1967. He retired in 1979. His elder daughter, Catherine, died following a road accident in 1958, but he is survived by his younger daughter, Alison, who had the pleasure of accompanying him to the Donors' Garden Party in 1998 and who sent us this account left with his will by her father.

John Wild (1933) died on 18 September 2009, aged 95. Biologist, inventor and surgeon he was above all the father of modern medical ultrasound, enabling physicians to detect breast and other cancers, study the heart, locate gallstones and let pregnant mothers see their unborn children in their wombs via ultrasonic images. Millions of people have benefited from his work, which anticipated by some 20 years the invention of the other two now common scanning procedures, computerised tomography and magnetic resonance imaging. Wild's research began in the Second World War, in the Royal Army Medical Corps, when he developed the "Wild Tube" aspirator to relieve fatal bowel distension in people injured in bomb blasts. He also specialised in venereal diseases, often claimed by troops to have resulted from poor French cuisine, cheap wine or too much garlic. After the war he emigrated to the USA on a research fellowship from the University of Minnesota, where he continued his interest in bowel failure and sought a non-invasive means of assessing the condition and thickness of the bowel wall. He started to experiment with a technique called pulse-reflective ultrasound, developed in Britain for detecting cracks in tank armour plating, then tinkered with an abandoned flight simulator used for radar training. Having increased the ultrasonic frequency he demonstrated that at 15 megahertz it was possible to see through, and differentiate between normal and cancerous living human tissues. He and an electrical engineer colleague, John Reid, then built the first hospital "echograph", slowly overcoming strong medical scepticism during the early 1950s after publishing in important medical journals his results of successful cancer detection, and thus laying down the foundation for modern mammography. He not only published the first echographs of living intact breast cancers but also diagnosed correctly the first living brain tumour – a diagnosis later confirmed during surgery.

John Wild was born in Sydenham, Kent, the son of an accountant, and attended the Merchant Taylors' School. As a 14 year old, frustrated by the uneven distribution of hot and cold water in his bath at home, he was awarded his first patent for an automatic valve to overcome that problem which, he later claimed, was the forerunner of early tea and coffee-dispensing machines. At Downing he gained a double first in botany and medicine, receiving his MB BChir. in medicine in 1942 and PhD in 1971. Whilst working in London hospitals he overcame war-time fuel rationing by converting his 1921 Harley Davidson motorcycle and sidecar to run on gas produced over charcoal. After moving to the USA he established the Medico-Technological Research Department at St Barnabas Hospital, Minneapolis, and from 1960 to 1963 was director of the research department at the Minnesota Foundation, St Paul. That employment led to a court case and 1972 defamation award to him of \$16.3 million, later reduced on appeal, and finally a 1981 out of court settlement with agreement that details of the case would not be released. It was cited by the "Guinness Book of World Records" as the world's largest defamation case until the early 1990s. From 1966 Wild worked as a doctor in private practice, and he served as Director of the Medico-Technological Research Institute in Minneapolis until it closed in 1999. He received many honours and awards, including in 1991 the Japan Prize from the Japanese Foundation of Science and Technology, and in 1998 the Frank Annunzio Award from the Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation. In 1994 the Royal Mail issued a set of stamps to commemorate his work in ultrasound, and on his 95th birthday he received a letter of thanks for his life's work from President Obama. On retirement he continued to keep up to scratch his 1921 Harley Davidson and a 1928 Alvis car long out of production. He died in a Minnesota hospice after a stroke, and was survived by his third wife, Valerie, their daughter, and two sons from his second marriage.

John Kenneth Wills (1953) died in his sleep at home on the Isle of Man, of heart disease, on 13th July 2009. His widow, Mrs Teresa Wills, tells us that they were married for nearly 42 years and have a son and a daughter.

Maciej Winiarski (1945) died on 19th November 2004.

Tim Yearwood (1938) died on 16th Jan 2010.

The following is taken from an obituary published in the Bexhill Observer of February 12th 2010 which was sent to us by his widow.

A respected solicitor who was a prominent figure in many of Bexhill's best known institutions has died aged 90. Timothy Yearwood's funeral took place in St Augustine's Church on Monday, February 1st. Described by his wife Susan

as “one of the old school, who just never gave up”, Tim not only rose to senior partner in Yearwood and Griffiths, now a part of Gaby Hardwicke, but was also involved in the Rotary Club, the Past Rotarians and the Bexhill Round Table. John Raeburn, who joined Tim’s firm as junior partner in 1968, said: “He was an old-time family solicitor who took a close personal interest in his clients’ affairs.” Tim was born in Bridgetown, Barbados, where his father was principal of solicitors Yearwood and Boyce, which still practises today. After following three generations of his family to school at Kings, Canterbury, he read law at Downing where he won a half-blue for fencing. He played an active part in D-Day, landing on Gold Beach with the Royal Artillery a few days after the initial landing. He then trained as a solicitor. With his late wife he had a son Michael who won an Open Scholarship to Oxford and went into the Church. Tim remarried and with Mrs Yearwood he had latterly been a keen attendee of Downing functions. Tim was a freemason and regular member of both Cooden Beach and Highwoods Golf Club, where he was the oldest member. More than 150 cards and messages of support have been sent to Susan, who cited some of the words used to describe her husband: “Very respected, a fun and special person, knowledgeable, a generation above, who never took advantage, the old school and a gentleman.”

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VALETE



This year I have decided to hang up my editorial and secretarial boots with the intention that a younger person will bring fresh thoughts for the Association. I hand over with confidence to my successor, Barrie Hunt (1966), whose experience in the University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate (operating as Cambridge Assessment) and other educational posts will, I am sure, lead him to test, examine and improve the Association.

Coincidentally John Hall (1955) will be retiring as Assistant Secretary this year; he was already in that post before I became Secretary. John and I were undergraduates together; he has been of great assistance not only in compiling the Newsletter but as Minutes Secretary to the Executive Committee as well as in the annual stocktaking before the merchandise range was expanded. I would like to thank him for the great help he has given me in all three areas.

My role started at an Association event some twelve or more years ago when my predecessor, the late Colin Hill, said to me

“You are retired aren’t you?”

“No, why?” I replied.

“Would you like to take over from me as Honorary Secretary and Editor?”

Colin was a man whose requests one just didn’t peremptorily refuse so after a short time for reflection I agreed. I was then running my practice as a one man consultant engineer but I allocated part of many Monday afternoons to the job in College. As my retirement from my professional activities later gradually proceeded I was able to spend more time in College.

In my early days the Association was a fairly passive organisation but in a few years time we were to have a succession of energetic Presidents supported by like minded people on the Executive Committee who saw that we could play a wider role in the life of the College, in particular by offering an expanded financial support scheme to students. Until then we had distributed about £1000 annually to undergraduates for books and other “educational media”, the latter turned out to be mainly model making materials for architectural students and a few law books. Our income was mainly from members’ subscriptions and the sales of a few rather sad prints of the College. The new deal was to identify products, identified with the College, which we would sell to a wider set of customers. So we sold table mats, wine coasters, mug mats and bathrobes. Peter Thomson, then Treasurer, used his business experience to assess the Association’s financial reserves in terms of need and was able to add to the fund which at the same time he separated from the subscription income

which was to be used solely for running expenses. Frank Weiss volunteered to run the enhanced merchandising operation using a life time's experience of the international wholesale high class shoe business. Various Presidents and Executive Committee members added further to the range of goods. As the Student Support Fund increased we expanded the beneficiaries to include postgraduate students. The support itself was expanded to include contributions towards travel expenses to conferences and residence out of term time necessitated by academic demands. Further products were added to our range of merchandise including Quentin Blake's signed limited edition print as well as his china beakers and T-shirts. Success bred success and further lines acquired for sale were silverware, leather goods, ties and umbrellas which overall provided us by 2009 with the means to expand our annual student support twelvefold. I am impressed by the way that these sales activities have been undertaken by others and have not increased the Honorary Secretary's tasks.

The College now sees the Association as not only assisting alumni to keep in touch with the College and with themselves but as actively supporting the current student body. This has been particularly significant in the light of recent changes in government support and the wider economic upheaval.

The other side of the coin for me has been the editor's role. This has taken more of my time than other Association matters. It starts before the previous issue has been published, usually with obituaries, and continues with varying intensities throughout the year. I have avoided using the position for personal statements, not that anyone would be interested – I am not a political activist or a public protestor. Nor am I a publisher and I have had great help from our printers over the years in converting simple text on disk into a readable publication. I often wonder how my predecessors managed to produce an issue from a bundle of typed or even handwritten offerings before personal computers were common. A change over the years has been the reduction in the number of members telling us about their families, careers, honours etc. Some of this role has been taken over in a more informal way by the Year Reps' reports in *Magenta News* which this year is combined with the *Association Newsletter and College Record*.

It has been a wonderful twelve years for me in being able to work with the Master, Fellows and alumni. The complexities of Fellows' duties have never ceased to amaze me. From College and University governance to research, from teaching to examinations, from student admissions and accommodation to graduation, from fund raising to maintaining a hugely expensive set of historic buildings. The College staff are another population of interesting and dedicated people from the porters we encounter on entering the College to the Bursary at the opposite diagonal of the grounds, those grounds which never fail to

impress. The gardeners work wonders; to see the lawns looking immaculate only a month after being trampled on by the 2009 May Ball fairground revellers is to witness something of a miracle. All this within which the kitchen staff produce superb meals for students, staff and Fellows as well as for conferences and weddings.

I look forward to continue meeting many of the people I have got to know over the years and offer my best wishes to the College in overcoming the financial and political challenges which beset it at present.

John Hicks (1955)

ASSOCIATION MEMBER RECORDS

Please help us to keep an up-to-date record of your activities and achievements by providing below any information which has not been supplied previously or which has changed since your last return.

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NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

David Pratt received the 2009 ‘Best First Book’ award of the International Society of Anglo-Saxonists (ISAS) for his book *The Political Thought of King Alfred the Great*. This book was judged by the committee to ‘exemplify the very highest standards of the profession, and to qualify as the “best first book about the languages, literatures, arts, history, or material culture of Anglo-Saxon England” which appeared in print between the ISAS conference in London in 2007 and the ISAS conference in Newfoundland in 2009’. On February 7th 2010 he appeared with Ann Widdicombe MP in a TV Channel 4 programme *The Bible: a History* in which she examined the Ten Commandments as the basis of Western European laws and in which David spoke on the role of King Alfred the Great.

Catherine Phillips’s monograph, *Gerard Manley Hopkins and the Victorian Visual World* (Oxford University Press, Dec. 2008) describes the interest of the nineteenth-century Jesuit poet in fine art, the illustrated press, architecture and

visual theories and explores their influence on his writing. She gave a plenary paper on editions of Hopkins at the Society for Textual Scholars biennial meeting in New York, invited papers on elegiac poetry at a colloquium at the Sorbonne, on Hopkins and the Crystal Palace at a conference in Monastereven, and on W. B. Yeats at Arras Université d'Artois. She made a very enjoyable visit to Katowice as guest lecturer at the University of Silesia, and took part in the Saffron Walden literary festival. Her publications included the chapter on Christina Rossetti and Hopkins in the *Cambridge History of English Poetry* (CUP 2010) and articles in *Littératures*, *Histoire des Idées*, *Images*, *Sociétés du Monde Anglophone* and *Religion and Literature*.

Trevor Robbins has been elected President of the British Neuroscience Association (premier neuroscience society in UK); elected Fellow of the Association for Psychological Science (USA). He was the guest lecturer at the British Association for Psychopharmacology and has given invited lectures at the National Institute of Mental Health and the National Institute on Drug Addiction (USA), Danish Neuroscience Society. He made academic visits to Taiwan, Hong Kong, USA etc and co-edited a notable volume in collaboration with the Master on "*Neurobiology of Drug Addiction; New Vistas*" (Oxford University Press).

Graham Virgo has contributed to the fourth edition of Simester and Sullivan's *Criminal Law: Theory and Doctrine* (Hart Publishing, 2010) with responsibility for chapters including homicide and offences against the person. In November 2009 he gave a paper at the Law Society's Hall in Chancery Lane at a Conference to commemorate the centenary of what is now known as the Society of Legal Scholars and to mark the creation of the Supreme Court. The inaugural meeting of what was then known as the Society of Public Teachers of Law had been held exactly 100 years previously at the Law Society. The paper was entitled '*The Law of Unjust Enrichment in the House of Lords: Judging the Judges*' and will be published at the end of 2010.

In 2009, **Ian Roberts** continued to pursue research with colleagues from Cambridge and Newcastle on the AHRC-funded research grant "*Structure and Linearisation in Disharmonic Word Orders*". During the academic year 2009–10, he published one monograph with Cambridge University Press, and has a further one scheduled for publication in September 2010 with MIT Press. He has also published a volume co-edited with Roberta D'Alessandro and Downing colleague Adam Ledgeway, *The Syntax of Italian Dialects*, also with Cambridge University Press. He published two articles in scholarly journals in 2009, two so far in 2010, with a further seven scheduled for publication 2010 and 2011.

During 2008–9, he presented his research at the Universities of Campinas (Brazil), Berlin, Barcelona, Budapest, Leiden, Edinburgh and at MIT. He continues to serve as a member of the Review Panel for Linguistics of the European Research Council and on the editorial board for all four Cambridge University Press book series in Linguistics.

David Feldman has been elected President of the Society of Legal Scholars (the principal learned society for researchers in and teachers of law in higher education in the United Kingdom and Ireland) for 2010–11. It promises to be a busy year, as the Society's roles include representing the academic discipline of Law to government and funding bodies, contributing to the process of law reform, and supporting the scholarly activities of its members. The highlight of the Society's calendar is its annual conference, which traditionally follows the Presidency, so the 2011 Conference will take place in Cambridge in September 2011 and will be based in and around the College. Among other activities, David has had sabbatical leave, conducting research on factors affecting constitutional change (particularly interesting in the light of the United Kingdom's general election result in May 2010). In February 2010 he had the privilege of being the Sir John C. Smith Visiting Scholar for 2009–10 in the School of Law, University of Nottingham. The stay was both stimulating and enjoyable, and the connection between the late Professor Sir John Smith and the College (as alumnus and Honorary Fellow) gave added significance to the appointment. In June 2010 David participated in the Anglo-Israeli Legal Exchange between the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom and the Supreme Court of Israel, having been invited to give a paper on constitutional limitations on privatization during the seminars at the new, beautifully adapted Supreme Court building (which used to be Middlesex Guildhall Crown Court in Parliament Square, Westminster) in June 2010.

Marcus Tomalin continues to work on the DARPA-funded GALE (Global Autonomous Language Exploitation) project. He has helped to develop state-of-the-art large vocabulary continuous speech recognition systems for Arabic, and he has published several journal articles concerning the impact of morphological decomposition on system performance. In addition, he has contributed a chapter to the book *Chomskyan (R)evolutions* – (John Benjamins, 2010). Drawing upon different philosophical approaches to scientific theory development, this chapter examines the complex relationship between Generative Grammar and Relational Grammar during the period 1965–1988. Marcus still finds time to give numerous lute recitals. Most recently, he has focused on lute intabulations of European choral works from the 16th century.

Ken McNamara gave the keynote speech at a conference on Charles Darwin in Western Australia in October 2009. The talk, *The Importance of Developmental Repatterning in the Evolution of Trilobites*, was subsequently published by the Royal Society of Western Australia. Books published during the year were *Australia's Meteorite Craters* and the Chinese edition of his children's book on evolution, called *It's True! We Came from Slime*. Much of the year was spent shepherding his book *The Star-Crossed Stone* through the production stage at the University of Chicago Press. The book, the culmination of nigh on twenty years of research and writing, will be published in October 2010.

Sophie Harrington is the Mays Wild Fellow and a Research Fellow in Materials Science. She joins the Fellowship after taking her BA and PhD at Newnham. She is working on nano materials in the Device Materials Group in the Department of Materials Science & Metallurgy. She has also added to the Fellowships' croquet abilities. She won first prize in the poster session at the Materials Research Society Spring meeting in San Francisco for her work on *Building Better Barium Titanate with Nanoscaffolds*. She has given invited talks at conferences in Florida and Washington and continues to regularly visit and collaborate with Los Alamos National Laboratory, New Mexico. She will be getting married in August.

Subha Mukerji has joined the Fellowship as a Fellow in English working with Cathy Phillips and Marcus Tomalin. She was educated in Calcutta, Oxford and Cambridge, has taught at the University of Leeds and at Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge, and is currently Lecturer in English. She has worked extensively on the relation between law and literature in the Renaissance, and on interdisciplinarity more broadly. Her current research focuses on literary form and the uses of doubt in early modern writing; knowledge and epistemologies; and the works of John Ford. Her publications include *Law and Representation in Early Modern Drama* (Cambridge University Press, 2006), *Early Modern Tragicomedy* (Boydell and Brewer, 2007) – a volume of essays co-edited with Raphael Lyne, and several articles on English Renaissance drama.

Adam Ramadan is our new Fellow in Geography. He took his BA at Cambridge, his MPhil at UCL and his DPhil at Oxford. His research lies in political and cultural geography, and focuses on the everyday lives of Palestinian refugees living in refugee camps in Lebanon. He addresses how Palestinians understand and negotiate regional geopolitics in their everyday lives, how Palestinian refugee identities are produced and reproduced in exile, and how refugee camps are constructed as national, political and cultural spaces.

His broader academic interests include questions of geopolitics, sovereignty, nationalism and nationalist movements, migration, diaspora and statelessness, particularly relating to the Middle East. He has been getting used to a heavy teaching load, directing studies for our geography undergraduates, and starting work on a book. The highlight of his year was being stranded in Washington DC at the height of the Icelandic volcanic eruption, after presenting at the Association of American Geographers conference.

OBITUARIES

John Wyon Burrow (Fellow 1962–65) died on November 3rd 2009 aged 74, after a rewarding and geographically varied academic career with a particular bent towards historiography. Born in Plymouth in 1935 and schooled in Exeter, he then won a history scholarship to Christ's College, Cambridge. On being elected to a research fellowship there, in 1959, he explored the contributions of three figures in the wider intellectual life of the Victorian era – Henry Maine, Herbert Spencer and E B Tylor – towards the understanding of social phenomena in evolutionary terms. His book, *Evolution and Society* (1966) was based on that dissertation. There followed his three years at Downing, where he was also Director of Studies from 1963, a role to which he devoted particular energy as a source of inspiration to his students. He then spent four years as a lecturer in history at the University of East Anglia, before a much longer tenure at the University of Sussex. There, with like-minded colleagues Donald Winch and Stefan Collini, he established bachelors' and masters' degrees in intellectual history, for many years the only ones in the country, and wrote *That Noble Science of Politics* (1983). At this time he began to focus on historiography with a study of 19th century Whig historians, *A Liberal Descent* (1981), which was awarded the Wolfson Prize for history. In 1995 Burrow took up the newly-founded chair in European Thought at Oxford, which brought with it a fellowship at Balliol. In 2000 his longstanding interest in wider European intellectual history bore fruit in *The Crisis of Reason: European Thought, 1848–1914*, and the culmination of his distinctive academic career came with the publication in 2007 of *A History of Histories*, a highly readable as well as deeply knowledgeable account of the whole sweep of historical writing in the West, from Herodotus and Thucydides to the 20th century. In the following year he received a diagnosis of terminal cancer, when his prime concern was to be able to take up a visiting appointment at Williams College, Massachusetts, the remuneration for which he hoped would help to provide for his family. He was survived by his wife of fifty one years, Diane, and two children.



Richard Gregory; An Obituary and Appreciation

Richard Langton Gregory (1947) Honorary Fellow died on 17th May 2010.

Richard Gregory was one of the most original and influential experimental psychologists of the past century. As a personality, he was a wonderfully exuberant individual, literally larger than life, and possessed of considerable social grace, humour and highly expressive eyebrows. His striking demonstrations of visual illusions greatly enlivened the sometimes dry, though precise, discipline of perceptual psychophysics. Indeed, Richard was one of the first to appreciate the importance of communicating science to the public as well to his peers. He also blended cybernetics with technological inventiveness and was one of the pioneers of artificial intelligence.

Born in 1923, Richard Langton Gregory was the son of an astronomer (Christopher Gregory) and Patricia (née Gibson) and attended King Alfred School, Hampstead (1931–1940) before he was called up to serve in the Signals branch of the RAF in 1941. He first showed his flair for public communication by describing radar operations on the John Lewis bomb-site at Oxford Street to an impressed audience (of a few million visitors) in London, over a few months in 1946.

Following this interruption, Richard completed his education at Downing College, reading Moral Sciences from 1947–1950. He was able to study not only philosophy, receiving some tuition from Bertrand Russell, but also experimental psychology, (at that time only being an option in that particular Tripos) and experienced a period of his life that he later described as “intoxicating”. It was not until nearly 50 years after his graduation that the College accorded him the distinction of an Honorary Fellowship, but Richard was a quite frequent and welcome visitor to the College in his final years, when I was lucky enough to come to experience his astounding intellect and lively conversation.

His Cambridge career continued initially with a position at the MRC Applied Psychology Unit, until he was appointed as University Demonstrator in Oliver Zangwill’s Department of Experimental Psychology in 1953. He later became a University Lecturer and Fellow of Corpus Christi College, and taught courses in cybernetics and visual perception. It was during his next 14 years at Cambridge that he established his international reputation. Perhaps his major contribution was to show that perception arose not simply ‘bottom-up’ from a processing of light into visual sensation, but ‘top-down’, as a consequence of the brain seeking to test hypotheses about the external world, in order to make intelligible the confusing barrage of sensory information. This theory was supported in particular by Gregory’s use of many ‘impossible’ visual illusions,

caused by conflicts in bottom-up processing that the ‘top-down’ systems were recruited to resolve. He also became interested in how the brain achieved these feats, as described in a well-known scientific paper (of about 150 in all) entitled ‘The brain as an engineering problem’.

He was especially famous for a case study (with Jean Wallace) of the patient SB who had been blind from birth but had received a corneal transplant in 1959. It was thus possible for Gregory to address a venerable paradox posed by Berkeley about what it might be like for an individual who had only experienced objects by touch if their vision was suddenly restored, “Molyneux’ Question”. In fact, as the two psychologists were able to show by careful testing, SB found visual experience confusing and was unable to judge distance (tragically he died two years later). They were thus able to demonstrate the fundamental role of ‘exploratory touch’ in harmony with the development of visual perception, a discovery that inspired him more generally to emphasise the importance of the ‘active’ exploration of the world, especially when engaging the public with science.

These powerful ideas and demonstrations formed the basis for a remarkable book, *Eye and Brain* by Gregory published in 1966, which was an inspiring and entertaining text for undergraduates reading experimental psychology (including the present writer), for many years to come. An acknowledged classic in the subject, it has gone through five editions and been translated into fourteen languages. Gregory’s other fifteen books have included a work co-written with Ernst Gombrich on *Illusion in Nature and Art* (1973) and his monumental *Oxford Companion to the Mind* (1987;2004) which he edited with great erudition.

The other products of Gregory’s fertile imagination were numerous inventions: these included a chromatic photometer, a solid image microscope, a digital printing data recorder, a hearing aid and a telescope camera. He was consulted by the Royal Navy to help sailors escape from submarines, by NASA to confront the perceptual problems involved in docking spacecraft, and by the cinema director Roman Polanski for a 3D film that unfortunately for all of us never saw the light of day.

Gregory moved to a Chair in Bionics at Edinburgh in 1967 to pursue his interests in machine intelligence, at what was the first centre for the study of the subject in the U.K, co-founded with two other luminaries Christopher Longuet-Higgins and Donald Michie. His ambition was to create a machine that could “draw interesting analogies and make puns” (the latter being a particular delight of Richard’s witty conversation).

He had moved from Cambridge with his second wife (Freja Balchin) having divorced his first spouse (Margaret Muir) with whom had a son and daughter. He was then lured to a Chair in Neuropsychology at the Bristol University Medical School by (now Sir) Gabriel Horn (recent Master of Sidney Sussex) who was then

at that institution, and the notable expert in brain functions and cybernetics, W Grey Walter, in 1970. He continued his work on all fronts, directing a laboratory of Brain and Perception, and establishing the ‘Bristol Exploratory’ (now Explore@Bristol), which encouraged young people to interact ‘hand on’ with science and allowing them “to shake hands with the Universe”. His collaborator on this project, Patricia Heard, was to remain close to him throughout the rest of his life, after the divorce from his second wife Freja in 1976.

The Exploratory was, in fact, the first of several of similar enterprises for the public dissemination of science to which he contributed, others including the Science Centre at the former Royal Observatory at Herstmonceux Castle in Sussex, the “Launch-Pad” gallery at the Science Museum in London, the ‘Mind Zone’ of the Millenium Dome and an exhibition with Gombrich at the Institute of Contemporary Arts. Appropriately, he was the Christmas Lecturer at the Royal Institution’s series for children on the very first occasion they were televised.

He retired in 1988, but continued to be very active, including, fortunately for us, many visits to Cambridge, and he clocked up no fewer than 10 honorary degrees from various prestigious institutions.

Richard Gregory received many honours. He was elected (late as usual, for psychologists) as a Fellow to the Royal Society in 1992 and was its Faraday Medallist in 1989 and Medawar Lecturer in 2001. He was also a Fellow of the British Psychological Society (1981) and the Institute of Physics (1999), a somewhat unlikely, but highly appropriate combination in his case. He was a made an Honorary Fellow of the British Association for the Advancement of Science in 2006. He received the Hughlings Jackson Medal from the Royal Society of Medicine in 1989. He would have also been a Fellow of the British Academy had he lived in time to receive the distinction, the accolade of being FRS and FBA also being especially rare. He was appointed CBE in 1989.

Richard Gregory had rare genius, being a polymath in biology, cybernetics, engineering, physics and art, as well as experimental psychology. He will be long remembered and mourned by his friends and many young scientists whose careers his wonderful personality and passion for science helped to launch. He died on May 17th 2010, and is survived by his former wives, Mary and Freja, by Patricia Heard and his two children from the first marriage.

TW Robbins FRS

Joan Isobel Chadwick who died on 5th January 2010 was the widow of John Chadwick MA, LittD FBA, former Fellow in Classics and Emeritus Fellow, and mother of Anthony.

COLLEGE CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

WOMEN'S BOAT CLUB

W1 and W2 were hugely successful in the Lent term. The Head-to-Head race in January was “a slog-fest of two back-to-back 2k races”, in which both crews showed their skill and strength, producing excellent results. W2 nudged Trinity FaT II out of their way as they passed them halfway down the course to finish 30 seconds ahead of any other second boat. With two subs in the boat W1 had great rows in both the races, finishing 2nd behind Trinity FaT.

Saturday 13th February saw W2 claiming a second victory as they again denied FaT by winning their division of the Pembroke Regatta. In an exclusive insight, Zara Goozee, W2's stroke, recounts the day: “On February 13th, W2, including myself, competed in the Pembroke regatta, a knockout tournament composed of 4 side by side races each measuring 1.1km. The majority of our crew having only rowed for approximately 4 months, and fresh from the terrors of novice-ing in Michaelmas, we had very little racing experience and even smaller expectations of our impending performance. The week preceding the regatta had been passed religiously practising our racing start, which after a lot of coaching and a considerable amount of soaking each other still terrified us. The coaching paid off (or perhaps it was just the adrenaline of the day!) and we managed to get off to four good, if not wet, starts. Having gained the upper hand within the first 20 strokes mentally set us up for the remaining 3 minutes, allowing us to edge ahead and gain open water each time, an incredible feeling for most of us who had never experienced it before. Maintaining that lead was perhaps, mentally, the only thought keeping us going and allowed us to take four clear wins and the Regatta overall which judging by my own feelings, and the reactions of the other girls, was a totally unexpected but amazing result! Now, all we need is a repeat performance in Bumps...

The next day, Sunday 14th February, W1 pushed romantic thoughts from their minds and ‘beasted it’ to win the Bedford Head”.

MEN'S BOAT CLUB

After finishing Fairbairns 3rd last term, M1 were looking to overtake competition Trinity FaT and Queens to stake their claim as fastest boat on the Cam. They were plagued with illness and injury, but a strong, recovered squad were able to train together for a week in Biarritz in early January. Queen's held the leading place in the division during the first half of the term, with Downing a consistent 13 seconds behind them and only just behind second place FaT. However, at the Robinson Head Downing's full Lent's crew raced together for the first time this term. A strong, tidy row meant they finished the 2.7k in 8m35s, which was

3 seconds faster than Queens and 5 ahead of Trinity; in other words, they won the race! Although in the recent Bedford Head, Queens snuck back in front, finishing the 2k course 13 seconds faster.

BASKETBALL

Downing men's team played the championship deciding match against Queens/Christ's, winning 42–29. This secures them top place in division 1.

NETBALL

Downing started the Lent term strongly with a 26–5 win over Girton, which concreted their place at the top of division one. They recently played their main league rivals the Medics and won 24–5, another brilliant achievement. Their captain, Becca Brake reviews the term's successes: "This term has been fantastic for Downing netball so far. Building on last term's league win the ladies firsts have been dominating once again, remaining unbeaten, with the league and cuppers victories. The mixed firsts reached the final of Cuppers. Both seconds sides have been fighting their way back up to the top divisions and although they've suffered from some unfortunate losses at the start of term things seem to be looking up. All four teams are now looking forward to cuppers over the last two weekends of term where we're sure there will be plenty of Downing domination!"

WOMEN'S FOOTBALL

Having started Michaelmas term with lots of new players, we have really come together as a team and improved enormously. This can be seen in the significant reduction in match goal differences this term! We played Pembroke in the second round of the plate and lost 2–1. However they are in the division above us and our defence did particularly well to keep the score down. We are also improving our attacks, scoring twice in our game against unbeaten Emma (although we lost this 5–2). After Clare forfeited due to lack of numbers, we played our final game of the season, winning 1–0 against John's.

MEN'S FOOTBALL

The first team finished heading the first division, having won all their games. The start of term saw "battling performances", but these were followed by a less than impressive game against Catz in which the team "underperformed in a very scrappy affair", only saved by a penalty taken by captain Tom Marsh. However the lads showed their true flair in the cup game against Christ's, which they won 5–1 and, according to one spectator, "definitely dominated". It should

be noted that when Downing played Christ's last term in the league match they came from 3-nil down to win 4-3, whereas this match saw an uncontested lead of 5-nil until a consolatory Christ's goal towards the end. Cuppers saw the team losing in the final to Trinity.

The second team are third in their league (only one point behind second) and challenging three other strong teams for promotion. They've also speeded through to the semis of the shield competition, beating Churchill II 2-1 (despite Churchill being in the division above) followed by sending off Selwyn without even touching the ball (Selwyn were unable to field a team). Captain Chris Vibert says the most memorable match of the term was the one against Cambridge Chinese Community Centre, when the Downing team played with only 10 men (criticism of the refereeing had resulted in a red card) for 60 minutes and still won 2-1. Vibert attributes this simply to "awesome play".

The third team are hopeful for promotion, but perhaps not so confident in recent weeks. They most recently lost 2-1 to Fitz, the Downing goal in fact being an own goal from Fitz, while one of Fitz's was deflected off a Downing player and over the Downing goalie's head. A disappointing draw against a rather arrogant, charity-shop dressed John's side the week before confirms that the thirds need to move up a gear if they are to finish in the top two. However, they have some promising talent in fresher goalie Adam "Busta" Turner and striker Xander Reeve, not to mention the involvement of some enthusiastic rugby boys, and of course their reliable captain Dan Parkes.

MEN'S RUGBY

Downing started off the term strongly with a 33-10 win over Girton, playing an effective kicking game which left the opposition languishing in their own half for much of the match. Highlights include a 50yd try from hooker James Dibble, a "barnstorming run" from Captain Matt Halford, and a nifty sidestep from Rhemayo Brooks which sealed the deal for the Downing side. The surprising result of the cuppers match against CCK left Downing disappointed, but hopefully not disheartened finishing in joint 2nd place in the league.

MEN'S HOCKEY

The men's team are in division 1 and finished the season mid-table in this tough league. The team won 1-0 against Robinson earlier in the Lent Term; they played well but captain and uni hockey player James Bradley-Watson reckoned his team deserved a couple more goals. In a challenging game against the Old Leysians (a men's hockey club who train together frequently and are likely to win the league), Downing did well to score twice and the final score was only 4-2 to the Leysians.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

The women's team were also in a tough league, but have a promising team with lots of new potential. In an exclusive interview, their captain Ele Vince talks about the term: "Currently we are 5th in Division 1. Notable moments I think are winning against a tough Emma side, and the way the team fought so hard against Johns in our cuppers match, even though, in the end, Johns came out on top. Hattie Gibson and Pip McClure have contributed hugely to the team dynamic, and Lauren Juster has been amazing in goal. We've had a huge intake of freshers this year and its so nice to see them progressing and helping to make Downing one of the strongest sides the university has to offer."

MEN'S SQUASH

The men's team had a successful Lent term so far, beating both Magdalene and Queen's 4-1. They are currently in division two and hopeful for promotion. However with several matches still to play it is hard to tell how the season will end.

LACROSSE

Directly from captain Chris Heard: This term has been a difficult one for the Ducks so far, coming away with nothing to show for some decent team efforts. Extremely tight games against determined opposition have been fun, with some real flashes of talent from the newer players, but a lack of sharpness going forward means we are not getting the fantastic results we are used to, as of last term's league victory. The Ducks picked up their first point this term with a 1-1 draw with Tit Hall. Slightly disappointing result, as we dominated the play throughout, and were technically very good on the day. One unfortunate slip at the back cost us a deserved victory.

TENNIS

Downing I started their cuppers campaign with a first round victory over a surprisingly good Sidney, winning 6-3. The tennis team are looking to improve on last year's semi-final appearance. James Bradley-Watson is still undefeated winning both his doubles and singles matches while Chris Vibert managed to overcome his female opponent.

SWIMMING

An 'impromptu' Downing Swim Team trained once under the experienced tuition of Blues swimmer Andy Corley, before competing in the inter-college Cuppers competition on the 2nd May. After impressive swims by Lauren Baker

(individual medley), Louise Tan (butterfly), William Wong (individual medley) and our men's relay team, Downing came joint 2nd overall (out of 15 colleges).

DOWNING'S FENCING TEAM, consisting of Anthony Crutchett, Ian Reekie, Felix Wood and Chris Vibert competed in the annual Cuppers Competition on the 7th May. And they won it! Special mention for Chris Vibert who stepped in on the day with little previous experience and beat several of his opponents.

THE COLLEGE CHOIR

The College Choir led by Camilla Godlee, Senior Organ Scholar, toured the USA in June and July 2010 and sang at the following events:

New York:

Alumni event at the Yale Club

A concert in Saint Paul's Chapel

A eucharist service in the Church of Saint Mary the Virgin, Times Square.

A concert in the Adirondack Lakes Center for the Arts, Blue Mountain Lake, NY.

At the Liturgy Festival – Woodstock, VT

Evensong and Eucharist at St James on a number of days and a concert.

Finally a concert in Christ the Redeemer Anglican Church, Danvers, Massachusetts.

THE MAITLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Secretary: Nick King

This year has been a good year for the Maitland Society with four illustrious speakers, the introduction of Maitland Society attire, a field trip to Bury St Edmunds, and the Maitland Annual Dinner in Easter Term – as always, in historical fancy dress!

Proceedings began in October with a paper delivered by Professor Paul Cartledge entitled 'Revisiting Ancient Greece – via Marseilles' – a very interesting analysis of the ancient Greek world taken from his recent publication. This was followed in November by a talk by Dr Gillian Sutherland who gave a fascinating account of the changing contours of book provision for children in nineteenth century Britain entitled 'Fantasy becomes respectable'. Professor Anthony Badger resumed Maitland's activities in Lent Term with a paper which asked 'Has Obama learnt from FDR?', and Dr Richard Rex ended the year's speaker events with a talk on 'Luther and the Word of God: the Reformation as a crisis of authority' which attracted more people than there were chairs!

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