

DOWNING COLLEGE 2012





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FRONT COVER – THE DOWNING COLLEGE DAFFODIL

The front cover shows the daffodil *Narcissus* “Downing College” developed by **Professor Trevor Walker (1956)**. Professor Walker has developed the variety which produces high levels of the plant alkaloid galanthamine, which has proven effective in the treatment of Alzheimer’s disease. The plant also contains narciclasine, an exciting new treatment for brain tumours. Although bulbs will not be available in commercial quantities for several years, he has generously donated some that have been planted in the Master’s Garden and has offered some to be raffled at the Alumni Day in September.



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PRESIDENT'S FOREWORD

This year the Association reaches its 90th anniversary. When I look through the names of the past Presidents there is an interesting variety starting in 1922 with the Founding President – the then Master of Downing, Professor Sir Albert Charles Seward. He was an eminent botanist and, for two years of his mastership, Vice-Chancellor of the University. The presidents continue through a range of well known and less well known names including most Downing Masters. Although this year is our 90th anniversary, it will see only our 86th Annual Dinner and AGM for the activities of the Association ceased for a period during the Second World War due to lack of members in residence and other more pressing matters.

The historic buildings of the College have changed little externally since they were completed but internally they have been refurbished in recent years. During the life of the Association the College has seen a large growth in new buildings. Changes have occurred in less concrete characteristics such as the number of students and fellows, the subjects being taught or researched, the introduction of women and the general relaxation of restraints surrounding residence in College, now available to all undergraduates and some graduates. Satisfyingly none of these changes seems to have altered the general atmosphere of the College.

The Association's window on the current student academic scene is through our annual prize. The Association Prize is seen as the most prestigious in the College and is awarded to students coming within the top 2½% of the University class list for their Tripos. The Association's further interest in the students manifests itself in our Student Support Fund from which modest grants are made to undergraduates and postgraduates who can show a need for financial assistance to pursue their academic work. Our Committee and others, including former Presidents Julian Childs and Roy Farmer, work hard to find, commission and sell merchandise the profit from which goes to the Fund. I would like to commend in particular the work of Frank Weiss who, throughout a long period of painful disability has, with the assistance of our Treasurer Norman Berger, performed a key role in the sales of merchandise. In this area and many others Barrie Hunt has exercised his Secretarial role assiduously.

So much for students, but we must remember that the Fellows are the power house of the College and they continue to achieve acclaim. This year we congratulate in particular Professor Trevor Robbins who was appointed a CBE and Professor Stafford Withington who was elected a Visiting Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford.

Elsewhere in this issue of the *Newsletter* I describe the latest visit my wife and I made to her home country of Australia which makes us realise that the

“tyranny of distance” still exists although modern transport has improved things in some areas whilst e-mails, Skype and social networks have made communication much easier and faster in a surprisingly short time. However some of our members abroad can still feel relatively isolated and I hope to be able to think of ways of bringing them closer in mind if not in body. This brings me round to a topic which I mull over frequently and that is to what extent do former students want to keep in touch with the College. The response to this is of course that everyone has a different level of interest and this may change with time. This does not mean that alumni have lost interest in the College – one of our Year Reps said at their meeting earlier this year that he had found that amongst alumni there was an immense amount of goodwill towards the College. We know that some alumni retain friendships they made as students for life and in quite large groups. At the other extreme we occasionally receive letters from members saying that they do not wish to be contacted – one gave the reason that his time in College was “a negative experience”. For most the departure from College launches them into the all consuming business of earning a living. They develop wider interests and a different social scene and a feeling that college is old hat and not part of the new bright horizon. Family places limitations on one’s mobility and time. However, many people tend to want to get in touch as they get older. They have more time, they cast aside previously pressing matters and perhaps become aware that there may be some comfort in meeting people who started off life in a manner similar to their own.

The Association’s Annual Dinner and the College’s Reunions offer excellent opportunities for members to meet. Some members use their dining rights to dine at High Table. In May 2007 a group of five members and their wives navigated the Rivers Ouse and Cam by narrowboat and arranged to stop off at Cambridge for Downing High Table. They described their experience in an opera buffa, *Dieci per Tavola Grande*, the libretto of which we published in the 2007 *Association Newsletter*.

Having celebrated the 90th anniversary of the Association let us hope that many of us will be here to meet in its centenary.

John Hicks

ASSOCIATION NEWS

The main objects of the Association are:

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

The Association welcomes and encourages contacts from its Members.

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

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

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

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

THE 2011 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 84th Annual General Meeting was held in the Howard Theatre on Saturday 24th September 2011. The following is a brief summary – full draft minutes are available on the website at <http://www.dow.cam.ac.uk/> then follow links through 'Alumni', 'Downing Association website' to 'News and coming events' or directly at http://www.dow.cam.ac.uk/dow_server/association/events.html.

Reporting on the Association's activities, the President noted that the year had progressed smoothly and that the baton change to the new Secretary had gone well. The Treasurer highlighted surpluses on both the Association's Normal Activities and the Student Support Fund which had resulted in a combined surplus of £2,225. The Secretary reported that three new products had been introduced during the year. The *Downing in the two World Wars* book had been published at Christmas and a new, Quentin Blake branded, 'City tie',

introduced in June, had proved very popular. Finally a new Philip Martin limited edition print of the Library had been offered for sale for the first time earlier in the day.

The Bursar reported on future building projects (see the Junior Bursar's report on page 30) including a five phase project to improve car parking, with phases 1 to 3 being funded by the Howard Foundation. Work on 14 Regent Street will enhance the conference provision and provide 22 new en-suite rooms. Planning consent to convert the office space above Parker's House into a further 70 rooms was being sought.

She reported that the method of financing tuition fees means that, once the new system is established, fees for students will not directly affect their bank accounts whilst at the College. There will be more support for students, but the student maintenance loan will, in part, be dependent on family income. Problems are likely to be greatest for students from middle income families. Those from low income families should qualify for full loans and student support.

Despite the rhetoric, the new tuition fees will not see an increase in College income and many colleges will find the arrangements very challenging. Indeed, negotiations between the University and Colleges are ongoing. Downing is fortunate to have a thriving conference trade – income last year rose from £1.6m to £1.9m. The Catalysis campaign remains central to the financial health of the College and last year just over £4m was raised – essential if Downing is to keep thriving.

The Election of Officers resulted in a number of changes to the Committee.

The President Elect, Mr John Hicks (1955), became President, whilst Dr Kate Dyer (1982) became President Elect – the first female President of the Association. Ms Dahlia Verjee (1996) and Dr Satyamoorthy Kabilan (1997) were elected as new members of the Executive Committee to replace Dr Dyer, who had completed her four-year term of office and Joanna Argasinska who had retired. The Secretary reported that Mr Jos Bird (1954) had been co-opted by the Executive Committee.

The meeting also elected Mr Peter Thomson (1953) to the role of Vice President – a role reserved for those who have served the Association with distinction.

OTHER NEWS FROM THE EXECUTIVE

During the course of the year the Executive has continued to work hard to increase sales of merchandise to boost the Student Support Fund, now renamed the Alumni Student Fund to avoid confusion with a College fund with the same name but different objectives.

Throughout the year, a stream of new merchandise has been introduced – new Philip Martin prints of the Library, City bow ties, a leather portfolio, insulated tumblers and leather iphone covers.

During the course of the year consideration was given to introducing an e-commerce website to sell merchandise. This has proved challenging since the Association is unable to order in large quantities and consequently has low margins that could be further eroded by website charges. Staffing the operation without increasing the workload on our existing volunteers is also potentially difficult.

Julian Childs (1969), who has steered the Merchandise Working Group since its inception has decided to stand down in September and his place will be taken by **Karen Storey (1982)**.

Ms Brooke described proposals from the MCR Committee to purchase canvas bags to reduce the number of plastic bags in use by students and the Association has agreed in principle to support this environmentally-friendly initiative.

Members of the Committee reported their surprise at the low level of knowledge of the Student Support Fund amongst alumni and that, even amongst undergraduates, there was little understanding of the difference between College and Association Funds. It has decided to look at ways to increase awareness of the Fund (see below) and to rename it the Alumni Student Fund in order to help recipients of grants appreciate that they are being supported by College alumni.

On the continuing theme of clarity, the Committee also agreed that the purpose of the Association would be clearer were it to be renamed ‘The Downing College Alumni Association’. This will be proposed to the AGM.

With the increasing work being undertaken in relation to Merchandising and the consequential financial issues, the Executive has undertaken some minor restructuring to support its evolving operations.

Finally, the Photographic Competition was repeated in the Lent Term with the subject “Downing at Work and Play”. Sadly, after a successful launch last year, the number of entries this year was disappointing for reasons that are not yet entirely clear – nevertheless the quality of the winning entries was pleasing (see page 18).

THE ALUMNI STUDENT FUND

What is the Alumni Student Fund?

The Alumni Student Fund (formerly called the Student Support Fund) was set up by the Association in 2008 when it recognised that many students at Downing were finding it increasingly difficult to meet some of their day-to-day

financial pressures, including the cost of essentials such as books. Using money raised primarily from the sale of Association merchandise at alumni events and online, the Fund now provides grants which are normally between £50 and £250, but can occasionally be as much as £500, and last year helped 44 students. Most grants are for books or travel to support fieldwork or to attend conferences, but money can also be provided to fund any specific need that will enable a student to pursue their studies more effectively.

All grants are approved by the tutors who regard the support which the Fund gives to students as extremely important. Senior Tutor, Graham Virgo, remarks that *“All the applications from students are carefully considered to ensure that the student concerned is facing real financial hardship and that their applications are for resources which are essential to their academic studies.”*

The Fund is not only one of the means by which the Association fulfils one of its four objects, *“to facilitate united action in any matter concerning the welfare of the College and its members”*, but also provides a real and immediate way in which alumni can, through the Association, make a real difference to the lives of current students in this increasingly difficult financial climate.

As one current undergraduate recently wrote:

“I have been able to do my work with peace of mind, knowing that Downing is supporting me fully and I can make better and more evocative models and drawings as a result. I do not know what I would do without this grant and it has truly made the difference to my degree so far. Thank you very much for all the support.”

How does the Alumni Student Fund differ from College student support funds?

The Alumni Student Fund is separate from, but complementary to, funds raised by the College in the current Catalysis Campaign. Funds raised from alumni in the Catalysis Campaign which are designated for student support are endowed funds meaning the corpus remains invested and the annual interest supports students facing general financial hardship. The strategy behind this, as with all endowments at any college or university, is to secure a more stable long term financial underpinning to support students in the future. All of the Alumni Student Fund is for immediate use making an instant impact on the lives of students today. It provides immediate help to pay for specific items essential to the studies of individual students. In this way The Alumni Student Fund and the funds raised in the Catalysis Campaign are the perfect complement to each other – to help students right now and to help them far in the future.

How does current student finance differ from previous generations?

The need for the type of supplementary grants provided by the Fund has increased dramatically in recent years. As the number of students in Higher Education in the UK has grown, public finance has sought to control expenditure. As a result, an ever increasing proportion of the costs of education is being borne by the student (see table below). Most members of the Association will consider themselves generously funded compared with those entering College this September and those who studied pre-1990 will simply not recognise the concept of loans or tuition fees with which current students are faced.

Evolution of Student Funding in England	
Pre-1962	Private funds or Scholarships from the State, Local Authorities, industry and education.
1962	Local Authorities pay tuition fees and a mandatory maintenance grant to cover living costs.
1980	Student grants increased from £380 to £1,430.
1990	Grants are frozen and student loans introduced. Means-tested grants of up to £2,265 remain; loans of up to £420 are on offer to all.
1998	An annual tuition fee of £1,000 is introduced. Means testing means a third of students will not pay anything.
2006	Universities are allowed to set their own tuition fees up to a cap of £3,000 a year. Loans are to be repaid once graduates earn above £15,000. Loans are accompanied by a means-tested package of support.
2012	<p>Tuition fees rise to a maximum of £9,000 a year. Loans are available to cover fees and maintenance.</p> <p>For students from England, if the household income is £25,000 or less, bursaries of £3,250 are available from the government. If the household income is below £42,600 then Cambridge Bursaries of up to £3,500 are available. No grants are available if the household income is more than £42,600.</p> <p>The maximum maintenance loan for Cambridge undergraduates is £5,500. Loans are not due for repayment until students have graduated and their income reaches £21,000; repayments are calculated at 9% of gross income. Loans are cancelled 30 years after the April in which they become eligible for repayment.</p> <p>Arrangements for students from Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland will differ.</p>

What use do students make of the Fund?

This year, the Tutorial and Admissions Office asked students to describe the difference that grants from the Alumni Student Fund had made to them. The following extracts illustrate the range of reasons of applying for the grants and the use to which they are put and make heartening reading for all alumni who so generously buy the Association merchandise which generates the income without which the Fund could not exist.

“I have mostly needed help with purchasing the many books for my course but was awarded a generous grant last year to help me prepare for my year abroad. I come from a working-class background and I am unable to ask for financial support from my family as a result of their copious financial difficulties.....The Downing Association has therefore been the only option for financial support and their help has essentially made the completion of my degree possible I have been consistently impressed with the help that they have been able to offer throughout my degree ” (MML undergraduate)

“I do not receive any support for research materials. In this day and age, every scientist conducting research finds themselves in need of certain basic tools – be it statistical software, reference textbooks, or even hardware such as an external memory drive or external monitor. As necessary as these resources are, they can often be quite expensive, and it is difficult on a student’s budget to outfit oneself to an appropriate extent. Thus, the funds that I received from the Downing Association made a big difference to me as far as being able to purchase items:..... ” (Zoology postgraduate)

“I have a chronic illness which sometimes stops me from being able to get to the library. Therefore, this grant made a significant difference to me as it allowed me to work in my room on the days when I couldn’t get out. ” (Law undergraduate)

“Books for the law course are expensive and in some cases there are few copies available in Downing Library. Receiving funding from the Downing Association, which has kindly reimbursed me for books that I have purchased, has enabled me to have easy access to the books I need for my studies without shrinking the money available for maintenance.” (Law undergraduate)

“Receiving the grant has allowed me to purchase all the necessary texts and I can now concentrate on studying for my Final MB exams without having to worry about the finances. I am very grateful for the Downing Association’s funding and I hope that in the future it can continue to help other students to achieve their full academic potential.” (Clinical Medicine postgraduate)

“I needed the grant for a new laptop as my old one had completely given up the ghost and I was unable to be flexible about writing my essays. I live far from College this year and I had to waste time every day travelling in to town to write them on College computers, not in an environment that suits me for essay writing. I’m very grateful for the Association supporting me with this; the cost was far out of my budget and my single mother is currently unemployed so I was unable to ask her for money.” (Theology undergraduate)

ASSOCIATION MEMBERS DOWNUNDER

By **John Hicks (1955)**, President.

In December 2011 my wife Janet and I paid one of our periodic visits to Australia, her home country. For the third time we were able to meet some of the dozen or so Downing Association members living in Western Australia. We joined **Brian Trenbath (1954)**, **Michael Crouch (1954)** and **Cecil Walkley (1948)** one morning in the Botanical Café in a delightful setting in King's Park, overlooking the City of Perth which can be seen in the background of the photograph. Cecil was the subject of a piece in Magenta News 2011 and he is still as active. The local arrangements had been made by **Jeff Bowen (1961)** who, unfortunately from our point of view, happened to be out of the country on holiday at the time. Coincidentally the West Australian Branch of the Cambridge Society were holding a cocktail party in the same week to which they kindly invited us. There we met **Alan Berens (1934)** who was unable to join in the Association gathering. Earlier in the year he had moved from Melbourne to Perth to live with his family following an injury. He was in very good heart and from the photograph you will see that he sported his Association tie.



Association members in Perth, Western Australia, December 2011: lr: John Hicks, Michael Crouch, Brian Trenbath, Cecil Walkley

After Perth we moved east to Victoria where, in Melbourne, we had arranged to meet our Past President, **Gwyn Bevan (1948)**. He very sensibly had opted to spend the worst of the UK winter there. The weather we encountered this year both in the east and west of Australia was most unconventional. We landed in



Alan Berens and John Hicks in Perth, Western Australia, December 2011.



Past President Gwyn Bevan and President John Hicks in Melbourne December 2011.

Perth in blazing sunshine with a temperature of 35°C which was followed from 4 a.m. the next day by a continuous twelve hour thunderstorm. In Victoria, our Christmas Day in Janet's home town of Sale ended with a violent storm which earlier in the day had wreaked havoc in the suburbs of Melbourne to be followed a week later by a temperature of 40°C.

It was good to be able to catch up with our members far away and I hope we will be able to continue to keep in touch with them.

EARLY EDITIONS OF *THE GRIFFIN*

The Association has a number of early editions of *The Griffin* in its possession:

- Vol II, No 2 - Lent Term 1905
- Vol II, No 3 - Easter Term 1905
- Vol III, No 2 - Lent Term 1906
- Vol XII, No 1 - Michaelmas Term 1914
- Vol XIII, No 1 - Michaelmas Term 1915
- Vol XV, No 1 - Michaelmas Term 1917
- Vol XVI, No 1 - Michaelmas Term 1918

These are clearly of some historic interest. The 1914 and 1918 issues, though relatively modest in size, do contain important records of those Downing men who fought and who lost their lives during WW1. Also, there are poignant descriptions of life at the front and the impact of WW1 on life at College.

Any reader interested in acquiring any or all of these documents by making a donation to the Association's Alumni Student Fund, should contact the Editor via Association@dow.cam.ac.uk.

DOWNING ASSOCIATION PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

Following the successful Photographic Competition run in 2011, the Executive Committee decided to sponsor a similar competition in 2012, but with the title “Downing at Work and at Play” Entries were asked to “highlight the life of the College through the many activities that contribute to the College community.”

The title proved to be more challenging than 2011, not least because good photographs of this nature often need a degree of luck with ‘the moment’. Nevertheless, there were several very good entries and the winning entry is reproduced on the back page of this *Newsletter*.

Three other photographs are reproduced here – it should be noted that, since the competition was for colour photographs, the black and white reproduction can only give a flavour of the quality.

The competition was judged by John Hicks, Neville Tait and Richard Stibbs and the winners were:

- First prize: Mauricio Hernandez
 “W1 on their way to May Bumps Headship”
- Second equal prize: Matthias Grein
 “Civil Disobedience”
- Second equal prize: Mauricio Hernandez
 “Service with a Smile”



Civil Disobedience – Matthias Grein (Second equal prize)



Eyes on the ball - D M Summers (Highly Commended)



Service with a Smile - Mauricio Hernandez (Second equal prize)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

This year's **Association Weekend**, which includes the **Annual Dinner**, will be on September 22nd/23rd.

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

Other dates already arranged for 2012–13 include:

International Leavis Conference	Thurs 27th – Fri 28th September
London Reception	Tues 20th November.
Tailgate Party for the Varsity Rugby Match	Thurs 6th December
Year Reps' Meeting and Dinner	Wed 23rd January
Griffins' Dinner	Sat 2nd February (to be confirmed)
Annual Reunion Dinner (1943/53/63/73/83/93/03)	Sat 6th April
Segreants' Dinner	Sat 27th April
MA Awards Dinner	Sat 11th May
Donors' Garden Party	Sat 15th June
1749 Society Garden Party	Sat 20th July

And for 2013....

Alumni Weekend	Fri 27th–Sun 29th September
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The information above should be treated as provisional at this stage. Full details and online booking will be posted as they become available on <http://www.downingcambridge.com/development>

NEXT YEAR'S PRESIDENT



I came up to Downing in 1982 from Croydon High School in Surrey to read Natural Sciences but with no idea what I wanted to do after that. During my first year I decided that my interest lay in the more medical biological sciences and luckily for me I was able to switch to Medicine at the end of the second year.

From Downing, I went to Charing Cross and Westminster Medical School and then on to a GP Training Scheme in Croydon. Again fortune smiled on me and a post became available at a GP Practice

ten minutes from home just in time for me to start there after completing my training, and a short period of maternity leave (!). I have now been a partner at that practice, St James' Practice in Beckenham Kent, for 19 years.

Over time I became more involved in the provision of children's services locally and from that developed an interest in Child Protection. For the last six years I have been the GP Lead for Safeguarding Children for Bromley PCT.

I also became interested in medical education and work for the London Deanery as a GP Trainer, teach Medical Students from King's College Medical School and am a GP Appraiser for Bromley PCT.

At Downing I was involved in amateur dramatics, a hobby I have carried on with since and which I share with my father (**John Williams 1956**), my mother, my husband and my daughter. We are members of a small local society with big ideas and have tackled our fair share of Agatha Christie and Arthur Miller with a bit of Shakespeare thrown in for good measure.

I live in Beckenham with my husband and two teenage children. My son is in his first year at Leeds University reading Geography and my daughter is in the sixth form at Trinity School, Croydon studying for her AS/A levels.

A few years ago I was persuaded to join the Executive Committee of The Downing Association and have enjoyed helping to build up the Student Support Fund via the sale of Association merchandise. I am looking forward to continuing to encourage Alumni to renew their ties with each other and with the College and to support current students.

Kate Dyer (1982)

THE MASTER WRITES:

My penultimate year as Master is coming to a close or, by the time you read this, my final year may have just begun. My training as an ethnologist at the start of my Ph.D. has therefore helped me to identify a new pattern of behaviour to be seen in the College on Tuesday afternoons at about 5.00 p.m. – the convergent movement of Fellows across the quad to congregate in the SCR or Howard Theatre – which indicates that the important business of electing my successor has begun. I have of course taken part in elections on four previous occasions and been present in the College, but outside the process, on a fifth (when I was elected), but this is a quite different experience. The election will take place in January after a Michaelmas term during which interviews, discussions and a final choice will be made.

I wrote last year about our anxieties concerning the impact of the introduction of tuition fees on applications and access to the College. However,

in December Downing had more applications for admission than in any previous year, which guaranteed an extremely intense and demanding period of interviewing by Fellows. These students who arrive in October will be the first who are also full paying customers. I, and I am sure many of you, will have reflected upon how different this situation is compared to our own experiences: my fees were paid automatically by the local Education Authority (I was never aware of tuition fees) and received a maintenance grant that was more than adequate for rent, food and entertainment during 10 week terms. Well-paid vacation work was easy to find and there was no concern about paying off a very considerable debt after graduating into a world where employment opportunities were many and varied. Clearly, the challenges facing our students are very different from those we faced as students in the latter half of the last century; we must be mindful of the many pressures on them and be resourceful in finding ways to ensure that their experience is no less rich than ever it was.

We have had a relatively quiet year on the domus so far as building works are concerned, although when you visit you will notice that the areas behind the north and west ranges have been given a major upgrade, with increased (and mud-free) areas for parking for both bicycles and cars. This continues behind the Butterfield Bar to the entrance of the newest residence in the College, 14 Regent Street, now named Griphon House ('Griphon' is the spelling describing the Downing Griffin that appears in the 1801 charter granting the arms to the College). Old members will probably not be aware of this building which has always intruded into the north-east corner of the College, but many will have visited Oddbins (before it was wound up) which is the Regent Street-facing ground floor, next to Charlie Chan's. Inside, there are superb study bedrooms, two kitchens attached to a large communal area and 22 first year students will move in at the start of the Michaelmas term. Outside of term, it will be used for conference guests and also for our thriving bed and breakfast business, both of which provide significant income for the College.

The 2012 cohort of students graduated two weeks ago and again there were outstanding individual and subject successes, as you will see in the College Record and can read in more detail in the Senior Tutor's summary. However, it is clear that many of our undergraduates find the transition to more independent undergraduate study very difficult indeed and we continue to focus on how to make that transition more rapidly and successfully. In fact, I have just come from a long and detailed meeting of the Education Committee that was almost entirely concerned with addressing these issues and the changes that might be put in place in the coming year. It has always been important that students realise their academic potential, but never more so than now as they graduate into a highly competitive and difficult employment environment.

Across the College, undergraduates and graduates have engaged with success in other activities. The Boat Club has again been especially successful in this, its 150th anniversary year. The women's 1st VIII retained the Lent and Mays headship having won pretty well everything they have entered this year; the men's 1st VIII retained 2nd position in both Lent and May bumps, coming close but not quite close enough to take the headship. We are used to academic success and high achievement among our rowers, but this year, the DCBC captain, as well as the men's and women's captains, each took 1sts (in law, natural sciences and classics), which is achievement at an exceptional level. My congratulations to two alumni and world champion rowers Annie Vernon (2001, History) and Rod Chisholm (1992, Natural Sciences) who will both be rowing at the London Olympics, Annie for Team GB, Rod for Australia and I am sure we wish them every success.

During the year the College has recognized the great distinction of a number of Downing alumni by electing them to Honorary Fellowships. They are: Howard Jacobson (1961, English), distinguished author and winner of the 2011 Booker Prize; Lord Justice Lewison (1970, English) who was appointed Lord Justice of Appeal in 2011; Sir David Lloyd-Jones (1970, Law) who has been appointed Chair of the Law Commission and is a former Fellow of the College; Professor John Cardy F.R.S. (1965, Mathematics) who is a distinguished mathematician and a Fellow of All Souls in Oxford; Sir Stuart Peach (M.Phil. in International Relations, 1996) who has been made head of the UK's new Joint Forces Command. Downing is extremely proud to welcome them as Honorary Fellows.

I am also delighted to record the promotions of three Fellows: Dr John McCombie (Economics) and Dr Bill O'Neill (Engineering) have been promoted to Professorships of the University and Dr Subha Mukherjee (English) to a Senior Lectureship. Professor Trevor Robbins F.R.S. was awarded a CBE in the New Year's Honours list for his services to neuroscience. Amy Goymour (Law) has been appointed to a lectureship in the University, and we are delighted that the early career support provided by the Hopkins Parry Fellowship established through the generosity of old members, has enabled Amy to consolidate her future academic career in law at Cambridge. Dr Adam Ramadan (CTO in Geography) has been appointed to a lectureship at the University of Birmingham and so leaves us this summer, as does Professor Sarah Bray (Biological Sciences); we are very sorry to see them leave and wish them every success in the future. As you will read elsewhere in the Association Newsletter, there was sad news this year, too. David Holbrook (1941, English), former Fellow and Director of Studies in English died in the summer of 2011; the College held a memorial event early in May this year to celebrate his remarkable life. Most recently we learned the sad news of the death of Lord Maples (1961, Law);

John was a Member of Parliament for many years and was devoted to Downing, being a member of its Campaign Board and a constant source of wise advice.

We have again hosted distinguished visitors to the Fellowship. Dr John McLaren, an economist, is currently the Thomas Jefferson Fellow from the University of Virginia. Dr Arash Khazeni was the Pomona Fellow in the Easter term, researching a rare collection of early modern Persian manuscripts held uniquely in Cambridge concerning the history of the Eurasian turquoise trade. Sadly we were deprived of our annual Keio Fellow, Professor Yuichiro Anzai, cognitive psychologist and former President of Keio University, who was appointed as President of the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science and therefore unable to take sabbatical leave. However, we look forward to welcoming Professor Tatsuya Sakamoto, philosopher and former Vice-President for International Affairs at Keio, in October.

The College has held two prestigious academic events during the year. In November 2011 Dr Charles Sawyers, Investigator at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute and Chair of the Human Oncology and Pathogenesis Program at the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, gave an outstanding and well-attended Oon Lecture on 'Overcoming cancer drug resistance'. The Oon lecture series, funded by the Oon family of doctors in Singapore, has become a major event in the biomedical year in the University. In March we held the second 'Catalysis Conference' on the theme 'The Problem with Justice'. Keynote lectures were given by Fellows Paul Millett, Amy Goymour, Adam Ramadan, Graham Virgo and David Feldman. They were joined by Professor Sarah Worthington (Downing Professor of the Laws of England) and Professor Catherine Barnard (Professor of European Union Law and Employment Law), both members of the Law Faculty and Fellows of Trinity College. The conference was a great success, as was the 'Brain and Mind' conference the previous year, and we intend for this to become an annual event in the College calendar. Next March, the Catalysis Conference will be on the general theme of 'Time and Space'.

One of the special pleasures associated with the Catalysis Conference is the opportunity it provides to meet the many Downing alumni who attend. There have been several other events at which I have been fortunate to meet and catch up with old members of the College. The Alumni Day and Association dinner, held on the weekend before Freshers arrive, is therefore the event that marks the beginning of the academic year. It was very well attended last year and provides the opportunity also to enjoy the excellent events held by the University on its Alumni Weekend. The London event was held at the Academy of Medical Sciences new building - the old CIBA Foundation - in November. In the Spring I went with our Development Director, Gabrielle Bennett, to visit our many alumni in Hong Kong and many of them came to a really enjoyable

reception at the China Club. In a hot and steamy June, during one of my frequent trips to the Society for Neuroscience in Washington, I took the opportunity, together with a delegation from Downing (Richard Stibbs, Susan Lintott, and Gabrielle Bennett) to visit the Charlottesville campus of the University of Virginia. We stayed in the Colonnade, built by Thomas Jefferson in the neoclassical style that is so similar to Downing's, and held a reception for our Thomas Jefferson Fellows, who have been visiting Downing every year since 1978. This was followed by a reception and dinner for alumni in New York. The Donors' Garden Party for some 150 guests, who have all generously supported the College, was held on the Saturday of May Week, and finally, there was a superb reunion lunch for 1979 matriculands, who are as quiet and sedate as ever. It is always a pleasure to meet alumni and to learn of the varied and successful careers and lives that followed their time as undergraduates or graduates in the College. Do please watch for announcements of alumni events and do come along if you can.

There will of course be big changes on the domestic front in the year ahead. Jane and I will move out of the Lodge, which has been a wonderful home for the last 9 years. We have taken the step to sell our own house and so may be homeless next summer. Jane's clinical and research life is as busy as ever and my research laboratory in Experimental Psychology continues to thrive. I am about to leave for the major European Neuroscience meeting in Barcelona where I am giving a special lecture and receiving an award for my contribution to neuroscience in Europe, followed by a lifetime achievement award from the British Association for Psychopharmacology, of which I was President some 20 years ago, at their annual meeting in a less warm Harrogate. It is very special to receive them, but awards described as 'lifetime achievement' most certainly indicate the passing of time, something that will be very much in my mind during the year ahead.

As ever I shall close by extending my thanks to the President of the Association, John Hicks, who has served it tirelessly for so many years. To the Honorary Secretary, Barrie Hunt and the Treasurer, Norman Berger and the entire Executive Committee for all their dedicated work in support of our students through the sale of high quality Downing merchandise. I will also make special mention of the fact that, at this September's dinner, Dr Kate Dyer will become President of the Downing Association. I had the privilege of being Kate's Director of Studies and supervisor when she was an outstanding undergraduate and I am delighted that she remains so involved with the College amidst her busy life as a GP. If I need any more evidence of how quickly time passes, it is surely this.

*Professor Barry Everitt Sc.D., F.R.S., F.Med.Sci.
Master's Lodge, July 2012*

THE SENIOR TUTOR WRITES:

For most of last year I was on sabbatical leave, researching and writing two books. Although I stayed in Cambridge I kept a very low profile in the College, spending most of my time hidden in the Law Faculty. So it was a bit of a shock to the system to return as Senior Tutor on 1st October and to be hit immediately by the organised chaos and excitement of Freshers' week.

The start of Freshers' week is very different to what I remember when I joined the College as a Fresher nearly 30 years ago. Today all Freshers, undergraduate and graduate, are expected to go to the Tutorial and Admissions Office on arrival on 'Freshers' Saturday' for a meeting with one of the Tutorial and Admissions Office team, supplemented by some trained graduate students and myself. This meeting is an opportunity to register, complete forms, collect gowns and to go through a mass of paperwork containing a lot of very important information. In my day (how old that makes me sound) most of this paper was stuffed in a pigeonhole and some of it was not read until much later in the Term. At least the meeting on arrival now means that we can make sure that all the important forms are completed and all the vital information imparted. But after that different start, the structure of the rest of Freshers' week is largely as it always has been, with Directors of Studies and Tutor meetings, parties and squashes, matriculation (including the photo and the dinner). But even here things are slightly different. The excitement of finding out on arrival in the College who are your neighbours on your staircase has largely gone. It is possible to work out the identity of your neighbours and the other students reading the same subject very soon after offers have been confirmed in August, with subsequent exchanges of messages on Facebook and by email. All Freshers are allocated parents, one or both of whom are likely to be second years studying the same subject as the Fresher (this following the 'Marriage Formal' which takes place in the previous Easter Term, where parental couples are identified). Parents are encouraged to get in touch with their two children before the Michaelmas Term starts. This is clearly beneficial, and can remove much of the stress of coming to Downing since the basic and odd questions can be asked before arriving (do I need a kettle? what size duvet should I bring? Can I use bluetac in my room?). But this prior communication also means that some of the excitement and trepidation of arriving has gone. The relationship between parents and children is, however, significant. The allocation of parents and children by the JCR Freshers' Committee has gone on for a while now, so that it is possible to trace family trees of grand and great grandparents for a number of years. There have even been some genuine relationships deriving from these arrangements, at least one of which, to my knowledge, is effectively incestuous.

This sense of things largely remaining the same but being subtly different has been especially apparent to me on returning as Senior Tutor after nine months away. The students are for all intents and purposes the same, with the same worries, abilities and ambitions. But things have shifted slightly. Perhaps it is the ever growing concern about the pressures in the real world outside Downing, such that good examination results are going to be ever more important in order to secure even a satisfactory job. Perhaps it is the financial pressures within the College, with a growing number of students suffering genuine financial hardship and reliant on the support from College funds and the Association Student Support Fund (soon to be renamed the Alumni Student Fund). Perhaps it is the particular pressures faced by first year students as they tackle the difficult transition from school to University, with the need to become independent learners, something which they have not necessarily been encouraged to do before in their education.

But the job of the Senior Tutor largely remains unchanged. It remains my responsibility to ensure that the students we admit fulfil their true potential academically and to report on their performances. Looking at our examination results this year, the message remains unchanged. There have been many good performances, and some have been outstanding, but there are also some significant disappointments and causes for concern. The results of the second years as a whole have been disappointing. There are results in particular subjects which are simply not good enough and where the Directors of Studies, relevant Fellows and I will be meeting to see what can be done better. But there are results in some subjects which are a cause of real pleasure. The Economics results were particularly strong, with four of the six first years gaining first class results. The Law results overall have been the best we have had for many years, with 18 students obtaining first class results and six of the first years gaining one third of the first class results awarded throughout the University.

Individually there were some outstanding results. Prizes for especial distinction (requiring the student to be ranked in the top 2.5% of their class) were awarded to: Alice Monaghan (Part IIA, Biological Anthropology); Benjamin Carr (Part IB, Engineering); James Wedlake (Part IIA, History of Art); Jessica Pham, Gretel Scott and Joshua Stevens (Part IA, Law); William Day and Ajay Ratan (Part II, Law); Yang Li (Part IA, Mathematics); Andrew Kwok (Part IA, Medical and Veterinary Sciences); Flora Lee and Hugh Wilson (Part IA, Natural Sciences) and Zara Goozee (Part II, Psychology). Of these students, Alice Monaghan, James Wedlake, Joshua Stevens, Ajay Ratan, Yany Li and Zara Goozee were all ranked top of their respective Triposes. Ajay Ratan and Zara Goozee were awarded Association prizes and Alice Monaghan and James Wedlake were awarded Whalley-Tooker prizes.

As I started the academic year with the enthusiasm of the Freshers, I finished it with the formality of the graduation of the third and fourth year students. The process of graduation has largely remained unchanged for many years (certainly as regards what goes on in the Senate House), but with subtle differences over time. Graduation now takes place on a Friday, whereas for many years for Downing it was on a Saturday. Graduands still process through Cambridge, with the Head Porter, resplendent in her uniform, stopping traffic during the afternoon rush hour. The tradition has slowly emerged over the years that Fellows, Bye-Fellows, College Lecturers and other supervisors of the graduands lead the procession to the Senate House. This year more than ever joined the procession, encouraged by Richard Stibbs to wear all our academic finery. So distinctive are we that we often hear shouts of 'here comes Downing' down King's Parade. At the Senate House some Fellows go inside, some go to a pub, but I and a few others go to Senate House Passage to greet the new graduates. It is a real privilege for me as Senior Tutor to be the first to shake their hands (often rather sweaty) as they leave the Senate House. Some emerge just relieved that they have got their degree (and did not trip on their gown when getting up from kneeling in front of the Master), others emerge amused by the antiquated process, but most emerge with a beaming sense of pride at what they have achieved, tinged with a hint of sadness as to what they are about to leave. Some things never change.

Professor Graham Virgo

THE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Halfway there. As we complete this academic and financial year, the College's Catalysis Campaign is on the cusp of reaching its halfway point. It was launched in 2009 with a goal of £20million. At the time of writing, the College has raised £9.65million and we should reach the midway point early in the next academic year.

This is a great achievement for a number of reasons. Not least is the fact that the Catalysis Campaign was launched as global markets tumbled and international financial turmoil has remained the norm ever since. In this turbulent backdrop, to reach the £10million mark is a testament to the fact that Downing alumni and donors are answering the call. The Catalysis Campaign message that due to a woefully under-endowed start in 1800 the College needs a far more stable financial underpinning to face the future is being heard and supported.

This year we have seen two Fellowships endowed, a legacy of £1million and others of varying sizes, a major gift to the Chapel organ to reignite that effort, one of our most successful telephone campaigns ever and several significant donations to the launch of *The Everitt Butterfield Research Fellowship in Biomedical Sciences* among many other gracious and generous gifts to support the College.

Our challenge is to keep up the momentum. The needs are as great now as they were when the campaign was launched, if not more so – particularly in the area of student support and hardship. Through the five main areas of the Catalysis Campaign: Teaching and Learning, Research and Discovery, Heritage and Environment, Support and Services and Culture and Community, alumni and donors can choose with confidence to invest directly in whichever area resonates most with them. The wide-ranging scope of the Campaign means support for students who face financial hardship, keeping our buildings and grounds in good condition and providing new accommodation and strengthening an already vibrant academic and cultural community. Additionally with the launch this summer of the fundraising effort for *The Everitt Butterfield Research Fellowship in Biomedical Sciences* which we hope will be fully endowed by the time Professor Everitt retires, there are many ways alumni may choose to support the College and progress the Catalysis Campaign as well.

The College is enormously grateful to a combination of major donors, alumni who spoke to our student callers, those who responded to mailings or took the initiative to give on-line and members of the 1749 Society who have got us to this important milestone.

Gabrielle Bennett

THE JUNIOR BURSAR'S REPORT

As we near the end of another College Financial year, I am struck by how much we have achieved despite a chronic lack of capital; and thus how much we owe to support from our alumni and benefactors.

Howard Court – originally the West Lodge Garden – has reverted to an orderly oasis 18 months after the Theatre building work, and the improvements to grounds and paths has continued to spread – thanks to the continuing generosity of Alan and Jon Howard – around the rear of the Kenny Buildings and the North Range. These works – new and stable drives, fully demarcated parking bays, 50% more bike racks (and the majority covered), segregated pedestrian walkways, electric vehicle charging points, and a new gate into the Downing Site – will be completed to coincide with the opening of the new student accommodation in 14 Regent Street. By 1 July 2012, the only area of the College access still requiring improvement and updating will be the stretch between the Main Gate and the Butterfield Building.



14 Regent Street, now called Griphon House.

14 Regent Street, formerly an investment property housing dark offices, has been transformed by the addition of a new top floor – complete with light wells to bring natural light into the heart of this 22-room accommodation project – and an Art Deco façade integrated into the College grounds. All rooms are fully en-suite, and of 3* hotel standard, many with superb views across the Library to the College grounds. Kitchen provision is generous, forming natural meeting areas under the rooflights, and the building is also equipped with a card-operated Laundry. All floors are accessible by lift. This conversion

will be funded, in part, by the sale of 65 Lensfield Road (‘Waterloo House’) which is a 12-room hostel next to the ‘Snug’ pub.

The summer will be devoted to a number of smaller maintenance projects, including an upgrade of the Butterfield Bar to provide more character, further improvements to showers in the North Range and a disabled ramp leading

up to the Chapel. This latter work will insert a ramp in place of the steps behind the columns to the West of the doorway, and so will not affect the aspect of the building.

For the longer term, we have filed for outline planning permission to convert the top three floors of Parker's House (the next building along from the Porters' Lodge) into further student accommodation. When this is completed – potentially in 2015/16 – we will be able to house all but six of our students in rooms immediately adjacent to the College Domus, which will make it far easier to manage and service. Further details of these plans will be released in due course.

Dick Taplin

NEWS OF MEMBERS

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

RECENT BIOGRAPHIES

Niall Aston (1969) is Consultant General and Vascular Surgeon, South London Healthcare NHS Trust; Honorary Senior Lecturer (Teaching) Kings College London, School of Medicine and Dentistry.

John Bourne (1941). From 1945 to 1947 – RNVR Officer on minesweeping operations. Subsequently his career included work as the Labour Correspondent for the *Guardian* and *Financial Times*, where he was also Parliamentary Lobby Editor and Features Editor. Whilst at the *Guardian* he carried out a long interview with F R Leavis. In 1960 he was awarded a British Council Travelling Fellowship to the USA and in 1972 he was Journalist of the Year at the British Press awards.

Graham Burgess (1986) is Director, Gambit Publications and has published 22 chess books (see Publications page 57). He is living in the USA.

David Burrell (1955) held various teaching posts in schools and teacher training institutions. His final post (1970–2000) was at the University of Sussex Institute of Education where he was Director from 1994 to 1996.

Callum Clark (1988) is a Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, Heatherwood and Wexham Park Hospitals.

Francis Creed (1965) is Professor of Psychological Medicine, University of Manchester.

James Henry Eedle (1949) retired in 1988 and is living in Australia.

Chris Eyers (1973) is now living in Germany and working as an independent Consultant in Aviation and the Environment.

Keri Facer (1991) is Professor of Education, Manchester Metropolitan University.

Robert Greenwood (1960) is now a Kenya Resident living in Galu Kinondo, South Beach.

E Desmond Heath (1952) was an independent Development Consultant from 1979 to 1999. He worked on aid projects for the governments of Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, China and Nepal funded by the Asian Development Bank, World Bank and EBRD/DFID. At various points in his career he was Senior Advisor to the Indian Tea Association, Development Officer at Shell and a Divisional Manager with Ciba Geigy.

David I Little (1971) was an Independent Reviewer of *Environmental Assessment of Ogoniland*, a report by United Nations Environmental Programme, ISBN 978-92-807-3130-9, 257 pages, Nairobi.

Hugo Daniel Lodge (1992) has been appointed Assistant Chief Examiner in Criminal Law for the Bar Standards Board, 2011–16.

Stephen Pinfield (1986) is Chief Information Officer at the University of Nottingham. He was awarded a Ph.D. by the University of Nottingham in 2011.

David Standley (1957) retired after 44 years in parish and HE Chaplaincy work (RC Archdiocese of Southwark). RC Assistant Chaplain at Cambridge 1970–1974. Also involved in prison and hospital chaplaincy and a member of L'Arche, communities shared with people with learning difficulties, founded by Jean Vanier.

Jenny Young (1987) (maiden name Ball) has been appointed Head of Diversity at The Royal Academy of Engineering. In this role she is responsible for the new BIS-funded Diversity programme under which the Academy is leading efforts within Engineering to support under-represented groups in the profession. The programme will involve close working with the professional institutions initially and subsequently with industry and with the HE sector and earlier stages of the engineering pipeline.

She notes that our President, **John Hicks**, is a Fellow of the Academy.

A DOWNING CO-INCIDENCE

Neil Robinson (1965) is an Engineer, specialising in investigating failures. He writes “Last year I was investigating the issue of why the Blowout Preventer on the BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico did not prevent the blowout (working on behalf of the US Dept of Justice). While poring over some samples in a lab in Ohio, I was surprised to find **Dr John Slater (1963)** doing the same. Two Downing Engineers among the comparatively small number of investigators struck me as a surprising coincidence.”

DOWNING ON THE BENCH AND AT THE BAR

This has been a noteworthy time for appointments of members of the College to senior positions on Bench and at Bar. For, in addition to the appointment of **The Rt Hon. Sir Kim Lewison (1970)** to the Court of Appeal as a Lord Justice and of **Sir Bernard Eder (1972)** to the Queen’s Bench Division of the High Court of Justice as noted in the 2011 *Association Newsletter*, the last year has seen further appointments.

Sir David Lloyd Jones (1970), previously judge of the Queen’s Bench Division of the High Court, has been appointed Chairman of the Law Commission and, thereafter, as a Lord Justice of Appeal whereupon he will be sworn of the Privy Council and become The Rt Hon. Sir David Lloyd Jones.

David came up in 1970 from Pontypridd Grammar School (a matter of some satisfaction to the present writer who had also been a boy at that school) to read Law which he did with conspicuous success. For he took good firsts in all parts of the Law Tripos and the LL.B. (now LL.M.) and was elected McNair Scholar and then Whewell Scholar in International Law of the University. Whilst up, he played an active part in the life of the College and was especially active in its musical life as a player of the clarinet. He was called to the Bar by Middle Temple (of which he is now a Bencher). He was elected Fellow of the College in 1975, remained a Fellow until 1991 and was Dean for much of that time.

Increasingly he combined whilst a Fellow, practice at the Common Law Bar and, by 1991, the demands of a growing practice there and of serving as a Recorder meant that he ceased to be a Fellow to devote his time to full-time practice and, increasingly, to his acting as Recorder and Deputy High Court Judge. His practice at Brick Court Chambers developed apace and following his being *amicus curiae* throughout the famous *Pinochet* case, he was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1999 and Judge of the High Court, Queen's Bench Division, in 2005. As such, he was President of the Wales and Chester Circuit (he is bilingual in English and Welsh) and now the Law Commission as Chairman and thereafter the Court of Appeal.

Sir Andrew Popplewell (1977) has been appointed Judge of the Queen's Bench Division of the High Court. He came up in 1977 from Radley to read Law and did so with great success, taking a first in Part II of the Tripos in 1980. Thereupon, he was called to the Bar by Inner Temple (of which he is now a Bencher) and practised at the Common Law Bar, again in Brick Court Chambers, taking silk in 1997. Whilst an undergraduate, he played a very active part in the life of the College, especially on the cricket and rugby pitches, and it may be said, in some degree led a life of 'innocent devilry' which many a splendid man has. It may also be said that on more than one occasion, this brought him to the attention of David Lloyd Jones (q.v.) in his capacity as Dean!

It may also be remarked that Andrew Popplewell was 'bred to the Bench' for his father, Sir Oliver Popplewell (Queens') is a retired High Court Judge and his step-mother, Dame Elizabeth Gloster (Girton) (*or*se Lady Popplewell) is presently a Judge of the High Court.

Geoffrey Flick (1974) has been appointed Justice of the Federal Court of Australia. Geoff Flick came up in 1974 as a graduate student from the University of Sydney to read for the LL.B. degree in which he took a first and thereafter took a most distinguished Ph.D. degree in a mere two years, for a large part of which he was also working in the University of Chicago on a distinguished Fellowship. He has practiced with conspicuous success before the High Court of Australia, its Federal Court and also the Supreme Court of New South Wales.

And four members of the College have in the course of the last year 'taken silk' - i.e. become Queen's Counsel. They are the following (with a few details)

James Collins (1989) Sherborne School. Essex Court Chambers.

Charles Dhanowa OBE (1980) Radyr Comprehensive School. Registrar Competition Commission.

Paul Gott (1986) Marple Hall School. Fountain Court Chambers.

Rebecca Stubbs (1990) Darton High School. Maitland Chambers.

John Hopkins

FEATURES

START AT THE BEGINNING

If you read Magenta News
 From back to front
 Starting at 2008
 And ending with 1800–1949
 The picture forms a clearer narrative:

To begin with
 The flush of excitement
 Of the first employment
 With initial companies
 That have no names,
 Unlocal weddings,
 And babies born of varying weight:
 An optimistic social network
 Reflecting perhaps the feminine influence:

Which is not present in the middle period
 When the record is scarcer:
 The daily grind of work and bringing up family,
 No longer so heroic or romantic,
 Preoccupies.

Until retirement comes:
 The reports become fuller
 And looking back
 The warp and weft of the past indiscriminate threads
 Form tapestries of sorts
 Depicting a Claudian landscape:
 Others from harder tiles
 A mosaic of haphazard nature
 But grouted now with mature interests
 More sober perhaps:
 Mozart, hands of bridge, and the sporting world,
 Charity.

Patiently
 The elder statesmen sit in the ante room
 In a lower tax bracket
 Waiting for the knock
 That means Mr. Parkinson is at the door
 Or one of his unwelcome friends.

David Cotton. (1956)

GETTING TO KNOW LEONARDO

Earlier this year the exhibition “Leonardo da Vinci: Painter at the Court of Milan” drew huge crowds to the National Gallery. **Martin Kemp (1960)** is an Honorary Fellow of Downing and Emeritus Professor in the History of Art at Trinity College, Oxford. He has published and broadcast extensively on Leonardo da Vinci, including the prize-winning *Leonardo da Vinci. The Marvellous Works of Nature and Man* and *Leonardo*. With Pascal Cotte, he has written *La Bella Principessa. The Story of the New Masterpiece by Leonardo da Vinci*. Here he gives some insights into the “Leonardo business”.

I have been in the “Leonardo business” for about 40 years. I have come to know him well (as far as we can claim to know anyone who died almost 500 years ago). To be involved with someone who possessed one of the most remarkable minds in the history of human thought is a great privilege. Leonardo saw a fundamental unity of cause and effect in the natural world – a unity that embraces human beings no less than the humblest plants. He forged drawing as a tool for communicating visual information and emotion in a way that has no parallel. And he painted the world’s most famous picture.

To be involved, as a historian, with someone who still lives in the imaginations of a vast public today has proved to be a great blessing – as well as helping to sell my books and to populate the exhibitions I have curated.

Along with the blessing comes a cluster of curses. The legends are par for the course with any iconic figure, but Leonardo attracts a special brand of insanity at levels and scales unrivalled by any other cultural figure. I am pestered by “Leonardo Loonies”. They come in two main varieties. The first claim to have cracked the “secret” of Leonardo, most often the “secret” of the *Mona Lisa*. They have become far more numerous in the wake of Dan Brown’s *Da Vinci Code*, but they were around earlier, and Brown’s book may be seen as an extreme expression of an existing tendency. The “secrets” comprise messages hidden obscurely in his pictures and drawings. There are Dantesque faces in the landscape, numbers in her eyes, an alligator behind her back, and a host of other hidden images. It’s like seeing faces in wallpaper patterns. The most salient question is, for whom was Leonardo intending the hidden messages? Was he assuming that some smart-ass with a taste for codes would come along half a millennium later? And what do the secrets mean? Leonardo’s pictures are rich in allegorical meanings in the Renaissance manner, but there are no codes – if we mean by code something that uses surface appearance to conceal deceptively something quite different.

The second species of loonies are owners of unrecognised masterpieces from his hand. I receive digital files of contenders at a rate of more than one a month.

One week I received two. The best of them are paintings by the host of followers and imitators. Leonardo was copied and pastiched like no other painter. Most are no-hopers from considerably later that bear no close relationship to Leonardo at all. Sometimes they come with fat files of technical examination that tell us nothing of value and, of course, they are frequently diagnosed as being full of codes.

There are also the deliberate forgeries. With Leonardo drawings fetching a minimum of £10 million, the attraction is obvious. One the cleverest is a sheet of engineering drawings that emerged from under the end-papers of an 18th-century book. The style of the drawings was impressive, as were the notes that accompanied them, but the machines were incoherent in form and function.

Then, hugely against expectations, two major discoveries came along together. Nothing like them has emerged for over a century. I will forgo the joke about London buses. Both crossed my path five years ago. One, the *Salvator Mundi* that made its public debut at the National Gallery in London during the mobbed Leonardo show, has won a notable degree of acceptance. The other, a profile portrait on vellum of a very young lady, which I christened *La Bella Principessa* and which we now know represents Bianca Sforza, had proved mightily controversial.



Salvator Mundi.



La Bella Principessa.

The different reception does not rely primarily on the inherent quality and content of the images but upon how they emerged into the public domain. The *Salvator Mundi* was quietly shown to a number of leading Leonardo scholars, and, very remarkably for the leaky world of art, it remained confidential for more than four years. During this time fundamental research could be conducted to understand how the rather unsettling, frontal image of Christ fitted into Leonardo's career and intellectual interests. For instance, I have been able to show that the sphere held by Christ is made of rock crystal and literally reflects Ptolemaic cosmology. Margaret Dalivalle, a former student, has demonstrated that it was owned by Charles I and Charles II.

By the time that the painting entered the public domain just before the London exhibition, not least in a nice piece in the *Sunday Times Magazine* based on an interview I gave, a significant number of specialists were on board, and fully prepared when the media came calling. The only two major scholars to cast doubt on it were those who had not been invited to see it.

The portrait of *Bianca Sforza* emerged in a way that was guaranteed to alienate a crucial group of Leonardisti. It was trumpeted in the media before the basic research was complete and before the key pieces of evidence were in the public domain. The press inevitably pursue the "story" and stoke controversy rather than laying out the historical case in a measured manner. A specialist telephoned out of the blue by the press asking about the "great new Leonardo" is likely to react badly. There was also the problem that the image had been missed by people who should have recognised it.

It was submitted to Christie's New York by Jeanne Marchig, widow of the important Swiss restorer, Gianino. She knew it was Italian. But they sold it in 1998 in their old master drawings sale as anonymous German 19th-century, having reframed it. It fetched over \$21,000, a high price for an unattributed German drawing that was said to be a pastiche of an Italian one. The auctioneers, the dealer who bought it and did not reattribute it before it was bought by its present owner, and the New York scholars (who would have seen it at least once) all have powerful personal reasons for not accepting the Leonardo attribution.

Objections and a certain quotient of abuse flooded in to those of us who advocated Leonardo's authorship. "Leonardo never worked on vellum". He did. "It does not look like Leonardo". It does, even if it is not by him. "The evidence of a fingerprint on the vellum is flawed". I accept that this is the case, but the print was always peripheral to our case. The large body of scientific evidence about the technique and dating supplied by Pascal Cotte of Lumière Technology in Paris, with whom I wrote the book on the portrait, was simply ignored, because the portrait "does not look like a Leonardo". There is

a real crisis in the world of attribution, in that we have no method of integrating and evaluating the old skills of connoisseurship with the growing bodies of scientific evidence.

We now know, about as certainly as we could ever hope, that the portrait on parchment was cut from a Milanese book printed on vellum and now in the National Library in Warsaw. I was pointed in this direction by D R Edward Wright, the American scholar. The version of the *Sforziad* in Poland was specifically produced for the marriage of Bianca, Duke Ludovico's illegitimate daughter, to his military commander, Galeazzo Sanseverino in 1496. Galeazzo is a known patron of Leonardo. The text of the presentation volume praises the life and deeds of Francesco Sforza, the founder of the Milanese dynasty. Tragically, the thirteen-year-old Bianca survived her marriage by only three months. Everything fits: the size of the vellum sheet is right; the vellum matches closely that in the book; there are three pages missing from the *Sforziad*; and the stitch holes still visible along the margin of the portrait match. But, for a few, it still "does not look like Leonardo".

The moral is that how knowledge emerges, especially in a world where many millions of pounds are at stake, has a huge impact on how it is received. My next trade book is to be called *Living with Leonardo*. There will be plenty of picturesque stories, but also a serious purpose. Knowledge and its reception is powerfully conditioned by the context and means through which it emerges, and by the personalities and vested interests of those involved. The issue of vested interests is why I never have any financial involvement with the process or with the owners.

The Leonardo Loonies keep coming but it is a small price to pay for getting to know Leonardo da Vinci.

Martin Kemp (1960)

DOWNING AT THE OLYMPICS

Past Olympians

We could not let London 2012 pass without recording the participation of Downing College alumni at the Olympics over the years. Our searches, aided by the wider CARO project, have revealed ten Downing Olympians – five rowers, two sailors, one swimmer, one hurdler and one shot putter – and three silver medals: one in rowing and two in sailing.

Our list is given below:

Annie Vernon (2001) rowed for Great Britain in the Quadruple Sculls in Beijing in 2008, where she gained a silver medal. She was selected again for London 2012.

Dr Tom Middleton (1995) rowed for Great Britain in the Lightweight Double Sculls in Sydney in 2000.

Rod Chisholm (1992) rowed for Australia in the Lightweight Coxless Four in Beijing in 2008. He has qualified again for London 2012.

Ian Walker (1988) competed for Britain in the sailing Mens Two-Person Dinghy, 470 class, in Atlanta in 1996 and in the Mixed Two Person Keelboat, Star class, in Sydney in 2000. He won a silver medal on each occasion.

Steve Peel (1984) rowed for Great Britain in the Coxless Four (which came fourth) in Seoul in 1988.

Barry Parkin (1982) competed for Great Britain in the Mixed Three-person Keelboat Sailing event in Atlanta in 1996 (where the Great Britain team came fourth) and in Sydney in 2000.

Kate Panter (1981) rowed for Great Britain in the Coxless Pairs (and came sixth) in Los Angeles in 1984.

Peter Head (1954) swam for Great Britain in the 400m freestyle in Helsinki in 1952.

Peter Hildreth (1949) competed for Great Britain in the 110m hurdles in Helsinki in 1952, Melbourne in 1956 and Rome in 1960. The *Newsletter* published his obituary in 2011.

Dr Rex Salisbury Woods (1911) competed for Great Britain in the Shot Putt in Paris in 1924 and Amsterdam in 1928. The *Newsletter* published his obituary in 1987.

We are aware that this list is not definitive and we would be delighted to add the details of any alumnus who is missing. If you would like to share further information about any aspect of Downing's involvement in the Olympic Games please email us at Association@dow.cam.ac.uk.

2012 Olympians Annie Vernon and Rod Chisholm

At the time of going to press, we are aware that two alumni were heading for London 2012 – **Annie Vernon (2001)** has been named as part of a squad of ten for the women's Eight and **Rod Chisholm (1992)** has qualified to represent Australia in the Lightweight Men's Double Sculls. At the time of writing, we wish them well – their fate will however have been decided by the time of publication!

As part of the CARO Olympic project, 2008 silver medallist **Annie Vernon** submitted the following, which can also be viewed online at the CARO website.



What does winning feel like? “When you win, it’s a relief not to have messed it up, then happiness and joy sink in and you feel it’s all worth it.”

“I grew up in rural Cornwall, which meant passing my driving test gave me a whole new freedom. When I passed my test, I was 17 and in the sixth form. I wanted to do something different and meet some new people. My brother had just started rowing, and suggested I try it. I loved it immediately and thought: ‘This is the sport for me. This is what I love; this is what I could be good at’.

Of course, Cambridge is rowing mad. It’s the number-one sport there. Within a few days of arriving at Cambridge, I realised that the rowers had the best social life and the most fun, with a great boathouse on the river and lots of social events like dinners and cocktail parties. People ultimately do things because of other people, and the kind of people that row are the most entertaining, relaxed and also hard-working people I’ve met. It was the natural thing to do at College.

In my second year at university, my goal was making the Boat Race team. Then I gave the under-23s a try – and then I thought I would give Seniors a go. I just wanted to see how good I could be. One thing led to another and, before I knew it, it was 2008 and I was on a plane to China for the Beijing Olympics.

Beijing was an absolutely mind-blowing experience. I don’t think anybody could have prepared me for just how special it feels to be an Olympian for Great Britain. I went into it thinking it would be a lot like the World Championships, which I’ve done three times, except bigger and with lots of

different sports. It wasn't like that, though. It was really different. The Olympics have this absolutely unique buzz and the reason it's so special is because it's something you can't put into words. The whole feeling of going to the Olympics is really indescribable.

The biggest difference this time around is that all my friends and family had tickets to watch me in Beijing, whereas none of them managed to get tickets to watch me in London. At this stage four years ago, we were talking about the challenges we would be facing in Beijing. Now we're talking about the challenges we'll face in London. There's challenge and opportunity in every scenario."

SIXTY YEARS AGO

Swimmer **Peter Head (1954)** represented Great Britain in the 1952 Helsinki Olympics. He describes a post-war world very different from today....

The Finnish Games are sometimes referred to as the forgotten games. Rumour has it that someone bought the film rights and did not use them much. There was no TV in Finland at the time and little in England. Radio communications were unreliable. Coverage was not available every minute of the day as the public now expect. There were no telephone facilities.

Helsinki should have held the Olympics in 1940 but they were busy fighting off the Germans and the Russians and World War Two occupied everyone else. 1944 was equally out of the question.

Surprisingly London had the makeshift facilities for a quick Games in 1948 and it was not until 1952 that the Finns could provide the facilities required for the first totally purpose-built Olympics.

1952 was perhaps the first world Games, although China did not compete. Russia competed for the first time since 1912 but were housed in their own building surrounded by barbed wire! Other than when they were competing you did not see them although I think they wanted to be friendly but were afraid to be unless they were handing out some of their magazines explaining how wonderful the USSR was and how decadent we were. West Germany and Japan competed, having been disqualified from the 1948 Games for starting wars.

The Games have grown not only because of an extra sport each time but with more countries and competitors: 59 countries in 1948 and 69 countries in 1952 (4879 athletes, but only 518 women, mostly swimmers I suspect). Compare this with the 2008 Games which hosted 204 nations and 11,028 competitors.

As to my own involvement, following the Olympic trials at Blackpool, I had been selected to compete in the 400m freestyle and 4 x 200m team race. My first international was for England against France at Brest in 1951. At 17 years

in my penultimate year at school I do not think I was expected to do much more than gain experience for Melbourne by which time I had moved on to Downing (1954) and next to no swimming facilities. I remember that, in October 1955, I had an international against Holland and I came up to Cambridge to find the Leys shut and having to take two train journeys to Saffron Walden where they had a 20 yard pool! By 1956 even swimming had become a full time occupation and out of the question for me, although I managed to get selected for other England and Great Britain teams ending in 1957 with a fascinating trip to China.

In July 1952, the swimming squad had all assembled at Hove and flew out to Helsinki from Croydon in two converted ex WW2 Dakotas. These flew at about 5,000 feet and I was on the one that hit the bad weather. Most of the team spent the journey with their heads in bags and, like me, took to their beds on arrival. I do not suppose I would have done much better but I was eliminated in the 400m semi finals and we did not qualify for the 200m team final.

The Olympic village comprised new buildings which were converted into flats after the Games, Each country had its own dormitories but there was more than one country to a building.

The food was exceptionally good. There were five pavilions for the five continents. Some food was still rationed in Britain and to have as much as you could eat a new experience for some. I remember seeing one competitor hold his plate out too long and received five steaks! Some people overate and consequently ruined their chances.

In those days the opening and closing ceremonies were held before a full audience in the athletics stadium but the competitors just walked around the stadium behind their flags and assembled in the centre. There was no lavish, expensive razzle-dazzle

The Games lasted for three weeks from 19 July to 3 August and you were either there for the opening or the closure. Standing around outside for hours at the opening was not the best preparation for your event and some people managed to avoid taking part.

Training facilities were poor. There was a small 25m pool in the woods which was inappropriate for the 50m competition pool, The team from USA were getting up at 4am to secure adequate time in the 50m pool.

We did not have much contact with the locals, At the Vancouver Commonwealth Games in 1954 the Canadians were extremely hospitable. I remember that there was a poster up in all the trams in Helsinki and on enquiry I was told that these read "Open up your hearts to the foreigners". Perhaps the Finns could be forgiven for showing mistrust after their war experiences.

I cannot remember how many medals we won. The only swimming medal was won by Elenor Gordon who was third in the 200m breaststroke. In those days sport was very amateur in the UK and we were consequently unsuccessful. I cannot recollect where we came in the medal table¹ but it was after Norway who came 10th with five medals for all events. My Eastern European counterparts were full time swimmers officially employed at a factory where they never appeared. The Russians had an open air winter heated 50m pool in Moscow exclusively for their top swimmers. The Americans were on University Sports Scholarships. Training in England mostly in pools of the wrong length during public hours spare time left one somewhat at a disadvantage.

It is only in recent years that we have done better internationally with the improvement of facilities and sponsorship. So far as swimming is concerned we still lack 50m pools. There was none between Norwich and London until one was built this year at Basildon, Essex specifically for the Olympics.

The Cambridge University Swimming and Water Polo Club still meets on a Monday evening at the Leys as it did when I was Captain. Although the University compares favourably with Yale and Harvard academically it does not compete at all in sporting facilities. The new sports centre cannot come a moment too soon.

Peter Head (1954)

JOHN ROBERTSON (1948) AND HIS TWO BROTHERS AT DOWNING

The following piece was submitted by **Mike Ross (1963)** in October 2011 and was sadly superseded in April 2012 by the sad news of the deaths of James and Vernon Robertson. The original is published in its entirety, with a short postscript added at the end.

It must be rare for three brothers to simultaneously win places at Cambridge University and particularly at the same College. **John Robertson (1948)** and his two brothers all matriculated at Downing in the late 1940s. John was the youngest of the three and he, **James (1946)** and **Vernon (1949)** served as officers in the armed forces during and immediately after the Second World War. They were then given the opportunity of studying at Cambridge.

John studied Economics, James History and Vernon Agricultural Sciences. John went on to develop and progress his career as a Marketing and Sales Director with different organisations. At the end of his working career John and his family were based in the Stirling area of the Scottish Central Lowlands.

1. Ed - The medal table was based on the number of Gold medals won. Great Britain came 18th with 11 medals - 1 Gold, 2 Silver and 8 Bronze. Norway won 3 Gold, 2 Silver and no Bronze.

In 1989, on retirement, John relocated to the Highlands and the family had a beautiful home which fronted on to the spectacular sandy beaches of the Dornoch Firth.

I had for many years had the ambition of one day owning a property in the Scottish Highlands – I was born in Inverness and maybe a homing instinct was in the soul.

After much deliberation and many weekend visits to and around the north the preferred location was to be Dornoch. Dornoch is a ‘wee’ gem on the east coast about forty miles north of Inverness. The small town has a world famous golf course, endless silver sandy beaches and at its centre is an historic cathedral which widely featured during the wedding of Madonna and Guy Ritchie.

Two years ago three new terraced town houses were being built in the Dornoch Cathedral Conservation Area in the traditional Dornoch style and the decision was made to purchase one of these. During the purchase process I got to know John and his wife Betty very well for they had already purchased and occupied the property at the other end of the three house terrace. They were very generous with their advice and assistance and were welcoming in true highland fashion. In fact they were quite delightful.



John and Betty Robinson – June 2012.



James (left) and John with their father.



Vernon Robertson.

One afternoon when chatting with John and Betty it was pleasantly surprising to discover that John had studied at Downing College and furthermore so had his two brothers. There cannot be too many Cambridge graduates living to the north of Inverness and the odds against two Downing men becoming chance immediate neighbours in Dornoch must be very high.

I am delighted to have a home in Dornoch if only to have befriended John and Betty. (John and Betty met at a Downing May Ball). They are down to earth generous Scots. John has been and still is an active member of the Royal Dornoch Golf Club and is an elder of Dornoch Cathedral. They are a strong determined couple with a ready sense of humour and are well respected in Dornoch and by everybody who meets them.

Added note April 2012

At the time of writing, John and his two brothers had a combined age of 262 years and were all still doing well. However, I visited Dornoch in early April and was much saddened to hear from John that his two brothers, Vernon and James, had passed away within a few days of each other at the end of March/early April 2012.

A happier note was to hear that John and Betty's son James, an author, has become the No1 Bestseller in Scotland and beyond and holds the Saltire Award for Literature.

Mike Ross (1963)

CURRY IN CAMBRIDGE × 4...THANKS TO A DOWNING FELLOWSHIP

In the spring of 2007 my husband, Richard Guy Wilson, was the Thomas Jefferson Visiting Fellow from the University of Virginia at Downing, and I was granted leave from the Curry School of Education at the University and accompanied him to Cambridge. For more than thirty years, the Thomas Jefferson Fellowship has provided time for faculty from many disciplines at UVA to pursue scholarship and research opportunities with colleagues in the UK, to say nothing of allowing time to reflect and work on projects that accumulate during the busy academic term. For my husband, an architectural historian, this time at Downing was most productive as he completed several manuscripts. Richard also shared his thoughts about the relationship of Thomas Jefferson's work to that of Downing's architect, William Wilkins, during a lecture to the Downing Fellows: a lively topic of interest on both sides of the Atlantic.

In my case, the time in Cambridge was productive in a different, but equally rewarding way. I am a Professor of Curriculum and Instruction in the Curry School of Education, and my main responsibilities are with the elementary teacher education program. My interest in the British primary schools led me to contact a Curry graduate who was on the Faculty of Education at Cambridge, and she in turn introduced me to other Education faculty who made it possible for me to visit some of the primary schools in Cambridge. Additionally, I was incredibly privileged to meet John and Anne Murrell, neighbors on Lensfield Road. Professor Murrell has been responsible for a long and successful collaboration of internships between Peabody College at Vanderbilt University in the States and Cambridge, and soon had me thinking about how it might be possible for Curry School students to spend time teaching in British schools, expanding their horizons and teaching skills.

Suffice it to say, this idea took over a year to conceptualize and develop, working with the challenges of accommodating the requirements of the US curriculum with the reality of the UK schools. The American preservice¹ students spend seven

1. The equivalent of student teachers in the UK. – Ed

weeks of their student teaching placements in Virginia and then travel to Cambridge to spend the remaining part of the semester in the UK schools. The program has gone through several iterations in the first three years and I'm looking forward to working with the fourth cohort of students in the fall of 2012. I've been fortunate to collaborate with British faculty and with primary schools who have been supportive and flexible with our programmatic needs. And I have accompanied the students for the past two years, a role made infinitely more pleasant as I am able to stay in a flat in Downing for several months.



Students from the Curry School of Education, University of Virginia.

For me, the most gratifying outcome has been the response of the students: the first year, eight students applied to the program and we sent over four, knowing a pilot year needed careful monitoring. Each year since, at least ten students have applied, and this year twelve students applied and six will come over. I now have students in their second year of the Curry School elementary teacher education program contacting me and asking for information about the program; as I work to ensure sustainability, key to any program development; it appears that the Cambridge students are the best of ambassadors! We have our own Facebook 'closed' group and all the students who will have participated in the program are active contributors.

So in closing, the moral of this tale is "you'd better be careful who comes along with a Visiting Fellow" as you never know what will happen! Certainly I never would have been able to develop the program had it not been for the time in Cambridge. In fact, I probably would never have conceived the idea, as programs such as this Curry one are few and far between, yet there are increasing calls for opportunities for American students to become grounded in the more international aspects of education today. Global connections and global understandings are key to the 21st century world, and preparing teachers who will be able to connect with children from all around the world is a critical piece of our future.

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THE DAY WE MET THE VICE CHANCELLOR

We were on our third educational project in the Indian Subcontinent. Previous trips had taken my wife Dorothea and me to schools in South India but this time we were in Bangladesh. We belong to a group of retired Christian teachers who seek to bring their experience and expertise to the developing world. Whereas the two Indian schools were Christian this one, a vast establishment of some 12,000 pupils on 38 sites in Dhaka, was Muslim. We spent the month of February there, before the onslaught of late spring and summer, when it can be intolerably hot, and before the monsoon which usually brings terrible flooding over half of the country. For us it was warm, pleasantly so, although Dhaka was polluted and noisy and the mosquitoes were active. The school was run by retired military men and was very well regarded. We were housed in a luxury new flat in Uttara Model Town, an up-market quarter near the airport. Two residential maids served our food, made the beds, put up the mosquito net and, despite the difficulty of intercommunication, catered for all our needs, which included the supply of filtered water for drinking and hot water for bucket showers. Outside, in the street, general chaos reigned: pavements were almost impassable, wires hung down to face level and roads were rough and pitted with potholes. The traffic had to be witnessed to be believed. In Dhaka there are thousands of cycle rickshaws plying up and down the streets, missing pedestrians, cars and other vehicles by a hair's breadth. A ride in one of them – at least for ourselves, unaccustomed to them as we were – was both painful and potentially dangerous. Nevertheless, at night in the dark unlit streets, without lights or any means of identification, they provided a *frisson* of excitement.

Our job, for a month in the English Medium part of the school, was to advise on teaching method and on English pronunciation. Another role was to get alongside the staff and give them an opportunity to practise their spoken English. We found a relaxed, relatively tolerant atmosphere, with an apparent love for all things British. Overseeing this vast educational establishment, very highly regarded in Dhaka, was the beneficent figure of the Principal and founder, Colonel Nabi, a truly remarkable man of enormous prestige but charming humility.

The most adventurous thing we did during our stay in Bangladesh was to go on a four-day tour of the Sundarbans, the largest mangrove forest in the world and the home of the Royal Bengal Tiger. We saw no more than tiger paw-prints but the sighting from our cruise boat of an enormous crocodile on the bank as we sailed past, and the presence of an armed guard when we walked through the jungle, reminded us of the danger of the environment, where, we were told, about a hundred local people are eaten every year.

Our hosts gave us ample opportunity to imbibe the history and culture of this very young nation, founded in 1971 out of East Pakistan, as it became when India got its independence, and also to recall its earlier time under the British Raj when, as Bengal, it was part of India. We celebrated with them Mother Tongue Language Day, when they remembered the martyrs who died in the cause of their own language, Bengali (or Bangla as they called it) rather than the Urdu which was being imposed on them by West Pakistan. We also had a taste of the charitable work which was being carried out there, where so large a proportion of the population live below the poverty line. At the Sisters of Charity orphanage in the old city we felt we were in the presence of Mother Theresa herself, as we encountered the familiar, characteristic dress and the same supremely compassionate care of mothers and children. A visit to the Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralysed was equally moving: here the patients were receiving expert medical care and training in the use of their very limited faculties. It was the inspiration of an English physiotherapist, Valerie Taylor, 43 years ago. The beauty of the lovingly cultivated campus contrasted strongly with the polluted chaos of the city outside – hope out of tragedy. As a bonus we had the great privilege of meeting Valerie Taylor herself, a true modern saint.

It was on this latter trip that we met the Vice Chancellor of Jahangirnagar University, Professor Shariff Enamul Kabir. Our guide for the day, a member of the administrative staff of Milestone College who was charged with our welfare, had attended this University and was keen to show off his alma mater as we passed it on the outskirts of Dhaka. We readily agreed and were taken to see the Professor of English. He insisted that we should be presented to the Vice Chancellor, who graciously broke away from a meeting in his office to meet us. One unscheduled, unexpected visit led to another. This was a further example of the warmth of Bangladeshi hospitality which we encountered everywhere.

In this predominantly Muslim, but nevertheless open, country we were keen also to meet local Christians. Through members of the school staff we went to services at the Assembly of God (Pentecostal) and the Church of the Nazarine (Baptist in style). We sat on different sides of the church, male separate from female, and, as was their custom, we were asked to identify ourselves publicly. We also saw the end of a Bangla service in St Thomas' Church, again men separated from women on the floor, where we recognised the Anglican-style liturgy without understanding the language, before joining together, on pews, men with women, for an English service.

On our way home we stopped in North India for a 5-day holiday. From New Delhi we travelled to Jaipur and Agra. This was the India of Rudyard Kipling,

the India which we thought we knew, very different from the south. We were blessed with a truly delightful, very accommodating driver, a devout Hindu and a family man from Himachal Pradesh in the Himalayan foothills, who spoke passionately about his homeland and gave us a running commentary on the areas through which we passed. We loved the 'pink city' of Jaipur, one of the most tourist-friendly Indian places we have seen, but the highlight was without any doubt the awe-inspiring, breathtakingly beautiful, white-marble Taj Mahal, certainly living up to its reputation, yet much more detailed in its intricate, coloured decoration than the distant eye sees.

We returned to Scotland, where we now live, full of thankfulness that all went so well. We hope that our short stay at Milestone College will have had a lasting effect and will have helped them to take a fresh look at what they do and how they do it. We were treated with respect far beyond our capabilities and with almost embarrassing warmth and affection. We were showered with gifts before we left, many of them from the splendid 'Fairtrade' store of Aarong in central Dhaka. We have returned enormously enriched by the experience, encouraged by the beauty, strength and hospitality of the people of this very needy, very climate-prone and very poverty-stricken country.

Kenneth Hall (1953)

THE L C B SEAMAN PAPERS

The College Archivist, Kate Thompson, reports on a set of papers that she has been working on during the past year:

Anyone who studied history at 'A' level may know the name of Lewis Charles Bernard Seaman, who wrote a number of books on the subject. They include *From Vienna to Versailles* (1955), *Post-Victorian Britain, 1902–1951* (1966) and *A New History of England 410–1975* (1981). His papers were left to the College some years ago but never catalogued. This has now been done and it is the first collection whose details will be available remotely. It can be found on Janus, a self-funded project, established in 2002, to provide a single point of networked access to catalogues of archives and manuscript collections held throughout Cambridge. It is also available on the Archives Hub, 'a gateway to thousands of the UK's richest archives. Representing over 180 institutions across the country, the Archives Hub is an effective way to discover unique and often little-known sources to support your research'. More information can be found on its website, <http://archiveshub.ac.uk/search/browse.html>.

Seaman was born on 18 April 1911 and came to Downing in 1930 from the Polytechnic Secondary School in Regent Street, London, as an Exhibitioner in history; according to his obituary in the Association's *Newsletter* for 1986



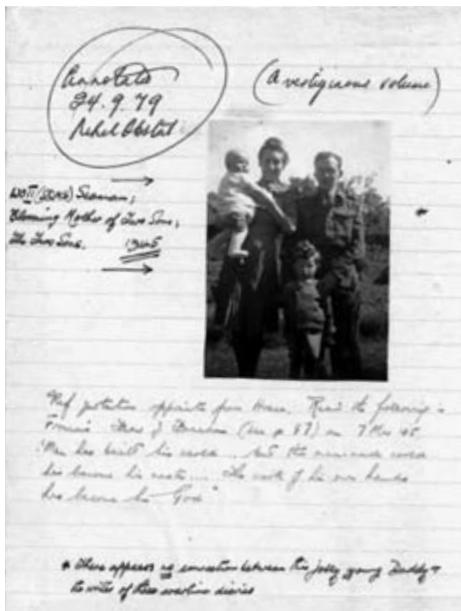
Seaman with parents Nov 1929.

he played an active part in the life of the College. He was President of the Literary, the Debating and the Maitland Societies and the short-lived Gamlingay Club, of which he was a founder. During his third year he contributed regularly to the *Cambridge Gownsmen*, writing reviews, parodies and frivolous poems using the pseudonym 'Larry'. He was Cox of the First Boat in the Lents

and Mays of 1932 and 1933 and in 1933 he steered the First May Boat when it won its oars, something that had not happened for over 50 years. Apparently he always said that everything he had achieved was due almost entirely to his admittance to Downing. According to the *Griffin*, he became known as 'the College ladies' man', and this is somewhat borne out by the number of letters from various women students written to him.

The largest section of the archive is Seaman's diaries, running in an unbroken sequence from 1926 (when he was only 15) to just before his death. Several of them contain photographs of him throughout his life. Downing was not his first choice of college and he was turned down by Peterhouse and seven others; he was advised to try Downing, although he appears to have been less than enthusiastic at first: 'Yes Downing, I think I'll stand at your less illustrious door and knock. I hope either Kings or the London Day accept me beforehand though. Their acceptance even if it subsequently proves unnecessary will at all events give me a little much needed morale to face Downing....' He was turned down by the other two so he was pinning his hopes on Downing or Selwyn and took the entrance exam in March 1930: 'Once more the unfortunate proletarian knocks at the door of the Plutocratic University and very very humbly seeks admission into its large demesne...Failure at Downing and Selwyn will be failure for all time...'. Ten days later he wrote in his diary that he had gained an Exhibition of £20 but his initial impressions of the College were not very fulsome: 'The food at Downing wasn't particularly good & the college itself seemed rather dowdy'.

He matriculated the following October and recorded his first impressions: 'An undergraduate of this University at last. Let me see Seaman, you are the History Exhibitioner said Mr Whalley-Tooker. Yes, sir, the exhibitioner!...Have seen my Tutors and Supervisors and got some lecture times...I am in my rooms which are large but comfortable. I have a teapot, a coffee pot, a lot of china & cutlery, a University Pocket Diary, a box of crested Notepaper, and a new cap & gown (29/6)...Also the Bloods of the Rowing Club have just blown in & want me to cox for them...'



Seaman with two sons, 1945

Seaman served in the Second World War but appears to have stayed in England for the duration, serving in the Royal Army Service Corps; his poor eyesight precluded a frontline role. He was called up in April 1941 and wrote in his diary: ‘A stunned misery characterises these last days of freedom: and when it becomes conscious of itself there is a wretchedness deep and suffocating. I am all but prostrated. There is no use concealing the fact of my abject unhappiness. Two insomniac nights with the mind curling itself restlessly into unanswerable question marks. Nothing can shake my conviction that my life

is finished – not for good but for the duration. I shall endure. I do not even remind myself that in 1941 I am still young & that when I come back I shall probably be old: it is just the horror of submitting to regimentation in an organisation whose very existence is a denial of all I have ever valued. I shall endure, but suffer. I shall triumph, but I shall forever hold the years ahead as lost to me’. Evidence suggests that he worked for the Department of Army Kinematography but the diaries are full of complaints about his army service. He reached the rank of Staff Sergeant and was demobbed in October 1945.

Back in civvy street, Seaman taught history at the Quintin School, St John’s Wood, and at Woking Boys’ Grammar School, until he retired in 1971. At the same time he lectured at the Regent Street Polytechnic Summer Schools from 1946 to 1959, and was an Examiner for the London University GCE Board at both ‘O’ and ‘A’ levels.

As well as Seaman’s diaries, the archive includes: diaries and commonplace book of his grandfather; letters and other papers relating to his ancestors; family history research; other records, including unpublished writings. Seaman wrote his autobiography and a novel, *Lowania*. He said about the latter: ‘It is unlikely that it will ever find a reader, but its author deems it would be lacking in respect to his sixteen year old self to destroy it. Others may feel otherwise. Let them decide when the time comes’. He also wrote a history of the Quintin School

[founded by Quintin Hogg, the father of the politician of the same name] from 1886 to 1956, and edited the school magazine until 1960.

Seaman married Frances Smith in November 1938 and they had two sons and a daughter: John Bernard was born on 28th January 1942, Francis Richard on 12th October 1944 and Christian Mary on 29th April 1948. His diaries continue until four days before his death, on 21st January 1986; the last entries deal almost exclusively with his failing health although he still commented on contemporary issues. In early January he said: ‘Am still vaguely dithering about an Amstrad Word Processor; but veering towards the opinion that my system could not stand the strain of one....’ He also records his disappointment with his children and thinks they regard him as a freak. He was disenchanted with his life: ‘My life, whatever others may choose to think about it, has been a story of failure, of the wreck of what seemed a golden chance...I am not, I repeat, too sure in this year of 1986



Seaman in garden July 1984.

that God has done all he might have done for me’. His last entry reads: ‘I hope I can survive to enjoy a deadly dull weekend. Not that surviving is all that jolly fun, I must say. But the idea that I am scheduled to die seems so irrational that I can’t take it in. What’s the point of being alive if all you end up being is dead? True I’m doing nothing but subsidising [sic] but also worrying somebody else: but though ambitionless even now I have no desire for being Nothing’.

Anyone interested in seeing the archive is welcome to contact the College Archivist, Dr Kate Thompson, on (01223) 762905 or e-mail kmt34@cam.ac.uk.

Kate Thompson

Footnote – another donation to the archives: During the course of the year the Association Secretary has been in correspondence with Dr Brouwe Postmus from the University of Amsterdam. In the course of his research into the novelist George Gissing he developed an interest in Jacob John Whittington, whom he describes as “the man who almost stopped the erection of Downing College”. Dr Postmus has conducted an in-depth study into the life of Jacob John Whittington, who continued to press the claims of Lady Margaret Downing after her death. His findings are included in an unpublished 20,000 word paper *Jacob John Whittington: the Man Who Almost Stopped the Erection of Downing College* that has been deposited in the College Archives.

A LIVING MUSEUM

A year after I left Downing I moved to Canada where I found that even my third in maths was more appreciated than my 2.1s in the LL.B. and in the English bar exams. As a result I pursued an actuarial career. However, I always retained a fondness for law. When I retired, I moved to Andorra. So, in 2010, when the University of Andorra announced a one year survey course of Andorran Law, I was interested and made further enquiries. I was rather nervous, that even after twelve years here, my Catalan might not be good enough to let me follow all that the lecturers would say and then write a 20 page dissertation and defend it in Catalan, which is the official language of Andorra. However, I took the plunge and I found it fascinating.

In, nominally, 240 hours, the course covered Catalan legal language, history and sources of Andorran law, constitutional law, criminal law and procedure, private law and procedure, private international law and administrative law.

The history and sources of Andorran law are closely intertwined with the country's constitutional development. Andorra, like the other ministates of Europe, is a historical accident. In about 954 Count Sunifred of Urgell transferred his lordship over Andorra to the Bishop of Urgell. However, the Bishop had no forces to defend his possessions in troubled times so he enfeoffed a friendly local lord as co-lord of Andorra. They were all vassals of the King of Catalonia-Aragon. When, for the second time, the male line of the secular lord died out, there occurred the decisive event in Andorran history: in 1208 the heiress married the Count of Foix, a vassal of the King of France. When the Count and the Bishop had a dispute it was settled by a treaty, the Pareatge of 1278, and this, with occasional amendments, was the constitution of Andorra for 715 years. In the course of time, the Counts of Foix inherited first the Kingdom of Navarre and then the Kingdom of France when Enric II of Foix, a.k.a. Enric III of Navarre, became Henri IV of France. Had there been only one lord or had both been of the same feudal allegiance, Andorra would surely have been absorbed by one neighbour or the other when the power of the kings replaced the feudal powers of the nobles.

As it is, the co-princes of Andorra, with very limited but yet real powers, are Archbishop Joan-Enric Vives, Bishop of Urgell, and François Hollande, President of France.

The criminal law and the administrative law of Andorra are codified and are largely put together by copying from the French and Spanish systems.

It is the civil law which is special. When an Andorran lawyer refers to *el codi* in the context of civil law, you might expect that he is referring to the code of laws which bears the name of the famous emperor of the French (and co-prince of Andorra) and which that emperor drew rather forcefully to the attention of

almost all of continental Europe in the early 1800s. But if you think that, then you would be wrong. Wrong emperor! Wrong century! In fact, wrong millennium!! *El codi* is the code of the Roman emperor Justinian who died in 565 AD. And if someone bashes in your car, an Andorran lawyer will tell you, quite unselfconsciously, that you must sue within a year under the *lex Aquilia*. That law dates from the early third century BC.

Technically the basis of Andorran civil law is the local custom, as amended by the 1993 constitution, by treaties and by legislation of the parliament, and the co-princes before 1993. However, the two most authoritative 18th century collections of customs, the *Manual Digest* of Antoni Fiter I Rossell and the *Politar* of Antoni Puig, make it quite clear that, when there is no contrary local custom, Andorran law is the Roman Law as applied together with Canon Law in Catalonia before the New Basis imposed by Philip V of Spain in 1716.

With significant help from my first Catalan teacher, who has become a good friend, I wrote my dissertation about how the forms of law were used to circumvent laws. I started in Roman times by citing examples of the use of the *fideicommissum*, the Roman testamentary trust, which is still part of the law of Andorra. I then compared and contrasted the Anglo-American concept of the trust with the *fideicommissum*, quoting *Abdul Hameed v de Saram* [1946] A.C. 208. In looking for an offbeat English example of evading laws by the forms of law, I remembered a scene set in the 18th century in Barnaby Rudge, rather appropriate for this Dickens year. In that scene Mr Haredale, the rigidly Catholic father of the heroine, reproaches Lord George Gordon: "Is it not enough, my lord, that I, as good a gentleman as you, must hold my property, such as it is, by a trick at which the state connives because of these harsh laws;..." I had some difficulty finding the particular harsh law since, fortunately, no part of it is still in force. For those interested, it is section IV of An Act for the further preventing the Growth of Popery (1699-1700 11 & 12 Will.III c. 4). The means of evasion were, of course, the English trust.

Finally I commented on the use of Andorran prestanoms (name lenders) who enable foreigners to be the effective owners of businesses which are, in principle, barred to foreigners. Looking at the decisions of the Andorran Superior Court, which since 2003 have been published online (<http://www.justicia.ad/web/php/organitzacio.php?orgPK=3>), I was very positively impressed with the quality and fairness of the decisions. I have been telling the expatriate community here that it is by no means the case that the foreigner always loses. When a business goes bust and the foreign real owner cannot be found, it is the Andorran prestanom who has to pay the creditors of the business, irrespective of whether those creditors are foreigners or non-residents, or both. All this is based on a bold interpretation of a principle known

to the Romans and set out in the Digest of Justinian (D. 17, 2, 82).

A young Andorran lady, a schoolteacher of Catalan whom I met at a dinner, summed it up pithily: “Andorra is a museum of antique laws”. She is right, but then, I like going to museums and particularly watching museum pieces which still effectively perform the task for which were created.

Oh, and yes, the examiners were kind and I did get my Diploma.

Charles Schaller-Kelly (1953)

FOR THE RECORD

AWARDS, HONOURS AND APPOINTMENTS

Michael Atherton (1986) has received the award for Sports Writer of the Year from the Sports Journalists’ Association (SJA) for the second time in three years. He was also runner-up in 2008 and 2010. In recent years he has received numerous other awards including:

SJA Specialist Correspondent of the Year 2008, 2011. Runner-up 2009, 2010.

SJA Columnist of the Year 2009, 2010. Runner-up 2011.

British Press Awards Sports Journalist of the Year 2010.

The Comment Awards Sports Commentator of the Year 2011.

Dr Michael Crisp (2001), who was awarded his Ph.D. in 2010, and Dr Sithamparanathan Sabesan of the Cambridge University Engineering Department, received the 2011 ERA Foundation Entrepreneurs Award from the Royal Academy of Engineering for their research into a low-cost location sensing system. They received a £10,000 personal prize, with a further £30,000 to invest in the development of their winning idea. The RAE citation describes their work:

“The Real Time Location System (RTLS) will allow businesses such as high street retailers and airlines which use tagging on high-end goods and passengers’ luggage, to cheaply and effectively monitor the location of these items to within one metre. Current systems only allow for around 60 per cent of tagged items to be detected and are also not able to locate tags accurately in real time, while the new system could be 100 per cent accurate.

It is estimated the RTLS could save airlines in excess of £400m. Retail groups have also been engaged in the project, not just for tagging items but also for the advancement of self-service checkouts.”

A Bernard D Mayes (1950) received the US Jefferson award for Public Service in 2011 for his services to suicide prevention. He was the founding Chairman of National Public Radio (NPR). The University of Virginia has named the Bernard Mayes Alumni Award after him.

PUBLICATIONS

Graham Burgess (1986) 22 chess books including *The Mammoth Book of Chess*, 1997, *Chess Openings for Kids*, 2011 and *The Gambit Book of Intuitive Chess Puzzles*, 2011.

Keri Facer (1991) Facer K, *Learning Futures: Education, Technology and Social Change*, NY Routledge, 2011.

Hugo Daniel Lodge (1992) et al, *Blackstone's Guide to the Terrorism Act 2006*, Blackstone, 2006.

MARRIAGES AND ANNIVERSARIES

Niall Aston (1969) married Sarah Corston in 1993.

John Bourne (1941) married Jean Stead in 1954.

Graham Burgess (1986) married June Mary Stengel in 2010.

Callum Clark (1988) married Karin in 1999.

James Henry Eedle (1949) married on 27 December 1952.

Chris Eyers (1973) married in 1987.

Keri Facer (1991) married in 2001.

Robert Greenwood (1960) remarried on 20 August 2008.

Melanie N Cole (née Miller) (1993) was married in 2008.

Clare Pollard, (née Turner) (2004) married **Jamie Pollard (2004)** on 2 July 2011.

Antony Richmond (1998) married Helen Tan on 20 January 2006.

Derrick Robinson (1961) married Vivienne Powell in 1966.

Ian Sharman (1976) married Diana in 2005.

John Tam (1990) married Huiying Zhao in June 2009.

Lana Wiles (née Kettle) (2003) married **Ben Wiles (2002)**.

BIRTHS

Niall Aston (1969) William and Ella 2003, Charles 2001, Henry 2000.

John Bourne (1941) Matthew 1960, Victoria 1957.

David Burrell (1955) Michael 1965, Jonathon 1963, Marie 1961.

Callum Clark (1988) Frederick 2009, William 2005, Annabelle 2002.

James Henry Eedle (1949) Mark and Elizabeth 1968, David 1966, Paul 1956.

Stephen Ness (1988) Isabel 2006, Rina 2001.

Antony Richmond (1998) Imina May 2010, Tanya June 2007.

Derrick Robinson (1961) Hilary 1974, Katherine 1972.

Ian Sharman (1976) Hesper 2009, Blythe 2006.

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.

David William Adams (1948) died on 28th January 2012, aged 82. He read Modern Languages.

Derek John Storr Baker (1972) has died.

Professor David William Barron (1953) died after a long illness on 2nd January 2012, aged 76. He read Natural Sciences.

David spent the first 11 years of his career in Cambridge and was a Fellow from 1960-67; he made a major contribution to the development of computer systems in the late 1950s and 1960s. He moved to Southampton in 1967 where he was Professor of Computer Science until retiring in 2000. He will be remembered as an original thinker and a great communicator, both in his lecturing and his writing.

Donald Beck (1955) died early in 2012, aged 76. He read Engineering. John Blake (1955), who remembers him as a keen rugby player, writes:

After leaving Downing, he joined the General Electric Company for whom he worked in Sri Lanka for several years. Returning to the UK, he was employed as Project Manager on various schemes throughout the country. For the last 12 years before his retirement he was in charge of a supposedly secret project in Saudi Arabia. He later suffered from both cancer and Alzheimer's disease. He leaves his wife Nedi (to whom he was engaged before arriving at Downing after completing National Service), two sons and four grandchildren.

Edwin Berman (1938) died on 4th April 2012, aged 93. He read Natural Sciences.

Thomas Anthony Clement Birrell (1942) died on 22nd May 2011, aged 86. He read History. Ian Doyle (1942) from Durham has sent the following obituary.

Thomas Anthony Birrell died on 22nd May 2011 at Oaken Holt Nursing Home, Farmoor, near Oxford, where he had been for eight months, from cancer

of the knee. He had matriculated at Downing in October 1942, having won an award in the entrance scholarship examination in December 1941, from Downside Abbey School, Somerset. He was born on 25th July 1924 at Teddington, Middlesex. At school he had learned of Dr F R Leavis from Dom Hilary Steuert, one of the Benedictines attached to Christ's College who were taught by Leavis. After a year reading for the Preliminary Examination for Part I of the English Tripos he was called for military service and was commissioned into the Royal Armoured Corps and went to the continent in 1944, losing a finger in charge of a tank, and, after the surrender of Germany, to India as a Transport and Education Officer. In 1946 he returned to Cambridge, but to Part II of the History Tripos, specialising in Franciscan history under Dom David Knowles, graduating in 1947. Nonetheless he remained throughout his career a loyal disciple of Leavis in his teaching of English Literature and kept regularly in touch with him. For a short time he taught evening classes at the Cambridgeshire Technical College in East Road (which he recently told me was the worst experience of his life) and then went to the Benedictine Priory School in Ealing, from which he moved in 1949 to a Readership in English at the Catholic University of Nijmegen in the Netherlands. There he was promoted to a Chair in 1951, became Head of the Department, twice Dean of the Faculty of Arts, and Rector Magnificus (rotating academic head of the University) in 1964. He was a Visiting Professor at Amsterdam, Utrecht and Groningen. He published three books in Dutch, on English and American Literature for the general public, one of them on Shakespeare, on whom his university lectures were said to rival performances by the RSC.

In 1977 he was honoured by being made Commander of the Royal Netherlands Order of Orange-Nassau. When he was presented with a Festschrift on his sixtieth birthday in 1984 the number of former pupils attending included ones by then holding chairs of their own running into two figures. The guidance he gave to research students, especially in the choice of very diverse subjects on which he informed himself deeply, was exemplary. In 1985-86 he took early retirement, for reasons like those of many British academics then and since, and settled at first in London, where, amongst much else, he started to reconstruct on paper the Old Royal Library given by George II to the British Museum in 1757, but subsequently distributed into separate subjects and many sold as duplicates. In 1986 he gave the Panizzi lectures at the British Library on *English Monarchs and their Books from Henry VII to Charles II*, a brilliant and amusing tour de force based on his already wide knowledge of the collection. Later he moved to Oxford but regularly took part in conferences on a wide range of the history of books, most of which have been published, and one hopes may be collected together.

From 1980 to 1993 he edited the periodical *English Studies* and continued to help his successor. He was a Trustee and Vice President of the Catholic Record Society and on the Council of the Friends of the Bodleian Library. In his last months in the nursing home, which he described as 'dying in luxury' (a degree of comfort he had denied himself in his life as a bachelor, except for collecting useful books) he still entertained friends visiting him (which he styled 'the Birrell salon') or by phone, with hours of conversation, including his inimitable fund of anecdotes, which was heartening to them, until only the very last couple of weeks. Tom was always fun to talk to. He was my longest surviving friend since Downing in December 1941. May he rest in peace.

A further obituary of Professor Thomas Birrell appeared in the *Independent* on 10th August 2011.

John Douglas Morrison Blyth CMG (1950) died on 30th July 2011, aged 87. We received this information from his niece.

Richard Henry Brown (1950) has died. He read Natural Sciences.

George Robert Callan (1954) died on 24th August 2011, aged 76. He read Modern Languages.

As reported in the 1996 *Newsletter*, George was a former landlord of the Downing Arms, Croydon (generally known at Downing as the 'The Scratching Cat').

Kenneth Jules Charrot (1935) died on 14th January 2012, aged 95. He read Geography. His son Geoff Charrot (1966) has sent the following obituary.

Having had the distinction of obtaining Exhibitions at both Cambridge and Oxford Universities, Ken completed his degree and a Diploma in Education at Downing in July 1939. During that time he was a permanent fixture on the left wing of the College 1st XI soccer team and opening bat for the 1st cricket XI, as well as having the occasional game for the University reserves. He then took up a position as Head of Chemistry at Beal Grammar School for Boys, Ilford, just prior to the school's evacuation to Ipswich at the outbreak of war on 3rd September.

Teaching was a reserved occupation, but since the then Master of Downing, Admiral Sir Herbert Richmond, was also Chairman of the University Officer Selection Board, Ken asked for advice from the top! He was offered the choice of a civilian posting as meteorologist on an RAF station or active service with The Royal Corps of Signals. Not wanting to have a civilian job, Ken opted for the latter and, after basic training, was sent to the Officer Cadet Training Unit

in Prestatyn, North Wales, before joining the Divisional HQ Signals Unit of 3rd (Guards) Division based around Bristol. He married Vera Alexander in September 1940. In early 1943 he was posted to Nigeria, where a new formation, 81st (West African) Division, was being raised from volunteers in the then colonies of The Gambia, Sierra Leone, Gold Coast and Nigeria for service in the Far East against the advancing Japanese. The Division spent two long periods in the Kaladan Valley of Burma supplied purely by air drop, and as a Coding Officer for the Divisional HQ Signals, Ken was Mentioned in Despatches for devising an effective system for the ordering of standardised payloads containing the necessary supplies for the entire division. By the end of the conflict in August 1945 he was second in command of the Divisional HQ Signals with the rank of Major. Like many Burma veterans, Ken did not speak much of the privations and conditions under which they fought as part of the so-called 'Forgotten Army' until many years later, but it clearly left its mark on all of them.

Ken returned to Ilford and his previous job in early 1946, and played football for Thurrock Athletic and cricket for both Ilford and, occasionally, Essex 2nd XI. His only son, Geoffrey (Downing 1966-69) was born in 1947. In 1950 he applied successfully to Woodbridge School to teach Chemistry as Head of Science, a position he took up in January 1951. The following year he was appointed as Second Master, as the Deputy Headmaster was then known, a role he held until his retirement in 1981.

During that time he also served twice as Acting Headmaster for virtually the entire academic year (but without giving up his teaching commitments) during the illnesses of two Headmasters, was the Honorary Auditor for the Scout Troop, President of the Scientific Society and of the Photographic Club, and was responsible for the initial formation of the school golf team. His own golf was of modest standard apart from putting, at which he excelled. An above-average cricketer, a superb gully fielder and a reliable opening bat, he played regularly for Campsea Ashe and for the Gentlemen of Suffolk, and for matches on the School cricket pitch alone had a batting average of just under 50 over a period of some eleven years. This did not however prevent him from accompanying school teams for rugby, hockey and of course cricket to all parts of East Anglia or from imparting suitable pithy but constructive comments to his team charges.

Apart from teaching and sport, Ken and his late wife Vera were the long-standing makeup artistes for a succession of school productions. Vera was also involved in the checking – by hand – of the teaching timetable for the entire new school year drawn up and devised by Ken in a frantic two-week session immediately following the end of each summer term. The use of computer

programming, spreadsheets and the like was of course totally unknown at that stage. Ken also acted as an Examiner for the Cambridge Examination Board, marking 'O' Level papers from overseas applicants, and was appointed as one of their two Team Leaders for Physics. He also marked for the London Board, and was involved in the setting of their examination papers for several years. In 1971 and again in 1973 he was asked by the Cambridge Board to join a team going to India to assist in the formation and training of a similar Board by the Indian education authorities.

In his last ten years of teaching Ken was instrumental in providing what he called citizenship classes to the Sixth Form, covering everything from Income Tax and National Insurance to Mortgages and Pension Provision, plus much in between. With the admission of girls in 1974 this extended to the production in the school labs of soaps, hand creams, makeup and perfumes, to the amazement and delight of all concerned, and to add to the infamous 'treacle tin experiment' with which he was always associated (for the uninitiated this involved the filling of a treacle tin with laboratory gas and its subsequent ignition whilst resting on a tripod stand – the resulting explosion of the unstable gas/air mixture was notorious in causing panic in adjoining classrooms as well as ruining the decoration of the Chemistry lab ceiling!)

Following retirement in 1981 Ken continued to play golf, to pay regular visits to Downing to participate in Association dinners, to act as a Steward at the Woodbridge Museum, and to be a server and sidesman at the local Parish Church, St Mary's. He also discovered a new passion for the architecture and heraldry of Suffolk churches, giving talks on the subject illustrated with his own slides to clubs and societies far and wide, as well as volunteering to assist with the cataloguing and indexing of 18th and 19th century local newspapers for the Ipswich Museum. Until Vera's death in 2004, after 64 years of marriage, they continued to travel on the Continent, often combining their trip with some more genealogical research into the Swiss origins of the Charrot family tree. They also delighted in seeing more of their two grand-daughters and in attending many of the functions and sporting meetings at Woodbridge School. In 2005 Ken, accompanied by his son Geoffrey as 'minder', joined eight other former wartime Divisional colleagues and their wives/relatives in re-visiting Burma and the Kaladan Valley, a trip that he found both memorable and poignant in equal measure. He also paid his first visit to the USA to meet other Charrot relatives.

In 2007 Ken was finally persuaded that, at the age of 91, it would be better if he moved into sheltered accommodation in the Seckford Almshouses in Woodbridge, where he spent over three happy years enjoying exemplary care. However a succession of falls and other problems during 2011, followed by hospitalisation, led to the reluctant conclusion in November 2011 that he

required full-time nursing care. A suitable home was located in Felixstowe, but sadly his condition deteriorated very rapidly: he died peacefully on 14 January.

John Gordon Coates DSO (1937) died on 25th December 2006 aged 88. He read Modern Languages. The following obituary was submitted by Frances Cooley and supplements an account of his wartime activities given in *Downing and the two World Wars*.

John Coates, who read Modern Languages at Downing (principally German and French) from 1937, was born in 1918 in Acomb near York. He was at school at Abbotsholme on the Staffordshire-Derbyshire border. His parents – his mother was a professional singer, his father a commercial traveller – were self-educated.

On completing his degree in 1940 he was called up, initially into the Royal Army Medical Corps as a conscientious objector. He served thirteen months in the ranks including officer training. Selected largely because of his knowledge of German, which was excellent, and commissioned in the Intelligence Corps, he was with 10 (Inter-Allied) Commando in North Wales and active with 30 Commando in Italy and Corsica. In 1944 he joined SOE (Special Operations Executive) and was parachuted into Hungary at the head of a three-man mission. Lured into a trap, the entire party was captured. After three months in different prisons within Hungary they escaped. Coates was subsequently awarded a DSO for his courage, skill and leadership. He finished the war a Major.

On the cessation of hostilities, Coates had attachments in Prague, and then back in Budapest, still with SOE, principally to recompense Hungarians and others who, at great risk to themselves, had helped the allied effort. His final posting was to Germany. Following the war, Coates joined the British Diplomatic Service returning to Cambridge in 1949–50 to take the Tripos Part 1 in Russian. His diplomatic postings included The Hague, Vienna, Moscow and finally Helsinki where he was First Secretary in Chancery.

In 1962 he took early retirement from the Foreign Office and accepted the offer of the post of Assistant Professor at the University of Idaho, USA, teaching Russian, of which he was in sole charge, and German. The following year he returned to Cambridge, and once again to Downing, to teach on Professor Hill's intensive Russian courses, as well as elsewhere, and to register as a research student with a desk at the Scott Polar Research Institute. By this time his languages included Hungarian and Finnish and the subject he selected was the Komi, a Finno-Ugrian people in the northern European part of the then USSR and their modern literature.

Obliged, through lack of funds, to go back into full employment, he joined the Secretariat of the Royal Society, Burlington House, in charge of scientific exchanges with Eastern Europe, the USSR and China. This, incidentally, stood

him in good stead when he was able to return to his research full-time, a year later, with the help of a Research Fellowship from Clare Hall. In his thesis, for which he developed a deep knowledge of the Komi language and against all the odds collected a vast library of material, he gave an overview of 20th century Komi literature with detailed studies of some of their most prominent writers. It generated considerable interest among intellectuals of the Republic who had it translated into Russian. Running into two volumes, it is also testament to his meticulous scholarship and a true artistic sensibility.

On completing his Ph.D. in 1968, Coates took up an appointment as Dean of Students and Lecturer in Finno-Ugrian Studies at the newly established University of East Anglia. As Dean of Students, a challenging, full-time post with professorial status, he was responsible to the Vice-Chancellor for all Student Affairs other than the purely academic. His academic appointment allowed him to continue his research interests in some measure and in 1974 he managed to organize an extended period of fieldwork in the Komi Republic, the first by a Western scholar, under the auspices of the Soviet Academy of Sciences and with a grant from the British Academy.

After formal retirement in 1983 and then his subsequent move, in 1986, to Montgomery in the Welsh borderlands he continued to publish papers on Komi subjects and to take part in international conferences and to maintain close contact with colleagues in the USSR, Eastern Europe and elsewhere. He also studied Welsh attending various courses, including the seven-week intensive course at Lampeter and was an enthusiastic member of local Welsh societies.

He married Bobbie (Norma Stuart Bishop) in 1946 and they had two sons. She died in 1978. Their younger son also predeceased him. He is survived by his elder son and by his partner of many years.

Ian Henry Crombie (1951) died on 9th December 2011, aged 80. He read Law.

The Rev. John Danson (1964) died on 15th February 2011, aged 73. He read English. The following is adapted from a tribute by the Bishop of Lancaster.

Father John Danson was born on 22nd May 1937 in Preston. He was educated at Preston Catholic College. After training for the Priesthood at Ushaw College, he was ordained on 17th June 1962. Father John served briefly as Assistant Priest at St Mary's, Great Eccleston and Star of the Sea, St. Annes on Sea in 1962, then at The Cathedral, Lancaster (1962-1963).

Following this, he studied in Cambridge for several years, first at the Polytechnic and then at Downing College. He taught at Underley Hall (1967-1975), being appointed Vice-Rector there in 1973, and then served as Deputy Head of Upholland College (1975-1985).

On returning to parish life, Father Danson served as Parish Priest of Our Lady Star of the Sea, St. Annes-on-Sea (1985–1991) and then at St. Andrew, Cottam (1991–1996). He was appointed Director of the National Vocations Service in 1996, then as Secretary to the Bishop of Lancaster from 2002–2004. He retired to St Winefride’s, Bispham in 2004 where he continued his work as Editor of the Diocesan Directory.

Alan Winton Donaldson (1957) died on 27th February 2012, aged 75. He read Law. His son Andrew has sent the following obituary.



Alan was born in Birmingham, a city of which he was extremely fond, and was educated at Hall Green Primary School and King Edward’s School. After completing his National Service as an officer in the Royal Army Service Corps he went up to Downing College in 1957 to read law. His contemporaries included **Alistair Conn (1957)**, **Paul Weir (1957)**, **David Ogden (1958)** and **David**

Standley (1957). After training to be a solicitor he moved to Banbury in Oxfordshire where he became a partner at Stockton Sons and Fortescue (now called Aplins). In the late 1970s he was made a County Court Registrar, a minor judging role now known as a District Judge. He sat at various courts on the Midlands Circuit, mainly Coventry, Warwick, Nuneaton and Stratford. He retired as early as he could at the age of 60.

He was a devoted father to his three children who he brought up alone after the untimely death of his wife Corina in 1974. In 1981 he moved to his final house in the village of Bloxham where he quickly became an active member of the village. He was involved in the setting up of the Bloxham Village History Club, of which he was Chairman at the time of his death, and was a founding member of the Bloxham Amnesty International Group which met at his house for the last twenty three years. He gave his time generously volunteering at the village museum and collecting locally for Cancer Research, the British Red Cross, the RNLI, Christian Aid and the Poppy Appeal.

As a boy Alan became interested in steam trains and would spend hours cycling around Birmingham to watch and photograph them. The trains and photography would prove to be lifelong passions.

Alan is greatly missed by children Helen, Sarah and Andrew, by his grandchildren Matthew, Rachel, Felix and Corina and by his companion of many years, Annie.

Alan Christopher Edmunds (1948) died 25th November 2011, aged 84. He read Natural Sciences. We received this information from his daughter Virginia Edmunds.

Dr John Foley (1935) died on 18 June 2011, aged 94. He read Natural Sciences.

Air Commodore Eric Joseph Tunnard Goose (1941) died on 24th July 2011, aged 88. He read Engineering. We were informed by his solicitors.

Dr Owen Allan Gurton (1946) died on 13 December 2010, aged 89. He worked for his Ph.D. at Downing.

Arthur Dudley Haff (1937) died in Christiana Hospital, Delaware on 15th May 2010, aged 94. He read Engineering and it is reported that he had retired from Bethlehem Steel Corporation in Baltimore, Maryland after over 30 years of work as Naval Architect/Marine Engineer. A fuller obituary may be found on <http://www.delmarvaobits.com/posts.cfm?obit=31979>.

Bernard Cecil Melville Hall (1954) died on September 17th, 2011, aged 77, in Shere, Surrey. He read Natural Sciences. We received this information from Mrs Bernard Hall.

Albert Henry Alexander Hamilton (1949) died in October 2011, aged 89.

John Hanley (1959) died in November 2011, aged 70. He read English. Robert Fothergill (1958) writes:



John Hanley died in November, 2011, in San Miguel de Allende in Mexico, where he had been living quite reclusively for a number of years. A student of F R Leavis, he went (as did I) to McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, in 1963 to do an M.A., thence to teach at the University of Victoria in BC, and onwards a few years later to a Ph.D. at Berkeley. From a teaching stint at the University of Western Australia,

he returned to California, where I last saw him in 1987, the owner of a large black Harley Davidson. I will remember him as cultivating a rather reserved and enigmatic persona, breaking almost reluctantly at times into a wry and winning chuckle.

Robin Neil Harrison (1953) died in Cincinnati on 20th September 2011. He read Natural Sciences. His wife, Ruth, writes:

(After specialising in Mathematics and Nuclear Physics at Downing) he then followed his love of aircraft to a graduate apprenticeship at the De Havilland Aircraft company which later became Hawker Siddeley Aviation. While at

Hawker Siddeley, he spent three years in Toulouse, France working on the early days of the European Airbus – now Airbus Industries.

In 1979, he took a job with General Electric Aircraft Engines in Cincinnati, OH retiring on December 31st 1999.

Robin played squash for Downing and he was also a Griffin. He also enjoyed visiting Downing whenever possible.

John Anthony Hoggarth (1938) died on 25th April 1997 aged 77. He read Agriculture. We received this information from his stepson Jeremy Platt (1961) and are indebted to his daughters Christina Linford and Fiona Faire for the following obituary.



John was born at Mia Hall in Flintshire on 17th Jan 1920 and was educated at Stonyhurst College in Lancashire.

After leaving school he studied agriculture at Downing College, Cambridge, matriculating in 1938. He enlisted in the army in September 1939 and joined the Royal Artillery. He served in India, Burma and Java with the 366 Field Battery, RA., and was with the occupying forces as they marched into Singapore in 1945, completing his army career with the rank of Major in 1948.

Following on from his military service, John farmed for a number of years in Moretonhampstead, Devon from 1948 to 1960. He married Mary Margaret (Peggy) Platt (née Hemelryk) in 1949. John had to give up farming due to chronic back pain and returned to Mia Hall in 1960 which they ran as a market garden until 1965, when John took a post at John Summers' steelworks in Shotton as Personnel Manager.

John's Roman Catholic faith was an important part of his life and, with the help of the Jesuits at St Buenos College, he was able to keep the Catholic Chapel at Mia Hall in operation while he lived there. He was active in the community and held a post as a local Councillor for many years and also worked voluntarily for SAAFA and The Samaritans as well as raising a family of three sons and three daughters. He had seven grandsons and four granddaughters and one great grandson at the time of his death on 25th April 1997.

David Kenneth Holbrook (1941) died on 11th August 2011, aged 88. He read English. David Holbrook was an Emeritus Fellow of Downing and his obituary is recorded in the College Record.

Sir Michael Holt CBE (1949) died on 5th September 2011, aged 83. He read Law. His contemporary Roger Greene (1949) writes:

He came up in 1949, after National Service in the Army, to read Law. He subsequently became a Chartered Accountant. Always interested in Politics, he became Chairman of the Eastern Region of the Conservative Party and received his knighthood for political services in Eastern England.

Herbert Clothier Hutchinson (1950) has died. He read History.

Ivor Jacobs (1945) died on 4th April 2012. He read English.

Robert Bryan Jameson (1944) died in Bolton Hospital, Lancashire on 16th April 2012, aged 85. He read Engineering. We received this information from his son Andrew who writes that his father had a full, rich and diverse life, in every sense; leaving his wife, Mary, three children, Andrew, Linda and Kathryn and eleven grandchildren.

Peter John Jarvis (1950) died in 2011, aged 81. He read Natural Sciences.

Hugh Harding Kensole (1953) died on 1st December 2011, aged 78. He read Engineering.

Robert Paul Lamb (1972) died of cancer on 12 February 2012, aged 59. He read History.

Born in 1952 in Windsor, Berkshire, he came to Downing from Maidenhead Grammar School with a scholarship to read History. He also had a trial for Reading FC, but chose instead to follow a successful career as a conservationist and television journalist.

He started in journalism with the BBC where he was a subeditor and TV reporter. Following a variety of work as a science writer and film director, he founded in 1984 the Television Trust for the Environment (tve) an independent, not-for-profit organisation with a remit to raise awareness of, and stimulate debate about, environment, development, health and human rights issues worldwide through television and other electronic media. In subsequent years tve won many awards including Emmys and Baftas. He personally won the UN Award for Outstanding Environmental Achievement.

In 2004 he left tve to concentrate full time on programme production, setting up One Planet Pictures and joining dev.tv a Swiss non-profit organisation, as Senior Executive Producer.

In 1980 Lamb married Nicola Gebolys; they divorced after the birth of their son, Gus. For the last 18 years his partner was the director and producer Janet Boston. He is survived by her, Gus, his father, Ron, and his sister, Susan.

An obituary, with fuller details of his media career, was published by the Guardian on 25th March 2012.

See <http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2012/mar/25/robert-lamb-obituary>

John Cradock Maples, Baron Maples (1961) died on 9th June 2012, aged 69. He read Law. John Hopkins writes:

One of our most distinguished members, Lord Maples, died on 9th June 2012. He was aged 69. Amongst many distinctions, he was Conservative Member of Parliament for Lewisham West from 1983 until 1992, for part of which time he was Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasury, and for Stratford-upon-Avon from 1997 until 2010; he did not stand for re-election and was created Lord Maples of Stratford-upon-Avon. During his time as a Member of Parliament, he was Shadow Minister for Defence, Shadow Minister for Health and Shadow Foreign Secretary, and he became Deputy Chairman of the Conservative Party. Of him it was said that he ‘was regarded by fellow politicians on all sides of the House of Commons as a man of integrity and decency who always answered the questions fired at him by interviewers’.

John Maples came up to Downing from Marlborough in 1961 to read Law. (That was the year in which the present writer was elected Fellow. He and I became friends, for we were ‘boys together’, the relationship of supervisor and pupil notwithstanding, and we remained friends for the rest of his days.) John took a good degree in Law – and had a most active extra-curricular life: specifically, he was prominent in ‘Footlights’, then run by his immediate seniors at Downing, John Cleese and Trevor Nunn. And he was and remained a notable oenophile: his discriminating palate for fine clarets and champagne was renowned.

Upon going down, he was called to the Bar of England and Wales by the Middle Temple but soon decided that the Bar was not for him. Rather, he went to North America, initially to be a banker, but soon founded a firm of lawyers with Douglas Calder, a rowing blue from St Catharine’s, in Grand Cayman. The firm, Maples and Calder, flourished (as it still does – and it has provided lucrative careers for many a Downing man). John continued there in practice for a decade and more, then went to the Harvard Business School and, by this time a wealthy man, returned to England to tend to a number of business interests – and to enter politics.

In a sense, his political career was one which is all too seldom encountered in the modern world, for he was not dependent on his parliamentary emolument

(Harold Macmillan is the prime example of that). He was never a 'yes-man'; although at an early stage of his political career he held the crucial office of Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasury and many of the highest shadow offices, he never progressed into the highest offices themselves. Though unfailingly courteous, he was direct and spoke the truth – often no doubt to the chagrin of his political superiors. He thus exercised much influence rather than great power.

John was a delightful man, excellent company, a steadfast friend and a loyal Downing man. He was also a devoted family man. Our sympathy goes out to his widow, Jane, and to their two children.

Philip Charles Message (1978) died in August 2008, aged 48. He read Computer Science.

He was Director of Engineering at Stanford Telecommunications Inc. and lived in Virginia.

Dr Anthony Brian James Miller-Williams (1951) died on 4th November 2008, aged 79. He read Natural Sciences. We received this information from his contemporary, David Evans (1951).

He worked as a surgeon, described as 'a world class man with an extraordinary talent and wit who touched the lives of so many people in so many special ways'. He trained and practised all over the world including Red Lake, Ontario, Malaysia, the Indian Ocean and the U.K. spanning more than 50 years. He also treated the wounded of the Vietnam War.

He is survived by his wife Jean of 45 years and family – two sons; two daughters, four granddaughters, two grandsons; and two great-grandchildren.

Kenneth Bloomfield Mosdell (1943) died on 6th October 2011, aged 86. He read Agricultural Sciences.

Allen Tooby Pennington (1954) died suddenly at home on 4th September 2011, aged 79. He read Natural Sciences.

Dr Richard Andrew Pike (1968) died of a brain tumour on 23rd July 2011, aged 61. He read Engineering.



His life is well documented by Wikipedia and is summarised here.

Richard Pike came up to Downing College from Gosport County Grammar School. He gained a first class B.A. in Engineering in 1971 and later, in 1977, he was awarded a Ph.D. The research carried out for his doctorate investigated experimental and theoretical

aspects of vapour bubble dynamics in boiling, focusing on the thermal and fluid characteristics of water and organic liquids in various gravitational fields, including Earth and zero gravity.

From being sponsored as an undergraduate, he had an almost 25-year career in BP, during which time he held a number of technical and commercial positions. These included Technical Manager of the Sullom Voe Terminal in Shetland, Scotland (then Europe's largest oil and gas processing facility), and General Manager, Chemicals, BP Far East. During this latter posting he was also appointed President, BP Chemicals, Japan, and Director, Samsung-BP Chemicals, South Korea.

After leaving Japan, he was for five years Director General of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, and Executive Vice Chairman, Professional Engineering Publishing. He later moved to become Senior Associate at Gaffney, Cline & Associates, advising on corporate strategy within the oil and gas industry, and leading international technical, commercial and organisational assignments throughout the energy supply chain. He was also non-executive Director, Chemistry Innovation Ltd., the corporate vehicle for the Chemistry Innovation Knowledge Transfer Network (CIKTN). In February 2006 he was appointed as the Chief Executive of the Royal Society of Chemistry, resigning from this position in February 2011.

He was a Chartered Scientist and Chartered Engineer, and was elected Fellow of six learned bodies: Royal Society of Chemistry, Institute of Physics, Energy Institute, Institution of Mechanical Engineers, Institution of Chemical Engineers and Institution of Electrical Engineers (now Engineering and Technology). Richard Pike was also a former recipient of the 'Award to Excellence' from the Institution of Plant Engineers, and a Freeman of the City of London. He authored numerous papers in the fields of science, education and training, engineering, and energy and climate change.

A keen linguist and sportsman, he was President of the Cambridge University Anglo-Japanese Society and was the first person to swim between the most northerly islands of the British Isles, in Shetland in 1980, in raising funds for medical research.

He is survived by his wife Fiona and three children.

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Alexander William Popper (1945) died in September 2011, aged 84. He read Natural Sciences.

Edouard Jean-Marie Pouret (1946) died in October 2011, aged 91. We received this information from his wife Jean.

Edouard Pouret was a veterinary surgeon for the French thoroughbred racing industry. After early work in Argentina, he was based in Normandy where he gained an international reputation. He has been described as “not only a great vet but an enormous character as well as a man of the highest integrity.” He acted as a Steward for many years and, in the mid seventies, he was President of the Fédération Française des Sports Equestres.

John Armstrong Raven CBE (1937) died peacefully in Brussels on 6th November 2011, at the age of 91. He read History and English. His daughter, Caroline has submitted the following obituary.



John Armstrong Raven (1937) died peacefully on the 6th November 2011, at the age of 91, with his third wife Lucienne at his side, in a hospital in Brussels. Born on April 23rd 1920 in Tewkesbury, John ('Jock' to friends) was brought up in the Newport/Cardiff area of South Wales. He gained a scholarship to Canton High School Cardiff and, despite great financial difficulties, matriculated to Downing College at the age of 17 with the assistance of at least four scholarships. He studied English under F R Leavis and History gaining his B.A. in 1940 and his M.A. in 1944. In 1940 his education came to a halt when he contracted TB and was sent to an isolation hospital in Wales for the next two years. From his bed and despite being given little hope for a full recovery he strove to continue his studies and work towards his law exams.

In 1955 he was called to the Bar at Gray's Inn but did not practise. From 1947-1968 John was Director of the British Coal Exporters' Federation, Section Head of the National Economic Development Office 1968-1970, Director General of the Association of British Chambers of Commerce 1972-1974. Having been Director of the Board initially, John held the position of Chief Executive and Vice Chair of the Board of Simplification of International Trade Procedures Overseas for several years from 1974. Its recommendation report published in 1970 represented the start of international trade's discussion and drive for facilitation.

In the 1980s and 90s, he worked on behalf of the fast-growing express and courier sector, travelling extensively across the globe, representing the industry at the World Bank, United Nations Development Program and the World Customs Organisation. This work was recognised in 1982 when he received the CBE for his services to Export from the Queen.

He became Director of the International Express Carriers Conference, whose members include UPS, Fed-EX, TNT and DHL, whilst continuing to engage in WCO matters.

For the last 10 years, John was TIACA's (Trans International Airways and Cargo Association) representative in Brussels providing industry input and support for the development of the post 9/11 WCO SAFE Framework of Standards to Secure and Facilitate Trade, the Data Model Unique Consignment Reference and capacity building for developing countries' customs operations.

This work was recognised when his daughters Caroline and Tigga travelled to Moscow in May of this year to receive an award from TIACA as John was inducted posthumously into their Hall of Fame 2012.

John had a proactive interest in politics although it was never his wish to run for parliament. He frequently wrote to Members of Parliament during the Thatcher years offering his thoughts and expertise on matters within his vast experience. For many years he wrote, outlining his views and opinions, for the Daily Telegraph under the pseudonym 'John Bosworth'.

Away from the work place, John married Megan Humphreys in 1945 and had a son and daughter; John and Caroline. After Megan's death in 1963, John married Joy Wynyard in 1965 with a daughter from a previous marriage, Tigga. Joy died in the 1970s and in July 2011, after many happy years together already, John married Lucienne Sabatier in Brussels Town Hall.

John had very fond memories of his life and chums at Cambridge and after his death his daughter Caroline found much warm and friendly correspondence from College friends including **Eugene Vincent De Souza (1937)**, **John Dacre Rigg (1938)** (who John named his son after), Fredric Sison Hamm and **J L Jolley (1939)**. John had been active in the rowing teams and photos of the teams hung in his study until his death along with the remains of his boating blazer.

John enjoyed reading and poetry all his life, sharing a love of Dylan Thomas' works with his daughter. He was always interested in acquiring fresh knowledge and had a wide range of interests – he was a connoisseur of wines, a coin collector, a keen gardener when younger, had a passion for music, modern art and architecture, was hugely interested in WW1 history and enjoyed walking and fishing whilst still living in Britain. John had developed a love for Europe in the early 50s when he had travelled on business and lived in both France and Belgium in later years, ending his days in the UCCLE district of Brussels.

Brian Collins Redwood (1946) As announced in the 2011 *Newsletter*, Brian Redwood died on 22nd November 2010 aged 85. Since that announcement the College Archivist, Kate Thompson, has contributed to an Obituary in the *Journal of the Society of Archivists*, vol 33, issue 1, April 2012, pp 109–11, which is summarised here.

Brian Redwood was one of the last surviving county archivists appointed in the early post-war surge in founding a network of County Record Offices.

Working successively in East Sussex and Cheshire he witnessed, and contributed to, the development of the robust system of local authority provision for archives that exists today.

Born at Blagdon, near Bristol, in 1925, into a family supported by his father's grocery and drapery business Brian was educated locally at Blagdon and at Queen's College Taunton. He left Queen's College in 1943 during the Second World War and, influenced by the actions of his father, a pacifist who spent the First World War in Dartmoor prison, Brian chose action as an Engineer in the Navy, rather than a fighting role. He served in the Fleet Air Arm until October 1946. That same month he matriculated at Downing to study the Historical Tripos, assisted by an annual Exhibition of £40.

Brian began his professional career in the East Sussex Record Office in 1950. During his time there he became Secretary of the British Records Association (BRA), a post that he held for eight years, surrendering it in 1964.

Brian was appointed County Archivist of Cheshire in 1962. Here he spent the rest of his professional career, turning an old-style establishment into a modern Record Office open to all with an interest in local and family history.

While at Cheshire Brian was deeply involved with local history organisations and activities, devoting time and energy to the Lancashire and Cheshire Record Society, Cheshire Local History Committee and Chester Archaeological Society. In the mid-1960s he was one of the prime movers in setting up the then North West and North Wales group of the Society of Archivists, and was at the forefront of negotiations for providing funds, staffing and accommodation for the Cheshire Victoria County History which began its work in Cheshire in 1972.

In retirement Brian was no less active. He retired in 1984 and was one of the founding members of the Friends of the Herefordshire Record Office in 1985-6, serving as Secretary until 2003 and was sometime Chairman. He was a prime mover in founding the Weobley Local History Society, of which he was Chairman and, for four years, President. In addition he became one of the Trustees for the Trust for the Herefordshire Victoria County History in 1996.

It was while working in Lewes that Brian met Barbara Geddes, a botanist, whom he married in 1953 and with whom he had three children Penny, Helen and Stephen. Music was his passion, playing both the violin and the piano: in Cheshire he and Barbara were members of the Chester Orchestral Society.

It was said of him that "As a person Brian was kind, witty, and intellectual, with a tendency to the absent-mindedness which sometimes accompanies that quality. Stories of his driving off in his trade-mark van leaving his briefcase in the car park of a Cheshire town hall, or of ringing his Secretary to ask 'I am on the way to Liverpool - where should I be?' are still fondly recalled."

Alec David Richards (1940) has died. He read Engineering.

John Dacre Rigg CBE (1938) died on 31st December 2011, aged 92. He read Natural Sciences.

He was Chairman of ICI Dyestuffs/Organics Division 1970–1979 and received his CBE in 1978 for services to Export.

Vernon Colin Robertson (1949) and Ronald Charles James Robertson (1946)

Vernon and Jim Robertson were two Downing brothers who died within ten days of each other in the spring. Their surviving younger brother **John (1948)**, 85, was also at Downing from 1948–1950. He succeeded his brother Jim as Secretary of the Downing Rugby Club and graduated in Economics. He now lives in Dornoch, Sutherland, where he retired in 1989. Last October, Mike Ross (1963) submitted an article for the *Newsletter* on the three brothers and this is published on page 44. The obituaries below were written by John Robertson.

Vernon Robertson, 1922–2012

After war service Vernon graduated from Edinburgh University with a B.Sc. in Agriculture and went on to Downing College where he gained an M.A., also in Agriculture, in 1949. He joined the staff at Cambridge School of Agriculture and was Assistant Manager of the University Farm for three years.

He then joined Hunting Aerosurveys as an ecologist heading a new natural resources survey department. This developed into Hunting Technical Services, an overseas land and water consultancy of which he was Managing Director until his retirement in 1997 when he was awarded the OBE. Vernon also served as Vice-Chairman of the Environmental Planning Commission of the International Union for Conservation of Nature and, from 1982 to 1990, as a Board Member of the Commonwealth Development Corporation.

He was a talented artist and photographer and has left a wonderful legacy of his work.

Jim Robertson, 1924–2012

Jim went to Downing to read History after service in the Navy during the war. He was a keen rugby player and was Secretary of the Downing Rugby Club. He also rowed for the Downing Boat Club Eight in the May Bumps. He graduated in 1948.

After graduating he taught at Akeley Wood Preparatory School and subsequently became Headmaster at Heathmount Preparatory School, until he retired to Frinton where he enjoyed golf and sailing.

He leaves a widow Liz, a son and daughter and four grandchildren.

Russell John Roche (1981) died on 18th September 2011 aged 49. He read Medicine. A tribute from his year rep, Sam Andrews, appears in Magenta News.

Chris Laurence Russon (1972) died on 20th May 2012, aged 59. He read Engineering. Michael Kemp (1972) informed us of his death and has submitted the following obituary.

Christopher Laurence Russon died in Cambridge from a brain tumour, just short of his 60th birthday. Chris came up to Downing to read Mathematics from King Edward VI School Camp Hill, Birmingham, taking a first before going on to take Part II in Engineering (Operations Research), again taking a first. He joined Applied Research of Cambridge, a spin out from the CAD Centre, in the then new field of computer-aided design software for architecture. He remained in this field, in Cambridge, working in increasingly senior roles for companies large and small including McDonnell Douglas, Informatix, Aveya and Sunrise Systems, for the whole of his career. In recent years, Chris seriously considered moving back into academia to pursue a long held interest in probability theory and the perception of risk, but sadly this was not to be.

Away from work, Chris's interests included music, sport and travel. Whilst at Downing, Chris joined the Spriguns of Tolgus, a folk-rock band set up by Mike Morton (Downing 1970) and his wife Mandy, playing weekly at the Anchor pub in Silver Street. Chris played on Spriguns' first album, *Jack with Feather* (1975) which later reached cult status (and value) as one of the rarest and most collectable pop records. He continued to sing and play acoustic and electric guitar, as well as mandolin, in various bands and for pleasure for the rest of his life.

In sport, Chris played his life somewhat in reverse. At Downing, Chris would rarely be seen playing anything more strenuous than croquet (though he was nonetheless a fearsome opponent!). During his 40s he took up first golf, then rowing and finally, in his 50s he started running, which became his passion. Chris was a member of the Cantabrigensis Hash House Harriers, becoming its Grand Master, and developed into an accomplished marathon runner. He ran the London Marathon three times as well as marathons in a number of cities across Europe.

Chris was a very sociable person and built a huge network of friends and acquaintances around the world. His funeral, in St Andrews Church, Chesterton, was standing room only. The many runners present donned specially commissioned tee-shirts and ran from the church to a reception in Downing, where a toast was raised to the hashers' traditional cheer of *on-on*.

Chris leaves his wife Jenny, a headteacher, whom he married in 1980.

John Scott Mason (1951) died in 2006.

Charles Stephen Shirtcliffe (1970) died suddenly on 1st September 2011, aged 60. He read English. We received this information from Barrie Jones (1965) and David Tucker (1967).

Charles Shirtcliffe lived at Kilburn in North Yorkshire and was Senior Partner of Shirtcliffe Law, Thirsk. He was an active governor at Ampleforth St Martin's Catholic Prep School, in Ampleforth and a member of the York Guild of Scriveners. He had played an enthusiastic part in village life, helping to run the annual Kilburn Feast.

Anthony Corby Smith (1947) died on 19th December 2011, aged 86. He read Moral Sciences and also studied for a P.G.C.E. in 1953. His son, Duncan Smith (1973) writes:



Anthony ('Tony') Smith was born in Thrapston, Northamptonshire, on 24th October 1925 and died on 19th December 2011 after a short illness following a stroke. The only child of a Baptist minister, Archibald Smith, and his wife Marion, a teacher, Tony was educated at Hereford Cathedral School. Before coming up to Downing to read Moral Sciences in 1947, he had

joined the Royal Navy and seen service on the aircraft carrier *HMS Glory* in the Asia-Pacific region between 1944 and 1947.

Interspersed with an external English degree from the University of London, a return to Downing to study for a P.G.C.E. in 1953 and, later, an M.Ed. from Birmingham University, Tony spent most of his working life as an educational psychologist for Yorkshire, Worcestershire and Gloucestershire LEAs and retired from his Cheltenham clinic in 1990. He also found time to create and have published a set of children's books in the early 1960s (the *Doctor Fobbins* series), two novels (*A Glimpse of Judgment* and *Time to go Home*) as well as two collections of his father's sermons and an anthology of his uncle's poems. He published his final work, (*Sailors' Rest*) a collection of essays about war service in the Navy, shortly before his death.

Tony met his late wife, Edna May Nicholson, while working in Hull and with her brought up three children, moving from Hull first to Wakefield then to Malvern, finally to Winchcombe in Gloucestershire in 1974. He kept up with news of Downing over the years and was a regular visitor to Cambridge to see friends (and to see one of his sons, Duncan Ritchie Smith, who followed him to Downing in 1973). Tony's love of literature – he was a wide and voracious reader, of classics, poetry, religious texts and history, especially military history – was balanced by his love of the outdoors. A fit and spare man, he walked the Pennine Way more than once, the Coast-to-Coast and El Camino de Santiago

de Compostella and cycled from Land's End to John O'Groats when nearly 70, having, in his 50s taken up distance running which led to many half-marathons and marathons, including six London Marathons and one Paris one. He continued cycling into his 80s, especially enjoying a regular ride from Winchcombe to the weekly Tewkesbury market, a twenty mile round trip.

Underpinning Tony Smith's life was a profound Christian faith which provided a clear moral compass and guided his daily steps. He was especially generous with his time and money, with people whom he perceived as most needy or disadvantaged, starting on a personal level with young people excluded from main stream school for whom he organised group outings in his own time and developing into lifelong support and involvement with many causes and charities such as Christian Aid and Compassion in World Farming.

Alfred John Leslie Southwell (1927) died on 27th May 2012, aged 103. He read Modern Languages.

Dr Melanie Elizabeth Spooner (1999) died in September 2011 aged 30.



She read Medical Sciences. Her friend and contemporary Rebecca Watkins (1999) writes:

Having achieved the highest possible grades at Advanced level at the Abbey School, Reading, Mel joined Downing College in 1999. From an early stage she achieved the highest standards, attaining Whitby Scholarships in each of her years and then the Senior Whitby Scholarship for achieving class I each year of her degree. Her third year research project contributed to our understanding of "Dendritic cell subpopulations in different degrees of cervical dysplasia and neoplasia".

Mel's achievements were not confined to academia, she also found time to cox the Downing Men's rowing crew and played clarinet in the University of Cambridge Concert Band and Trinity Players. Ever generous with her time she took part in Campus Children's holidays, volunteered with Student Community Action and helped to organise RAG events during her three years at Downing.

Mel graduated from Cambridge in 2002 with a B.A. (Hons.) in Natural Sciences (Pathology), achieving First Class before moving to London to undertake her clinical training at Royal Free and University College Medical School. In her first clinical year alone Mel won five prizes for her performance and went on to spend her elective placement in Kota Kinabalu, Borneo, working in both hospital paediatrics and with the flying doctors service.

Mel graduated from London in June 2005 with a Distinction in Clinical Practice, prizes and the award of a Bronze medal from the University of London. She started her postgraduate career in Basildon, Lister and University College Hospitals and completed M.R.C.P. parts 1 and 2 before gaining a specialist Paediatric training post. Working first in Lewisham and then the Evelina Children's Hospital, Mel was a talented, committed and caring doctor, dedicated to her work, patients and their parents with whom she was hugely popular. She worked hard to complete the rigorous M.R.C.P.C.H. examinations, achieving College membership in July 2011.

Mel Spooner is remembered as a kind, generous, gentle and caring physician, daughter, sister and friend. She always made time for those who needed her, supported and encouraged those around her and amazed and inspired those who knew her. She is survived by her parents Jane and Robert, brother Simon and sister-in-law Nicola.

Charles Rae Stevenson (1957) died in January 2009, aged 72. He studied Modern Languages. We received this information from Mrs D Stevenson.

Royston Summers (1951) died on 30th May 2012, aged 80, after a long illness. He studied Classics and English. His wife, Elizabeth Summers (Newnham 1952), writes:



Roy was born on 3rd October 1931 in Wolverhampton and went to Wolverhampton Grammar School, where he was in the Classics Sixth. His father was a butcher and farmer. After National Service in the Intelligence Corps in Germany (which involved espionage in East Germany, photographing Russian planes and being shot in the knee) he went to Downing College at Cambridge.

The first of his family to go to university, Roy read Classics for two years. He switched to English under Frank Leavis for his third year, graduating in 1954. Leavis influenced his way of thinking for the rest of his life.

After an unsuccessful six months as a trainee with John Lewis – sacked for telling customers what they *ought* to like – Roy applied to the Architectural Association School of Architecture. After another five years as a student he joined the architectural department of Cornwall County Council as part of the team responsible for New County Hall in Truro (Grade 2 listed in 1997), designing a range of office furniture that later went into commercial production. His first solo job was a new library in Saltash.

In 1964 he set up his own practice in Blackheath, London, SE3. His first project to attract attention (and to win a MOHLG medal) was “North Several”

– innovative energy-efficient houses using passive solar heating designed with the aid of computers for a group of families, including his.

Other housing schemes followed, notably prestigious, low-density “Lakeside Drive”, in Esher, Surrey, which won the RIBA Architecture Award in 1976 and the DoE Medal and Diploma for Good Design in 1980.

Roy then worked for a time for Lambeth Borough Council, designing 52 storey tower blocks aimed at solving the horrendous housing problems in Brixton (an experience that formed the basis of “Benefactors”, the play written by his friend and North Several neighbour Michael Frayn). The flats were never built.

He completed a number of projects for the London Borough of Lewisham, including the first-ever solar-heated council flats at Redfern Road, which won a CIBS commendation for energy use in 1982.

Married in 1957 to Elizabeth Forster (Newnham 1952–55), Roy had four children, who survive him. As long as he was able he pursued his passions of mountaineering, walking, photography and gardening. After a long illness he died peacefully on 30th May 2012 in Bristol.

Alec Ian Taylor (1949) has died. He read Agricultural Sciences.

John Tomlinson (1944) died on 4th October 2011, aged 85. He read Engineering. We were informed by his wife, Pat Tomlinson.

After graduating he was commissioned into the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. He subsequently spent some time in Research and Development in Telecommunications, after which he became a Management Consultant. He reverted to Engineering for the second half of his career, firstly at the West Midlands Engineering Employers’ Association and latterly heading up the Careers section of the Engineering Industry Training Board.

We have recently learned that **David Price Williams (1943)** died on 28th May 1976, aged 50. He read Medicine.

Dr Martin Charlton Woodhouse (1951) died in July 2011, aged 78. He read Natural Sciences.

Martin Woodhouse was born in Romford, Essex, the son of a local doctor. Educated at Oundle School he came up to Downing to read Natural Sciences, before attending Medical School at St Mary’s Hospital, in London. He did postgraduate research at the Medical Research Council Applied Psychology Unit, where he designed and built the Logical Truth Computer (LTC, nicknamed Lettuce) to investigate and compare the differences between human and machine intelligence. He was called up for National Service with the RAF

in 1958, serving initially as a Pilot Officer before moving to the Institute of Aviation Medicine at Farnborough.

Following his service with the RAF he became a television screenwriter, writing, with his brother Hugh, episodes of the ATV puppet series *Supercar* and then a member of the writing team for *The Avengers*.

In 1966 he wrote his first novel, *Tree Frog*, which became the first in a series of five books, written over the next ten years, built around the central character 'Giles Yeoman'. Yeoman is an aeronautical engineer who is a reluctant participant in a variety of cloak-and-dagger exploits conducted by the British intelligence community – a character that built upon his experience with the RAF. During this period he moved, first to Los Angeles and then to the West Indies.

In Montserrat, Woodhouse met Robert Ross, an expert on Leonardo da Vinci and the pair wrote three novels. They focus on Leonardo's work as a military engineer in the service of the Duke of Milan. Leonardo is depicted as a clever, sarcastic Italian Renaissance engineer who doubts the supremacy of the Catholic Church. Many details in these books are historically based, but large portions of the stories depend upon ideas from Leonardo's sketch books being developed into functional machines.

He wrote his final novel *Traders* (about an Afghan prince who profits as an arms' trader) in 1980. In the 1980s, he changed direction again, working as a freelance programmer and system designer, developing programs for e-commerce companies and stock market trading simulators.

Woodhouse was a keen skier and mountaineer.

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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 M.B.A. or equivalent courses in this country or abroad, but the awards are not restricted to such courses. Scholarships of up to £10,000 per annum, for courses of up to two years' duration, have been made in the recent past. For further information about the awards and application process please contact the Tutorial and Admissions Office via studentships@dow.cam.ac.uk.

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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.

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

HIGH TABLE DINING RIGHTS

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

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

Charges are made on all occasions for wine taken.

Members may bring a guest (charged) with the Fellows Steward's permission.

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Peter Duffett-Smith's entrepreneurial instincts could not be repressed and he set up another company “DSM Energy Control Limited” with a partner to produce green energy-saving devices. If you have installed solar photovoltaic panels on your roof, you will know that when the Sun comes out, you generate more electricity than you can use. Peter's first product is called SolarCache+, and it diverts the excess energy into your hot-water tank in a continuous and controlled fashion, saving money on your hot-water heating bill. Peter has used one of these devices for more than a year, and was able to switch off his gas heating altogether last summer whilst continuing to enjoy steaming hot baths without restraint. See www.dsmenergycontrol.co.uk if interested in more details.

Richard Stibbs and Julia had in May an excellent visit to the University of Virginia in Charlottesville to renew friendships with many of the Thomas Jefferson Fellows who have visited Downing over the past 35 years. We were delighted to meet seventeen of them at an evening reception hosted by Professors Richard and Ellie Wilson. The guests include Professor DeForest Mellon who had been the first visitor to Downing in 1979. That visit had been instigated by John Treherne who had been collaborating with DeForest. John Treherne was, by a happy piece of serendipity, Richard's predecessor as President.

Bill Adams has recently been involved in a study of the role of computer games in biodiversity conservation. Can conservation be fun? Log on and find out: <http://www.gamesfornature.org/>.

Graham Virgo has published the following books this year:

The Principles of Equity and Trusts (OUP)

Contractual duties: Performance, Breach, Termination and Remedies (Andrews, Clarke, Tettenborn and Virgo) (Sweet and Maxwell).

He has been appointed Deputy Chair of the Law Faculty.

John McCombie enjoyed two terms sabbatical leave and achieved, as is the way of these things, far less than he anticipated. However, he enjoyed trips to conferences in Coimbra, Portugal and Trento, Italy as a key-note speaker on economic growth and the balance-of-payments constraint and on the shortcomings of the surrogate production function respectively. His book *Technical Change and the Aggregate Production Function: Not Even Wrong* on which he has been working with a colleague off and on for a number of years is now coming to fruition. From October 2012, he will be Professor in Regional and Applied Economics.

Trevor Robbins was appointed as a CBE in the New Year's Honours List for "contributions to medical research". He has been on sabbatical leave for the first part of the academic year and spent time at the National Institute of Mental Health (Washington DC, USA) and at the Scripps Research Institute (San Diego, USA). He also gave lectures at Hawaii, Austin and San Antonio (Texas), Tel Aviv, Lausanne, Nice, Utrecht, Philadelphia, Barcelona and Stockholm. With the Master, Professor Barry Everitt, Trevor was awarded the Distinguished Contribution Award of the American Psychological Association in August 2011, at their annual meeting in Washington D.C. A significant publication was that appearing in *Science* magazine in February with Karen Ersche and Ed Bullmore on psychological and neural factors predisposing to drug addiction in human abusers.

Stafford Withington was awarded a Visiting Fellowship at All Souls College, Oxford. He spent the Lent and Easter Terms in Oxford, and found the time highly productive and immensely enjoyable. During the year, he was also appointed to a visiting Chair in the Physics Department of Oxford University. Other milestones include the award of a number of major grants for developing advanced instrumentation for space science. Research projects are underway with the European Space Agency, the Space Research Organisation of the Netherlands, the Japanese Space Agency, the Italian Space Agency and NASA. For example, Stafford is currently working with the Dutch and Japanese on a mission called SPICA, which aims to place a far-infrared cooled-aperture space telescope at Lagrange Point 2. During the year, Stafford published around 20 journal and conference papers. He serves on the STFC Project Peer Review Panel, which assess the scientific and technical cases of all major astronomy, high energy physics and accelerator physics proposals.

Ian James published his latest book, *The New French Philosophy* (Polity Press), a major new introduction to contemporary French philosophy, focusing on the most recent developments since post-structuralism and postmodernism. He is also an invited speaker at *Philosophy Night 2012*, an all-night event held in London in June. *Philosophy Night* is organized by the Institut Français in order to promote dialogue between philosophers working within both the European and the Anglo-Saxon traditions and to make ideas accessible to the public.

Professor Roberts' new research project, Rethinking Comparative Syntax, a European Research Council-funded Advanced Grant for €2.5 million, began on June 11th. So far, three (Senior) Research Associates and two Ph.D. students have been brought into the team, with three more Ph.D. students to start in October 2012. From October 1st, 2011, he has been Chair of the Faculty of Modern and Medieval Languages. He has also been named President Elect of the Societas Linguistica Europaea, the principal international European learned society in Linguistics; he will take up the Presidency for one year from September 2012.

The two highlights of **David Feldman's** year both involved the College. In August 2011, Becky, David and Jill's daughter and an Old Member of Newnham, married John Dalton, an Old Member of Peterhouse, in the Howard Building. They and their guests enjoyed a wonderful dinner and dancing in the Hall, being superbly looked after by the College's brilliant staff. Then over four days in September, David, as President of the Society of Legal Scholars (the learned society of legal academics in the UK and Ireland), welcomed about 500

delegates from all over the world to Downing for the Society's annual conference. Once again, the staff performed magnificently, and delegates were highly complimentary about the outstanding quality of the College's environment, accommodation and catering. The more familiar rigours of the academic year have been almost relaxing by comparison.

During the past year, **Marcus Tomalin** has published several journal articles on subjects ranging from morphological decomposition techniques for Arabic speech recognition systems, to the teaching of French in Britain from 1750 to 1830, to the role of recursion in modern syntactic theory. He has become a researcher for both the EPSRC-funded Natural Speech Technology project (which involves Edinburgh and Sheffield Universities, as well as Cambridge) and the Feedback Analysis for User-adaptive Statistical Translation (FAUST) project. In addition, he has continued to give regular lute recitals, and, along with Anna Langley and The Selwyn Consort, he recorded a CD, "Milles Regretz: Music for Lutes and Voices", in Downing chapel which was released by Regent Records in the summer of 2012.

The most important event of the academic year for **Natalia Mora-Sitja** was the birth of her daughter Claudia in November 2011. When not on maternity leave, she has been working on a chapter on changes in occupational structure – workers employed in the agricultural, industrial, and service sectors – in Spain since the nineteenth century, which will appear in an edited volume. Her piece on work and wages in the Barcelona calico-printing factories has recently appeared in a volume edited by A. Sánchez, *La indústria de les indies a Barcelona, 1730–1850* (2012); and she has been awarded a small Newton Trust research grant for a project on 'Gender and growth in historical perspective' that she is now kickstarting.

Bill O'Neill is Director of Studies in Engineering and a Reader in Laser Engineering (and from October 1st 2012 – Professor in Laser Engineering). He continues his research studies in high power laser materials processing and has recently been awarded a six year £2.5 million Doctoral Training Centre in Ultra Precision Technologies funded by the EPSRC. The new Centre will provide opportunities for around 40 science and engineering Ph.D. students to obtain education and research training in a wide range of ultra precision technologies such as focused ion beams, ultra fast laser technologies, and reactive atom processing. In addition to directing the Centre for Industrial Photonics, within the Institute for Manufacturing, Bill is also the Course Director for the Manufacturing Engineering Tripos.

Amy Goymour is delighted to have been recently appointed to a University Lectureship in Land Law at the Cambridge Law Faculty, starting in October 2012. Her two most recent publications are a chapter evaluating the impact of Human Rights on property law (chapter 12 in D Hoffman, *The Impact of the UK Human Rights Act on Private Law* (CUP, 2011) and an co-authored article on the legal protection awarded to rights in bank accounts (Goymour and Watterson, *Testing the boundaries of conversion: account-holders, intangible property and economic harm* [2012] LMCLQ 204).

Amy Milton was delighted to be elected the first Ferreras-Willetts Fellow in Neuroscience this year. She has continued with her research into developing treatments for psychiatric disorders, based on the disruption of maladaptive memories. She has published reviews on the influence of maladaptive memories on relapse to drug addiction and persistent anxiety in PTSD, respectively in *Neuroscience and Biobehavioral Reviews*, and a book chapter in ‘*Exposure Therapy: New Developments*’, which will be published in July 2012. She spoke at several conferences, including the 5th International Conference on Memory in York and the 14th European Behavioural Pharmacology Society conference in Amsterdam. She has enthusiastically continued with her attempts to engage the general public with neuroscience research, giving a talk at the Cambridge Science Festival, which led to her research being featured in newspapers including *The Independent* and *The Daily Mail*. She also ran a film festival on ‘Compulsion’ in collaboration with the British Science Association and the Cambridge Arts Picturehouse.

From April to August 2011, **Brigitte Steger** travelled to Japan as a Visiting Lecturer at Keio University, Tokyo (under an exchange agreement with Downing College). In June and July, she went north to a coastal town in Iwate prefecture called Yamada, where she lived in a shelter for victims of the March 11th tsunami and conducted research on life in the shelter. She has widely presented her research at conferences, in Japanese media and as academic articles. She is currently working on a book based on this research and is also co-editing a fieldwork-based book, tentatively titled *Coping with Disaster*.

In Michaelmas term 2011, Brigitte was an Early Career Fellow at CRASSH, the Centre for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities at Cambridge University. She is also finishing up a book on the cultural history of sleep in Japan and another on socio-cultural aspects of sleep in contemporary Japan. In the summer, she was re-elected onto the Council of the European Association for Japanese Studies.

Ken McNamara has been very busy in his new extra job as Director of the Sedgwick Museum of Earth Sciences. Major restructuring (in this case creating more staff positions) and new initiatives on the amazing fossil, rock and mineral collections have been exciting, but also time consuming. If you have never visited the museum please drop in sometime and see the best geological display in the country. The two books he is meant to be writing, one on the impact of the evolution of life on the planet and another on trilobites, have been placed on the back burner for a while. Ken gave a number of lectures during the year on his recently published book, *The Star-Crossed Stone*. A forthcoming sabbatical in Australia will hopefully enable him to catch up on a number of research papers that are in various stages of completion and get those books moving again.

Dick Taplin was re-elected as Chairman of the International Ski Federation's Speed Skiing Committee, overseeing the sport and running World Championship and World Cup circuits. He retains his operational links with the British Ski and Snowboard governing body, as leader of their international delegation, and with the Combined Services Winter Sports Association for which he is Head of Alpine and Telemark Race Calculations.

Over the past twelve months, **Jamie Alcock** has been busy publishing nine research articles and reports in addition to presenting a further nine papers at seven international conferences. Jamie continues to develop research and teaching collaborations in the Asia-Pacific region, having visited China six times in the past twelve months and presented four invited seminars. The highlight of his year has been the progress of his Ph.D. students, who continue to dazzle the world with their brilliance.

Jimena Berni has published her investigation on the function of the internal clock of living organisms in the journal *Current Biology* [*Adult-specific electrical silencing of pacemaker neurons uncouples molecular clock from circadian outputs*. *Curr Biol.* 2011]. She has been invited to the EMBO Fellows Conference held in Heidelberg, Germany, to present her work on the organization of the locomotor system. She has been actively involved in the development of novel teaching exercises for undergraduate students and received the prize for Outstanding Article of 2010–11 by the Journal of Undergraduate Neuroscience Education, USA [*Using the warmth-gated ion channel TRPA1 to study the neural basis of behavior in Drosophila*. JUNE, Spring 2010]. She was invited by the Faculty for Undergraduate Neuroscience to Pomona College in Claremont, California, USA, to organize a workshop for College educators where she presented how

to incorporate techniques used in neuroscience research to laboratory exercises and has a new manuscript on this topic accepted for publication by the Journal of Undergraduate Neuroscience Education, USA {*The fundamentals of flying: simple and inexpensive strategies for employing Drosophila genetics in neuroscience teaching laboratories*. June, 2012}.

This was **Alicia Hinarejos's** first full academic year in Cambridge, and it was most enjoyable. She lectured in EU law and created a new graduate course in Constitutional Law of the EU for the Faculty of Law; she also supervised EU law at Downing. This year, Alicia's research focused mainly on the constitutional background and response to the Euro Area crisis, and she was invited to give seminars on this topic in Cambridge, Durham, and Montreal, as well as the Annual EU Law Lecture in Ottawa. Other publications concerned EU integration in criminal matters (*European Law Review*), EU citizenship (*Cambridge Law Journal*) and judicial legitimacy (*Cambridge Yearbook of European Law*).

This was **Joe Webster's** first year at Downing (and, indeed, Cambridge) having taken up a three year Isaac Newton-Graham Robertson Research Fellowship in social anthropology and sociology in October 2011. During this first year his time has been spent preparing his ethnographic monograph (*Protestants and Prawns: Enchantment and 'The Word' in a Scottish Fishing Village*) for publication as a book. Having received interest from a major anthropology of religion book series, the manuscript will be ready for review in September 2012. Joe has also had a journal article accepted in *Ethnos: Journal of Anthropology*, with another currently under review. Joe has been involved in the teaching life of the College, acting as a Supervisor within sociology and anthropology, and, in Easter term, Downing's Director of Studies for PPS. As well as presenting his work among Aberdeenshire fishermen at several conferences this year, Joe has also begun research for a new ethnographic project on Orangeism and Unionism in Scotland and Northern Ireland. This will periodically take Joe away from Cambridge for the next academic year as he conducts ten months of participant observation. Finally, having successfully sat his Viva in January 2012, Joe graduated in the summer from the University of Edinburgh with a Ph.D. in social anthropology.

OBITUARY

David Kenneth Holbrook (Fellow 1981–1988, Emeritus Fellow 1988–2011) died on 11th August 2011 aged 88.



On 12th May 2012 there took place in the Howard Theatre in Downing College a Celebration of the life of David Holbrook, who had died the previous August. Well over one hundred persons were present. Friends, colleagues and pupils of David (all overlapping categories) spoke about aspects of David's life and work, including readings from his prose and verse. Music and song were performed that had direct connection with his life. On display was a selection of David's paintings; a table was covered with a sample of his fifty-or-so published books. A series of photographs showed David from his army days onwards;

material from the College archives illustrated David's progress through Downing, from his application in 1940, embracing his time as an undergraduate, Fellow and Fellow Emeritus, concluding with a collection of letters from F R Leavis. It was, by common consent, a remarkable occasion, celebrating a remarkable man.

David Holbrook was born on 9th January 1923, the son of a railway clerk, in Norwich, where he attended the City of Norwich School. Some of the experiences of the young Holbrook, particularly those involving the Maddermarket Theatre and its inspirational director, Nugent Monck, are described in *A Play of Passion* (1978). This is one of several autobiographical novels, in which David appears in the guise of Paul Grimmer (taking his mother's maiden name). In 1941, he came to Downing as an Exhibitioner to read English, where Leavis was his Director of Studies. The notes from his admissions interview with the Senior Tutor, Hyde Whalley-Tooker, include: 'Wd. like to write, combined with teaching', which proved a reasonably accurate prediction. After one year, he left to join the Army, initially as Intelligence, Mines and Explosives Officer with the East Riding Yeomanry. From 1942 to 1945 he served with the Armoured Corps, eventually commanding a Duplex Drive 'swimming tank' that landed in Normandy on Sword Beach, on D Day itself. He had, as a junior officer, taken part (possibly illegally) in demonstrations for a 'Second Front Now!' He now found himself a prominent part of it.

Letters from David to his Tutor Bill Cuttle provide impressions of his time as a soldier. But he fortunately saw fit to depict his wartime experiences in another ‘Paul Grimmer’ novel called *Flesh Wounds*. It was not published until 1966, by which time it seemed appropriate to David that the story should be told. There are those who rate the book as one of the most sensitive and credible novels to emerge from the Second World War. As the title suggests, David was wounded early in the Normandy Campaign; he was evacuated back to Britain, but returned to active service in time to be involved in the Ardennes Campaign and the Rhine Crossing. In a later letter to Cuttle from July 1945, David described the boredom of ‘policing 434,000 ex-Wehrmacht’, passing the time in ‘serious reading’, but finding it ‘very difficult to reconcile Milton’s prose or Elizabethan plays with the conversation at a Regimental dinner.’

David returned to Downing in 1945 and graduated in 1947. Leavis’ supervision reports noted the improved impression his pupil made on him after his return from the War, but observed with apparent disquiet his increased involvement in politics. (David never concealed his early membership of the Communist Party; like many others, he quit after the Soviet suppression of the Hungarian Uprising in 1956). Letters to Cuttle and Leavis requesting testimonials suggest David’s restlessness in the post-War years. He worked initially for Edgell Rickword, literary critic and poet of the Great War, as assistant editor of Rickword’s magazine, *Our Time*. After spells with the Bureau of Current Affairs and the Workers’ Educational Association, he went in 1954 as a Tutor to Bassingbourn Village College. This proved the basis for the next, decisive phase of David’s life as teacher and educationalist.

The Village College movement was intended by its founder, Henry Morris, to be comprehensive in the broadest sense, providing a focus for the whole of the local community. Fittingly, David’s experiences at Bassingbourn supplied the material and inspiration for pathbreaking books on the teaching of English, beginning with *English for Maturity* (1961). In *English for the Rejected* (1964), he memorably demonstrated that children sidelined as failures (‘D Streamers’) could both benefit from and contribute towards the experience of English teaching. Along with *The Exploring Word* (1967) and *The Secret Places* (1972), these books established David as one of the most influential writers for more than a generation of teachers. Their pupils were directly influenced through David’s best-selling anthologies: *Thieves and Angels* (1962), *People and Diamonds* (1962) and *Iron, Honey, Gold: the uses of verse* (1965). It remains a common experience, on mentioning David’s name to those of a certain age, to receive the response: ‘You mean *the* David Holbrook?’ His contribution to teaching and learning is eloquently set out by his pupil Tom Deveson in the *Guardian* obituary (1.9.11).

While working at Bassingbourn, David was at the heart of the neighbouring community of Ashwell. In 1954 he had moved with his young family into what he described in a letter to Cuttle as a ‘fourteenth-century house at a very reasonable rent’. This was Duck Lake House, which provided the home for much of the vibrant family life that was so precious to David, with Margot (to whom he was married for more than sixty years) and their four children, Suki, Kate, Jon and Tom. It is the experience of living together (memorably, trapping his daughter’s fingers in a door) that is so often recreated in his poetry, which began to appear from 1960 with *Imaginings*, followed by *Against the Cruel Frost* (1963), *Object Relations* (1967), and *Selected Poems 1961–78* (1980).

The 1970s brought David widespread publicity from his forcefully expressed concern over the damaging effect of pornography. His *Sex and Dehumanization* and *Masks of Hate* (both from 1972) were mistakenly seen by some as marking his alignment with reactionary forces in society; notably, Mary Whitehouse with her ‘National Viewers’ and Listeners’ Association’. In retrospect, David can be seen as accurately identifying dehumanising distortions of the ‘permissive society’. ‘He was ahead of his time, not behind it’, is the conclusion reached by Andy Hamilton, David’s pupil at Downing in the early 1970s, in an appreciative postscript to the *Guardian* obituary. It was a slighting reference by Leavis to David in print as ‘an indefatigable anti-pornographer’ that precipitated the final breach in an increasingly uneasy relationship. The last, hurtful letter from Leavis is one of a considerable collection of correspondence that David gave to the Downing Library.

From the early 1960s, David made his living as a freelance writer. Mention might here be made of his book-length literary studies; the subjects alone give some impression of the breadth of his engagement: Charlotte Brontë, Lewis Carroll, Charles Dickens, D H Lawrence, C S Lewis, Sylvia Plath, Dylan Thomas, Tolstoy, and Edith Wharton. There was also a book about Mahler, including a detailed analysis of the Ninth Symphony: *Gustav Mahler and the Courage to Be* (1975).

In 1981 David was appointed as Director of Studies in English at Downing: a noteworthy decision by the Governing Body. Although David had supervised for Downing in the early 1970s, his only formal connection with the University had been a Research Fellowship at King’s from 1964 to 1968. David had sole responsibility for the teaching of Downing undergraduates in English; at the time of his death, four Fellows were involved in English teaching. That discrepancy is at the heart of the difficulty encountered by David as Director of Studies. His pupils (including Andy Hamilton) speak and write with great warmth of his teaching. Frank Salmon (now Head of Department in History of Art in Cambridge), speaking at the ‘Holbrook Celebration’, recalled David’s

generous humanity as a teacher. But he also identified a complication in the arrangements for supervision. David's unconventional, 'non-academic' past meant that colleagues in the English Faculty were reluctant to set up the exchange teaching on which Directors of Studies normally rely. David was therefore effectively compelled to offer supervisions across the whole English syllabus, to which some students took exception. It is characteristic of David that he honestly confronted these issues in one of his last novels, *Even if They Fail* (1994). His final book, appropriately *English in a University Education* (2006), has on its cover a picture of Downing.

It is possible to offer here only glimpses of David as a Fellow and (on his retirement in 1988) an Emeritus Fellow. There were his poetry readings, including a memorable recitation of Edgell Rickword's poems in the octagon of the Downing Library. (He also presented the Library with a copy of Donne's poems that Rickword carried with him in the trenches). As part of an annual lecture course in the Classics Faculty on 'Greek Writers on Warfare', he three times read, by way of introducing a comparative dimension, a chapter of *Flesh Wounds*. The students listened spellbound, on each occasion breaking into spontaneous applause. At Matriculation Dinners, David captivated the Freshers in English with an account of his fraught visit in 1946 to George Orwell on the island of Jura. (Orwell evidently thought he had been sent as a Communist-Party spy.) The Captain of the Downing Fellows' Cricket Team recalls with gratitude from 1984 David's smiting of fifteen runs, inspiring the rest of the Fellows to a famous (and rare) victory over the College Staff. But above all, David was a genial, civilizing and occasionally uproarious presence around the College.

A few days before his short, final illness, David was to be seen, as was customary, making his way across the College lawn, for coffee in the Senior Combination Room (where he had the knack of virtually destroying every newspaper he read). Dressed in his white suit, he seemed to resemble nothing so much as the *genius loci* of Downing, the genius or 'spirit' of the place. So he will be remembered by those of the College Fellowship and Staff who had the privilege to know him.

Paul Millett

COLLEGE CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

Griffins Endowment Fund

The Fund exists to support and encourage talented University sportspeople to play at a higher level than College, by providing them with financial support for kit, travel expenses and training costs. To support the Fund, cheques can be sent to the Development Office, Downing College, Cambridge, CB2 1DQ. Please make a note it is for The Griffins Fund. Otherwise, to set up a monthly or annual standing order or direct debit or make a one-off donation on line, please go to: <https://www.downingcambridge.com/development/support-downing/make-a-donation>. In the section entitled “Please give my gift for the following” please enter ‘The Griffins Fund’.

ATHLETICS AND CROSS COUNTRY

Although the turnout from the Downing team has been small at the athletics competitions and cross-country races this year, there have been some outstanding performances. Downing runners shone in the Chris Brasher College League (a series of races organised by CUH&H, the University Cross-Country Running Club). Polly Keen claimed the ladies’ individual title, winning several races on the way. Team wise, Downing took an impressive victory in the Women’s League, thanks to strong runs from Polly, Caroline Fitzner, Lucy Gossage and Maija Antila. Meanwhile, Downing came third in the Men’s League thanks to Karsten Koehler and Simon Gilbert’s performances. In Cuppers Cross-Country, the star of the show was Lucy Gossage coming second in the ladies’ race. Lucy then went on to storm to an outstanding victory in the Ladies’ Blues Cross-Country Race for the University (and hence earn a Full Blue). Athletics wise, Polly Keen was in the Women’s Blues Team for 2000m steeplechase and earned a Full Blue.

BADMINTON

The men’s firsts have had a fantastic year in the College League, placing second in the first division at its conclusion. This achievement is particularly striking, as the team began the year in the second division, from which it was promoted at the end of Michaelmas. This was the result of a solid set of performances that saw Downing taking 32 games overall and winning four out of the six matches with relative ease. Lent term brought a fresh set of challenges in the top flight, but the team raised its game and again took 30 games across the term. The climax was a winner-takes-title match against Girton I, which went down to the very last game.

The players were disappointed to miss out on victory by such a slim margin, but, given the celerity of their ascent this year, they will begin Michaelmas 2012 under the captaincy of Niaz Ahmed with justifiably high hopes. Recipients of college colours this year were Keon Yi and Su Ki Lam, who both showed extraordinary levels of skill in all their matches. University-level commitments permitting, they will no doubt continue to be great assets to the team next term.

BLAKE SOCIETY

The Blake Society is Downing's rapidly growing arts and humanities society, named after the renowned illustrator and alumnus Quentin Blake. The range of subjects covered by Blake including English, Art History, Geography, Arch & Anth and Philosophy has been reflected in the variety of events that have taken place this year. Zoya Phan, a Burmese refugee and political activist, delivered an inspiring talk in Michaelmas regarding her personal experiences and thoughts on both human rights and the current situation in Burma. Downing fellow Dr Marcus Tomalin treated our ears later in term to an excellent lute recital, accompanied by musically inspired poetry from Dr Subha Mukherji. Blake's enthusiasm for poetry continued into Lent term with Dr Simon Jarvis' powerful recital of some of his newest writing, including a memorable duet with the poet and writer Justin Katko. We were also fortunate in March to host Doctor Who screenwriter and Downing alumnus Terrance Dicks, who drew upon his career experiences in the media to give a fascinating talk enjoyed by all.

Aside from the wealth of talks, Blake was treated to a special visit from none other than Quentin Blake himself, who kindly joined the society for formal hall in Michaelmas term. Social events have been particularly strong throughout the year, including a Christmas party with music from Downing Jazz Band and a 'Champagne and Chocolates' evening in Lent Term. Friday evening film nights were a welcome addition to the Blake agenda in Lent term- an idea which the new committee hope to continue. With the first ever garden party this May Week, next year's committee is looking forward to building on an excellent year with new ideas such as practical workshops and expanding its breadth and variety of academic talks to include more subject areas. Many thanks go to this year's committee, and Presidents Karen Hargrave and Joel Halliday.

BOAT CLUB

The Club Captain is happy to report another successful year for the Club. At the beginning of the year, a fair proportion of last year's first boat had either graduated or were trialling for university crews (two rowers and one cox for CUBC, two for CUWBC and two for CULRC). Therefore, this was a year during which it was very important to bring our second boat rowers up quickly,

which ultimately strengthened both squads come Mays. A Men's IV again competed in Head of the Charles in Boston, USA, and finished 13th of 39, with a time of 18.05, and a slight improvement in speed on last year's crew. Unfortunately, the timing clashed with University IVs back on Cam, and M1 were knocked out by Caius following a rather jet-lagged row. Meanwhile, W1 won University IVs convincingly. Men and Women's IVs also performed well on the Tideway, particularly the Men who finished eighth of 65 IM2 crews. A strong complement of novices joined the Club in Michaelmas, resulting in fifth place for NM1 and ninth place for NW1 in the carnage that is Novice Fairbairn's Cup. We also continued the practice from last year of entering some races during Michaelmas with joint senior-novice crews, which boosted morale and technique quickly. The Senior Fairbairn's Cup was won by W1 VIII and IV+, with the men finishing fourth and third. In January the Club returned to Banyoles, with 37 students (four VIIIs of rowers and five coxes) and three coaches. As ever, the training camp was a great success, and essential to maintaining a medium sized club which sheds a fair amount of triallists every year. Three novices on the camp went on to row in the first boats for Lent Bumps. In the Lents, no Downing boat was bumped, which is something of which the Club ought to be proud. W1 retained the Headship, and M1 stayed up at second, having had an excellent crack at a very strong Caius crew. W2, M2 and M3 crews all bumped up, with M2 earning blades. Following such a successful campaign for all of our crews, Downing was in second place in the Michell Cup. In the University Boat Races, wins were achieved by Sarah Moir-Porteous in CUW, and James Wedlake and Piran Tedbury in CULRC. Felix Wood and Sarah Smart represented Goldie, and Christabel Lines rowed in CUWLRC. When combined with our results in the Lents, this illustrates the strength and depth of the Club. In the run up to Mays, M1 raced at Kingston and Wallingford Regattas, with good results but tantalizingly remaining just behind Caius. Bedford Regatta was cancelled, so W1 raced on Cam and have so far been unbeaten this term. During Mays, W1 remained Head of the River for the second year running, whilst M1 also maintained their place behind Caius, with some true gutsy rowing. Both W2 and M3 bumped up, and M2 moved a few places down but are still the highest placed second men's crew. The "Rugby Boat" is better left unmentioned. As was the case last year, the Women were unfortunately unable to enter Women's Henley due to a clash with the May Bumps, although the Men are able to compete at Henley Royal Regatta this year. The Club will be entering a IV in the Prince Albert and will have to go through the qualifying races during May Week. Looking ahead to next year, both women's and men's squads will lose three or four rowers (either due to graduation or re-trialling). However, there should be strong second boat rowers who can move up.

CRANWORTH LAW SOCIETY

It has been a great year for the Cranworth Law Society. Our calendar continues to be busy, including both academic and social events. We began with Freshers' Drinks in October and, after many delicious recruitment dinners, concluded with our Garden Party in May Week. The highlight of this year was once again our Annual Dinner in June, for which we were delighted to welcome Professor Elizabeth Cooke, Law Commissioner, as our guest speaker. Other notable events this year include a talk on the resolution of land law disputes in Melanesia, delivered by Roger Coventry; and the first year trip to London in Michaelmas Term.

Our Christmas Dinner was taken outside of college for the first time, meaning the Cranworth descended on Browns for a wonderful end of term celebration. Not wanting to leave the West Lodge for too long, our fancy dress formal at the end of Lent Term was themed 'What I'd Be If I Wasn't A Lawyer' and celebrated the Cranworth members' more creative side!

We are confident that the Cranworth will continue to go from strength to strength under the capable leadership of next year's committee, Presidents Tom Hawker and Gemma Rooney and Secretaries James Egan and Veena Srirangam-Nadhamuni.

FOOTBALL

The 2011/2012 season has again been a very successful one for DCAFC. Apart from a disappointingly early Cuppers exit, the Men's 1st XI capped off an otherwise impressive season by winning the Division 1 title – a significant achievement for the club. The Men's 2nd XI enjoyed a similar success, finishing fifth in Division 3, and narrowly missing out on a victory in the closely fought final of the Plate. Another strong set of performances by the Men's 3rd XI saw them finish a solid fifth in Division 5. Downing Ladies have too strengthened over the season as a team, registering a series of good performances in difficult games. This resulted in a positive fourth place finish in Division 3. Overall, this season has seen DCAFC grow and progress significantly across the board – undoubtedly a successful season.

MEN'S HOCKEY

The 2011–12 Downing Men's Hockey Club had a mixed couple of terms but with many positives drawn that could be carried through to next year. Having secured a place in the men's top division the previous year, it was up to this year's team to maintain this position. With a batch of new players and old players returning, it took a while for things to take off and the team to gel. After a couple of disappointing draws and losses in a row, relegation was looking a

possibility. It came to the last game of the season to decide Downing's fate and Simon Bourne's strike secured a hard earned victory over Jesus College to ensure another term in Division 1. The next season, the team hit the ground running and secured a number of early victories to ensure that relegation would not be a problem a second term. The Men's team finished a comfortable fourth in the league with a number of positive performances if not results. The Old Boys' mixed game at the end of the season was a highlight with the Old Boys' snatching a tight match 4-3. This was followed by the annual awards dinner, with Mathias Butel, Josh Wearing and Simon Heller receiving Colours. Josh also picked up the 'Most Valuable Player' trophy, Eugene Geidelberg the 'Most Improved Player' and Christopher Tapper 'Best Stick Skills'. Christopher also was named Captain for the 2012-13 season, taking over from the out-going James Hay who shall be sorely missed for both his rock steady presence in goal and his enthusiasm and entertainment. A massive thank you and best wishes for the future must be given to all the players graduating this year who shall be missed and always welcome at Downing Hockey Club.

RUGBY

DCRUFC had another strong year, maintaining its record for the most consecutive years in the top division. Finishing second in the league, Downing had an exceptionally strong team on their day, notably beating John's and Jesus in the same week. The rugby club will be frustrated not to have won the league, with university rugby commitments and injuries preventing consistency in team selection. DCRUFC was well represented in the Varsity matches, with captain Steve Townend getting a Blue, and six other players representing the U21s and U21As. With another strong intake and an intense off-season training programme, new Captain Max Mather will be confident he can finally bring the league and cup back to Downing.

SQUASH

The squash team has continued to show strong improvement with regular coaching sessions and frequent friendlies. With a very tough Division 2 to compete amongst, Downing did well to maintain its position as a strong contender. The first team narrowly missed out on promotion in Lent, and made it to the plate quarter finals. Notable mention goes to Ned Carpenter, who has shown consistent improvement and commitment this year and thereby earning college colours. We would like to welcome Ali Roweth to the first team, and also say farewell to Ned Carpenter, Jack Lawrence-Jones, Mike Gibbs and James Hay who have represented the college for the entirety of their degrees. Ben Knappett will move up from the second team to captain the firsts, and Ben Carr

will continue to captain the second team. We hope that Downing Squash will continue to be a fun and successful club in the coming years.

MEN'S TENNIS

The Downing College Men's Tennis has had its most successful season in recent history winning Tennis Cuppers in a particularly dramatic final where João Romero won his Championship Tiebreak 10-6 to complete a 5-4 victory to Downing against Churchill. A total of eight players have made appearances for the Men's 1st Team this year highlighting the overall strength of the club which has a number of players who have also represented the University at tennis (and other sports). The Men's 2nd team, captained by Cameron Smith, were unfortunately unable to replicate the success of the 1sts, but nevertheless put up very spirited performances against some strong 1st team sides.

Colours were awarded to João Romero, Pierre Bellec and Mathias Butel, who has shown superb commitment during his tenure at Downing. Next year's Captain will be Keonwoo Yi who will hopefully be able to retain the Cuppers trophy. Finally a special mention goes to Doug Maslin, a former DCLTC Captain, whose enthusiasm and support for Downing Tennis has led to his first Cuppers' victory in his sixth and final year. His absence will inevitably be missed.

ULTIMATE FRISBEE

DCU's fifth year has undoubtedly been one of the club's best. After winning the plate at a beginners' tournament in Michaelmas, Downing went on to establish themselves as one of the best colleges in the league during Michaelmas and Lent including the club's highest ever finish at Winter Cuppers. After entering mixed ability teams for the first half of the year, DCU entered one combined team in Easter Term and has only lost one match so far, with a tough win over Churchill Chillies leaving only ARU Darkside to beat in the final. In Summer Cuppers, Downing entered a beginners' team who performed well, managing to hold their seed against some stiff opposition and were considered to be one of the best spirited teams of the tournament. However it was Downing Gryphons who really shone, remaining undefeated the entire day and, after a tense final, walking away with the cup and cementing DCU's status as the best college Ultimate team in Cambridge with its first ever win at Cuppers. The club was also given Griffins status this year, with Captains Andrew Avery and Tejas Guruswamy becoming members. College colours were awarded to Chris Barnes, Nick Owen, Julia Roberts and Nick Skliar-Davies, all of whom showed outstanding commitment to DCU and provided excellent examples to developing players throughout the year. With the right balance of silverware

and player development this year, DCU looks more than capable of maintaining its dominance of the College League next year.

WHITBY SOCIETY

The Whitby Society is the social and academic society for all medical and veterinary students at Downing. This year, we have had three speakers come in to share varied aspects of their experiences in the medical and scientific world. In the Lent term, we heard from Downing Alumnus pathologist Dr Martin Goddard from Papworth Hospital. We also heard from Dr Gavin Wright later in Lent and finally, Dr David Tuveson early in the Easter Term for the annual dinner.

This year, we strengthened our relationship with the Danby Society with a joint formal/cocktails and jazz evening in the Howard Building. We also organized several socials and our Secretary, Rohan Prakash, set up a Whitby Advisor system to help the newcomer first years adjust to college life and workload.

Many thanks to the committee for helping organize a truly excellent year.

MAITLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Maitland Society has enjoyed another exciting year, receiving a number of speakers from around Cambridge University to talk on a wide variety of topics. The year started with Dr Lars Fischer talking on ‘The Non-Jewish Question and Other Jewish Questions’, before Dr Scott Anthony discussed the impact of British civil aviation upon the global empire. In the Lent term, Dr Phil Gardner offered an interesting perspective on oral history and the history of modern education and Dr Hubertus Jahn, a regular Maitland speaker, shed light on the history of begging in Russia. The Maitland Society would like to thank all of its speakers and members for continuing to ensure that it is one of the most vibrant groups in Downing College. The society continues to grow year on year, and the annual dinner and field trip to Ely demonstrate the continued enthusiasm of all those involved with the Society.

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