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PRESIDENT'S FOREWORD

When I came up to Downing to read Law in 1982, my expectations were much the same as many students, to learn about my chosen subject, to build the foundations of a career and to enjoy myself (though not necessarily in that order). What I hadn't anticipated was that the College would remain such a significant part of my life after I graduated.

Leaving behind the bustle and traffic of Regent Street and walking into the tranquillity of College, I'm sure that, like me, many of you have experienced a feeling of coming home. Undergraduate life scarcely allowed time for such reflection, but this struck me forcibly when I returned almost a decade later to take my LLM and still does today when, as President of the Association, I am privileged to visit Downing regularly. That is not to say that the College hasn't changed in the past thirty years. New buildings have appeared in every corner, from Howard Court to the west to the Maitland Robinson Library and the Butterfield Building to the east, but all so carefully designed to blend with the existing classical architecture that a first-time visitor would scarcely know which was the more recent.

Internally, too, student rooms have changed. This is of course much to our benefit when as alumni we stay in College, though I have to admit I was somewhat disconcerted the first time I found an en suite bathroom and double bed in my old first year room on L Staircase. At a recent dinner I was asked by a couple of current students if accommodation had improved. I couldn't help but smile at their horror when I told them that when my husband, Miles (1982), lived on S Staircase, he had to go down two flights of stairs and across a courtyard to use a draughty outside shower block. At the time this was quite unremarkable to us, but to the present generation it no doubt seems Dickensian.

The Freshers' excellent performance of Peter Whelan's World War I drama *The Accrington Pals* this Michaelmas Term again reminded me of changing times. The comfort of the seats in the beautiful Howard Theatre was in sharp contrast to the rickety chairs set out in the Fellows' Garden in 1984 for *Salad Days*, the last Downing production which I attended. Then, for lack of a proper stage, the cast had to battle bravely against the elements to sing and dance on the terrace outside the SCR around the magnolia which still blooms there today.

But in fact it was the similarities between the two productions rather than the differences which were the more striking, as both demonstrated the energy, resourcefulness and talent of Downing students. Though there have been many changes to the physical aspects of the College, at its heart it remains the same, a friendly and inclusive place in which its members can flourish. Through

its Alumni Student Fund, the Association contributes to this supportive environment by giving hardship grants to students who would otherwise struggle to afford necessities such as textbooks or the travel costs of field trips. The money for the Fund comes from the sale of Association merchandise, both at events and online, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have bought from us. Each tie, print or mug which you buy translates into books, equipment and other essentials which make a real difference to the students and help them to get the most out of their years at Downing.

I would also like to thank all my colleagues on the Executive Committee and the Merchandising Working Group who give up so much of their time for the Association. They are too numerous to list here, but special mention must go to Frank Weiss (1950) who is the lynchpin of the merchandising operation and to Barrie Hunt (1966), the Honorary Secretary, without whom the work of the Association would rapidly grind to a halt.

It has been a great honour to be President of the Association this year and to meet numerous alumni, current students and members of the Fellowship. I hope to see many more of you at the Alumni Weekend in September and that you too will then experience that feeling of coming home when you pass through the College gates.

Karen Storey

NEXT YEAR'S PRESIDENT



As the third generation of my paternal family to come up to Downing, the College was my obvious choice. My second choice was Trinity, where my mother's twin brother was an undergraduate and my godfather a Fellow!

Whilst the College still has the same overall impression, there have been considerable improvements and fine new buildings to make everyday life in College very different from fifty years ago. Initially I "read" Economics and learnt there was some truth in its description as "the dismal science". John Hopkins very bravely

and very kindly took me on to read Law in my final year. Having fallen into academic lassitude and spending so much time on the river and elsewhere, I cannot say that my academic time at Downing ended on a high note although it was very special.

Nevertheless the year of Law at Downing set me on a career in the legal profession. I was articled to a City firm, small by today's standards but

medium sized at the time. It gave a broad range of training in all the different areas of practice. My own experience was from Habeas Corpus proceedings to City fraud on a monumental scale, from complex will and probate problems with international aspects to residential property transactions, from trust work to company formations and so on. With this behind me and with six months study at Law School, I passed my finals and qualified as a solicitor.

In the meantime I had married Jan who I had met through my rowing friends. Our son Edward was born in 1972 shortly after I joined Darley Cumberland & Co. in Holborn. I became a partner in 1975.

That year we moved to our present house in Wendover after the birth of our daughter Alexandra. Over the years we have entertained a number of DCBC Henley crews here, prior to the Regatta.

At Darley Cumberland, because of my experience in court work, I took on the litigation area of the practice whilst looking after such clients as I might introduce. The firm had a broad range of corporate, landed and private clients. Over the years Darley Cumberland merged with other firms, finally becoming Cumberland Ellis. My role and areas of practice changed and with some relief I was able to give up such matters as divorce but continued acting for my clients. I became Managing Partner and finally Senior Partner before retiring in 2004.

In retirement I continued my long involvement with an Abbeyfield Nursing Home, serving on the Executive Committee (including as Chairman) until 2013. My other activities included serving on the Bucks County Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust Committee, the Aylesbury Conservative Association where I am a Trustee and the Wendover Branch as President, and other community matters e g HS2 resistance!

In addition, of course, I maintained my interest in DCBC having coached crews continuously since 1970 to date. I am much looking forward to having the honour of serving the Association as President.

Lionel 'Leo' Judd (1965)

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.

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

Contact with the Association

The Association welcomes and encourages contacts from its Members.

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

"I must have spent twenty years not replying to your emails, but I've finally cracked. I do enjoy hearing what others are up to. Nothing big or bold to report¹."

- Please tell us or your Year Rep about interesting things happening in your family or working life;
- The Editor would be pleased to receive articles that may be of interest to others;
- Come to events organised by the College Development Office;
- Think about organising a reunion the Development Office will be pleased to help with this.

You can **contact us** by:

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

The **Association website** can be accessed:

- from the College website http://www.dow.cam.ac.uk/ followed by the 'Alumni' link;
- or directly at http://www.dow.cam.ac.uk/dow_server/association/index.html.

To purchase merchandise go to the Association website (above) and choose the option 'Souvenirs and Gifts'.

The **Rules of the Association** can be found by going to the Association website (above) and choosing 'Aims of the Association'.

The **Minutes of the 2014 AGM** can be found by going to the Association website (above) and choosing 'News and Coming Events'.

Back copies of the *Newsletter* (excluding *Magenta News*) can be found at http://www.dow.cam.ac.uk/ followed by the 'Alumni' link.

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

THE 2014 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 87th Annual General Meeting was held in the Howard Theatre on Saturday 27 September 2014. The following is a brief summary – full minutes are available on the website (see above).

The President gave a brief review of the year and thanked the members of the College staff who so readily assist the Alumni Association in financial and organisational matters.

The Treasurer reported that the past year had been a very successful one for the Association with the accounts showing small surpluses of £279 on Normal Activities and £439 on the Alumni Student Fund. With regard to the latter, the surplus on Merchandise Sales was £8,045, an increase of £2,414 over the previous year. The Fund had provided grants to 58 students totalling £9,673 of which £5,278 was for books and £4,195 for materials and travel. In addition £200 had been donated to the MCR International Food Night to welcome new students. The Balance Sheet at 30 June 2014 showed Net Assets of £36,950 compared with £36,306 in the previous year. The combined deposits at Barclays Bank and the Cambridge Building Society stood at a healthy £19,000.

The Association had worked hard to increase the merchandise sales and many of our merchandising events had been well supported throughout the past year. New items which had been introduced to our merchandise range were sterling silver charm bracelets with Griffin and Arm and Arrow designs, as well as elegant sterling silver Griffin earrings which we hoped would appeal to the ladies. We had also introduced Downing Arm and Arrow silk ties and bow ties to our range.

He thanked Karen Storey for chairing the Merchandise Working Group and steering the Association through the intricate process of purchasing the new silverware and **Professor Roy Farmer** (1958) for producing the fine website for the presentation of our merchandise.

The Chair of the Merchandise Working Group, Mrs Karen Storey (1982), reported that in the last year the Association's profits on sales had increased by more than 40%, allowing grants to be made from the Alumni Student Fund to

58 students for textbooks and other essentials, which they would otherwise be unable to afford. Bestsellers continued to include ties and items designed by alumnus Quentin Blake (1950) who was kindly working on a further design for a tea towel. Mrs Storey thanked alumnus Professor Walker (1956) for his donation of Downing Daffodil bulbs which he has developed for their important medical benefits in relation to diseases including Alzheimer's. The sale, earlier in the day, of these bulbs, which are not commercially available, had raised sufficient funds to provide vital books for as many as eight current Downing students.

The Bursar reported that the fall in College income caused by the Howard Building Renovation was made up by increased income from the Howard Theatre. The Catalysis Campaign had raised £5.3M in the past year and now reached £17.5M. It was expected that it would reach its target of £20M in the coming year. The College was looking to enhancement of the Endowment though contributions to a Bond to be issued by 18 colleges for 30/40 years yielding 4.5%. The Endowment had now reached £35M.

The top three floors of Parker's House were being altered to provide student rooms. The purchase of a new Chapel organ had been effected by donations from many people. This has been timed to coincide with a renovation and redecoration of the Chapel interior. An art gallery, designated as a Public Art benefit, would be provided by alteration of the 1905 building currently used by the College maintenance department. It will form part of the new 'First Court' and is planned to open in 2016.

The Election of Officers resulted in a small number of changes. The President-elect Mrs Karen Storey (1982) became President whilst Mr Leo Judd (1965) became President-elect. There being no retirements, Dr Colin Blackmore (1991) was elected as the sixth member of the Executive Committee – a position created by the revision of rules in 2013. The Secretary reported that Dr Kate Dyer (1982) had taken on the role of Chair of the Merchandise Working Group and, under the new rules, had been automatically co-opted to the Executive Committee.

OTHER NEWS FROM THE EXECUTIVE

During the course of the year the Executive has continued to work hard to increase sales of merchandise to boost the Alumni Student Fund. This year we have added to our product range through the introduction of a superb Quentin Blake designed tea-towel, magenta and black striped socks by Marco John's and College lapel pins. In addition, the popular, limited edition, Martin print of the College sold out and has now been replaced by a delightful watercolour of the College gates c1920, painted by Steve Bennett.

With the price of silver dropping, it was decided to upgrade the silver-plated cufflinks to sterling silver. For the ladies, it was decided that, to avoid competing with the range of silver items introduced in 2014, the stock of silver pendants will not be replaced in the short term. Early steps have been taken to replace the popular ladies' umbrellas with a new design. Finally, discussions have been held with **Tim Rawle** (1975) concerning the distribution of his new book A Classical Adventure – The Architectural History of Downing College Cambridge.

The Association also created a new sales initiative, running a stall at the Reunion Dinner in March.

Pressures on the Alumni Student Fund this year were such that the Executive agreed to allocate an additional £1,000 to the annual budget, bringing it to £11,000.

The Executive also considered membership. It concluded that the existing category of Honorary Membership would normally be considered for those who display comparable experience and qualities to existing members, but for whom no other category of membership applies. In addition it will propose to amend Rule 3 at the AGM to allow life membership to be offered to current Bye-Fellows, Associate Fellows, Fellows Commoner, Virginia Fellows and Keio Fellows who are not alumni. They also agreed that Rule 8 should be amended to include the Development Officer responsible for Alumni Relations as an ex officio member of the Executive Committee.

Finally, in a continuing climate of low interest rates the Executive considered various options for our cash held on deposit. It was agreed that all the Association's investments should be low risk in a bank or building society to ensure that they were covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme. At the time of going to press, various options are under consideration.

THE ALUMNI STUDENT FUND

The Alumni Student Fund was set up in 2005 to help students at Downing to meet some of their day-to-day financial pressures. Using money raised primarily from the sale of Association merchandise, the Fund now provides grants which are normally between £50 and £250, but can occasionally be as much as £500. This year 57 students have been helped. Most grants are for books or travel to support fieldwork or to attend conferences, but money can also be provided to fund any specific need that will enable a student to pursue their studies more effectively.

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

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

THE ASSOCIATION PRIZE

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

Congratulations to this year's prize-winners:

- Joseph Marshall who read Law;
- James Smith who read Geography;
- Lilian Thomas who read Education with English.

THE ARM AND ARROW CREST

The splendid mouldings in the Hall include, not only the College's well-known griffin, but also the arm holding an arrow which forms part of the original Downing Family Coat of Arms.



Moulding of Arm and Arrow Crest in the Hall



Arms of Sir George Downing



Shield from College Charter

The Richmond Herald at the College of Arms explains that "The crest1 of the Downing family was an embowed arm in armour holding an arrow in the hand. It is hard to give a reason or motive for most design choices in heraldry and embowed arms holding weaponry are (after lions and eagles) about the most frequent and popular items for crests in English heraldry. When a coat of arms² was granted to the College on 18 April 1801 only a shield was granted. This is not unusual. Although the newest colleges in both Oxford and Cambridge often have a crest as well as a shield, the older ones tend to have just a shield; it was no doubt felt in 1801 that the older model should be adhered to. The shield of the College differs slightly (but crucially) from that of the family, in the presence of a blue border with eight white roses on it."

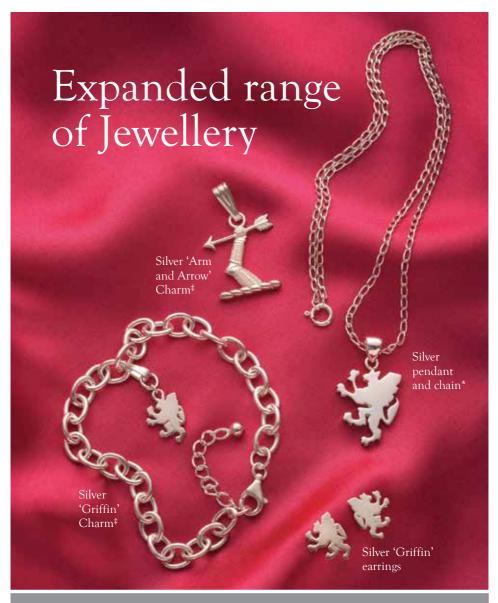
The College Grant of Arms does not show the arm and arrow, but Downing College Boat Club incorporated it as their logo from fairly early on.

Items with the arm and arrow design were originally produced to mark the 150th anniversary of the Boat Club. Because of the wider connection of the symbol with the College

through the Downing Family Coat of Arms, these items – a tie, bow-tie and silver charm have now been made available to all alumni. The money raised from sales will go to provide grants to our current students through the Alumni Student Fund.

^{1.} A crest is an heraldic ornament above the shield.

^{2.} Coat of Arms is the term used for heraldic emblems displayed on a shield or banner.



To purchase these items, please use the enclosed form or visit www.dow.cam.ac.uk/souvenirs

^{*} Both charms are available with or without bracelet

^{*}Matching men's silver-plated 'Griffin' cufflinks and many other items of merchandise may be viewed and ordered via this web address.

DOWNING ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

The annual Photographic Competition, was introduced in 2011. The theme for 2015, 'Downing at Work and Play', repeated that of 2012. The aim was to 'highlight the life of the College through the many activities that contribute to the College community'.

The judges were Karen Storey (President of the Association), Prof Chris Haniff (Fellow) and Prof Roy Farmer (Executive Committee member).

Following four very successful years, the number of entries this year was very disappointing, and the judges decided that it would not be appropriate to award prizes, though they did make one award of Highly Commended.



Mr Snowman - Yifan Chen (Highly Commended)

College News

THE MASTER WRITES:

The shape of a year at Downing is that of a sentence of English: it starts with a capital, ends with a full stop, and accommodates a spectrum from the ritual to the unexpected. The past year began in October with matriculation and drew to a close in June with a glorious graduation ceremony. Students and Fellows, led by the Head Porter, parade in festal dress across Cambridge to the Senate House, and bring the usually patient traffic to a brief halt. After a historic ceremony conducted almost entirely in Latin, the graduands exit to the congratulations of the Senior Tutor. Smiles of students and parents abound, and strawberries are consumed in large quantities. Such glorious moments bring fulfilment and satisfaction to the College.

How satisfied are our students? The JCR's 'Big Poll' has identified a number of causes of concern to our undergraduates, and I am happy to be able to report that the quality of education and of the community were not among them. The significant issues are the costs of rent and catering. It is no coincidence that Downing has some excellent accommodation, and our kitchens enjoy an outstanding reputation for food. It is a source of satisfaction to the Fellowship that our students are looked after well, and we are also sensitive to the advantages for the vacation conference business.

A survey of the "Student Academic Experience", conducted across Higher Education nationwide, draws different conclusions. In broad terms, 87% of respondents are fairly or very satisfied with the overall quality of their courses. A number of messages emerge from this survey, including: more information is sought about how tuition fees are spent; greater educational benefit is afforded by smaller class sizes; students are slightly less happy than the general population, but ... happiness increases with workload. Finally, less money should be spent on sport and social facilities, and on buildings. I am not sure our students would agree with all that.

Have you observed the black stone slab, set into the Paddock before the Master's Lodge? It marks the place of burial in 1814 of Sir Busick Harwood, the first Downing Professor of Medicine. He was granted his request to be buried under the future Chapel, but this proved optimistic in that the Chapel was built some distance away in both space and time. Our architect William Wilkins designed the Harwood vault, and one wonders if Wilkins's own mortality was in his mind in so doing. Perhaps the decision to bury Wilkins under the Chapel at Corpus Christi is not unconnected with Downing's 'failure' to build his Chapel. The story of the celebration of Harwood's bicentenary is recounted by Jenny Ulph, College Archivist, later in this Newsletter and on the College website.

There are a number of wonderful hidden spaces in Cambridge, often concealed behind lines of buildings. Newnham and Robinson are fine examples, but none more so than the open sky of our Main Court. Our new Art Gallery, currently scheduled to open in Spring 2016, will place us more on the tourist map. The early years of the Gallery will be devoted to 20th century and contemporary art. The first exhibition will be based around the personal collection of British art of our Honorary Fellow Sir Alan Bowness (1950). Alumnae/i will be warmly invited to visit this exciting addition to the Cambridge art scene, later in 2016.

The Gallery is only part of our period of cultural inflation. The Downing Drama Society has brought us a number of deeply impressive and moving productions centred largely around the traditional topics of love and violence. Especially original was the 'Festival of new writing', which featured ten new works spread over three evenings, and about which the Varsity reviewer wrote somewhat ambiguously "[this] is perhaps the perfect answer to those who see Cambridge theatre as clique-y and exclusive".

I will never forget Martin Baker's (1985) performance of the Bach Passacaglia and Fugue, at the close of the inaugural recital on our new organ in February. It was a proud moment for all who have supported the organ project over too many years. We now possess a superb modern instrument endowed with power and flexibility. Meanwhile, the Master's Lodge has continued to host a series of student recitals of impressive quality and delightful informality.

We are on schedule for completion of Parker's House (to be renamed after Humphrey Battcock (1973)) and the new First Court at the end of 2015, by courtesy of our remarkable in-house building operation headed by Richard Monument. The new accommodation will be occupied immediately by students decanted from elsewhere, thereby permitting the sale of certain houses off Domus, and the further renovation of property in Lensfield Road. This development is accompanied by a gentle increase in graduate numbers, and contributes to the University initiative directed at attracting the best graduate students from the UK and further afield. It is thrilling to be Master at the historic moment at which we are able, with the support of so many friends, to accommodate on the Domus all students who so wish.

Our fifth Catalysis Conference was considered (once again) by many as the most successful conference yet. The topic was *Living with Risk*, and we enjoyed lectures and discussion in the beautiful Howard Theatre, led by Professor David Spiegelhalter and the Master on the theory and communication of uncertainty, Mr Simon Tisdall on *Security Risk*, Mr Bill Janeway on *Investment in Innovation*, Mr David Willetts on *Risk and Regulation*, and finally Professor Bill Adams on

Risk and Elephants. Thoughts turned at the closing dinner to the topic for next year, when it is likely that aspects of culture will feature strongly.

Academic results are again strong, though as always with room for improvement in limited areas. I bow to the Senior Tutor on the details, but compliment our undergraduates on their strong performances, and on maintaining our position in the College league tables.

Downing sportswomen and men have enjoyed another distinguished year of achievement on the pitch, court, and river. Our footballers came top in the first League; the women's and mixed Netball teams won their first Leagues, with the mixed team victorious also in Cuppers; the Table Tennis and mens' Tennis teams won Cuppers; and there were many highly meritorious results in other sports including Hockey. I confess to an emotional moment on the towpath as I cycled with our women's first VIII to their Headship in the May Bumps.

In Fellowship news, we have been delighted to welcome Brendan Plant, our new Hopkins Parry Fellow, to our team of Lawyers, and Mónica Moreno Figueroa, our new Fellow in Social Sciences. Dan Alistarh has joined the College as our first Morgan Fellow. We will miss Jonathan Trevor who is setting off to fresh but hallowed pastures in Oxford. Jamie Arnell joined Louise in our first married couple of Wilkins Fellows.

We mourn the loss of our Honorary Fellow Baroness James of Holland Park (P D James). Lady James became an Associate Fellow of Downing College in 1986, and from then onwards awarded an annual literary prize for Downing undergraduates. The College was touched also by the death at the age of 91 of Barbara Kennedy, daughter of our former Master Sir Lionel Whitby. Barbara lived in the Master's Lodge in the late 1940s, before moving with her husband to the USA.

We celebrate the promotion of three of our Fellows: John Richer to a Professorship in the Department of Physics, Jay Stock to a Readership in the Department of Archaeology and Anthropology, and Natalia Mora-Sitja to a Senior Lectureship in the Faculty of History. Hearty congratulations to them, and to Nick Coleman on his election as Fellow of the Learned Society of Wales.

A trio of extraordinary individuals have been elected to Honorary Fellowships, each of whom is a leader in the arts. Michael Apted (1960) is a prominent film director. He worked in television after graduation in 1963, with productions including the *Up Series* and *Coronation Street*. Amongst his best known work for the cinema are *The Triple Echo*, *Coal Miner's Daughter*, *Gorky Park*, *Enigma*, and *The World is not Enough*. Martin Baker (1985) is a leading organist and choirmaster. He graduated from

Downing in 1988, and has subsequently held positions at St Paul's Cathedral and Westminster Abbey, before returning to Westminster Cathedral as Master of Music in 2000. Martin delivered the inaugural recital on our new organ in February 2015. Stephen Chambers was Artist in Residence at Downing for the year 1998/99, and has since been a good friend of the College. He was recently elected a Royal Academician as one of the nine RA Engravers, Printmakers, and Draughtsmen.

I make special mention of our visiting professors, Professor Mark Whittle of the University of Virginia, Professor Mayumi Tsuda of Keio University, and Professor Edward Crane of Pomona College.

We have had continuity in College Offices, with Chris Haniff as Fellows' Steward, David Pratt as the Secretary to the Governing Body, and Keith Eyeons as Praelector supported by Jonathan Trevor for one year. I have appreciated greatly the advice of Paul Millett as Vice-Master, Guy Williams as Senior Tutor, and Susan Lintott as Senior Bursar.

Frank (F R) Leavis was a Downing giant who is remembered with respect by generations of alumni. A Fellow from 1936 to 1962, Leavis was then elected to an Honorary Fellowship until his resignation in 1964. He was a prominent and provocative literary critic about whom **Howard Jacobson** (1961) wrote in 2011: "Leavis told a particular story about English literature. It's not the only one. But we owe it to him to show that, so far, nobody has told a better one, or told it with a braver conviction of why it matters to tell it at all." The time is ripe to celebrate Leavis's contributions to Downing and Cambridge through the inauguration later this year of the *Leavis Room*, where documents, books, and pictures will be displayed.

Many of us spend too great a proportion of our lives watching the screen of either a computer or a telephone. Please take a look at our new website *DiscoverDowning*, which is directed at schoolteachers and students, and designed to broaden access. The main College website is undergoing maintenance, and we hope you will appreciate the final result when it comes online with increased functionality later this year.

Finally, back to the June fireworks, and the May Ball! This extraordinary event was attended by around 2,500 guests including a number of Alumnae/i and Fellows. Our courts played host to a cornucopia of bands, fireworks, amusements, and refreshments, against a prominent backdrop provided by Roald Dahl and **Quentin Blake** (1953). I am in wonderment that an undergraduate committee can organise a gigantic and complex success on such a monstrous scale, while despatching finals examinations with aplomb. Very well done! And I offer the College's sincerest thanks to Sir Quentin, whose continued support and generosity is greatly admired and appreciated.

As I write this, the local temperature is 33°C, the Continent is cut off, and Greece is on the cusp of economic default. Cambridge is midway between graduation and the publication of the Baxter tables, and Downing is relaxing into its vacation equilibrium of summer schools and conferences. Our undergraduates are occupied with internships, holidays, and projects, and our graduates and Fellows profit from the longer days to advance their research and to spend more time with their families. These are great days, and we hope you agree.

Professor Geoffrey Grimmett

THE SENIOR TUTOR WRITES:

I am writing this report in the aftermath of another academically successful year for the students of Downing. Indeed, after the record achievements of last year, there has again been progress. In terms of the number of Firsts or Distinctions awarded, we have achieved 119 (up from last year's final - and previous record - number of 116). This has resulted in an improved position in the Tomkins table, where we are now 9th (up from 11th last year). Some of the individual achievements behind these results have been particularly marked: twenty one students achieved special College prizes for being near the top of their Triposes. Six of these - Hugh Chatfield (Economics Part IIA), Lili Thomas (Education Part II), James Smith (Geography Part II), Onkar Singh (Modern & Medieval Languages, Italian, Part I), Eliot Watkins (Philosophy Part IA), Leor Zmigrod (Psychological and Behavioural Sciences, Part IIA) - were first on their class list. Equally significantly, there has been a very large fall in the number of 2.2 or 3rd class results (compared with a previous low of 58, there are only 41 - of which only 9 are graduating students). Such a shift should be seen in the context that for many prospective employers a 2.1 degree class is their minimum entry requirement. These achievements have not come at the expense of extracurricular achievement. As the Master has described in his article there has been exceptional energy put into such activities as drama, music, the May Ball and College and University sport; which has resulted in similarly superlative performances. On the sporting front, particularly notable is Holly Hill's recent selection for the GB U23 rowing squad despite taking up the sport only two years ago.

The excitement, pride and emotional release of graduation day will be familiar to all Association members. And yet, as the memories of our celebrations of these academic and other achievements fade and the new graduates take wing, it is timely to reflect on what has been different for the graduating class of 2015.

The cohort of students who have just received their degrees is the first to do so under the £9,000 fee regime. The effect of this change on the relationship between students and institutions has been written about at length and it has undoubtedly influenced the attitudes both of prospective and current students. When the increased fee level was introduced there was great concern that this would adversely affect our efforts to recruit the brightest students irrespective of their financial circumstances: it was hypothesised that those from weaker economic backgrounds would be more daunted by their eventual debt. In actual fact, we have not seen the drop in applications that we were anticipating. This is testament to the hard work in creating bursary schemes that address such disadvantage and also to the sterling outreach efforts that have needed to be made in order to explain what is now a relatively complicated arrangement. For Downing, the person at the forefront of these efforts in recent years has been our School and College Liaison Officer, Sam Turner. Targeting the Southwest of England (the region we have agreed with other Colleges to cover), he has spent much of the past three years explaining both the attractions of Downing and their accessibility and the welcome that any applicant with intellectual curiosity will receive. Combining face-to-face visits and electronic media Sam has been very successful in raising the aspirations of those he has come into contact with. Recently, a generous donation from Jamie and Louise Arnell has allowed us to expand this work, including our own outreach specific website (www.discoverdowning.com). Sam is leaving the College this summer and he will be a difficult act for his successor. Lauren Payne, to follow.

If we have not felt the worst expected consequences of the new fee regime at admission, it has affected the students once they arrive. One unquestioned consequence is that students feel much more pressure than their predecessors to make the most of their time in Cambridge. The need to convert time into CV points, whether academic, extra-curricular or work experience is pressing. Many register with the careers service soon after their arrival in Cambridge, and internships in the summer months are increasingly a requirement for graduate jobs. As described above our students have risen impressively to these challenges and retained broad interests in sport and cultural activities. However the added pressure has highlighted the immense importance of the College as a supportive community, available for when the relentlessness of the demands become too oppressive. One of the most popular initiatives that we have piloted in College this year has been "Mindfulness" classes, and these are clearly meeting a need for students to take a (temporary) step off the treadmill. At a more serious level, one of the most startling statistics that I have been presented with recently is that one in twelve of the student population is registered with the University Counselling Service. The necessity for the College of striking a balance between promoting excellence and sustaining mental health has never been greater.

For graduate students, the College has a similar role; it provides a contrasting environment to the University departments where the majority of teaching and research takes place. The imminent arrival of new graduate accommodation will help immeasurably with building the graduate community. One feature of Battcock House will be – in contrast to older student staircases – large communal kitchens, deliberately intended to provide mixing spaces for students to spend time.

As a Fellowship we recognise these challenges for both future and current Downing members. We are committed to providing and sustaining a community that meets the needs of the brilliant students that we matriculate each year – and this is something that is unchanging.

Guy Williams

THE JUNIOR BURSAR'S REPORT

This has been the first full year in which the day-to-day maintenance function has been split from the project-driven major building function, to the demonstrable benefit of both. The Maintenance Team – now reporting to the Domus Manager who has responsibility for all aspects of room management – has reduced a relatively large backlog of repairs by over 75%, while the Buildings' Team has focused on in-house managed building projects, saving some 20% of the cost when compared with works under the control of a main contractor.

These latter projects range from the sublime to the ridiculous(ly) large. The sublime must cover the full refurbishment of the Chapel and the installation of a new Downing Organ, designed by the late Ken Tickell. His obituary records that Tickell: "was a leading British organ builder whose instruments can be found in Eton College, Worcester Cathedral, and at Keble College, Oxford ... (and) was renowned for his perfectionism and for being able to visualise how an instrument would look and sound even before it was built". Certainly the new instrument, in its revitalised surroundings, is now being played by many dedicated organists.

A further aesthetic project was the renovation of the 30-year old Howard Building, with help from the Howard Foundation. The old heating system has given way to a state-of-the-art heating and cooling system on the first floor, while the somewhat rustic 'church hall' pitched ceiling has been replaced with a classically coffered ceiling, incorporating the air handling within the

Greek-Key motif down-stands. We now have an interior to match the classically-inspired exterior!

The MCR was also stripped during the year, and given new lighting, wall coverings and a food-hygiene-approved bar as well as improved toilet facilities outside where we once had student lockers. The mezzanine above the MCR Office was opened up, as was the historical corridor linking S to R staircase, and work currently continues on bringing the five bedrooms upstairs to a higher standard.

However, the major project during this year – and for a good part of next year – is the conversion of Parker's House into 78 en-suite student rooms; and this while maintaining generally good relations with our eleven ground-floor commercial tenants! It is somewhat hard to reconcile major demolition work with a hearing-aid business, or sporadic asphalt breaking with students sitting exams at the accountancy training centre! We have taken the opportunity to remodel the whole area between Parker's House and the historical Domus by converting the former Maintenance Building into an Art Gallery, moving the access to the upper floors of Parker's House around to the rear and the newlynamed 'First Court', and we are looking at ways to incorporate the Library Garden into a coherent series of smaller 'soft' courts along the rear of the East Range. A replacement Maintenance Building has been constructed in the Maintenance Yard, and a new Pavilion and Gardening storage sheds are scheduled for this summer.

This work is progressing well, with many rooms ready to be furnished, albeit some others still await delivery of new window units to make them watertight! As part of the project, we installed 30 kilowatt-power of solar photovoltaic panels on the roof; this went live on 22 June, and now provides sufficient power to run the whole building site including the enormous remote-control electric crane. The plan is that students from Parkside and Devonshire Road will move into Parker's House in late January 2016 so that those properties can be sold to part-fund the project. At this time, all our accommodated students (bar six in the Boathouse) will have direct access to the Downing Domus.

Of course, this completion will not be the end of College works, and we have plans to move on to renovate nos 44/46 and 56/58 Lensfield Road during the Spring and Summer of 2016. Work to improve the facilities at Downing never stops.

Dick Taplin

THE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

After great success in fundraising last year due to several very generous donations by way of legacies, it was inevitable that this year would not equal its predecessor. However, there were a few very bright spots in the College's fundraising efforts. This year was the best result for a telephone campaign since they were started at Downing 17 years ago in 1998. This is largely due to the fact that we had the 'buy a brick' campaign for Parker's House and First Court project.

The popularity among alumni donors of the refurbishment of the Dining Hall in 2009, now coupled with the great success of selling bricks and other naming opportunities in Parker's House, tells us that Downing alumni and friends are drawn by opportunities to have their names (or names of those they wish to commemorate) in the fabric of the College. This is by no means standard, as many donors to peer institutions, nationally and internationally, do not find building campaigns compelling. This seems to be something special about Downing and is enormously appreciated because these building projects and improvements are vital to the College's future.

We held nearly 20 events in four countries for alumni and friends with an overall attendance of nearly 2,000 people. This includes our Fifth Catalysis Conference, *Living with Risk*. As you may have seen in the e-newsletter, *The Downing Column*, the Catalysis lectures are posted online at http://sms.cam.ac.uk/collection/2015412.

Last year I reported in the Association *Newsletter* that it had been 'The Year of the Legacy' because there had been several which had a tremendous impact on the College. It was less so this year which reminds us what an important and, at times, transformational impact legacies can have on the College. Downing is immensely grateful to Old Members and their families who so kindly remember the College in their will.

In news from the larger University, the launch of the yet-to-be-named fundraising campaign for collegiate Cambridge will take place in October. There should be a fair amount of national press coverage at the time. Part of October's announcement will be a statement that £500 million has been raised already towards the goal of £2 billion. The figures announced will be those raised both by the colleges and the University since the last campaign (The 800th Campaign). Therefore it includes Downing and recognises the generous support of our alumni and friends since 2011.

Gabrielle Bennett

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

Dates already arranged for 2015-16 include:

Year Reps' Meeting and Dinner Fri 25 September

Alumni Weekend Fri 25 – Sun 27 September

London ReceptionThurs 12 NovemberTeachers' Networking EventSat 14 NovemberTailgate Party for the Varsity Rugby MatchThurs 10 DecemberCranworth Law DinnerThurs 11 February

1987–95 Year Group Reunion Thurs 17 March

Drinks (London)

Downing Medics' Conference Fri 1 April
Segreants' Dinner Sat 23 April
MA Awards Dinner Sat 14 May
Donors' Garden Party Sat 11 June

Annual Reunion Dinner Fri 1 – Sun 3 July

(pre 1956/56/66/76/86/96/06)

1749 Society Garden Party Sat 16 July

And for 2016-17....

Year Reps' Meeting and Dinner Fri 23 September

Alumni Weekend Fri 23 - Sun 25 September

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

THE NEW ORGAN

During the Long Vacation of 2014, the College Chapel underwent its first major refurbishment since its opening in 1953. Work was carried out to a very high standard, including the mending of cracks, repair of plaster damaged by damp, repainting of all walls, oiling of woodwork, laying of new carpets in the vestries and new linoleum in the pews, installation of new kitchen facilities, complete rewiring, double-glazing of sash windows, fitting of electric opening mechanisms to high-level windows, and the installation of a new computer-controlled lighting system. It was a complex undertaking, which required encasing all the pews in protective plywood and filling the Chapel with scaffolding. Like other works around the College, it was expertly co-ordinated by Downing's own Contracts Manager, Richard Monument. By September, all was ready for the greatest part of the refurbishment, the arrival of the new Kenneth Tickell organ.

Generations of Downing Organ Scholars struggled with the limitations of its predecessor, the rather disappointing 1966 Walker organ. The old instrument came from an era of experimentation in organ design, and included a number of features which were later realised to be somewhat misguided. Remedial work in 1982 had made some improvements, such as replacing the internal connections made from nylon fishing line with rods which were rather less likely to stretch. Expensive maintenance work over the years had kept it alive and breathing. However, the pipes themselves produced an uninspiring selection of sounds, consisting mainly of rather shrill fluty noises. Visually, it was equally disappointing, displaying racks of pipes in a logical but ugly structure which looked out of place in such a beautiful space.

Thanks to the generosity of our benefactors, including the many alumni who sponsored individual pipes, we have now been able to replace it with



Griffin feature – the Kenneth Tickell Organ

an instrument which is many times better in every way. One former organ scholar recently commented on its 'world-class voicing', and others have expressed their great delight that Downing has such a wonderful instrument at last. The beautifully-carved casework looks completely at home in our elegant Chapel, and the griffins at the top highlight the fact that it was very carefully custom-made for us. The pipes themselves produce an impressively broad range of tone colours, rather like the variety found in a small orchestra. There are soft strings, bold trumpets, sparkling flutes

and warm reeds. I have been listening to it for nearly a year now, and still keep being surprised and delighted by new combinations of sounds. The instrument can accompany a choir beautifully, or sing out its own solos, perfectly matched to the lovely acoustic of the Chapel.

Underlying all this beauty is some remarkable engineering, using the best of traditional and modern techniques. It was all designed on a computer down to the last millimetre, exactly matched to the space in our organ loft. Some parts of the wooden structure were cut by a computer-controlled machine. Others were crafted very carefully by hand. The organ contains seventeen different full ranks of pipes, each of which can be activated by pulling out a stop to connect it to one of the two keyboards or to the pedalboard. Many hundreds of pipes are hidden away inside the casing, some of which are taller than a person, and some of which are the size of a finger. Organists cherish the mechanical action which connects the keyboard directly to the valves on these pipes, giving them total and immediate control over the sounding of the notes. But there is also a computer system on hand to allow them to change to a different preprogrammed selection of stops at the touch of a button.



The organ was first of all assembled in the company's workshop in Northampton, before being dismantled and rebuilt in the Chapel. Then followed an extraordinarily complex process known as 'voicing', where the instrument was precisely matched to the acoustic of the Chapel. Even to adjust the volume of one pipe is time-consuming, because increasing the air flow makes the sound louder but also makes it sharper, so the pipe needs to be retuned at the same time. I shall never forget the patience of the organ-builders as they carried out a vast number of fine adjustments until they were happy with the results. Once when I called in to see them, one of the team was busy making some small changes to the bassoon pipes. This involved adjusting the size of a small lead weight fixed to a little metal tongue which functions as the reed at the end of one pipe. He melted some wax holding the lead to the reed, sliced off a small amount of lead, and then carefully reattached it with some more molten wax. He then repeated the process for all of the pipes in that whole set, put them back and had another listen to them, before beginning the next set of adjustments. Half-way through the voicing process, we assembled a choir so that they could check how the sounds of the pipes blended with the voices of people.

The result is something which is a labour of love and a work of extraordinary patience and skill. The organ is a final tribute to the creative genius of its designer, Kenneth Tickell, who died before it was assembled in the Chapel. We first discussed this project with him in 2003, and he was very patient with us while we raised the funds for it. He also spent a long time sitting quietly in our Chapel, looking up at the space where the organ was to go, thinking deeply about its design. Visually and acoustically, the resulting instrument is a perfect match for the beauty of the building.

We have been delighted to welcome back two illustrious former organ scholars for the first two recitals. Martin Baker (1985), Master of Music at Westminster Cathedral, gave the inaugural recital on 5 February and Carl Jackson (1978), Director of Music at the Chapel Royal, Hampton Court, gave the second recital on 4 March. We look forward to future recitals by other former organ scholars. All who enjoy music are welcome to contact me for details of forthcoming events, or to join us to hear the organ played at Choral Evensong on any Sunday evening during full term.

The Revd Dr Keith Eyeons

A CLASSICAL ADVENTURE

THE ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY OF DOWNING COLLEGE CAMBRIDGE

Commissioned by the Howard Foundation, this new book on the College will be published by the Oxbridge Portfolio on September 10th. Compiled by Tim Rawle (1975, Architecture), the architectural photographer and writer, it will be a highly pictorial account of the College's architectural history and the role played by the Downing family in the founding of the College. A special offer flyer was mailed to all College members in the spring, and another promotional leaflet with order form attached is included with this edition of the *Alumni Association Newsletter*. The price of the book is now £30.00 + p&p. The book may also be ordered online at: www.oxbridgeportfolio.com



The Hall



The West Range in the spring

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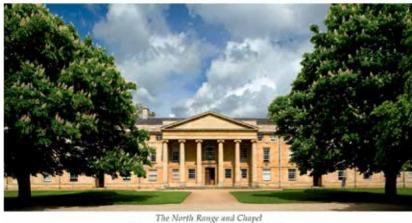
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College Arms in the Chapel

The Library staircase



The Howard Theatre



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From The Archivist

Two exciting additions to the archive this year have provided a fascinating insight into student life at Downing both before and after the First World War.

Sport at Downing on the Eve of War

The first, a collection of 12 sports team and club photographs from 1910–1913, was deposited by the daughter of alumnus **CJJT Barton** (1909). 'Juxton' Barton was a well-known member of the College, profiled in *The Griffin*, who



Downing Rugby 1912-13 (ref DCPH/2/3/8/28)

was Captain of the Rugby Team and represented both the College and University in Rugby and Athletics. The annotated team photographs are especially poignant as they include six men whose names were, just a few years later, to appear on the College war memorial. At a time when I am currently preparing individual biographies of each man on the war memorial, for an online WWI Roll of Honour (http://www.dow.cam.ac.uk/ index.php/about/archive/ww1-

memorial), this was the first time I had seen photographs of many of these men, with matriculation photographs sadly lacking for much of this period.

In addition to photographs of Rugby and Athletics teams and the Lent

Boat 1910 on the river, the last two were particularly interesting: 'The Griffins, 1913' and the 'Octopus Club, 1912'. A memoir by Barton himself, already in the College archive, failed to shed much light on the background to this unfamilar club: "For the life of me I cannot remember how this eightsome started in 1912. I deeply suspect it was a mutual admiration society"!



Octopus Club 1912 (ref DCPH/2/4/24)

Film of Downing and Cambridge Life, 1928-31

A second exciting development this year was the receipt of a digitized copy of a 30 minute film of life in Downing and Cambridge between 1928–1931, which was filmed by Downing student **Henry Iliffe Cozens** (1928) and has now



Skating on the frozen Cam, Feb. 1929 (ref. DCHR/5/13)

been made available online for the first time (see below). Cozens studied Mechanical Engineering at Downing and afterwards had a long and illustrious career in the RAF. Shortly after leaving Downing he was seconded to the British Arctic Air Expedition as official photographer and film-maker and continued pursuing this interest, making an important training film,

Night Bombers, in 1944 which chronicled a raid over Germany by Lancaster bomber. Cozens himself continued to fly bombing raids during the Second World War up to 1944, when a direct order forbidding Station Commanders flying operationally prevented his further active participation. He retired in 1956 as Deputy Chief of Staff (Air Training).

The original cine film was donated to the College the year before Air Commodore Cozens died in 1995 and was subsequently sent to the UEA in Norwich to be digitized by the East Anglian Film Archive. It provides a fascinating insight into student life in Cambridge around 1930, including general Cambridge scenes showing the Senate House processions, Rag Week, Bumps on the Cam and May Balls, plus rare scenes of ice-skating on the frozen Cam. More interestingly, from a Downing perspective, it includes

scenes of the Domus before the building of Baker's North Range, (as yet unidentified) staff and Fellows and the College's first organ in its original home in the Hall, twenty years before the building of the Chapel.

The film has just been made publicly available online for the first time via the University's Media Streaming



Organ recital on the Bevington organ in the Hall (ref. DCHR/5/13)

Service (at http://sms.cam. ac.uk/media/1918417). It is an amazing addition to the College's archive, showing what Cambridge was like for a student at the time, but also providing an insight, for the very first time, into real life and individual characters in Downing College, a heartwarming snapshot of history



Group thought to be staff, outside temporary offices, c.1929 (ref. DCHR/5/13)

and tradition but also, unusually, friendships and down-time for Downing students eighty-five years ago. It is well worth a look! The main scenes are as follows:

- Senate House procession
- Student group outside modern O staircase (02:20)
- Rag procession
- Skating on the Cam
- DC Boat House, with frozen Cam (05:45)
- Cricket match (men and women)
- Fellow outside H staircase (08:45)
- The new organ (1928), in its original location in the Hall, recital with 3 grand pianos (09:20)
- Various river scenes
- DC Boat House scenes, followed by extensive footage of Bumps races (14:00)
- May Ball group outside Hall/ West Range (24:22) then, later, another Ball at Clare College
- River scenes

New Developments

For those interested in the history of Downing, the College Archivist has produced a new College history timeline on the website at http://www.dow.cam.ac.uk/index.php/about/history/timeline. (Paper copies available from the College Archivist on request.) Downing College Archives is also now on Facebook! Keep up to date with important anniversaries, interesting finds and snapshots from the archive collections at www.facebook.com/downingcollegearchives (no account necessary).

As ever, the College Archivist (archivist@dow.cam.ac.uk) would love to hear from anyone who would like to deposit photographs or other items relating to the College's history or share their memories of their time at Downing.

Jenny Ulph

FEATURES

Downing Rugby - The Legends Continue

The past two *Newsletters* have featured Downing Tennis and Rowing¹. In 2013 the Rugby team won the league and cup double, so we have taken the hint!

The Immediate Post War Years

Post-war success began in 1948 when the team was promoted from Division 3 to Division 1 in successive seasons, reaching the semi-final of Cuppers in 1949. However, success appears to have been short lived and by 1956 the club were pleased to avoid relegation from Division 2 – a fate that they succumbed to in 1959, bouncing back in 1960. It was 1965 before the College returned to Division 1.

The Great Divide - Varsity and College Rugby

One of the features of inter-college sporting competitions is that those who play for the University cannot play in the leagues – though they are eligible to play in Cuppers. Downing has made a significant contribution to Cambridge University Rugby over the years, with 36 recorded Blues and, at least, a further dozen who played for the University. Many others represented the LX Club. As a result, League and Cuppers performances have often differed.

In the days before professional rugby, the University team was a nursery for future internationals. In 1951, Harry Willis (1943) had an England trial and, in 1964, Nick Drake-Lee (1961) and Simon Clarke (1960) both represented England. It is ironic that, during this period, the team remained in Division 2!

A TALE OF TWO SEASONS

Simon Clarke, who also represented the University at Cricket, writes:

I think it was a copy of The South Wales Argus that was raining blows on my head. I was running out of the tunnel at the Cardiff Arms Park to play my first international match, forty odd years ago. The problem for visiting sides, particularly the lilywhite Brits, was being within striking range of the fervent Welsh supporters. Anyway, we won 13–6 and went on to win the Five Nations Championship that year, with three wins and a draw (0–0 against Ireland in Dublin). You could say that we were one score off a Grand Slam. England failed to notch a win in Cardiff until a further 29 years elapsed, which made me feel rather smug.

In 2016 we hope to feature Association Football – please send any reminiscences to Association@dow.cam.ac.uk [Ed]



It all started becoming interesting for me when I joined the Royal Marines to do my National Service. Having served an apprenticeship with Devonport Services in Plymouth. I was selected to play scrum-half for The Royal Navy against The Army and The RAF at Twickenham. The previous summer I had opened the batting at Lords against the same opponents so I was very proud, as an 18-year old, of having achieved that double.

The rugby became really exciting as I was picked for the first England tour of New Zealand and Australia whilst in my third year at Cambridge. It

seemed that Downing could just about manage without my penetrating historical essays. I played in three tests that year against The All Blacks and one against Australia; we lost all four but you should have witnessed the referee's performance in the Test in Christchurch. This is written through clenched teeth – we scored two penalties and had two push-over tries under the posts disallowed. We "lost" 9–6.

Au contraire, we beat France three years on the trot, which was most satisfactory. Other highlights included a win against Scotland at Twickenham, a match which was known for "Sharpe's try". I generously shovelled the ball out to Richard Sharpe, who sold two outrageous dummies and shimmied in under the posts. I won 13

caps over 4 seasons, the last being a draw against Scotland which featured "Hancock's try" when Andy Hancock ran the length of the field to score in the last minute. I was vaguely miffed by a report in one of the papers which stated "somehow the ball reached Hancock". In fact, although I say it myself, and if my memory has



Simon Clarke in action for Cambridge University v London Scottish 1962

not failed me, I took on the entire Scottish pack of forwards and slid out the perfect scoring pass, despite the close attentions of the enemy.

In those days, you could combine international rugby and fairly serious cricket. The seasons were neatly separated. My cricketing highlights were scores in the eighties against Surrey and Warwickshire and seventy against the full Sussex attack; the lowlights were a string of low scores against the Counties, opening for Cambridge University. My excuses were the calibre of the bowlers who claimed my scalp (my how they must have crowed in the dressing room). They included Fred Trueman, Peter Loader, Trevor Bailey, Tony Lock, Ray Illingworth, Barry Knight and Tommy Greenhough.

However, I did keep Alec Bedser at bay on a hot day at the Oval. He sledged me with "This berk has only got one shot" as I squeezed him down to third man yet again. Sledging is not that new.

The beginning of the end of an idyllic sporting existence came with a combined Oxford and Cambridge tour of Africa, starting in Uganda and finishing in South Africa. This followed on from the Antipodean tour already mentioned, so that particular summer was one long rugby match. There was no time, alas, for cricket.

Anyway, whoever whacked me with the South Wales Argus provided the stimulus I needed. So, if you are out there somewhere, thanks a million, Dai!

Simon Clarke (1960)

A purple patch, the blues and the dawn of gold

Over the years, history records several teams that dominated college rugby – frequent valiant defeats are recorded against Hughes Hall (particularly in Cuppers), St John's, Catz, Jesus, Magdalene,

The doldrums of the mid early 1960s were ended in 1965 with a return to Division 1, attributed at the time to the **Rev Frank McKay** (1962)¹, a New Zealand research student and rugby coach. In 1966 Downing were runners-up in Division 1, 1967 was recorded "one of their best seasons ever" and in 1968, they were fourth. However, in 1969, the team was temporarily relegated. Four years of yo-yoing left them in Division 2 in 1973, but in 1974 the team was promoted to Division 1 without losing a match (Father McKay is reported to have returned) and they have never looked back. To date they have remained for 41 years in Division 1 claiming the (unverified) record for an unbroken period in the top flight.

"One of the Teams to Beat" - Downing in the 70s

Phil Boulding (1973) reflects on the influences on and nature of College rugby at the time:

The 1970s was a period in which there was a huge resurgence in sport within the College which marked out Downing within the University as one of the very top sporting colleges and, whatever the sport, one of the 'teams to beat'.

This resurgence owed its genesis to many factors, including (so rumour has it) the fact that after some Downing students were involved in the high profile Garden House Hotel riots in February 1970 which protested against the military regime in Greece and involved some of the demonstrators being jailed, the College determined that it should seek to rebuild its somewhat tarnished reputation by recruiting 'well-rounded' Freshers who were just as capable of academic success as they were of distinguishing themselves on Cambridge's sporting fields and the Cam (as well as far beyond). For once, the palpably incorrect assumption (still peddled in some Cambridge college circles) that good sportsmen are 'one trick ponies' was consigned to the waste bin.

This enlightened entry policy sometimes led to the apocryphal story being told that on being called in for interview by a certain (unnamed) 'Don', a rugby ball would be thrown at the unsuspecting interviewee. The story continued that catching the ball guaranteed an Exhibition; catching and drop kicking it into the waste paper basket, a Scholarship! One can only assume that doing neither resulted in a rejection of the interviewee's application.

Downing rugby benefitted spectacularly from this changed entry policy, but this article would not do justice to Downing sport in general were it to omit any mention whatsoever of the enormous contribution made by other Downing men (male only then, unfortunately) to both College and University sport: Hockey - Kevin 'KJ' Julian (1971) and Iain Williamson (1974); Tennis - Kevin McCollum (1974), Martin Cornish (1974), Robin Frost (1972) and Paul Bourden (1976): Cricket - Charlie Bannister (1974), Pete Hayes (1973), Ian Greig (1976) (brother of Tony) and Adrian Moylan (1974); Rowing - George Bailey (1972), Mark Horton (1975) and Guy Henderson (1976); Football - Ian Swalwell (1974) and Pete Rees (1975); Water Polo - Dave Allen (1972); Boxing - Steve 'Bish Bam' Williams (1973); Athletics - Glenn 'Bish' Bishop (1973); Golf - John Haworth (1973). There are many, many more deserving of a mention, but unfortunately the ravages of time and failing memory mean that by mentioning so few distinguished sportsmen of the era, I have perpetrated more injustices than I have dispensed accolades.

Returning to Downing rugby, whilst team success in the form of league titles and Cuppers wins cannot be readily found in the record books, in the very early 1970s Downing certainly had a number of distinguished players who not only served the College very well, but went on to play at the very highest level in the pre-professional era. In this context, players such as **John 'Bomber' Clayton (1970)** (who went on to win his Blue), **Terry O'Hanlon (1964)** (brother of Chris who came up in 1973, who went on to distinguish himself with Richmond, particularly as winners of the then very prestigious Middlesex 7s) and **Malcolm Young (1964)** (Gosforth and 10 England caps between 1977 and 1979) all warrant a mention. However, the old adage 'one man does not make a team' was particularly apt in Downing's case, and team success was sparse.

In October 1973, when this author was somewhat surprisingly admitted as a Fresher under the College's newly enlightened entry policy, the Club was one of the social highlights of the College and the annual dinner was a function that was never to be missed unless, of course, you were still locked up as a result of misdemeanours perpetrated at the previous dinner! Notwithstanding its social prowess, the Club was generally bereft of inspiration and ideas on the pitch. That said, the Club Captain for the 1973/4 season, John 'Siff' Simpkins (1971) was a redoubtable leader, drinker and even capable prop forward.

'Siff' (who actually possessed a girlfriend at the time, a rarity in College) was ably assisted by an assorted band of desperadoes, the names of some of whom I still have the misfortune to remember after all these years: Nigel Armstrong (1972), son of a Chief Constable, but utterly beyond 'the long arm of the law' and who was definitely more dangerous in bars (some readers will know exactly what I mean) than he ever was on the pitch; Johnie Hart (1972), a Geordie who us 'soft Southerners' had difficulty understanding when he shouted the line-out calls: Kev Mulholland (1972), an enormous red-headed Geordie and 'enforcer' who would not have looked out of place as a night club bouncer; Max Craft (1972), a very large second-row and occasional LX Club player who defied all the odds and everyone's expectations by finally going 'legal' as a solicitor somewhere near the south coast; Jamie Storrar (1972), a fine wing-forward for Scottish schools and occasional LX Club player who had obviously made a serious error of judgment in leaving the safety of his native Edinburgh to come so far South; Dave 'Bottie' Allen (1972), a 'Brummie' prop forward, who subsequently went onto play for both the LX Club, the 'Blues' against Oxford and (the then mighty) Moseley. There were many, many more and they will certainly know who they are! Rumour has it that at least some of them have pursued successful, worthwhile careers.

My fellow October 1973 Freshers contained more than their fair share of talented rugby players, some of whom may even have been subjected to and passed the interview format as referred to above. Particular individuals who come to mind are: Tim Skinner (1973), an excellent scrum-half from Christ's Hospital who once he had dispensed with his school's frock coat uniform turned into a formidable College player who subsequently played many times for 'Old Blues'; Mark Worthington (1973), a very stylish fly-half; Jerry 'Superhitch' Hitchins (1973), a back-row player with impaired sight (or at least that's what I thought) and a real passion for collecting things, however big or small, who went on to become Club Captain (and a boxing half-Blue) and a very serious property developer; Welshman Chris O'Hanlon (1973), the younger brother of Terry (see above); Glenn 'Bish' Bishop (1973), who rumour has it never found the College launderette; Neil Thompson (1973), a very stylish centre who played many times for the Varsity and was most unfortunate not to get a Blue; Charlie Heard (1973), an avid mountaineer who was once caught silhouetted against the illuminated face of the Catholic church clock and is now, alas, deceased as a result of a climbing accident on Everest; Nick 'the Greek' Lewis (1973) who became a popular member of the team, not least because his family owned Ronelles nightclub in central Cambridge; Nigel Yeo (1973), a very large man who not surprisingly to those who know him had a very successful career in the police after he 'went down'.

The 'class of 1973' had an immediate effect on the Club, even though several of them would be called-up regularly for LX Club or Varsity duty which (certainly in those days) prevented them from turning out regularly for the College, such were the demands made on their time by the University teams. In fact, not only was the Club able to cement its position in the 1st Division with a very respectable upper table finish, but it had an exciting 'Cuppers' run and even managed to turn out a 2nd team which played in one of the lower college leagues. The annual dinner was again a resounding success, but recollection has it that the anticipated high spirits and likely japes meant that this celebratory affair had to held outside the College walls. Subsequent japes involving the Club's players (the mists of time and the fact that at least some of them might still occupy responsible positions in society makes it difficult for me to identify the individuals concerned) and which attracted the interest of the College's disciplinary authorities concerned the rearrangement of the neon lettering spelling 'The University Arms Hotel' high up on the wall of that well known hostelry into some that read far less attractively and putting an upside-down bike on every one of the College's chimney pots.

Avid readers of *The Times* will recall that the latter jape was the subject-matter of a front page photograph the following morning, together with a suitable caption!

Thereafter, things only got better with the 1974 and 1975 Freshers including such future Club and Varsity stalwarts such as Gordon Wood (1974) (ex-Durham University and England U-23), Nigel Heath (1975), Jamie Baron (1975) and Paul Shaw (1975). In fact, for the first time in many years in the 1975 Varsity Match the Cambridge team boasted three Downing men (Wood, Allen and the author) and after an October term of high-class, action packed rugby at Grange Road and in stadia up and down the country, Oxford were beaten by the then record score of 34 – 12. In subsequent years it was rare for Downing to have less than two members of the team at a time when the Varsity was in the ascendancy and regularly beating Oxford by a convincing margin (winning the first ever Bowring Bowl in 1976, with two Downing men in the team).

Further, whilst the Club never actually won the 1st Division or Cuppers in the 1970s, it got close on occasions. For example, in the 1976-7 season under the Captaincy of 'Superhitch' Hitchins the Club, with the assistance of a number of returning LX Club and Varsity players, reached the semi-final of Cuppers, only to be drawn at home on the old Long Road ground against the favourites, St. John's. St. John's turned up



Cambridge University Sevens Winners 1975-6

with their array of then current internationals and even a 'Lion' (which would be unthinkable in the current age). The Club ran St. John's very close, but narrowly lost by the odd point or two. However, the game was perhaps most famous (or, more accurately, infamous) for the mass brawl which occurred at one stage where the Club, despite its lack of internationals, gave a very good account of itself indeed. At one stage, excitement was running so high that a decent crowd decided to join in, with one of the Downing players being attacked by a spectator! Legend has it that the offending St. John's supporter was made the subject of the Downing version of a 'Fatwa', so let's just say it didn't happen again!

The Club dinner that year was again a really notable event. In circumstances where the College had once again politely declined the Club's request to hold its Annual Dinner in College, a booking was made at the 'Grad Pad' down by the Mill. The normal festivities took place. 'Streaking' was in vogue back in those days (some of the older College members might remember Erica's performance at Twickenham) and those who attended will undoubtedly remember the team streak that took place after the dinner up Mill Lane, through Pembroke and back into the College though the hole in the iron railings at the back of the College which had been specially created to give us students 24-hour access to the College. Fortunately, the porters were nowhere to be seen when the Club reconvened in the College bar (still all naked) to continue the festivities. Yes, things were a bit different back them!

My recollection is that the Club were then regally entertained in the old College bar on S staircase by Nigel Heath (1975), one of the team and subsequently a Blue (as well as being a very accomplished tennis player), who just happened to be the Bar President. I don't think that it could have made much of a profit that night! The night culminated with some of the team negotiating with the Head Porter (Ronnie 'Bowler Squad' Wheeler) from the roof of the College – the deal that was brokered was that he would put the access ladder back in return for the bar keys, with "no questions asked".

The 1976–7 season also sawa return to touring for the Club, an occurrence which to the best of this writer's knowledge had not occurred for some considerable time. It was decided to go 'up North' and whilst recollections are fairly hazy, there is some anecdotal evidence that an area around Lancashire was unfortunate enough to play host. Upon mature reflection, I have decided that what we refer to in Hong Kong as Kai Tak rules should apply – what happens on tour stays on tour! Suffice it to say that a good time was had by all.

Unfortunately, this author went down in 1977 and, quite frankly, I still miss the place. Happily, the Club was left in very good hands and from what I am told in my capacity as Senior Griffins' President goes from strength to strength. I will leave it to others to pick up the tale from 1977 onwards.

Phil Boulding (1973)

The "Premier Rugby Club"

The record since 1975 speaks for itself. At the peak are the remarkable achievements of two League and Cuppers doubles in 1993 and 2013.



The 2013 Rugby Squad with Cuppers Trophy

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| Cuppers | Winners | 1993, 2013 |
|-------------------|----------------|---------------------------------------|
| | Finalists | 1978, 1981, 1990, 1991, 1992 |
| | Semi-finalists | 1949, 1976, 1980, 1982, 1986, 1988, |
| | | 2001, 2006 |
| League | Champions | 1987 (undefeated), 1988 (undefeated), |
| | | 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 2001, 2013, |
| | | 2014 |
| | Runners up | 1996, 2002, 2010, 2012 |
| University Sevens | Winners | 1976 |
| | Finalists | 1983 |
| | Semi-finalists | 1963 |

The early 90s were a heyday for Downing College Rugby culminating in a League and Cuppers double. The following article explains how it happened.

"HANDS ON THE TROPHY AT LAST" - THE EARLY 90s

The following is based on a large database of information supplied by Tim Walton (1991):

Routines

The College ran a single team during the league season. During Cuppers, Downing would have teams in the first and second team competition. The teams would train twice a week. Tuesday afternoons were spent primarily on drills, with Sunday, just after brunch, spent on touch and fitness work. The Tuesday sessions were slightly more focused on the first team, whereas the Sunday was a free for all.

The most important part of the week was Rugby night, which started at 7pm sharp on Thursdays after the game. The format of the evening was quite repetitive and run by the Chief Soc.² Games would start the evening and might include, for example:

- The Matchbox game (flipping a matchbox over a pint glass)
- Commander Bibblibobs (equivalent to Simon says)
- Whizz-Boing-Bounce and its strange variation Zoom-Schwartz-Profigliano.

Other games would run in the background including bathroom bans and mandatory left handed drinking....

Once the games were completed, a 'fining' session would begin and each person around the table would be called out for any egregious behaviour during the match (e.g. scoring a drop goal) or for any other notable acts. At 10pm, the group would then adjourn to the College bar and proceed to generally annoy the rest of the student population with their expert singing.

The other social event of the year was the annual Rugby Dinner, and the traditions of the 70s appear to have been upheld, particularly in relation to the apparent need for rugby players to remove their clothes whilst running.

Rugby at the Time

The 1990s were a pivotal time in the evolution of the sport of Rugby Union with the advent of professionalism. This had a profound effect on the rugby dynamic in the University and it is worth reflecting on this.

Up to the 80s, the Varsity Match was seen as a scouting opportunity for the five nations. During the 80s and early 90s, a stream of high calibre players, often from abroad, would come to Oxford and Cambridge for post-graduate studies, though it was unclear how many of them would complete their degrees. In Cambridge, many of these students attended Hughes Hall and St Edmund's. Not surprisingly the University team during this period was dominated by post-graduate students, particularly from Hughes Hall.

Due to their large number of University players, Hughes did not put in a team for the League, but they could raise a strong team for Cuppers. St Edmund's didn't initially have the numbers, so instead would outsource their players to the other colleges. Each college was allowed to field up to three players from St Edmund's and Downing was the recipient of some talent.

The advent of the professional game went into over-drive after the first World Cup and the game finally turned Pro in 1994. The need for top players to come to Cambridge and make their mark, which was already in decline, went into overdrive at this point. Today the post-graduate colleges do not dominate the University team as they did.

Playing Style

English Rugby during the early 90s, under the Stewardship of Roger Utley and captaincy of Will Carling had become a terrible bore. It was 10-man rugby at its best, and while that did result in strong international performances, it wasn't very exciting to play. As a winger, you chased kicks. Awesome.

Downing College Rugby was the antithesis to this. Despite strong forwards, the College favoured an expansive game, priding itself on a long list of backs' moves, some of which worked, and some of which, while looking good, rarely did. Of particular note were 'Crowd Pleaser 1' – Fijian inspired through the legs twice for an attempted drop goal, and 'Crowd Pleaser 2' – a quadruple dummy scissors which invariably resulted in the outside half running straight off the pitch or being nailed by a fast flanker.

Key Players

During the great Cuppers run of the early 90s, the star player of Downing and ultimately the University, was a certain Mr Rory Jenkins (1989) aka Bosher. This back-rower was the essence of the irresistible force and would often score with half the opposition hanging off him. In the new professional world, Rory went on to have a successful playing career at Harlequins and narrowly missed out on full England honours. Two other Blues were Richard Batstone (1987) (aka Bats), an American who

took to rugby late and was blessed with blistering pace, and the scrum half **Justin Davies** (1989), or Doggers, who was as cheeky on the pitch as he was off it.

During the period there were many other people who represented the various University Rugby teams in LX and U21 Varsity matches, including Alex McCracken (1990), Lee Longstaff (1990), Gavin Howard (1990), Robert Whirledge (1990), Tim Walton (1991).

The College was also able to call on a variety of talents from St Edmund's, including Andrew Parton, Kevin Price, John Duckworth, and Simon Phillips.

Performance

The College began the decade as League Champions in 1989–90, 1990–91 and 1991–92 and were Cuppers finalists three times, losing to Magdalene in 1990 and Hughes Hall in 1991 and 1992.

The Captain for the 1991–92 season, **Tim Woods** (1989), was unusual for a rugby captain in that he didn't drink beer. Equally unusual was the fact that the Chief Soc., **Richard Borrows** (1988), also didn't drink beer. However, with a large intake of eager recruits, the College was poised for another strong league season, beating the arch-rivals John's but losing to Trinity.

The Cuppers assault was thrown into disarray by an event that occurred in Amsterdam. A prank thrown during the tour by the University second team, the LX Club, was less than well received. The story got into the press and the end result was a ban from rugby for twelve months for all members of the touring party. This had serious ramifications for Downing due the number of LX club members the College could call on, both from its own ranks and from St Edmund's.

Having made it through the rounds, beating John's in the semis, the Hughes side Downing met in the final had a staggering six full Blues in it, including David Dix (who represented Australia) and Damien Hopley (who represented England). They were simply too big and too strong for the Downing team which was on the back foot from the first minute. Unable to secure ball from the lineout or the scrum, Downing was unable to play its trademark expansive game. While the College valiantly defended, it was a one sided match. For the second year in a row, Hughes raised the trophy.

However, it was the 1992–93 team, captained by Robert Sutcliffe (1990) that must take pride of place in the history of Downing Rugby.

The team was bolstered by the return of the LX players for the Cuppers season and a new strong crop of undergraduates, the last for some time.

The team was undefeated through the League season and put over 100 points on Caius in a match that the referee cut short.

With the returning LX players and three strong players from St Edmund's, almost the entire Cuppers team had represented the University at some point. The early rounds were a formality, though we fought a tightly contested semi-final against Jesus, played in a gale. Hughes Hall were the competition in the final for the third year in a row. Despite their high number of Blues (5 versus our 3), Downing was simply too strong across the pitch and this time, was able to play its game. At the whistle, Downing finally had its hands on the trophy!

Then a few days later, the second team, led by Tony Buffin (1990), won the second team Cuppers. With League and Cuppers victories by the Downing Football team, it was certainly a great year for Downing College sports.

Many of the key players of the prior years left in 1993 and while coming second in the League in the 1993–4 season, Downing was not the force of old. The talent from St Edmund's was not available for Cuppers as they chose to field their own team. Downing was knocked out in the quarter finals, playing at home, by Robinson.

For the next 20 years, Downing maintained its status as a major force in college Rugby. It kept its place in the top flight and recorded several respectable results, winning the League again in 2001 and finishing second in 1996, 2002, 2010 and 2012. But 2013 was another special year.....

THE SECOND DOWNING DOUBLE

Luke Thompson (2011) and Captain in 2013–14 writes:

Having come from a very small school and underfunded local club, I'd never had much experience winning trophies in rugby when I arrived at Cambridge, and I know most of my year were the same. In my first year at Downing it seemed that this was unlikely to change as, although we stood proudly as the only college never to be relegated from Division 1, we were by all accounts underdogs. Jesus and St John's outgunned us on every front; they had better training facilities, more University players and could field two teams at any time. This contrasts to Downing, who in my first term were so crippled by injury we lost three games in a row and looked relegation candidates. However, as our strength returned, it became apparent that in my own and the year above we had something very special, a group of players who were very talented and more importantly absolutely sold on the unique group mentality

that being part of a rugby club offers. Thus we ate, drank, trained and lived with each other for three years, forming a very strong bond that I believe was key to turning our fortunes around. Even by the end of my first year we showed our promise by beating St John's and Jesus in the same week, something that hadn't been done by any team for eight years.

In my second year we suddenly weren't underdogs anymore. Downing rugby players had filled the ranks of the University teams and we made an astonishing start to the season. We beat St John's in their back yard and I remember going absolutely ballistic after scoring a pretty average try, something I've never lived down. The bond I mentioned earlier showed this year as we demonstrated some immense character throughout the season. In our second game we were 15 points behind lesus with 15 minutes to go when a serious injury meant we had to change pitches. We responded by scoring three unanswered tries. They didn't even leave with a losing bonus point. Later on we scored a try in the last minute of the game to tie with Pembroke. Then in the Cuppers semi-final against a Bluesfilled St John's we dropped 19 points in the opening ten minutes, only to win the game 22-19. I remember standing underneath our own posts saving 'Who cares? We know we can turn this around.' That was without a doubt the best game of rugby I have ever been involved in, with most of the crowd unable to watch as our Japanese exchange student Gaku kicked the winning goal. Indeed before we knew it we had won Division 1 without losing a game and found ourselves in the final of Cuppers against Tit Hall. In a game that saw every weather condition imaginable, a streaker, our glorious leader Rob Hall (2010) sin binned and our only Blue Max Mather (2010) running in a hat-trick, we held on to win the double, something not achieved since 1993 (the year after I was born).

I was voted Captain for my final year when we went on to win Division 1 again, despite regularly not having 15 players and filling the team with our friends in the Football club. But at this stage that was no surprise. We'd all learnt our roles in the club; I'd learnt the art of being a centre, Mike Hurst (2011) had learnt how to call a lineout to himself, Sam Arnold (2011) had learnt dummy lines, Tom Rees (2011) had learnt how to coach and Reece Morgan (2011) had learnt how to out-scrum someone twice his height. In fact the only game we lost in the League that year ended a 600 day winning streak, something we will all talk about for a very long time. When I look back at these games and victories in years to come I'll remember how fun it was to turn an underdog into a front runner, but more importantly how fun it was to do it with mates.

Luke Thompson (2011)

"We knocked the Churchill Captain out cold" - Downing Women's Rugby

Although Downing first admitted women in 1980, it was not until 1993 that, according to the *Newsletter* "Downing Ladies first tried their hand at rugby. Beginning with touch-rugby we found this far too tame and so quickly progressed to the Rugby Sevens League where we did extremely well by winning all but one of our matches. Much of our success must surely be due to **Nicola Marks** (1991) and to **Belinda Austen** (1990), who knocked out cold the Churchill captain...".

The experiment was a success and, in 1994, their first year in the League, they finished second, with considerable success over the next three years. Sadly, the team folded in 1998 and, though they briefly amalgamated with Magdalene to play in 2002. It was not until 2007 that the team was reformed by **Lisa Walker** (2005) who led them to their one and only Cuppers victory in the same year.

Lisa writes:

I first discovered rugby during sixth form and went on to play for Yorkshire U19s, so I was keen to continue when I arrived at Cambridge University. I joined CUWRFC but struggled to attend training and practice due to the



Captain (Lisa Walker) and Vice-Captain (Sarah Gibson) hold the 2005 Cuppers trophy

time demands of my Natural Sciences course. I remember really missing playing rugby and was perplexed by how Downing was such a sporty college, with such a strong men's Rugby team, yet didn't have a women's team. With the help of Dave Nathan (2004) (who I'd met through the men's team and discovered he had experience

of coaching) I decided to set up a team. I was a Fresher's Rep so set up a stall at the Societies' Fair, spread the word, enlisted several of my fellow Lady Orchids³ and Natural Scientists, and enthusiasm followed! As more people joined, two of my very good friends (and housemates) on the men's team, **Joe Bell (2005)** and **Alex Martin (2005)**, got involved to help with coaching. I remember we started off playing matches in our own random assortment of black or maroon shirts, before being given the men's old shirts then later designing and getting our own.



The 2005 Cuppers Squad:

Alex Martin (Coach), Joe Bell (coach), Rachel Myers, Liza Mirelman, Daisy LeHellico, Laura Fraser, Lisa Walker (Captain), Sarah Gibson (Vice-Captain), Charlotte Jefferies (Social Secretary), Miranda Stotesbury, Viki Hannah, Dave Nathan (Head Coach), Jim Moyle (Coach)

Highlights I remember were beating St John's and then beating Girton in the Cuppers final.

So many people from College came to support us and even made banners! I also want to mention Master Barry Everitt as he was so supportive of DCWRFC and came to watch many of our matches.

I loved my time with DCWRFC and had so much fun on and off the pitch thanks to our Social Secretary, Charlotte Jefferies (2006).

Special mention goes to Sarah Gibson (2006), an awesome Vice-Captain, player of the year and an amazing athlete, Laura Fraser (2006), and our fastest player Rachel Myers (2005), who later went on to gain a Blue for Oxford. None of this would have been possible without Dave Nathan and also the help of Joe, Alex and Jim Moyle (2006) combined with the enthusiasm, motivation and determination of all those involved in DCWRFC.

Lisa Walker (2005)

Since 1983, Downing Ladies are only reported to have played rugby for six of those years – but the record of those who have played is note-worthy.

| Cuppers | Winners | 2007 |
|---------|----------------|------------------|
| | Runners up | 1997 |
| | Semi-finalists | 1995, 1996, 2008 |
| League | Runners up | 1994, 1997 |

WHATEVER DID ROWING AT DOWNING REALLY DO AND WHY? Following last year's feature on Rowing, Andrew MacTavish (1958) (Captain

of Boats 1960-61) writes:

I thoroughly enjoyed the excellent article *Whatever Did Rowing at Downing Really Do and Why?* in the last edition of the journal, but I did raise my eyebrows just a little at the sentence in the President's Foreword: 'Until the 1962 Mays Downing had only once had a crew in the First Division'.

I accept I am sensitive here. I am splitting hairs. I accept that in 1962, the year after I went down, the First VIII was printed in the Bumps programme at the bottom of the first Division for the first time since the 1940s. But on that very last night of the 1961 Bumps, on that very last Bumps Race that I ever rowed in, ... having ground our way to Sandwich Boat, we managed finally to bump Caius I. We were solidly into the First Division. We had arrived.

The nadir had been plumbed the year before I came up. In my first Mays, in 1959, we started as middle boat in the Second Division. On the first night, we made the bump that was the turning point in DCBS's history, the bump that was triggered by our coach shouting a barefaced lie – as I recorded on page 105 in French's Aspects of Downing's History. Two more bumps followed that year. In 1960 we again made three bumps. And then in 1961 we could smell the First Division. And we made the critical bump on that last night. And we rowed back down Long Reach with the other First Division boats and half the greenery from First Post Corner heaped on our bows.

That evening the College was delirious. Even people who didn't know where the boathouse was were exhilarated. At the Bumps Supper, I made my speech standing in front of the Master on the top table. With the wine of success roaring in my ears, I said we were now taking our place on the river where we ought to be (Cheers); that the 1st VIII would now climb steadily from this point (Redoubled cheers); that in the not-too-distant future we would see Downing as Head of the River (Ironic cheers and a flight of bread rolls)...

...Twenty one years later I jumped over the burning boat in the paddock.

So I am splitting hairs...for those 1st VIII men who sweated to drag the boat out of the shade of the Second Division into the present radiance of the First. We did have a crew properly in the First Division¹ – for the length of time it took to row back home – on 10 June 1961!

^{1.} The moment that a crew enters a new Division is a fine legal point. In the absence of a signed witness statement from the Chair of the Committee declaring that a bump only takes effect on the following day's racing, I have inspected the Bumps chart. It would appear that the use of the X to denote a bump suggests that, at the end of the day's rowing, the new position stands. I accept therefore that Andrew has a point. [Ed]

SIR BUSICK HARWOOD, DOWNING'S FIRST PROFESSOR OF MEDICINE (FIRST - AND LONGEST - RESIDENT OF THE COLLEGE)



Portrait of Sir Busick Harwood – Downing College collection

Two hundred years ago, Downing College's first Professor of Medicine, Sir Busick Harwood, died on 10 November 1814. He was named in the College's founding charter in 1800, one of only five Professors and Fellows of the new College, and was Vice Master from 1812. Harwood was the first resident in Downing, moving into East Lodge following its completion in 1811 (when only the Master's Lodge and East Lodge had been built and the College was still six years away from admitting its first student). He is a significant figure in the history of the College - and its archive- for two very different reasons: his art collection and the circumstances that followed his death in College in 1814...

Busick Harwood was born on 27 November 1750 and, after training as a surgeon and serving for five years in India, he returned home in 1778 and entered Christ's College as a Fellow-Commoner the following year. In the early 1780s he helped establish the medical college at the London Hospital, where he had trained before leaving for India, and gave a series of well-received lectures in Botany. In 1782 Harwood obtained an MD by examination from St Andrews University and was elected a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries the following year. He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society on 22 April 1784 and graduated MB from Cambridge with a thesis on blood transfusion in 1785. That year, he was appointed Professor of Anatomy at Cambridge, becoming a physician at Addenbrooke's in 1786.

Harwood moved to Emmanuel College, graduating MD in 1790, and it was during his time there that he commissioned a series of watercolour portraits of his Cambridge acquaintances, in patronage of the artist Sylvester Harding. Between 1790 and 1799, Harding painted over 140 miniatures of different members of the University. These were originally hung in Harwood's rooms in Emmanuel. (In his Reminiscences of the University, Town and County of Cambridge from the year 1780, Henry Gunning recalled: 'Harwood's room

[in Emmanuel] was hung with portraits - in fact the walls were nearly covered. He became possessed of them in a somewhat singular manner'). An album containing 134 of these miniatures was deposited in the archive in the and extensive conservation work has recently been completed. The portraits provide a fascinating and amazingly lifelike picture of students in Cambridge in the 1790s. Sadly, as they were commissioned just before the College was founded, none of those featured are from Downing, but they are nevertheless a beautiful and important part of the archive collection.



Licence from the Bishop of Ely, 12 November 1814, giving permission for the creation of a burial ground in the College on the site of the proposed chapel, DCAR/1/2/2/7.



Page from the album of Sylvester Harding miniatures (before conservation), DCPP/HAR/4.

Perhaps the most interesting and lasting legacy of Sir Busick Harwood is a physical, if perhaps little-known, one. When he died on 10 November 1814, he presented the Master at the time, William Frere, with a major problem. He had made it known before his death, and confirmed in his will (in the College's archive) that he wished to be buried on the site of the planned College chapel (in Wilkins' proposed South Range, which was to be between the Master's Lodge and Hall). As a result, the Master hastily obtained a licence from the Bishop of Elv. on 12 November 1814, for 'the interment of the bodies of the members and inhabitants of the said College' in a plot of land 40ft long and 20ft wide, to the West of the Master's Lodge, 'which will form part of the foundation and site of the chapel hereafter to be erected'.

The problem which the College's architect, William Wilkins, faced in the days following Sir Busick's death was the practical issue of building the vault in haste at possibly the worst time of the year. Letters from Wilkins still survive in the College's archive relating to the building of the vault, both before and

after Harwood's death (archive ref: DCAR/1/2/2/6/1). Although Wilkins was already planning the dimensions and exact location of the vault in late October, Wilkins advises in a letter two days after Harwood's death: 'I do not think it would be safe to have the brickwork executed so late in the year, especially after the frost we have already experienced. If you think of filling up the excavation, I should advise that the remains of poor Sir Busick be placed in the centre and four stakes driven in at the angles of the coffin... and not to suffer



Extract from letter from William Wilkins, 12 November 1814, DCAR/1/2/2/6/1.

the coffin to be sunk below the level of the intended pavement. Whenever it may be afterwards determined to build the vault the foundations for the walls etc may be dug without uncovering the coffin until its proper catacomb be prepared for it. If poor Matthews' remains are to be removed they may be likewise deposited by the side'.

(The reference to Matthews relates to Charles Skinner Matthews, Downing's first elected Fellow and friend of Lord Byron, who had drowned in the Cam (in what has become known as 'Byron's Pool') in August 1811. He was buried beneath the porch of St Bene't's Church in Cambridge, where a memorial tablet still hangs, and there is no apparent evidence that the suggested plan to move his remains to the vault at Downing ever took place).

The College evidently went ahead with Wilkins' suggestion to complete the vault *after* the burial of Harwood. In a letter from Wilkins on 26 November, he writes: 'With regard to the propriety of beginning upon the work before next Spring, I do assure you I think it will be extremely hazardous. This alternating of frost and wet is highly prejudicial to brick work, especially under the circumstances of the case. Nevertheless, if you should determine to run the risque (sic), I will take every precaution to guard against the attacks of the weather'. The *Cambridge Chronicle and Journal* reported on Friday 16 December that 'the remains of Sir Busick Harwood were interred in the site of the future chapel of Downing College...the place of interment is about to be formed into a vault under the [site of the future chapel] – The funeral took place on Thursday the 15th ult. and was attended by all the residents in Downing College, as a tribute of respect in his memory'.

The site of Sir Busick's grave in College remained unmarked until 1987, possibly as it was not until 1953 that the College's chapel was finally built, but on

the opposite side of the quadrangle to Wilkins' original plans. A black marble memorial stone now marks the location of Sir Busick's resting place and can be found to the side of the path between the Master's Lodge and the Hall. On Friday 14 November 2014, to commemorate 200 years since the death of one of the College's founding members, Dr David Pratt read a poem by Lord Byron ("Churchill's Grave: a Fact



Memorial stone marking the site of the vault and Sir Busick's grave.

Literally Rendered") at his graveside. It was a moving ceremony on a clear autumn evening, lit only with candles, attended by the Master, Senior Bursar and other Fellows. Downing's first Professor of Medicine may have died before he could see the completed College and the admission of its first students, but the plaque in the grass between the Master's Lodge and the Hall is a lasting reminder of his final wish to remain in College, and the existence of the vault beneath the chapel that never was.

Jenny Ulph

REMEMBERING THE FIRST WORLD WAR: ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

The College Archivist, Jenny Ulph, has been preparing an online Roll of Honour of those Downing men who died during the first World War. As an Association, we are proud and humbled to record the obituaries of those who died 100 years ago¹.



Alan Buchanan (1910) died at Hooge, near Ypres, on 16 June 1915, aged 25. He read Physics and Engineering.

Alan Buchanan was the son of Robert and Jeanie Buchanan, who married in Glasgow in 1879. They had three daughters, Mary, Bessie and Jean, before moving to Liverpool and buying the Molyneux Mill in Kirkdale in 1887 with Robert's brother William. Two sons were born after the move to Liverpool – Robert, in 1888, and Alan, in early 1890 – before a second

^{1.} This edition includes only those who died between 1914 and 1915. Subsequent editions will record the centenaries of the remainder at the appropriate time.

mill was purchased in 1894. Alan was a border at Fettes College in Edinburgh from 1904 before matriculating at Downing in 1910, studying Physics and Engineering. In 1912, Robert Buchanan bought the 1000 acre Bosbury House Estate in Ledbury, Herefordshire, in Alan's name.

After the outbreak of war, Alan joined the former Liverpool Scottish Regiment, renamed the King's (Liverpool Regiment), 1st/10th Battalion, as a Private. He was killed in action on 16 June 1915 at Hooge, near Ypres, aged 25. His obituary in the College magazine, *The Griffin*, in Michaelmas 1915 reads:

"He was of a somewhat retiring disposition, but was well-known and popular in the College, played some Rugby football, and was Secretary of the Lawn Tennis Club. Soon after the war broke out, he volunteered and went to Flanders in October 1914. In December he was invalided home with typhoid, after earning high encomiums by his indomitable spirit and cheerfulness under hardships. Going out again in the spring, he met his death on 16 June 1915. The following is quoted from a letter written by a N. C. O. 'Mr. Alan Buchanan was killed in action on the morning of the 16th inst. (June). He was assisting to get a machine-gun into position after our first advance to the first line of German trenches, when he was hit on the head by a shell. He was one of the bravest men we had, and when he was hit he was encouraging his comrades in the most cheerful way'."

After his death, his family established the Buchanan Scholarship Fund for arts students at Downing College in his memory. This is still available to Downing students today.



Gerald William Hilliard (1906) died in Egypt on 8 September 1915, aged 29.

Gerald William Hilliard was born in Guernsey on 19 May 1885, the son of William and Lydia Hilliard. In 1901, he began a five year apprenticeship with Great Western Railway in Swindon, entering Downing College in 1906, although, according to the College magazine, *The Griffin*, Hilliard 'remained for a short time only'. This, perhaps, may be explained by his appointment as Assistant to the Maintenance Engineer for the Buenos Aires Great Southern Railway in 1908. He returned to the UK from Argentina on 10 November 1914 following the outbreak of the war.

Hilliard joined the Royal Naval Air Service as a Flight Sub-Lieutenant (probationary) on 4 January 1915 and qualified to fly a Grahame-White biplane at Hendon the following month. He died in Egypt on 8 September 1915 of wounds received in the Dardanelles.

He is buried in the Great Yarmouth (Caister) Cemetery.



James John Kearney (1902) died at Gallipoli on 21 August 1915, aged 32. He studied for the General Examinations.²

James John Kearney was born in Harlesden on 29 September 1883, the son of James Kearney and his wife Sarah. After the death of his father, James's mother married George

William Brown in 1887 and the family had moved to Ilkley, Yorkshire, by the time of the 1891 Census. James attended Aysgarth School from January 1895 to July 1897 before returning south to complete his education at Dulwich College from 1898–99, where he played cricket in the first XI. He matriculated at Downing College in 1902. The obituary printed in the Michaelmas 1915 issue of the College magazine, *The Griffin*, reads:

"A fine all-round sportsman, he obtained College colours for practically everything, played in the Freshmen's Cricket Match 1903, and was Vice-President of the Griffins' Club. His exceeding popularity is evidenced by the following extract from a contemporary article in the College Magazine (Easter Term, 1905), written by a fellow undergraduate who is now a successful barrister: - 'It is mere presumption to attempt to express in words the unbounded goodwill that exists towards him in the hearts of all who know him.' His experience after going down in 1905 was very varied, and, included managing mines in South America and other parts of the world. Latterly he had devoted himself to farming and pony breeding in England, and when the war broke out he was playing polo and selling ponies in Germany, whence he had some difficulty in returning. He volunteered for service and, tired of waiting for a commission, joined the Gloucestershire Yeomanry as a Trooper. He went out to the Mediterranean in the late spring and was killed during a charge in Gallipoli on 21 August 1915."

^{2.} The General Examinations were one of the examinations set for those taking the Ordinary BA between 1861 and 1923, comprising papers on the Acts of the Apostles in Greek, a Latin classic, a Greek classic, Algebra, elementary Statics, and elementary Hydrostatics and Heat. Candidates also took one or more Special Examinations.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission records list Kearney as a Private in the Royal Gloucestershire Hussars. He is buried in Green Hill Cemetery in Turkey.



Ernest Pipkin Stratford (1903) died as the result of wounds received at Neuve Chapelle on 21 April 1915, aged 38. He read Medicine.

Ernest Stratford Pipkin was born on 24 June 1876, son of Samuel J Pipkin of Cheapside, London, and later Surbiton, Surrey. He was educated at Marlborough College and St Paul's in London before matriculating as a Non-Collegiate student in Cambridge in April 1895. He was admitted at Emmanuel in October that year and later served in the Boer War from 1898–1901 as a Trooper in the

Imperial Yeomanry. He achieved the rank of Captain but was invalided home after the relief of Ladysmith. He was admitted at Downing in October 1903, by which time he was known as Ernest Pipkin Stratford, appearing in a rare early matriculation photograph surviving in the archive.

After Downing, Stratford continued his medical training at St Thomas's and St Mary's Hospitals in London and was appointed the resident medical officer at the West Ham Hospital for Diseases of the Nervous System before settling in Wokingham. After the outbreak of war in 1914, he took a temporary commission as a Lieutenant in the Royal Army Medical Corps on 16 September 1914 and, after serving for three months as a surgeon at Netley Hospital and surgeon-specialist at the Indian Hospital in Bournemouth, went to the Front in February 1915. He was attached to the No. 8 British Field Ambulance in the Labour Division of the Indian Expeditionary Force and on 17 March was injured by the bursting of an enemy shell at Neuve Chapelle. After a short time in hospital at Dieppe he was invalided home but died from septicaemia as a result of his wounds at Bourne End on 21 April 1915, leaving a widow.

He is buried in the churchyard of Wokingham All Saints church.

Gerald Moffat Stringer (1911) died during military training at Ringwood, Hampshire on 15 March 1915, aged 25. He read Agriculture.

Gerald Moffat Stringer was born on 18 February 1890 in Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Lancashire, the son of William and Ellen Stringer. He attended Shrewsbury School between 1905 and 1907 and, later, Manchester Grammar School, before matriculating at Downing College on 24 October 1911 studying for the Ordinary BA and specialising in Agriculture. He was a keen sportsman



1912 May Boat by DC Boathouse, Stringer at 4 – DCPH/2/3/2/6

and represented the College in several different sports. During his first year, according to the student magazine, *The Griffin*, "he attained gratifying success as an oarsman, rowing in crews which effected four bumps in the Lents and three in the Mays. Considerations of health and physique led him to give up rowing, but he afterwards

captained the College Lawn Tennis VI and made several successful appearances as a forward in the Rugby XV."

Stringer completed three years at Downing before war broke out in the Summer of 1914 and he appears to have joined up straight away, as he is listed in the very first War List, printed in the Michaelmas 1914 edition of *The Griffin*, as a 'Private, P.S. Bn.' (This is likely to refer to the 'Public Schools Battalion' which began recruiting on 1 September 1914, one of many 'Pals' battalions but restricted to former public schoolboys.).

Gerald Stringer appears to have transferred to the Cheshire Regiment in late 1914. The London Gazette reported on 4 March 1915 that he had been appointed a Second Lieutenant



in the 13th Battalion on 31 December 1914. His death, less than two weeks later during military training, was recorded in the Easter 1915 issue of *The Griffin*, which reported that "Second Lieut. Stringer lost his life at Ringwood, Hampshire, on March 15 1915, when he was accidentally knocked down and run over by a motor lorry".

He is buried in Bournemouth East Military Cemetery.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

We welcome news of members – either in the form of a short biographical note or a fuller, reflective article on their career.

RECENT BIOGRAPHIES

James Lindsay-Smith (1942) is living in Devon. A former Captain of Boats, he celebrated his 60th wedding anniversary to Zelma Gabrielle Lipscomb in October 2013 and his 90th birthday in April 2014. He and his wife continue to be members of the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) and, whilst in their eighties, were judges for the Best Kept Village in Devonshire. He continues to give civil engineering advice when called upon. His neighbour, a retired vet, tells him that he was lectured at Reading by a former Downing Fellow, Dr John Hammond¹. Dr Hammond was President of the Boat Club at the time James was Captain – he recalls that he always found Dr Hammond to be a very active President, who gave him much encouragement. 1942–44 was a very difficult time to keep the Boat Club afloat!

Members' Recollections

Michael Cohen (1965), who read Natural Sciences and Economics, writes:

Doing Well by Doing Good

For the last 15 years I have been consulting internationally to multilateral donor organizations and directly to governments in the developing world helping them to improve pensions, insurance and financial regulation. How I got to do that is a long story, starting after I graduated in 1968. After obtaining my degree, I joined the small but important actuarial profession, so small that many of the countries I visit have none at all. While obtaining my fellowship, I worked for a large international insurance company in London. After becoming a Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries, I was given the opportunity of working for four years in Canada so, with a pregnant wife in tow, we moved to a new country, not knowing much about it, except for the words of Gilles Vigneault, a Canadian singer, "Mon pays ce n'est pas un pays, c'est l'hiver". At the end of the contract we decided to stay. A little later I had the opportunity to join the federal government, working in what became the Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions (OSFI), Canada's unified financial regulator. After ten years as a member of the management team and the senior pension regulator in Canada, I decided to return to the private sector, to work in an international consulting firm, working mostly with public sector pension schemes and government departments on pension and

insurance issues. The new Millennium saw me changing direction again. Thus started my career as an international consultant..... have computer will travel....

My first project took place in Montenegro, a former republic of Yugoslavia, at the time still attached to Serbia, but independent in all but name. The project consisted of transforming the unsustainable Soviet style pension system, based on a state-controlled command economy, to one more suitable to a market economy. This theme was to continue in many projects to come in the following years. Other projects in Eastern Europe and former Soviet Union countries were to follow. In Bosnia-Herzegovina we helped to reconstitute the insurance industry in the two entities, Republika Srpska and the Muslim-Croat Federation of Bosnia-Herzegovina, as well as a state level regulator. The Dayton Agreement¹ had created a fragile state with weak institutions and our attempts to bring all parties together contributed to reconciliation, in our own small way. Bosnia is the richest former Yugoslavia republic in historical monuments, including Sarajevo and Mostar, both of which were badly damaged in the war. Reconstruction is going on, but scars remain.

In Tbilisi, the capital of Georgia, I returned several times to work on insurance and pension regulation and to fix up their central bank's pension scheme. Georgia is one of the most fascinating countries I have visited, with Christian roots going back to the fourth century. There are ancient churches cut into caves and frescoes over 1000 years old (some used for target practice by Soviet tank crews), as well as ancient Greek cave cities. It is also the birthplace of Joseph Dze Jughashvili in Gori, perhaps better known by his *nom de guerre*, Stalin (the man of steel).

Not far from Georgia is the oil-rich republic of Azerbaijan, which I visited for a pension project. Its capital, Baku, is a real hidden gem, a mix of an old and well-preserved Islamic old town, surrounded by *belle époque* buildings in the French style. This was one of the first places to exploit oil, and in fact there are places where the rocks are on fire. I was fortunate to participate in celebrations of the end of World War II with many veterans walking around in old Soviet uniforms.

I spent some time in Turkmenistan. The challenge was to rescue the ill-thought out reform of the Soviet style pension system (you might be interested to know that they thought defined benefit schemes encourage "parasitic behaviour", as one of their papers put it, perhaps a reason for the retreat of this kind of scheme world-wide). We went to see a city called Merv, apparently the second largest city in Haroun al Rashid's caliphate; it put me in mind of Shelley's Ozymandias², so little is left. Ashgabat (the 'city of love') featured gold plated statues of the 'Turkmenbashi' (the father of all Turkmen), equipped with a mechanism to ensure it constantly faced the sun.

^{1.} The General Framework Agreement for Peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina. [Ed]

^{2. &#}x27;My name is Ozymandias, king of kings: Look on my works, ye Mighty, and despair!' [Ed]

Another project took place in another 'stan': Kazakhstan. This project, financed by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, was to prepare the state-owned pension fund for privatization and improve pension regulation. The project took place in Almaty, the former capital. However, I needed to visit Astana, the current capital, with the climate of Winnipeg and now the holder of the distinction of the coldest capital in the world.

My final visit to a 'stan' was to Uzbekistan to help reconstruct state enterprises and recommend early retirement programs. This gave me an insight into the incredible difficulty these economies have in transforming themselves from a command economy to a market based economy. For example, Uzbekistan had an extensive silk industry. I saw a factory floor the size of a football field, with hundreds of looms, all except three or four being silent. The only thing left was a museum with silk from the finest grade of *crêpe Georgette* to heavy silk Mongolians wear throughout the winter.

A very different experience awaited me at the other side of the world – in the Caribbean. I undertook a project in Trinidad and Tobago to help the Central Bank in its role as regulator of pensions and insurance. Going back several times gave us the opportunity to visit the holiday island of Tobago, where you can walk from the airport to the beach, very convenient. It was also a relief to be able to work in English without the need of translators, the delightful Caribbean brogue being very easy on the ear!

In Jamaica I provided help to the Chief Actuary of the Financial Service Commission (FSC), which regulates all the non-bank financial institutions in Jamaica. I went back to Jamaica to help the FSC in a number of projects. Kingston is far from the vacation areas in Jamaica, but we did take advantage of being there to visit Port Royal, the old capital, destroyed by an earthquake and tsunami in 1692. Before the earthquake real estate was more valuable there than in Mayfair!

A number of projects took place in central, south and east Asia, starting in Mongolia. Until the end of communism in the Soviet Union, Mongolia was one of the most isolated countries in the world and almost impossible to visit. The capital, Ulaanbataar, is the second coldest capital in the world. Ottawa, the capital of Canada, is the third, so I can usually rely on working in a warmer clime than home, but not this time.

Mongolia is certainly exotic, wedged in between Russia and China, with elements of both and memories of Genghis Khan (reduced nowadays to brands of beer and vodka, what a fate for a conqueror of the world, *hic transit gloria*). I managed to interleave three projects while I was there for three months, teaching a course on actuarial science, rescuing a previous reform to their Soviet style pension system from oblivion and working on

insurance legislation. Highlights of this trio included spending a night in a *ger*, a portable felt tent of the type used by Genghis while conquering the world. It's fun for one night, but lots of Mongolians still live in one all the time.



The author on the red telephone in Shanghai.

And then China, to help them with regulation of private occupational pensions. We based the regulations on the constitutional structure of the British North America Act, omitting to mention that this goes back to the days of Oueen Victoria!

Other projects throughout Asia included Bhutan, the small Himalayan kingdom squeezed in

between India and Tibet. This was a first of many visits to Bhutan to help them with pensions and insurance, a process which is still on-going today. This fascinating country is one of the most unique countries in the world. We stepped back in time to visit Buddhist temples and fortified monasteries called Dzongs, the people still wearing their national costume. It's the land of "Gross National Happiness", very environmentally aware and standard bearers for sustainable development. Nonetheless, my projects were designed to bring the financial sector into the modern era.

Staying in Asia, but this time on the Equator, far from the cool foothills of the Himalayas, my work took me to Indonesia. This was the first of a number of projects to introduce risk based supervision in financial services³. I also undertook a number of projects in financial regulation and pension reform in South East Asia – Bangladesh, Malaysia, the Philippines and Vietnam and finally, a regional project for ASEAN, including a visit to the incredible island state of Singapore.

From Asia to Africa, with projects in western, eastern and southern Africa. My first project was to Sierra Leone, which was just recovering from civil war. Sorting out insurance and pensions under the circumstances was a challenge.

My next project took place in Madagascar, to participate in a World Bank Financial Services Assessment Program, as the pension and insurance expert. The subsequent project got caught up in another *coup d'état*, so that never happened.

A number of pension related projects followed in Tanzania, in Dar es Salaam and then in Zanzibar, an autonomous island better known for its

^{3.} Financial supervision based on an approach which assesses the degree of risk in each financial institution and directing resources towards those institutions which are indicated as highest risk and implementation of remedial measures to bring the risk level back to normal.

beaches and historic Stonetown than its financial services, but again these projects attempted to rescue various pension plans from oblivion.

Back to the Equator, this time Nairobi, but at an elevation of 1800 metres with a very pleasant climate, in fact distinctly chilly at times of the year, for more work on risk based supervision. I also visited Rwanda, a rapidly developing country after having recovered from a horrific genocidal period. Kigali is a small but neat city, with very orderly traffic, a contrast to Nairobi, with some of the worst traffic in the world.

A teaching assignment in Ethiopia and then a pension project in South Sudan followed. South Sudan is a terribly poor country and highly militarized. Part of our project was to find ways of reducing the militia by means of retirement schemes, obviously less than successful as the country has slipped back into civil war. A project in Botswana gave me the opportunity to visit African game parks, but this mostly meant seeing endless numbers of ostriches (but also a few lions and cheetahs). This is a peaceful and democratic country in Southern Africa, blessed with a plentiful supply of diamonds, which the government has handled well and where Presidents respect term limits.

A regional project in East Africa on insurance regulation allowed me to visit the very desolate monument to the meeting between Dr Livingstone and Stanley near Bujumbura, the capital of Burundi, as well as the other four countries of the East African Community.

We are now ending 'Around the World in Eighty Projects'. My current project is for three years, in Accra, Ghana, clearly a candidate for one of the hottest capitals of the world, but at least I can indulge my passion for swimming. Another rescue mission to sort out problems arising from a flawed reform process in 2010, including improving sustainability of their



The author printing traditional Adrinka symbols on a strip of cloth

social security program (another case of seeing too many ostriches and not enough lions). We were lucky to visit a 'durbar' in the old capital of Kumasi, complete with a glimpse of the king and the golden stool, priestesses covered in white chalk and a mixture of colour, noise and heat so typical of Africa.

On the way home I will visit Malawi to start another project on pension and insurance regulation.

I have been around the world and across the line more times than I can count. What have I learned and what have I achieved? People are mostly appreciative of the efforts to help them, but not always. It is hard to change peoples' minds and suggestions need to be provided with great discretion. In fact if you can persuade people that the ideas are their own then you have more chances of success. Change happens slowly, but the availability of computers and other devices are making our work a lot easier. Patience and humility are great virtues in any circumstances but when dealing with other cultures – they are indispensable. As you can see, to the extent possible, I tried to sample the sights and sounds of all the places I've visited (and I've left many out of the narrative above) and meet the locals wherever possible. Not everyone does this.

Have I made a difference? I hope so, although it's difficult to tell. Often projects are quite short and you don't always go back to see what has happened, but when you do it can be gratifying. For example, we visited Nairobi recently as part of the Ghana project so I was able to see how successful my project had become and was very pleased to be greeted as the 'brain parent' of the reform. Others have obviously been wrecked by subsequent events. We just need to think of Burundi, South Sudan and Madagascar. I have also written a book, not really a best seller, but a good marketing tool. Look it up at Implementing Risk Based Supervision in Emerging Markets, 2012, available from https://www.morebooks.de/search/gb?utf8=%E2%9C%93&q=implementing+risk+based+supervision

I hope you have enjoyed this whirlwind tour of the world to strengthen financial regulations and pensions in the developing world. I certainly have as well as my wife and I'm looking forward to carrying on and visiting some new countries and doing well by doing good.

Michael Cohen

FOR THE RECORD

AWARDS, HONOURS AND APPOINTMENTS

James Dauris (1984) is the British High Commissioner to Sri Lanka and the Maldives.

Caroline Wilson (1989) has served as the British Consul General to Hong Kong and Macau since October 2012.

David Davies JP (1980) is the High Sheriff in Nomination for Mid-Glamorgan for 2017–18.

Michael Gibbons OBE (1967) was awarded the CBE in the 2015 Queen's Birthday Honours list for Services to Regulatory Reform.

Roger Speare (1961) was awarded the MBE in the 2015 Queen's Birthday Honours list for Services to the Community in Bolton.

John Hopkins reports that, to add to the growing number of Queen's Counsel, the following were appointed in 2015:

Janet Bignell (1987) Jamie Smith (1990) Andrew Burns (1989) Clare Stanley (1990)

Richard Snowden QC (1981) was appointed Justice of the High Court in 2015. Sir Richard will sit in the Chancery Division of the Court.

Sir Bernard Eder (1971) has resigned as Justice of the High Court, Queen's Bench Division. He has been appointed Lord Justice of the Commercial Appeals Court of Singapore.

Guy Henderson (1976), a partner in Allen and Overy for over 25 years, has been appointed Chief Executive Officer of Ascot Racecourse.

Michael Cassidy (1965) has been appointed by the Prime Minister as Chairman of the new Garden City Corporation for Ebbsfleet in North Kent.

Mark Granger (1978) is Chief Executive of Carter Jonas Property Consultants.

Richard Walden (1968) was the Chair of the Independent Schools Association (ISA) in 2013–14.

John Penrose (1983) has been re-elected as Conservative Member of Parliament for Weston super Mare.

Victoria Prentis (née Boswell) (1992) has been elected as Conservative Member of Parliament for Banbury.

Professor Barry Everitt has been given an honorary doctorate by the Karolinska Institutet in Stockholm.

Richard McCombe (1971) has been appointed an Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of England.

Adrian Newland (1968) was elected last year as President of the International Society of Hematology.

David Lee (1989) directed David Attenborough's Conquest of the Skies 3D, a documentary series for Sky 3D which received a BAFTA Television Awards nomination in the Specialist/Factual category.

David Hunt (1995) has been awarded the Sir Derrick Dunlop Prize for contribution to drug safety by the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency.

Cathy Marston (née Oliver) (1988) has been awarded the prestigious WSET (Wine & Spirit Education Trust) worldwide 'Educator of the Year' Riedel Trophy award, in recognition of her work teaching wine appreciation in hitherto neglected areas.

Henry Naylor (1985), won a Fringe First Award at the 2014 Edinburgh Festival for his play *The Collector*.

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Marriages and Anniversaries

Sarah Ansell (née Pettman) (1981) is married to Mark (Magdalene 1981). Stephen Bailey (2003) married Adel-Anne (Homerton, 2002) in October 2014. James Bernard (1978) married in 1985.

Cecilia Brassett (née Liao) (1981) is married to Philip Brassett (1979).

Sophie Brooks (née Tobert) (2003) married David Brooks in August 2014.

Alex Brown (2005) married Chris in January 2015.

Hugh Chow (1990) is married to Mabel.

Vicky Corrodi (née Wilson) (1985) is married to Brad.

Steve Crowther (1978) married in 1985.

James Culmer (1959) married Gillian in October 1968.

Steve Dally (1978) married Caroline in 1985.

Nicky Day (1982) is married to Ian Barnetson.

Ben Elvidge (1996) is married to Jane.

Daniel Fantoni (1978) married in Torino, Italy, in 1985.

Joe Feltham(1999) married Gemma in summer 2014.

Ollie Fielding (2004) married Amy Holson-Schwarz earlier this year.

Helen Ford (née Chapman) (1981) is married to Ian Ford (1981).

Simon Gilbert (2006) is married to Bernie.

Alex Goody (2003) married Adam Williams.

Rich Grieveson (2003) married Katja in 2010.

Karen Hobbs (née Sage) (2003) married Tom Hobbs in June 2014.

Pippa Ingram (née Dahlhoff) (2003) married Chris Ingram in May 2014.

Katie Irgin (2004) married Mike Lawson in September 2014.

Will Izard (1998) married Carmel Griffith in 2015.

Tariq Khalifa (1998) is married to Anne.

Steve King (2005) is married to Louisa.

Krystyna Larkham (2003) is married to James.

Katharine Long (née Lacey) (1983) married Julian (Magdalene, 1983) in 1989.

Matt Mayer (2001) married Sherry Smith on 31 December 2014.

Guy Norman (1985) married on 11 April 2015.

Nick Philips (1985) is married to Dione.

Sarah Reay (née Moore) (1985) is married to John.

Andy Roberts (1983) married Rachel in 2011.

Annette Sando (née Kendall) (1991) is married to Chris.

Fiona Smith (1990) is now Mrs Fiona Oliver.

Doug Walker (1978) married Sylvia in 1983.

Graeme Watson (1992) is married to Alison.

Duncan White (1998) married in 2014.

Andy Williams (2003) married Helena in May 2014.

Tinya Yu (2010) married Anibal Gonzalez on Valentine's Day 2015.

BIRTHS

Sam Abdallah (1997) a daughter, Alba, born in September 2014.

James Allibone (1992) has three boys, aged 8, 5 and 10 months.

Will Ames (2010) a son, Judah, born April 2015.

Fiona Goldsworthy Amusin (2001) baby Ari, born in 2014.

Anna Bellingham (née Hawksley) (1992) a second son, Alec, born 2015.

James Bernard (1978) has two children.

Colin Blackmore (1991) a daughter, Camille, born in February 2015.

Zoe Bonser (née Reid) (2003) a daughter, Florence (3), and year-old twin boys.

Dave Burnside (1985) has three children under 9.

Jim Carter (1998) a son, Barnaby, brother to Isabel.

Dominic Coe (1994) a second son, Sebastian, born 2014.

Don Cole (1959) has three sons.

Vicky Corrodi (née Wilson) (1985) two daughters, Sophie (16) and Olivia (13).

David Cracknell (1980) has two sons aged 12 and 14.

Steve Crowther (1978) a son, Harrison (18).

Alan Cucknell (1997) a son, Max.

James Culmer (1959) has three children, Alison, Matthew and Caroline.

Kirstin Dunn (née Black) (2004) a son, Henry Alexander, born April 2015.

Daniel Fantoni (1978) two children, born and brought up in Italy.

Jess Foinette (née Sutherland) (1998), a son, William, in September 2014.

Helen Ford (née Chapman) (1981) and Ian Ford (1981) have two sons, aged 18 and 16.

Pete Forester (1997) a daughter, Samantha, August 2014, sister to Henry.

Karen Freeman (1992) a daughter, Erin Freya Kett, in March 2015, sister to Tristan (4).

Louise (1998) and Matt Freeman (1998) a son, Thomas, born December 2014.

Simon Gilbert (2006) a son, Timmy (2).

Jenna Goldberg (2003) and Jerry Halliwell (2004) a son, James.

Mike Green (1990) a son, Oscar.

Lala Gregorek (2006) a son, Magnus, born in January 2015.

Louise (née Acton) and Ben Griffiths (1999) a third daughter, Lauren, in December 2014.

Harriet Groom (2001) and Liam McClean (2001) a daughter, Alice Sophia born in February 2015.

Paul Harris (1990) a daughter, Evsula.

Anna Harrison (née Reddish) (1999) a second son in 2015.

Helen (née Baker) (1997) and Aidan Hird (1997) a daughter, Sophie, sister to Zoe.

Melanie Hobdey (née Holtham) (1994) a daughter, Katherine Grace, born in October 2014, sister to Eliza (3).

David Hunt (1995) a daughter, Branwen, born in October 2014, sister to Tomas (8), Osian (6) and Angharad (5).

Louise Hyde (née Tolley) (1999) a son, Oliver.

Tim Inman (1998) two sons, Milo (3) and Zack (1).

Will Izard (1998) twin boys, Lewis and Ben, born 2015, brothers to Eric (2).

Andrew Johnson (1992) a daughter, Audrey Agnes.

Tilke Judd (2001) twins Chloé and Loïc, born in April 2015.

Kathryn Kendon (née Taylor) (2000) a son, Samuel James born in April 2015.

Katharine Long (née Lacey) (1983) has three children, Sophie, born 1991, William, born 1993 and Charles, born 1996.

Alexei Maras (1999) a son, Michael.

Tom Matusiak (1997) a son, Santiago, born in autumn 2014, a brother for Sofia. Seb Merrick (1985) a son Tobias.

Kate Morey (née Hindson) (2003) a daughter, Harriet.

Louise (née Tillman) (1999) and Anthony Morgan (1999) a second daughter, Grace.

Thandie Newton (1992) a son, Booker Jombe, her third child.

Hannah O'Keeffe (née Bolton) (1998) and Brian O'Keeffe (1998) a third child in 2014.

Iain Overton (1992) a daughter, Sofia (10), and a son, Antonio (7).

Will Owen (2003) a daughter, Abigail, born in September 2014.

Ceri Parker (née Radford) (1999) a daughter, Amelie.

Nick Philips (1985) three children, Cameron (18), Briony (16) and Archie (14).

Richard Pike (2002) a daughter, Eleanor.

Catherine Raw (née May) (1999) a daughter, Freya.

Sarah Reay (née Moore) (1985) three children, Charlie (12), Alexander (10) and Olivia (6).

Ceinwen Rees (née Williams) (2001) a daughter, Sabine Blake, born in June 2014, sister to Effie Blythe.

Andy Roberts (1983) a daughter, Eleanor, born 2012.

Rachael Rothman (née Elder) (1998) and Alex (1999) a son, Matthew Oliver.

Eleanor Sandhu (née Heylen) (1994) a daughter, sister to her other three children.

Annette Sando (née Kendall) (1991) three children, Wes (8), Tam (6), and Bianca (4).

Tim Shire (1998) a son, Samuel, aged 18 months.

Ben Shorten (1991) a second daughter, Arya, in December 2014, sister to two other children under 4.

Duncan Sinclair (1991) three children, Alexander (7), Iris (6) and Edward (1). Lynsie Sinclair (1992) a son, Freddie, and a daughter, Lexie.

Edward (2004) and Amy Taylor (2004) a daughter, Evelyn Rose, born February 2015.

Paul Toplis (1978) has four adopted children.

Mark Tyler (1992) a son, Dom, born 2015.

Sundip Vara (1994) a son.

Bethan Vasey (née Pugh) (1999) a son, Alexander.

Doug Walker (1978) two children, James and Clare.

Alex Ward (née Steward) (1998) a son, Jasper, brother to Thea (3).

Kenneth Ward (1959) has two sons.

Graeme Watson (1992) has three children - twins (10) and a boy (12).

Dave Wiblin (1987) has two sons.

Rachel (née Colley) (1999) and Ollie Wills (1999) twin daughters, Alice and Evelyn.

Melissa Wood (2006) a daughter, Ada Margaret Aczel, born in February 2015.

Phil Worman (1991) twin girls, Ida and Florence, born in December 2014.

Jon Worsey (1979) has three children.

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. 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.

Peter Alexander Ashikiwe Adione-Egom (1963) died in Nigeria on 3 March 2013, aged 70. He read Archaeology and Anthropology.

According to the website "Notable Nigerians", he came up to Downing from King's College, Lagos and continued his studies at the University of Aarhus in Denmark.

Following Lectureships in Social Anthropology in Lagos and Aarhus he took posts in Copenhagen and Dar-es-Salaam where he became a Financial Adviser to the government of Julius Nyerere. Ten years as an International Financial Consultant followed before he took up a post as the Economy and Business Editor of *The African Guardian*, followed by a period as the Editor-in-Chief of the magazine *Business in ECOWAS* (Economic Community of West African States). He listed his hobbies as music, golf, tennis and swimming.

More detailed obituaries may be found in *The Nation* at http://thenationonlineng.net/new/adieu-motor-park-economist/ and the *Premium Times* at http://www.premiumtimesng.com/opinion/125821-obituary-peteralexander-ashikiwe-adione-egom-1943-2013.html

Dr Philip Aspden (1964) died in the USA in December 2013, aged 68. He read Mathematics.

He is reported to have worked in Falls Church, Va., as the Chief of Population Health for the Defense Department.

Edgar Tootell Bird (1943) died on 10 December 2014, aged 89.

He came up from Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Blackburn and studied as an RE Cadet on a short course for candidates for commissions in the Royal Engineers. He was a former Headmaster of Longshaw Junior School.

Professor Roger Wallas Blamey (1954) died on 1 September 2014, aged 79.



He read Natural Sciences followed by an MB, BChir. His fellow surgeon, John Black (1962), writes:

Roger Blamey came up to Downing from Highgate School in 1955 and became one of the leading British breast surgeons of his generation, with a huge international reputation. As an undergraduate, he played rugby and rowed, being Secretary of the Boat Club in 1958. He went on to the Middlesex Hospital, a common destination for Downing men at the time because of the standing of that other distinguished

medical man and Master of Downing, Sir Lionel Whitby. His surgical training was first in Cardiff where he obtained his MD with a thesis on immunological aspects of tumour growth, and then back in Cambridge where he worked in both breast and transplantation surgery. After two years in Melbourne Australia he became Senior Lecturer and later Professor of Surgical Science in Nottingham, where he spent the rest of his career.

His first achievement was to initiate in Nottingham in 1973 the, then cutting-edge, procedure of kidney transplantation (ignoring the consternation of the local NHS administration) because lives were being lost waiting to go elsewhere. He then set up in collaboration with another unit a large study of the factors that determine the outlook and chance of cure in breast cancer. This was based on the pathology of the tumour and led to the world famous Nottingham Prognostic Index, known usually as the "NPI", which allowed for the first time treatment to be planned to give the best result for the individual patient. He also pioneered diagnosis of breast cancer before operation. Previous to this the tumour was examined during surgery and women were asked to give consent for any procedure that might be necessary, commonly mastectomy, a practice now considered barbaric. He also led the way in replacing removal of whole of the breast with less mutilating procedures, now known to give equivalent results but controversial at the time.

Roger Blamey set up a large research team from many disciplines studying breast cancer. He carried this approach into clinical practice. Nowadays all patients with cancer are discussed as routine by a multidisciplinary team, a practice which has led to many more patients surviving than before, and he led the way in this. He was also a keen protagonist of screening for breast cancer. He published widely, lectured all over the world, and trained many young surgeons and researchers to his exacting standards. He was personally charismatic and a highly successful motivator.

His wide interests outside medicine included music, theatre, art and sport, particularly cricket. He had a very happy home life with Norma, his wife for 55 years, and they were very proud of their three children, Eleanor, Sarah and Edmund, and six grandchildren. He died on 1 September 2014 from consequences of a brain abscess treated some years before.

Dr Ian Graham Chisholm (1953) died on 31 October 2014, aged 79. He read Natural Sciences.

Daniel Wilks Christian (1951) died on 30 April 2015, aged 84. He read History. His brother-in-law John Newcomb (1951) writes:

Born on 3 November 1930 Dan grew up in Wimbledon and attended King's College School there. He won a Surrey Major Scholarship to go to Downing in 1951, where he read History.

His first job after graduation was with the National Coal Board in the Midlands, returning to London in 1964. He transferred to British Gas in 1969 where he rose to be the Senior Assistant Secretary, retiring in 1988.

Dan married the late Dorothy Jene Dix in 1959. She was the older sister of Kathleen Dix, John Newcomb's late wife, so Dan became John's brother-in-law. Dan and Jene first met at John's wedding: a rare case where the Best Man married the Bridesmaid!

Dan was a Governor at various local schools: he lived in Epsom.

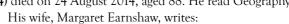
In recent years he became increasingly frail and passed away quietly. He leaves four children and ten grandchildren to whom we extend our sympathy.

George Patrick Coleman (1960) died in 2010. He studied Engineering.

Ronald John Daniels (1947) has died. He read Natural Sciences.

Michael Haddon Davis (1948) died on 3 May 2015, aged 89. He read History.

Leslie Earnshaw (1944) died on 24 August 2014, aged 88. He read Geography.



At school, Leslie had been awarded his colours in both the 1st XI Cricket and 2nd XV Rugby sports. His entry to Downing was interrupted by air-crew training with the RAF as it was still war-time (1944). Before returning to Downing, he provided secretarial support to a bomb-disposal unit in Germany.

After university, he had a sales career with Calico Printers in Manchester, where he worked for 13 years. From 1963-66 he was Sales Manager for all India and spent those years soaking up the culture and love for the country. There followed a period in Nigeria when the firm he worked for was taken over, but he never really settled into his new position and, at the age of 45, he decided to follow a new career and went into teaching, doing a one-year PGCE course in Liverpool. He taught for one year at Ramsey Grammar School, Isle of Man, before returning to his alma mater, King William's College, where he taught a variety of subjects from 1974 to his retirement in 1986. During those 12 years he volunteered for several extra-curricular activities, including running the School Fire Brigade, escorting sporting fixtures abroad and accompanying the School Choir to a performance in Salzburg Cathedral. He also took on the task of Hon. Secretary to the King William's College Society, a job he continued after his retirement from teaching, and in the early 1990s he edited the fourth edition of the School Register, listing all the pupils from 1899 to 1989. He continued to act as Hon. Secretary for the KWC Society until the beginning of the new century, when he at last fully retired and went on world travels with his new wife.

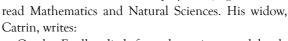
His life was always lived to the full and he enjoyed a varied, and sometimes exciting, time in everything he undertook. He continued in his love of sport and played golf, rugger and cricket for many years. He finally gave up squash at the age of 60! But he never gave up golf.

He was widely talented and extremely conscientious. Those who knew him fully appreciated all that he did. He died in Oxfordshire on August 24 2014 after a long illness, which never reduced his love of life.

The Master, Fellows and Scholars wish to acknowledge the generosity of Leslie Earnshaw who benefited the College in his will.

Mr Jeffery Howard Eastwood (1945) died on 14 September 2014, aged 88. He read French and German.

James Edward Cemlyn Foulkes (1968) died on 30 July 2014, aged 64. He



Cemlyn Foulkes died after a short nine month battle with three unrelated cancers. He is survived by his wife of forty years, Catrin, two daughters Ceri and Sioned and one son Gethin. He was also the proud grandfather of three granddaughters and one grandson.

Cemlyn was educated at Croxton Preparatory School, Southport, Millfield School, Somerset, and

went up to Cambridge in 1968 to read Mathematics.



His capacity to embrace all aspects of university life saw him playing 1st XI hockey as a Fresher, winning his Blue's tie and becoming a member of the Hawks' Club. At this time, 1969, he also won his first full-cap for Wales Men's Hockey playing against Ireland in Dublin.

He had a distinguished hockey career playing for Hightown, Wrexham and Denbigh clubs, Lancashire County, Wales from 1968–1981, captaining both the indoor and outdoor teams, and was a member of the Great Britain team from 1978–1980.

With these teams he travelled widely to Australia, Pakistan, India, Africa, and throughout Europe.

In August 2014, just a week after his death, the current Welsh Hockey Men's Team wore black arm-bands at the Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh to honour his respected playing career.

Latterly, Cemlyn was President of the Welsh Masters' Hockey Association (formerly Welsh Veterans) and an Over 60s and Over 65s tournament was played on 24 May 2015 in his memory. Everyone received a commemorative plaque and it was decided to make this an annual event. (Interested parties contact Thethreewheelers@aol.com for Welsh Masters' details.)

After leaving Cambridge, Cemlyn joined Denbighshire County Council's Treasurer's department. In 1996, after a couple of re-organisations, he became Head of Exchequer and Financial Accountancy until his retirement in 2009. During this time he was renowned for his campaigning for UNISON, formerly NALGO, as far as Pension Funds were concerned. This was not surprising as his great uncle was Huw T. Edwards a British Labour and Welsh Social activist!

Cemlyn's hobbies were not just confined to playing hockey. He enjoyed writing articles for various magazines, these included Old Millfieldians' Magazine, Professional Pensions, Welsh Hockey and the Jaguar Enthusiasts' Club.

He was a keen accomplished golfer and was the Ruthin and Pwllglas Golf Club's Treasurer.

He enjoyed singing and taking principal roles in the local Operatic Society, especially if the production was G&S and his enthusiasm for 'Captain Beefheart' remained undiminished!

Cemlyn had two Classic cars, a Jaguar and a GT6, which he passionately maintained and drove. He belonged to the Wine Society and was a staunch member of 41 Club.

To all his family, friends, colleagues, and fellow hockey enthusiasts Cemlyn was an intelligent, spirited, witty person as well as being talented, fair and skilful –

especially on the sports field. His sense of humour was legendary! He was always kind, gallant, steadfast and shrewd in his dealings with everyone he knew.

Cemlyn adored his family and loved his Welsh home and roots.

Against his final, deadly opponent he showed bravery, calmness and courage wanting us all in our lives to: "Play the game - play on!"

A further obituary may be found on the Hockey Wales website: http://hockeywales.org.uk/news/cemlyn-foulkes.

Christopher Allen Goddard (1968) died on 25 January 2014, aged 64. He read



Natural Sciences. His partner, Judy Medrington, writes: Chris was born in Southport, Lancashire in 1950 and attended Croxton School, from where he proceeded to Ellesmere College. He then went up to Downing to read Natural Sciences.

After university, Chris followed his father into the soft drinks trade, working first for the family business, A E Bevan, and then for Duckworth's. During this period he took a Diploma in Business Studies at

Liverpool University. At that time he was a devotee of Captain Beefheart and Frank Zappa, and latterly Michael Nyman, the Penguin Café Orchestra and Philip Glass. He also had a mischievous sense of humour, a trait he shared with his life-long friend and fellow Downing alumnus, Cemlyn Foulkes (1968) (a hockey Blue), who sadly also passed away recently.

Chris moved south to Muswell Hill and later to Kingston, working for Coca Cola and Schweppes, and then moved on to Britvic in Chelmsford and bought a house in Brentwood. During his career his creative talent was recognised in the market place with the development of products such as Lilt and J2O. He took official retirement from Britvic over 10 years ago but continued to work as a consultant.

A colleague recalls how he first met Chris. He had been working on a drinks project for weeks with some of the world's top flavour houses. Despite this they still hadn't managed to create products of the quality that a company like Britvic was looking for. He was introduced to Chris and at first he recalled how he was sceptical that a quiet, almost professor-like, character would be able to help. When he told Chris about the challenge he just shrugged and said 'I don't see why not' and within days was coming up with the products they were looking for. Chris was regarded as a quiet, unassuming man who was a creative genius. He was certainly not one to ever boast or seek praise for his achievements and consequently very few people appreciated that he was the creator of many of the drinks enjoyed globally on a daily basis.

On his retirement Chris became Hon Secretary to the British Society of Flavourists, providing support to seven Presidents, and was a steadying hand over difficult times. The legacy he has left is a successful, thriving Society. His untimely death from cancer prompted numerous heart-felt testimonials.

Chris was a technophile – an early adopter of any new technology, and was always ready to help those of us with less understanding of such things! He was also a DIY genius and could mend or construct almost anything, taking pride in being able to find exactly what was needed in his extensive workshop. Over the past 30 years we spent nearly all our holidays in the Lake District, where he loved the walking and the peace. His ashes have been scattered by Bassenthwaite Lake.

The Master, Fellows and Scholars wish to acknowledge the generosity of Christopher Goddard who benefited the College in his will.

Professor John Peter Harcourt, CM (1955) died in Ottawa on 3 July 2014, aged 82. He read English.

Peter Harcourt was a Canadian teacher, film critic and writer who was known as "the father of Canadian film studies".

As a jazz trumpet player, Harcourt studied music at the University of Toronto before arriving at Downing to study under F R Leavis. On leaving Cambridge, he worked for the British Film Institute (BFI) from 1962 to 1965 and began a long career in journalism doing film commentary for the BBC while writing articles for Film Quarterly, The London Magazine and Sight & Sound. After the BFI, he joined the film department at Hornsey College of Art and lectured at the London Film School, St. Martin's School of Art and the Royal Collegeof Art.

He returned to Canada in 1967 to teach Film Studies at Queen's University, Ontario, becoming Head of the newly founded Department of Film Studies. After a short spell at York University, he joined the film department at Carleton University in 1978, where he remained until his retirement.

He published numerous books and hundreds of articles and reviews. A founding member of the Film Studies Association of Canada, he was described as a persuasive advocate for a distinctive Canadian film culture that saw the idea of Canadian cinema in terms of a dynamic resistance against the monolithic colonizing presence of Hollywood.

In 2004 he became a Member of the Order of Canada (2004) and, in 2012, he was a recipient of the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal from the Government of Canada.

Peter Harcourt leaves his two children, John and Jenny; his former wife, Joan (née Lucas); and his sister, Elizabeth.

As reported in the 2014 Newsletter, Peter Brian Harvey (1944) died on 28 August 2013, aged 86. He read Economics. His school friend, Ken Drake, writes:

Peter came up to Downing College from Cambridgeshire High School for Boys in 1944 and initially studied for a Naval Short Course from April to September. He was an all round sportsman and during this time he rowed in the 2nd May crew at stroke which made one bump. He then served in the Royal Navy as a radar mechanic on H.M.S. Sheffield and subsequently played rugby for the Royal Navy against the Army in Bermuda. He claimed he developed a side step by avoiding various boulders whilst playing rugby on the Falkland Islands.

He completed his service in the Royal Navy and returned to Downing for the academic year 1948–49 to read Economics and graduated in 1949. During that year we know he played rugby for the College as he is recorded as rowing in the Downing 4th (Rugby) VIII at bow. His other mention in the College records is that he was awarded his colours for Water Polo within the Swimming Club. It was a very good team which beat many of the other colleges that year.

His interest in sport continued after he came down, playing rugby for the Old Cantabrigians and the Eastern Counties Wanderers and was President of the former for the period 1978–80. As part of the celebrations following the 2003 Rugby World Cup, Peter was presented with an England Rugby Union commemorative medal in recognition of his services over many years to the Cantabs Rugby Club. In 2001 he was elected President of the Old Cantabrigian Society.

His rowing experience at Downing was invaluable to the Old Cantabs Rowing Club, which started in 1950 and he was selected for the very first Old Cantabs First VIII.

On leaving Downing Peter was employed by the Eastern Gas Board for five years before moving to Beckenham in 1954 where he took up the appointment of Assistant Personnel Manager to Muirhead & Co., Precision Electrical Instrument Manufacturers.

At Beckenham he met and married Sheila Mary Lee of Downham, Kent on 12 January 1957. They had two children, Debbie and Neville. Although the marriage did not last, Peter remained a devoted father and one of his proudest moments was walking his daughter down the aisle on her wedding day 34 years ago. He was also proud of Neville who has worked all over the world and Peter very much enjoyed going out for a holiday to join him in Indonesia. Peter was particularly close to his grandson, Oliver, who has cerebral palsy and additional special needs – they both enjoyed chocolate!

He retired in 1986 and moved to Ely where he met and married Barbara in 1989.

Gilbert Heys (1949), died on 6 December 2013, aged 86. He studied for a Postgraduate Diploma in Agriculture.

Martin John Dudley Hill (1962) died of cancer on 9 January 2015, aged 71.

He read Classics. His wife, Dawn, writes:



Martin Hill had championed human rights in Africa for more than 32 years during his career with Amnesty International which he joined in 1976. He worked there as a researcher on East Africa, especially the Horn of Africa, until his retirement in 2008. He campaigned tirelessly for the release of dozens of prisoners of conscience, including Netsanet Belay, who is now Amnesty International's Africa Research and Advocacy

Director. He also helped human rights activists in East Africa, including those in Somalia who sought to build a human rights foundation in a country with no central government. His commitment and compassion touched all those with whom he worked. He was greatly respected by the survivors of human rights violations and the victims' families.

Martin was born in Leeds, to Dudley Hill, a clergyman, and Nancy (née Bates). From Durham School he went to Downing College, Cambridge, where he graduated in Classics.

His lifelong school friend John Odling-Smee said:

"Looking back, Martin already displayed at school those qualities that marked the rest of his life. He was friendly, kind and humane, although serious, often found reading books outside his classroom work on the classics. He inherited his parents' musical talents and was an accomplished pianist, always top in piano competitions and one of only two boys who was allowed to play the chapel organ in services. He was thoughtful, disciplined and meticulous about everything he did. He wanted to know about the wider world, including the arts. He was always calm and orderly, and conformed with the requirements of the school. However, he had a strong, independent spirit that enabled him to stand aside from much schoolboy life, and gave him an urge to move on.

After university, Martin made a critical move that shaped his subsequent life. In 1965 he went to Uganda to teach English in a secondary school in Masindi after a short period of training in education at Makerere University College.

I could tell from his letters at the time that he had fallen in love with Africa. He was as interested in the lives of his students and their families as he was committed to teaching them. He travelled whenever he could to see other parts of the country. He was laying the foundations of a knowledge

of and interest in the peoples of East Africa. The rest of his professional life was built on this foundation.

Searching as he always was for a deeper understanding of his surroundings, he went on to study social anthropology at Nairobi University and the London School of Economics. His dissertation for his PhD at LSE was on the *Harambee* (Self-Help) Movement in Kenya. He did his fieldwork among the Kamba people of Kitui District, where he lived for over a year in a village. Ever observant, he was able to learn much about social and cultural arrangements that added to his empathy for African peoples. He also became a published author when his dissertation came out as a book."

Malcolm Smart, his colleague for over 20 years at Amnesty International, said:

"I interviewed Martin for his first job at Amnesty and was instrumental in his being appointed to the staff of the Africa research region to which he then contributed with such distinction for more than three decades. Looking back, almost 40 years on, I can truly say that that was one of the best things I ever did for Amnesty. Martin took on the daunting challenge of becoming Amnesty's Researcher – in other words, its principal expert and adviser – on both East Africa and the Horn of Africa.

He came with impressive first hand experience of Kenya and an obvious, deep and abiding interest in and attraction to the region and its peoples. At that time, the countries of East Africa and the Horn – Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Somalia and Sudan – were experiencing huge human rights problems.

Martin worked on each and all of these countries with flair, determination, sensitivity and compassion. He engaged daily with people from those countries, including many refugees and political exiles, and carried out field missions as and when he could and Amnesty's resources allowed – it was a much less well known and well-funded organization in those days.

I have no doubt that he left a mark – a very positive mark – on virtually all those he met and, especially, those he assisted – for example,

- by documenting their cases or those of relatives who were detained;
- by providing hard factual information in support of those seeking asylum, not just in the UK but in many countries where Amnesty had offices and sections:
- by accessing Amnesty's relief funds to assist prisoners' families or help pay for their legal defence, where that was possible;
- by publicising their plight and the abuse of their rights in reports, urgent action appeals, press releases and the like;
- by informing and pressing for action by UN bodies, other governments or multilateral institutions and agencies;

- by helping to organise international observers to attend trials of those facing long prison sentences or even death for their political beliefs.

He met with government officials and helped speak truth to power, reminding them of their obligations under human rights treaties that form a key element of international law. He also advised and guided Amnesty groups and campaigners on how best to punch their weight.

He was a founding member in 2005 of the East and Horn of Africa Human Rights Defenders Project (EHAHRDP) which seeks to strengthen the work of human rights defenders by reducing their vulnerability to the risk of persecution and by enhancing their capacity to effectively defend human rights."

Among the many tributes expressed about Martin and his work after his death were: "he had a positive impact on so many people's lives", "he was kind, insightful committed, thorough, personal, analytical, thoughtful and passionately dedicated to human rights", "his human rights legacy was rich, but he was too modest to acknowledge his own achievements", "he had a very mild and thoughtful manner, but he was strong and resolute in the face of intolerance and dictatorship – a rare combination of qualities", "he had unparalleled knowledge and understanding", "a man of great integrity, conviction, and determination", and "he was my master, teacher and role model".

During his time at Amnesty, he taught at the University of London and was a visiting Research Fellow at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies. After retiring from Amnesty in 2008, he continued to work on human rights in Africa and wrote reports on minority rights in Somalia, trials in Ethiopia and child soldiers in Eritrea.

Martin was passionate about gardening and RHS flower shows. He loved art and music, and delighted in his collection of African headrests. He was on the Council of the African Studies Association UK and was a keen supporter of the Black Cultural Archives, in Brixton, south London. He was a longstanding member and loyal supporter of the Anglo-Somali Society, serving as Treasurer for a period.

Martin leaves behind a wonderful family and many friends. He is survived by his wife Dawn whom he met at the London School of Economics and married in 1974 and by two children Carolyne and Andrew, a grandson Lewis and his sister Rachel.

Brian Alec Timothy Holden (1957) died of leukaemia on 19 May 2013,



aged 77. He read Modern and Medieval Languages. Marjorie Barnard, whose family were close friends with Brian, writes:

He came up to Downing, where he read Modern Languages, following his National Service in the Army Intelligence Corps and after leaving Tiffin School, Kingston upon Thames, where he was Head Boy. He had a great affection for his time at Downing and faithfully attended the annual dinners until ill health prevented it.

Brian returned to Tiffin as a teacher of French,

German, Latin and later, Russian and his career was centred there. He was involved in many aspects of school life and was devoted to the school which he served with typical loyalty and commitment.

He never married but was a close and valued friend of my family for over 40 years, included in all family occasions and a central part of our lives.

He travelled widely on the continent but his heart was in France, where he spent as much time as possible, and in particular he became a part of the fabric of a small village in Brittany. He spoke French fluently and joined his many friends there in village activities with great enthusiasm.

His illness was borne with typical stoicism, with quiet courage and without complaint.

Richard Anthony Hughes (1975) died on 18 March 2015, aged 59. He read History.

Father Patrick Christopher Hunting (1956)¹ died on 12 December 2014, aged 81. He read English.

Father Christopher Hunting entered the Josephite noviciate in 1951 and was ordained in 1963. As a member of the Josephite community, he taught English for many years at St George's College in Weybridge and served as Headmaster of the school between 1977 and 1987. He was also the founder of the Surrey Schools Hockey Association.

Robert Tudor Jones (1950) died on 18 August 1914, aged 85. He read English. Following various teaching posts at universities around the world, he settled down as a Senior Lecturer in the English Department at York. He was the author of several academic texts. He retired to the Cotswolds where he lived with his second wife, Celia.

1. At Downing, Father Hunting was known as Daniel Patrick Maxwell Hunting – he changed his name when he was ordained in 1963.

Eric Ravndal Harman Keble (1948) died on 15 August 2013, aged 87. He read Moral Sciences.

Henry William Antti Kinch (1982) died on 11 October 2014, aged 53. He was a postgraduate student for the MB BChir.

Jack Lees (1948) died on 29 April 2015, aged 87. He read History.

We were informed by his son, who told us that he had been Head of History at Fowey School. He had recently suffered from Alzheimer's Disease.

Michael Colin Luton (1948) died on 17 June 2014, aged 88. He read History. We were informed by his daughter, Joanne Allen, who noted that her father, who died in Portland, Maine, was a proud Downing graduate. He lived in

who died in Portland, Maine, was a proud Downing graduate. He lived in Cleveland, Ohio for most of his adult life and worked at Case Western Reserve University with curriculum, financial aid and non-traditional students.



As briefly reported in the 2014 Newsletter, Malcolm MacDonald (1966) died on 27 May 2014, aged 66. He read English.

Mike Smith (1965) has submitted the following obituary, with gratefully acknowledged assistance from Malcolm's friends and colleagues Martin Anderson, Kenneth Campbell, Paul Chipchase (1967), Peter Hill, Colin Mackie, Frank Roberts and Ruth Smith. Some of their words are quoted and/or adapted below. Julian

Glaser (1967) has kindly allowed a photograph taken in February 1970 in Malcolm's room at 38 Lensfield Road to be reproduced here.

Malcolm was born a Highlander in Nairn, but moved at the age of five to Edinburgh. His father taught Geography at the Royal High School and he himself became a pupil there. Although he lived in England for most of his life, Malcolm continued to be nourished by his Scottish roots; one of his so far unpublished songs is dedicated 'with great affection and fellow-feeling' to the great Scots musician Ronald Stevenson, who survived him for less than a year. Malcolm remained strongly attached to Edinburgh, and several of his Downing friends were privileged to enjoy his and his parents' hospitality in the *echt* environment of their New Town flat, with Malcolm as a genial and supremely well-informed companion (see his 1985 guidebook to the city: *Edinburgh*, illustrated by Ernest Frankl).

No account of Malcolm can avoid the words 'precocious' and 'polymath'. At school he was already acquainted with a vast range of music: there was a

wardrobeful of LPs, including 'cavernous Soviet recordings of Miaskovsky'. He also read voraciously the literature of several languages, and had 'an astonishing knowledge of Roman and Byzantine history, often, as his library disclosed, from a reading of the original sources' - not to mention astronomy. A choice of subject for university must have been difficult, but thanks to a revered teacher, Hector McIver (who died aged 55 during Malcolm's last school year), he opted for English at Downing, where his principal supervisors were Brian Vickers and Stephen Heath. Needless to say, his interest in other fields of knowledge was undiminished. 'He used to spend a lot of time translating Russian poems into English. He had several colourful reproductions of Russian Symbolist painters hanging on the walls of his room.... He knew about the philosophical theories of Rudolf Steiner and the novels of Andrei Belv and Thomas Mann.... He had a highly technical interest in the design of warships and the history of the Royal Navy.' A friend who knew Malcolm post-Cambridge adds NeoPlatonism, West Coast Psychedelic Rock Music, Giordano Bruno and Hermeticism, the London "Free Jazz" scene, and Tolkien.

However, Malcolm's main extra-curricular preoccupation at Downing continued to be music. Throughout his time there he wrote to his friend Colin Mackie 'a very lengthy letter every week', recounting 'his musical discoveries and impressions' and his experience of Cambridge; it is hoped that some or all of this correspondence may be published. He was active in the College's Music Society and in the University New Music Society, and after graduating in 1969 he remained in Cambridge for a further year to take Part 2 of the Music Tripos under the tutelage of Alan Brown.

From Cambridge Malcolm moved before long to London. He worked briefly for Saga Records (he was sacked when he asked about holiday pay); then in a record shop, where he was invited to review for Records and Recording. Commissions from The Listener followed, and thereafter a prodigious output of reviews, articles, programme notes, sleeve and liner notes, introductory talks, lectures and broadcasts. For four years he was compiler of The Gramophone Classical Catalogue, and he produced the standard catalogues of Dallapiccola, Doráti, and Shostakovich. When Malcolm joined the trade, another Malcolm MacDonald was already an established reviewer, so for much of this writing he adopted the nom de plume 'Calum MacDonald'. It was under this alias that for over 40 years, first as assistant to David Drew, then in his own right, he edited the modern music journal Tempo, which 'became required reading for anyone interested in contemporary music'; he retired from that post less than six months before his death. In 2012 a surprising addition to the c.v. was Malcolm's star role in an award-winning Australian documentary film about one of his heroes, Havergal Brian, whom he had put firmly on the map, together with other neglected composers such as John Foulds. Under his real name he published important books on Brian, Foulds, Stevenson, Varèse, Schoenberg, and Brahms. The last two (at least) are recognised as outstanding classics.

One authority has called Malcolm 'one of the most gifted writers on music that the English language has produced, a worthy successor to Shaw, Newman and Tovey'; another, 'one of the most original and important writers on music of his time, perhaps the most important'.

Malcolm was also a composer, and in early life a productive one. Several pieces received their first performances in Downing, and he marked his departure from Cambridge in 1970 with a *Suite française* for piano, in which he enshrined the personalities of close friends, as in Elgar's 'Enigma' *Variations*. (After a memorable première by **J Barrie Jones** (1965), all concerned were treated by Malcolm to dinner at the Vino Bistro, of blessed memory, in Mill Road.) In later years professional commitments restricted his compositional output. He had hoped to make up for this in retirement, and indeed had begun a substantial orchestral work, but prostate cancer decided otherwise. Very little of his music is published (that little includes the remarkable *Hebrides* for two pianos, dedicated to the memory of Hector McIver), and none has been commercially recorded. However, a good deal has been preserved in manuscript, and we must hope that this side of Malcolm's achievement may become better known.

The authorities already quoted go on to say 'The scope of his knowledge was exceeded only by the generosity with which he employed it' (Martin Anderson); 'A great man, then, and at the same time, his greatness was that he was so modest and so kind' (Peter Hill). Alongside his own multifarious preoccupations, Malcolm somehow managed a notable receptivity to the enthusiasms of others. How did he do it? Perhaps the answer is in his great book on Schoenberg: 'Inclusiveness is a function of love.'

Malcolm is survived by his widow, the artist Libby Valdez, with whom he moved to Gloucestershire in 1992. Fuller obituaries, including Martin Anderson's in *The Independent*, can be found by inputting 'Malcolm MacDonald obituary' to a search engine.

Richard Major (1949) died on 2 January 2015, aged 85. He read Modern Languages and Moral Sciences.

He came up to Downing in 1949 from Whitgift School, following a period of National Service at home and in Singapore.

Christopher Miles Mason (1955) died in Sydney on 19 February 2011, aged 76. He read Law.

Anthony Bernard Duncan Mayes (1950) died on 23 October 2014, aged 85.

He read Classics. His friend, Matthew Chayt, writes:



Anthony Bernard Duncan Mayes was born in London, and would always remember enduring the horror of the London Blitz as a 10-year-old boy. After completing a degree in Classics at Downing in 1954, Bernard worked first as a high school teacher of Latin, Greek and History. He then completed training at the influential College of the Resurrection in Mirfield, and became ordained as an Anglican priest.

Bernard emigrated to the United States in 1958 and became worker-priest and director of a student house attached to Judson Memorial Church in Greenwich Village and New York University.

In 1960, Bernard moved to San Francisco, California, and held a small parish in the Diocese of California. In 1962, he founded San Francisco Suicide Prevention. Indeed, Bernard was the founding force behind the Suicide Prevention movement in America, launching in San Francisco the first of what would eventually become a network of over 500 community crisis centers.

Founding San Francisco Suicide Prevention would retain pride of place for Bernard among his many achievements. In a city that was known for the highest suicide rate in the western world, he started a simple volunteer hotline using the code name "Bruce" and distributing matchbooks with the phone number in the bars of San Francisco's challenging Tenderloin neighborhood. He had a newsman's flair for publicity and was able to maintain constant visibility of the fledgling organization and its efforts to reach people who found themselves wanting to end their lives. He trained the organization's first volunteers and went with them to secure the first office in the basement of a Tenderloin apartment building – whose manager initially believed them to be an escort service.

Having already come out as gay years before, Bernard also organized a sexuality study center for the Episcopal Diocese of California that was dubbed the Parsonage. The Parsonage was awarded the Episcopal Jubilee citation and later evolved into the present-day Oasis organization. Thus, through the tumultuous 1960s, 1970s and 1980s in San Francisco, Bernard was an important voice for compassion and cross-cultural understanding.

One of Bernard's most important roles in life was that of a broadcast journalist and entertainer. Beginning in 1958 he worked as a journalist for the BBC and other networks, interviewing film stars, astronauts and other public figures. While attempting to report on the multi-racial Koinonia Farm community in Georgia, Bernard was confronted by the Ku Klux Klan.

In 1968 Bernard helped organize the public broadcasting system in the United States, becoming first the founder of KQED-FM and Executive Vice President of KQED TV in San Francisco, then a co-founder and first working chairman of National Public Radio (NPR). Today, NPR attracts over 25 million listeners per week. Bernard then became a consultant for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting in Washington, D.C., advising universities and communities across the country.

Bernard was also prolific in the arena of radio drama, contributing scripts and performances to projects including Homer's Odyssey, the Agamemnon of Aeschylus and Plato's *Phaedo*, each adapted from the original Greek; and *The Lord of the Rings*, a 1979 radio series that he wrote and performed in as Gandalf.

In 1984, Bernard joined the English faculty of the University of Virginia (UVa) in Charlottesville, Virginia. Winning the respect of faculty and students alike, Bernard was appointed Assistant Dean in UVa's College of Arts and Sciences in 1991, and then chair of the Communications Department, finally founding the Media Studies Program. Continuing his LGBTQ activism, Bernard also co-founded the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Faculty, Staff and Graduate Student Association at the University of Virginia, known as UVa Pride. Bernard served for many years as a Faculty Fellow at UVa's Brown Residential College, modelled after the Cambridge college system, and lived for a time in the faculty residence in the midst of the undergraduate dorms, or "portals."

In later years, ever curious and engaged, Bernard continued his research on the role of faith in society. He also found a new role as a voice for LGBTQ seniors, joining organizations and giving press interviews about the challenges LGBTQ elders face. He received many awards during his lifetime including, in 2010, a prestigious Jefferson Award for Public Service, most notably for his suicide prevention work still used as a model nationwide. In June 2014, the California LGBT Legislative Caucus honored him at the State Capitol in Sacramento.

Bernard's autobiography, Escaping God's Closet: The Revelations of a Queer Priest, received the Lambda Literary Award for Religion and Spirituality. In the book, Bernard revealed why he ultimately renounced the priesthood and religion, and described the interdependence, interaction and endless exchange within the universe as the "Soup." For Bernard, the interrelationship of all things necessitated a particular ethic that he whimsically dubbed "Soupism." For Bernard, Soupism was derived from the belief that love for others, egalitarian government, universal education and respect for the planet and all that live upon it are critical for the continued health, well-being and survival of the human species.

Bernard lived according to these compassionate values, and pursued them tirelessly in a lifetime of courageous storytelling, caregiving and leadership. He is survived by his many close friends all over the world, who loved him dearly. He is also survived by his former colleagues, and the unknown thousands of people who are alive today because of his work.

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

Daniel James McMahon (1970) died on 26 December 2014, aged 84. He read

(1970) writes:



Dan was born in 1930 in New Jersey, USA. After school, he joined the US Navy in 1947, serving for 22 years during which time he was in Navy Intelligence in the cold war. He met his wife Felicity during a London posting, and realized his childhood dream of a university education at Downing. Dan was an ardent anglophile, with an infectious good humour which

History and Education. His friend Alistair Sutcliffe

earned him great affection and respect among his contemporaries even though he was older and politically a little more right wing than most of us at the time. He was President of the Maitland Society, an ardent debater of political and social issues as well as being a mainstay of the Spread Eagle on Lensfield Road. After graduating Dan taught History and Politics at Saint Bede's School and later at Newport Grammar School in Essex. He was an active member of the Political Association with a lively interest in architecture and the local history society. He lived in Bottisham where he was a respected member of the local community. He will be remembered by many pupils whom he inspired with his love of history, for his culinary excellence with curries, his good humour and generous nature. Sadly his wife Felicity pre deceased him in 2001. He is survived by his three children, Chris, Patrick and Stephanie and six grandchildren.

Professor Karl Fergus Connor Miller (1951) died on 24 September 2014, aged 83. He read English. His wife, Jane, writes:



Karl Miller was born at Straiton, Midlothian on August 2, 1931. His parents separated before he was born, and he was brought up by his maternal grandmother on the outskirts of Edinburgh. He was taught English at Edinburgh's Royal High School by Hector MacIver, who encouraged him as an editor and writer and introduced him to Norman MacCaig,

Hugh MacDiarmid and other poets. He did his National Service with the Royal Engineers, but spent most of his time broadcasting on the British Forces Network in Germany. He went up to Downing College, Cambridge in 1951, where he read English under the aegis of F R Leavis. There he edited *Granta* and, later, *Poetry from Cambridge*, in which he published early work by Thom Gunn and Ted Hughes. In 1956 he spent a year at Harvard as a Commonwealth Fellow and, after spells at the Treasury and as a BBC television producer, found his true métier when, in 1958, he because literary editor of *The Spectator*. In 1961 he moved to the *New Statesman*, and in 1967 he was appointed editor of *The Listener*. He became the Lord Northcliffe Professor of Modern English Literature at University College London in 1974 and founded the *London Review of Books* in 1979, so that from then until 1992 he simultaneously led the English Department at UCL and edited the LRB.

He was one of the first people to publish work by Seamus Heaney and V S Naipaul. A great deal of his own writing was about Scotland and Scottish writers.

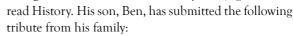
His first book, Cockburn's Millennium (1975), won the James Tait Black Memorial Prize. He went on to write Doubles, Authors and The Electric Shepherd, a biography of James Hogg, in addition to two volumes of memoirs, Rebecca's Vest and Dark Horses.

In 2011 he published *Tretower to Clyro*, a book of essays. He is survived by his wife, Jane, by his children, Daniel, Sam and Georgia, and by six grandchildren.

Norman Alfred Mills (1948) died on 29 April 2015 aged 90. He read History.

Anthony John Mitchell (1957) died on 7 August 2014, aged 78. He read History.

Professor Roger Pearce Morgan (1950) died on 19 February 2015, aged 82. He



Our father, Roger Morgan was a leading figure in the field of international relations from the 1960s onwards. Born in Burton-on-Trent, he spent most of his childhood in Wolverton, north Buckinghamshire, where his father was Headmaster of the local grammar school.

Roger read History at Downing and graduated in 1953. In the late 1950s, after studying in France, Germany and the Netherlands, he returned there to complete his PhD in German History. His examiners were E H Carr and A J P Taylor. During his time as an undergraduate and a graduate

student he participated in a wide range of extra-curricular activities, ranging from the Union and the Labour Club, with their debates and invited speakers, to various university orchestras and the Quaker meeting.

In Germany, he met his first wife, Annette (née Combes), who was born in France and was studying in Hamburg. They settled in London in 1957, where he worked as a lecturer at the Workers Educational Association, and had four children.

From 1959 onwards, he held a succession of academic posts in international relations at Aberystwyth, Sussex, and Loughborough Universities; it was at Loughborough, in the 1970s, that he first obtained a chair. He alternated teaching with research posts at Chatham House and the Policy Studies Institute. He also taught abroad, at Harvard, Cornell and UCLA, at the European University Institute in Florence and at the University of Bonn.

A committed internationalist and a fine linguist fluent in German, French and Italian, he maintained a lifelong conviction that European unity provided the best guarantees for prosperity, respect for human rights, peace and international understanding.

We have happy memories of his great sense of humour, epitomised by his frequent telling of family jokes. One, in Dutch, for added effect, was a rare triumph of style over substance; he generally combined the two.

A lover of music and cricket, he was proud to have seen Donald Bradman score a century at Lord's in 1948 when the Gentlemen of England played the Australians, and spent many happy days watching matches at the Oval, Lord's and Wantage Road, home of his beloved Northants CCC. He played the violin from his school days until well into retirement. An avid reader, he also wrote many academic books and articles himself and was an accomplished broadcaster, commenting regularly, on Radio 4 and World Service programmes, on politics and current affairs, such as elections in Germany.

Roger had contracted polio at the age of 14, after which he spent a year in hospital. While the consequent disability was something that everyone who knew Roger remembered about him, his uncomplaining stoicism, willingness to overcome tiredness and pain and his determination to concentrate on what he could do rather than what he couldn't, ensured it was never what they remembered most.

Roger's first marriage ended in divorce in 1982. In 1988 he married Catherine (née Howell). She survives him, as do we, his four children, and his nine grandchildren.

Caroline, Marc, Pat and Ben Morgan

writes:

Brian Philip Morton (1943) died suddenly on 2 July 2012, aged 87. He read Mechanical Sciences. His son, Philip Morton (1975),



My father, Brian Philip Morton was born at home during the night of 10 March 1925 in Sunnyside Gardens alongside the banks of the River Ogmore in Bridgend, South Wales. He was the son of James Morton, a prominent local market gardener and his wife Dorothy, an exquisite seamstress. Brian was brother to Doris, who is elder by two-and-a-half years

and to Mavis, younger by six years.

Brian attended Pen-y-Bont Boys School in Bridgend and from there won a place at the new Bridgend Boys County School in 1936.

Unlike most Welsh boys, he didn't like rugby, but he was a member of the school cross-country running team which was his Saturday morning activity. Later he ran for Downing College and also won a Half-Blue.

My father was christened at the Wesleyan Chapel in Bridgend and became a full member of the Chapel when he was 16.

While still at school, my father joined the Air Training Corps and continued with them when he went up to Cambridge University in the early 1940s to read Mechanical Sciences at Downing College. While at Downing, he was called up for war service and so, naturally, he went into the Royal Air Force and was sent to Canada to train as a navigator. With the end of the War, my father returned to Downing to finish his degree.

During his youth, Brian worked in his father's business in Bridgend, helping with deliveries and serving on his father's stall at the local market. From the money he made, he could afford dancing lessons and he became a first class ballroom dancer. His dancing skills were to prove invaluable later in life when he met a young lady, Ceinwen Morgan, at a dance held at The Pavilion on the sea front in Porthcawl. Brian and Ceinwen were subsequently married in 1954 and set up home, first in Wimbledon and then in Woking.

My father's brilliance at mathematics and engineering shaped his life. During his career, he worked for five major civil engineering companies before setting up his own consultancy. And, in addition to his work, for a period of fifteen years he lectured in a series of evening classes on the design of structures at Westminster Technical College, London. Over the years, he designed and oversaw the construction of several major road projects, both here in the UK, and overseas in Hong Kong, where he worked for several months during my own final year at university. My mother joined my father out in Hong Kong during this time, and I know that this was one of the very best times that they had together.

In keeping with his service in the RAF, my father became an energetic member of the Woking Branch of the RAF Association, or RAFA as it is known. My father served during the years 2000 to 2007 in various roles, including: Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. His greatest contribution, however, was that of organiser of the RAFA Wings Appeal during the years 2002 to 2005.

Brian had a keen sense of humour, whilst at the same time holding strongly to the things that he believed were right. He was a very generous man, giving to advance others whilst ignoring his own needs.

Downing College played a central role in my father's life and I am very proud that both I and my daughter **Philippa Mellish** (née Morton) (2005) followed him to Downing. We all miss him dearly.

John Kenneth Moss (1967) died at Teversham on 28 December 2014, aged 67. He read Classics. His cousin, Jack Burnham, writes:

John was born in Bradford on 30 January 1947 and moved to Lancaster with his parents a few years later. He attended Lancaster Royal Grammar School from 1957 to 1966 and gained an Open Exhibition in Classics at Downing College, where he was awarded a BA in 1971 and an MA two years later. At both school and university he suffered long periods of ill health and continued to do so for the rest of his life. He became a classics reader at Cambridge University Press and stayed there until made redundant in 1998.

He had wide interests outside his work including ornithology and was a long term member of the Cambridge International Club. He maintained close contact with his old school and college, remaining active despite his handicaps.

His contemporary, Michael Gibbons (1967), adds:

John will be missed by his contemporaries and the College, to which he was a frequent visitor. As an undergraduate he is remembered as a distinctive, reflective, rather colourful character with a very wide variety of interests. I shall remember personally his lengthy, quizzical and light hearted letters, usually enclosed in first day covers, and sending me the rowing columns from the Cambridge Evening News. Thank you, John.

Michael Oliver Nash (1958) died on 27 June 2014, aged 75. He read English.

We were informed by his wife, Lorna, who noted that he read English under F R Leavis from 1958–1961. He also rowed in the College eights during those years in the 4th to 1st boat.

Mike worked for Unilever nearly all his working life and his love of Shakespeare never waned. His final position was to set up and run their Corporate Affairs department worldwide. Under this hat he was particularly proud to take on their sponsorship of the Globe Theatre. Dr Alfred David Gwynne Nicholas (1950) died from motor neurone disease

on 24 March 2015, aged 82. He read Natural Sciences and Medicine.

We were informed by his wife, Anne. The following is an extract from a tribute given by his former colleague, Richard Birks:

David Nicholas was a significant figure in my and many other anaesthetists' careers.

[Following his time in Cambridge, where he took his MB and BChir, he undertook] clinical training at

the Middlesex in London. National Service in the Army, including a stint in Gibraltar, was followed by General Practice in Mansfield. Still in restless mode, because David always thought the grass was greener elsewhere, he entered the specialty of anaesthesia. At the time he entered it, it was a burgeoning young specialty involving itself in many aspects of medical care, not just 'stunning' individuals in preparation for surgical insult!

He found his way into the academic unit in Sheffield led by Professor Andrew Thornton and developed an interest in the new specialty of obstetric anaesthesia. He was appointed consultant at the old Jessop Hospital for Women in Sheffield, specifically to develop the obstetric anaesthetic service and was one of the founder members nationally in 1969, of the Obstetric Anaesthetists' Association, now one of the largest subspecialty groups in anaesthesia.

In many ways he was very autocratic which, when developing a new service, was a great strength. For a while he really was the Bernie Ecclestone of obstetric anaesthesia in Sheffield. He always said it as it was and wasn't afraid to tell people what he thought. Occasionally it brought him into conflict!

David's main professional attribute was his teaching ability. Many of my contemporaries remember his selfless coaching when we were preparing for the final fellowship exam in the late 70s. He would spend hours with us at the end of the working day in the old Jessop Library and was chiefly responsible for the high success rate at that time.

He retired in the late 80s and eventually moved [with his wife Anne to Holt in] Norfolk.

David had some serious interests in life, one of which was bird watching. I did once visit him at his previous home in Norfolk where he delighted in telling me that he did a little work at the RSPB reserve across the road but then enticed the birds to a newly created pond in his back garden!

David had great hand eye coordination and was a good cricketer and golfer. A colleague told me that when he turned up to play a golf medal he used to boast that he was the worst player in the family, playing off 5!!

When someone dies you often reflect on how you think they would like to be best remembered. Professionally David would have been proud of his achievements in obstetric anaesthesia but above all I am sure he would wish to be remembered as one of the best teachers of the specialty of anaesthesia of his generation.

Colin Mitchell Oldroyd (1951) (Prebendary Emeritus of Hereford Cathedral)



died in St Michael's Hospice, Bartestree, Hereford, on 28 February 2015, aged 85. He read Modern Languages. His wife, Anne, writes:

Colin was born in Margate to Yorkshire-born parents, and after being evacuated for a year to stay with relatives in Yorkshire, spent the rest of the war at school in Maidstone and then Ramsgate, experiencing the bombing and spotting aircraft, like all schoolboys of the time.

All those of us who lived through the war as teenagers were marked by separation and disrupted schooling. Boys who left school just after the war did National Service, which further postponed a university career. So Colin always said he was quite surprised to find himself at Downing, studying Modern and Mediaeval Languages. But he threw himself enthusiastically into College life, joining the choir, playing hockey and chess, and acting. While performing *The Lady's Not For Burning*, he met Jack Seabright, (Maths 1950), who, with his wife Diana (Girton 1951), was to become a lifelong friend.

In the long vac of 1953, Colin went on an International holiday course in Münster for Modern Languages students, and there met Anne (Girton 1951). Both having graduated in 1954, we married in 1955, and headed for jobs in London. Colin took up an offer to train as a Chartered Secretary in a small mining company, from where he moved on to the large and varied Harrisons and Crosfield, where he was responsible for handling the affairs of several plantation companies in the Far East which grew tea and rubber. He found this very interesting, and valued the experience of his colleagues, not least in appreciating tea, and was proposed for the Wine Society, which became a great pleasure.

However, after five years as a "City Gent", he knew there was something missing, and suddenly announced that he was thinking of applying for ordination, and what did I think? When I had recovered from the shock,

we set about planning a change of direction. Colin trained for the Anglican priesthood at Wells Theological College. He was ordained deacon in 1961, and priest a year later. He served his first curacy in Bury, Lancashire; our first child, Eleanor, was born in Bury, and our first son, Andrew, in Exeter, where Colin served a second curacy.

His first parish (1966–1978) was Cleobury Mortimer, in the diocese of Hereford, and our youngest child, Martin, was born there. Colin's second and last parish was Ledbury, Herefordshire (1978–1995). All his ministry was guided by the (rarely expressed) desire to "make a difference"; I think he achieved this, in some cases by introducing much needed new ideas and perhaps new ways of "being a Christian". He believed the parish priest should be aware of all the needs and viewpoints in his parish, even if totally disagreeing with some of them. This made him respected, and, I believe, loved by most. His sense of humour defused some difficult situations.

In retirement, we moved to Hereford, where we settled very happily, making new friends while keeping in touch with old friends from all over the country, worshipping in the Cathedral, and having time for holidays in France, while becoming involved with ecumenical links in France and Germany. We enjoyed entertaining and being entertained, going to concerts, and getting to know the local churches and pubs, and Colin loved watching cricket. He became a member of MCC in 1980, and later a Life Member, as well as of Worcestershire CCC. We have both enjoyed coming fairly frequently to Downing College reunions in recent years.

Colin was diagnosed with bowel cancer in 2012, and although it at first seemed cured, it returned in 2014. He died two weeks after his 85th birthday, which we had celebrated with a family lunch and a visit to the Cathedral. His funeral, which was a joyful, uplifting occasion, was in the Cathedral in March. Colin's brother Robert, who is a Reader, preached at the service, and all the children and his six grandchildren were present.

In Robert's sermon, he recalled a friend of their mother remarking, when told Colin was to be ordained, "Oh my dear, what a waste of all that education!" – a comment with which, needless to say, we could not agree!

Henry Osime Omenai (1954) died on 12 January 2015, aged 92. He was a Nigerian who came to Cambridge on the one year Colonial Service course for administrative officers from the Colonial Territories.

Henry Omenai studied at Kings College, Lagos. Following a period at the Administrative Staff College, Henley he served in the Royal West African Frontier Force from 1942 to 1946.

In 1946 he entered the Nigerian Public Service and, by 1954, the year he came

up to Downing, he had become a Private Secretary at the Nigerian Ministry of Works in Lagos. By 1962 he had risen to the position of Federal Permanent Secretary where he served in the federal ministries of Internal Affairs, Aviation, and Transport. At this time he also served as Chairman, Nigerian Airways, Nigerian National Shipping Line and the Nigerian Ports Authority.

In 1967 he retired from the Civil Service moving into the private sector where, among other private ventures, he was subsequently appointed Vice Chairman of the Institute of Directors, Vice President of the Nigerian Stock Exchange and Member of the Capital Issues Commission.

He is survived by brothers, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. A fuller obituary from the Nigerian Guardian may be viewed at http://www.ngrguardiannews.com/2015/01/henry-osime-omenai-1922-2015/

As reported in the 2014 *Newsletter*, **Kendrick John Partington** (1947) died on 5 May 2014. This prompted the following reminiscence from his friend **Peter Hoare** (1956):

As Director of Music at Wellington School in Somerset, just a few miles from where I grew up, Kendrick was succeeded – not immediately – by Michael Foster (1955), who had sung with me in the Chapel Choir and was delighted to discover my connection with Kendrick through St Peter's Church, Nottingham. Kendrick was Director of Music there 1957–1994, and his choristers included William Parry (1996). For some of that time I was Churchwarden at St Peter's, and telephoned 'church' enquiries from Kendrick were common – as were opportunities for discussing Downing and its music (we had both read Modern Languages and done National Service in the Navy, but it was Downing that dominated). It was a real pleasure to introduce Kendrick to Michael at a Downing garden party – I left them deep in reminiscence.

Another musical link with Downing came when Kendrick's successor-but-two at St Peter's, Peter Siepmann, was installed as President of the Nottingham Society of Organists. The preacher at the installation service was the Society's Chaplain, Father John Berry (1955), who wrote entertainingly in the last Magenta News. This gave us the opportunity for more reminiscences: he had had rooms just above mine on L staircase (next to the still-quite-new chapel) and also read Modern Languages, though I was not involved in DCBC as he was.

It is always good to find Downing connections in different fields – this series of musical links was particularly pleasing, reminding me of the Music Society's concerts in West Lodge (as Junior Treasurer I had to persuade Frank Wild of the need to pay for delivery of a grand piano to the upper

floor), and of course of **Philip Tordoff** (1956) leading the Chapel choir, with **Michael Foster**, **Alan Kirkby** and the late **Richard Emery** (both 1956) among others. News of the new Chapel organ is encouraging – it never occurred to me in 1956 that the new organ would be superseded twice within the next 60 years!

Brian Edward Paxton (1955) died on 4 January 2015, aged 79. He read Natural Sciences.

The Reverend Dr Michael Carden Pearson (Father Michael) (1957) died on 20 June 2015, aged 76. He read Natural Sciences. Peter

Benner (1956) writes:



Michael was born in 1938 at Hull, where his father was Medical Officer of Health, and the family later moved to Watford. He came up to Downing from Oundle in 1957 to read Natural Sciences, which he followed with the study of Medicine at Guy's Hospital. After qualification he proceeded to become a Consultant Radiologist at the Brompton Hospital.

In the meantime, he had met and married Angela, also a doctor, and they had four children. Michael took early retirement from medicine and trained for the Ministry. On ordination, he held a curacy at Worth, Sussex and was then appointed to the Anglican Ministry in Athens, from which he was forced to resign due to serious illness.

On recovery and return to the UK he was appointed Priest-in-Charge at Staplefield, West Sussex from which he only retired in January 2015 after 10 years. He and Angela were planning several trips when he died very suddenly. Apart from his ministries, he and Angela had consuming interests in their family, in travel, music and good food and wine. (It was said at Staplefield that during Michael's incumbency there was a marked improvement in the standard of the Communion Wine!) He died at Horsted Keynes, where he had had a home since 1981. At a very well attended Eucharist at St Giles, Horsted Keynes, conducted by the Bishop of Horsham there were clery and parishioners from the parishes he had served. Present were Diana, widow of J A Braithwaite (1956), with whom Michael had long medical and family connections (mutual godparents) and P C Benner (1956), a parishioner at Staplefield.

The Reverend David Prytherch (1951) died on 27 June 2014, aged 84. He read

History. His wife, Valerie, writes:

David read History and was awarded a Half-Blue in Judo. After leaving Downing in 1954, he went to the College of the Resurrection, Mirfield and was ordained priest in Blackburn Cathedral on 22 September 1957. His parochial ministry was served in the Dioceses of Gloucester, Derby and Blackburn and he was Chaplain and Head of History at St Elphin's School.

David was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in 1994, a condition borne with patience and good humour despite the worsening of his condition in the last 18 months. He died peacefully surrounded by his wife, Valerie, children Elizabeth and Antony, son-in-law Ian and his grandsons Tom and Adam. He was deeply loved and is sadly missed.

Andrew Rankin QC (1947) died on 11 February 2015, aged 90. He read Law.

His grandson, Simon Rankin, writes:



Andrew's BA, 1st Class Honours, Law Tripos (1948) followed on from a Bachelor of Law degree at Edinburgh. Andrew gained Blues from Edinburgh (1943, 1946) and Cambridge (1948) and gained a Scotland Cap in Water Polo. His childhood offered many opportunities - his father, William, founded Rankin's Fruit Markets in Edinburgh and the parents of his mother, Mary Anne (née McArdle), worked for the Codona showfolk.

However, the Law was Andrew's calling and in his chosen field he had a long, varied and successful career.

Born in Edinburgh, Andrew attended the Royal High School (1940), gained Silver and Gold Royal Commonwealth Society Medals (1940 and 1941, respectively) and the Cecil Peace Prize (1946). His Law Degree at the University of Edinburgh was interrupted by wartime service in the RNVR where he served as a Landing Craft Commander who reconnoitred the Normandy beaches prior to Operation Overlord. Andrew attended the summer term at Cambridge in 1947, and it was suggested that he sit the Law Tripos in one year, rather than three. Graduating in 1948, he was unable to accept the offer by Downing College of a Harvard Scholarship due to family commitments. Instead, he moved to Liverpool on the recommendation of Hartley Shawcross, the future Attorney General. There, he was a pupil of Robinson Crichton whilst lecturing in Law at Liverpool University. He went on to become a Lord Justice Holker Scholar at Gray's Inn.

He was recognised as having a talent for Civil work, particularly medical cases. After being called to the Bar in 1950, he quickly built up a very busy practice, covering the North West and North Wales. As a young barrister he faced learned opposition in his first murder trial, the "Welsh Mummy" case. Aged just 36, Andrew took on a formidable team of prosecutors, led by the Solicitor-General Sir Jocelyn Simon QC and the Home Office pathologist Dr Edward Evans. His rebuttal of Dr Evans' evidence gained him some notoriety.

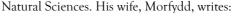
Andrew took silk in 1968. He enjoyed the intellectual stimulation of the Law, taking on many difficult and challenging cases through his chambers in London. He was keen to impart his knowledge on his pupils and was appointed a Court Recorder from 1972. His expression "have brief, will travel" took him to the UN and Japan and throughout the Commonwealth, including the Caribbean, Hong Kong, Singapore. At home he was Judith Ward's barrister following the M62 Coach Bombing, and acted for British Gas in the Canvey Island Inquiry. His longest case saw the acquittal of a Vice-President of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange after an 8-month trial.

Liverpool FC was one of his greatest passions, closely followed by horse racing, especially at Chester and Ascot. Wandering the corridors of Anfield, doors would magically open to the cry of "Make way for the Judge!". Fond of travelling, Andrew was a regular visitor to Menorca for 50 years, enjoyed cruising and visited the Caribbean, New York and the Far East regularly.

Andrew married Winifred (née McAdam) in 1944 and they had five children. He subsequently married Veronica (née Martin) who died in 1990. Jenifer (née Hodges), whom he married in 1991, survives him. Two of his sons, Michael and Christopher predeceased him, he is survived by William, Alison and Elaine.

Cecil William Robert (1933) died in 2013, aged 98. He read English and History.

The Rev Peter Gwilym Saunders (1949) died on 7 July 2014, aged 84. He read





Peter Gwilym Saunders was born in London in April 1930, the elder son of Sydney and Esther Saunders. A normal happy childhood was disturbed at the outbreak of war, when his father was moved to work in Peterborough. Peter's stay in Peterborough was brief as it was decided that he and his brother should be evacuated to Washington DC to stay with an aunt.

In 1944 they returned to London at the time of the

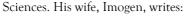
flying bomb raids in order for him to sit Entrance Examinations for Highgate School. Despite missing a considerable amount of time in the Sixth Form due to repeated bouts of rheumatic fever Peter gained entrance to Downing and went up in October 1949 to read Natural Sciences.

In 1952, after graduating, he went to Durham University to do a PhD in Radio Chemistry, and it was during this time that he met a young Classics undergraduate who was to become his wife. After two years in the chemistry lab there was a change of career as Peter decided to become a Baptist minister. In 1954 he went to Regent's Park College, Oxford to read Theology, where he gained a first in 1957.

Thirteen years in churches in Central London and Andover were followed by academic appointments, firstly at St Paul's College, Cheltenham and then as Tutor at South Wales Baptist College, Cardiff, lecturing at Cardiff University in Christian Doctrine. He regarded this as the happiest and most satisfying period of his life, thoroughly enjoying his time with the students.

However in 1981 he was appointed Area Superintendent Minister for the Baptist Union overseeing the English Baptist Churches in South Wales. This job entailed much travelling, much committee work and, rewardingly, contacts in the wider ecumenical circles outside Wales. Early retirement was forced upon him in 1990 due to ill health, the legacy of the rheumatic fever in his teenage years. He underwent open heart surgery twice, in 1990 and again in 2007, when recovery was slower. But he was not deterred in his retirement from continuing to help churches wherever he could and from enjoying time with his six grandchildren. He leaves a widow, Morfydd, two daughters and two sons.

Peter William Sayer (1960) died on 4 June 2014, aged 74. He read Mechanical





Peter Sayer died peacefully at home, after a short illness. He was a Chartered Civil Engineer, a Member of the Institute of Civil Engineers and a member of the Chartered Institute of Water and Environmental Management.

Peter was born within the city walls of Canterbury and educated at Kent College, Canterbury. From a young boy, he was an enthusiastic sportsman in all

sports at first and then later specialising in cricket and hockey.

He entered Downing to read Mechanical Sciences in 1960.

He played cricket for the Crusaders and hockey for the Wanderers as well as for Downing 1st X1s. He was delighted to be a member of the Hawks' Club and wore his tie with pride.

After graduating, apart from one year teaching Maths and Physics, and four years with a Water Board, all his working life was spent with Consulting Civil Engineers. From 1971 he was based in Ashford in Kent with an international consulting engineers' practice. Peter's work was mostly in the design of water supply and irrigation schemes in a number of different countries and he and his family lived in Zambia for five years which influenced them all. (His son Edward is now back there running a conservation and anti-poaching project in the North Luangwa National Park, living there with his wife and three young children).

Peter was meticulous in every aspect of his life. He was a real gentleman, courteous, uncritical, unpretentious, honest, witty and patient. He became a member of Canterbury Rotary Club once he retired from work and had played hockey and cricket for Canterbury Clubs. He was a particularly active member of Canterbury Hockey Club for many years.

He had a great pride in having been at Cambridge, and Downing in particular, and always enjoyed the visits back there, both with his wife Imogen and with other College friends.

John Richard Hibbert Shaw (1948) died on 6 March 2015, aged 86. He studied Medicine.

Cornelius John Spruyt (1953) died on 18 August 2014, aged 79. He read English and Law.

As reported briefly in the 2013 Newsletter, Michael McKirdy Anthony Stary



(1950) died on 11 December 2012, aged 82. He read Natural Sciences. His widow, Erica, writes:

Following secondary schooling at Gordonstoun, and National Service in the Navy, Michael went to Downing, where he played rugby (he later joined Harlequins), rowed in the Rugby Bumps boat, and also obtained his degree (reading a mix of Natural

Sciences and Law). Afterwards, he continued his studies mainly by evening class, becoming a member of the BIM and a Chartered Engineer, specialising in heat and power. Alas, it was this which killed him as he worked for two firms of boiler manufacturers in the Midlands where his function was to advise on what the client needed, then sell and oversee the installation of the firms' products (and the consequential removal of the old boilers) – he was thus regularly exposed to asbestos in the *laissez faire* and unsafe work conditions of the 50s and 60s, dying an excruciating death from mesothelioma (an incurable asbestos cancer). In character, he was irrepressible, optimistic, generous, frivolous, always seeing the best in people. He always had time to give if someone needed it. Nothing was too much trouble. He was a wonderful husband, father and stepfather and much-loved by his friends, of whom he had many. He served for several years as his Year Rep and loved the involvement with the College and his old College friends, especially his closest

friend from that time the oenologist Julian Jeffs (1950). He was extremely proud of Downing and had worked very hard to get there. He was, for example, thrilled that the Howard buildings were built in style with the old, and regularly made donations to the College. His last real outing before his terminal illness took over was to the Downing Autumn Reunion – he discharged himself from hospital to get there, it was so important to him. He maintained that he was very lucky with his choice of wives (he had two, his first wife dying tragically in a car crash, his second outliving him), which was counter-balanced by ill-luck in raffles (not entirely true). He leaves a deeply-grieving widow, daughter and extensive and very close stepfamily.

His friend and contemporary Frank Weiss (1950) adds that he remembers that "in our first year Mike was quite proud of the fact that he had survived Gordonstoun, and much later that he bullied me into taking over the Year Rep's job. He was always great fun in our years together as undergraduates."

Another friend and contemporary Julian Jeffs (1950) writes that:

"Mike was one of my closest friends at Cambridge. When the time came for him to go down we discussed what he would do next and I suggested that my father, who had extensive connections in Midlands industry, might be able to help. They met and my father got in touch with a friend who was a director of John Thompson, an engineering group and one of the country's major boiler manufacturers. They had a graduate apprentice scheme and offered Mike a place. Wisely he came to the Midlands to decide if it would suit him. After having a good look at the local facilities he thought it would so he took the job. He joined the Wolverhampton Rugby Club and soon accumulated a circle of friends, some of whom were interested in restoring vintage cars. After a few months staying at a local pub he went to live in the village of Lapley where he met his first wife, who had been married before and had a daughter at school in London, so he moved down to Thompson's London office (by then part of Northern Engineering) which was run by a remarkable man, Airey Neave, a Member of Parliament, with whom he got on very well but who was later assassinated by the Irish in 1979, and bought a house by the river at Weybridge, where he lived until his death. His job was to sell massive boilers and he was very good at it but he eventually left to set up interests of his own. This gave him a certain amount of spare time and he went to the Canary Isles with his wife with the thought of buying a place there, but he had to return to England to pursue his business interests, and while he was away his wife was killed in a car crash driven by a friend. After a few years he remarried and remained happily married until his death."

Michael Stary was a member of Downing's 1749 Society: The Master, Fellows and Scholars wish to acknowledge the generosity of both Michael and Erica Stary for making a benefaction to the College in his name.

William Ian Stewart, Lord Allanbridge (1943) died on 21 June 2012, aged 86. He was enrolled on the University Naval Short Course.

He was a Scottish lawyer, judge and politician, who served as Solicitor General for Scotland in the Heath government, from 1972 to 1974. Stewart was appointed to the Benches of the Court of Session and High Court of Justiciary, Scotland's Supreme Courts in 1977 as a Senator of the College of Justice with judicial title Lord Allanbridge.

He married in 1955 and had a son and a daughter. He was widowed in 2005. A fuller obituary may be found in the Scotsman of 2 July 2012, http://www.scotsman.com/news/obituaries/obituary-william-ian-stewart-lord-allanbridge-judge-1-2387205.

Shahid Suleri (1971) died on 28 February 2015, aged 62. He read Economics and Law. His Downing contemporary Robin Frost

(1972) writes:



Despite recent failing health Shahid's premature death came as a big shock to both family and friends. However bereavement united us in our love for Shahid and we have taken immense comfort in sharing our wonderful memories of this remarkable individual. Despite an unconventional roller coaster career at Cambridge, and indeed for rest of his life, Downing

remained surprisingly important to Shahid. It provided him with his first significant base on his return from Pakistan in 1971. (Shahid had been at school in England as a child.) Friends made while at Downing remained close friends for the rest of his life, amply evidenced by the attendance at his funeral, on 19 March, of Des Calnan (1969), Wynne Jones (1969), John Simpkins (1971), Kevin Julian (1971), Kevin McCollum (1974), François Vainker (1971), Geoff Smith (1971) and myself; and there were genuine and heartfelt apologies for unavoidable absence from Geoff Horrocks (1969) and Richard McCombe (1971).

From his first marriage to Giuliana, whom he met at Cambridge in 1974, Shahid leaves three children: Surraya, Karim and Giada. After Cambridge he worked for BCCI in central London for several years and married Jane Saigol in 1996. He and Jane spent 20 happy years together in West London and the South of France, which he particularly liked and where he actually started to play some tennis! In keeping with Shahid's well considered and much discussed views his funeral was a secular affair. **Geoff Smith** gave the eulogy, from which the following is an extract:

"... as we gradually come to terms with Shahid's death, we should learn from his stoicism and deal with the reality in a dignified way he would approve of.

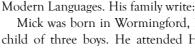
His life was magnificent and inimitable. At times he could be maddeningly difficult - but when one strips away external trivia of the type that is intended purely for purposes of superficially impressing people we don't know well - and instead look to the inner man and what Shahid represents to us in our hearts, the scale of his character comes into focus: his qualities far outshine all else, commanding our respect and inspiring the deepest and most abiding affection, not only for the inestimable enrichment and enjoyment he brought to our lives, but for being so truly and utterly and uncompromisingly his own magnificent self - in this wider and infinitely more important sense Shahid stands as one of the most remarkable and uplifting people of our generation.

Wine never tasted better, laughter never lasted longer, nor was conversation ever such a pleasurable or unpredictable voyage of discovery as in his company.

We will always remember him vividly and with love."

John Richard Swain (1964) died on 7 August 2014, aged 68. He read Natural Sciences.

Michael Charles Thackrah (1948) died on 21 July 2014, aged 87. He read



Mick was born in Wormingford, Essex; the middle child of three boys. He attended Holmwood House Prep School and at 13, like his father before him, he went on to Tonbridge School where he boarded until he was 18. He then completed National Service in India and Norfolk.

Following National Service, Mick went up to Downing where he read Modern Languages. It was

during his College days that he went skiing in Austria and met his wife, Elizabeth. When he came down from Cambridge, Mick briefly worked in London but disliking the city, he returned to East Anglia where he took up a post as schoolmaster teaching French at St Edmund's Prep School in Kesgrave, Suffolk. He married Elizabeth and had two daughters, Rosemary and Philippa.

Mick remained at St Edmund's for 23 years until it closed in 1975. Mick loved teaching, and always took children seriously, listening carefully and with respect to whatever they said, however young they were. A number of Old Boys from the school attended his funeral where memories and stories of him were shared with fondness. He never found another teaching post that matched his enjoyment of his years at St Edmund's. When the school closed, he went on to briefly teach at Northgate Grammar in Ipswich before taking early retirement and teaching English to foreign students at home.

Mick was a family man: he was married to Elizabeth for 53 years and was a devoted husband, loyal and kind. He was a loving father and spent a great deal of time playing with his daughters as they were growing up. He told enchanting children's stories and was playful and great fun. He was proud of his daughters' achievements as they grew up and followed their further education and careers with interest.

Always curious and with a keen mind, Mick kept up with popular culture and remained engaged with a changing world. In an old diary found after he had died, was a list of urban language such as 'hissy fits' and 'bling' that he had written down in order to ask his daughters about at a later date. Much to their amusement, he would find ways of introducing these words into ordinary sentences.

Mick's love of stories continued in his own reading where he read widely, keeping up with the latest Man Booker nominees and a good autobiography. Mick was a keen amateur sportsman and in his spare time, enjoyed golf, tennis and in his younger days, squash. He was a long time member of Woodbridge Golf Club, playing regularly and at his peak won The Quilter Cup. Once he retired, reading and golf remained a keen interest until the last few years when he became more frail.

Mick died as he had lived, surrounded by his family. He was greatly loved and is very missed.

David Michael Thompson (1959) died on 28 May 2015, aged 76. He read Natural Sciences, followed by a PGCE. His wife, Jane, writes:



David followed his father Arthur and elder brother John to Downing being followed one year later by his younger brother Philip. The three brothers were up together in consecutive years. David started his education at March Grammar School and after two years National Service went up to Downing to read Natural Sciences. He went on to teach Physics at Bedford Modern School, Trinity School of John Whitgift, Kingston Grammar

School and Farnborough Sixth Form College where he was also a Senior Tutor. While at Downing David, among other things, enjoyed music and sport, playing for the College Football second team and he was also an active member of the Baptist Student Society.

Godfrey Edward Heygate Webster (1964) died on 14 April 2015, aged 68. He read Engineering.

Alan West (1957) died in the Royal Bolton Hospital on 28 September 2014,



aged 76. He read Modern Languages and also gained a Certificate in Education in 1962. He was the Year Rep for 1957. His son, Christopher West (1984), writes:

Alan West had a long and distinguished career in education, but after taking early retirement he took even greater pleasure in his second career as Scorer for Lancashire County Cricket Club and was there to record the details of their long-awaited County Championship title in 2011.

He was born on Christmas Eve 1937 into a mining family in St Helens, Lancashire. On Christmas Day

1939 his father Alfred died, leaving his mother Eileen to bring him up with the assistance of several aunts, in Southport during the war and then in Denton. He became the first pupil ever from Denton Central Council Primary to win a place at Manchester Grammar School. His grandfather wrote Alan a letter congratulating him on this success, and telling him that if he were to end up at Oxford or Cambridge, he should not forget he was once poor like his old Grandad. He kept this letter throughout his life.

While at MGS Alan was strongly influenced by his form master Albert Hyslop and his characterful English teacher Bert Parnaby (who later enjoyed a similarly fulfilling second career as an actor on television). Life was sometimes a struggle for Alan and his mother but his school reports invariably described him as 'cheerful' and he remained a cheerful optimist throughout his life. In 1950 his mother remarried a farmer's son from Halifax, but on the advice of the Headmaster E R James he remained living in Denton during the week and continued to attend MGS.

His grandfather's prediction came true and he duly won a scholarship to Downing College to read Modern Languages.

Before that, Alan spent two years doing National Service at RAF Hambuhren where he was selected as one of only four people in the whole RAF listening in on the East German Air Force. Initially the team kept up a gruelling rota monitoring the airwaves 24 hours a day, but after a few months they pointed out to their superiors that the East Germans only flew during the day and the schedule became easier after that.

Going up to Cambridge in 1957, Alan spent what he later described as three blissful years, making many friends he kept throughout his life. In his long vacations he took on various jobs including selling bibles in Canada and acting as courier in Switzerland for a Halifax holiday company. It was there that he met his future wife Janet Carlton.

After obtaining a 2:1 and a PGCE, Alan became a schoolmaster, first at Mill Hill in North London where his first son Timothy was born, and then at Bolton School. He then went on to become Head of Modern Languages at St. Mary's College, Blackburn but remained living in Bolton for the rest of his life and his other two sons, Christopher and Martin, were born there.

While teaching, Alan became more involved in public examinations, eventually becoming Chief Examiner in German for the Cambridge board. He then decided to make exams his fulltime career, first for the Northwest Regional Examining Board and then for the Joint Matriculation Board where he became Senior Assistant Secretary and was a leading force in the move to modernise examinations, helping to introduce coursework and objective tests. These changes were copied by other boards and improved greatly the way languages in particular were taught in schools.

Throughout his working life, Alan had pursued many other interests. He was a Governor of Bury Grammar School (where his sons were educated), a keen crossword fan, a regular contestant on TV quiz shows and commentated on football and cricket for local radio.

Cricket had been his greatest passion ever since his cousin had married the Lancashire and England spinner, Bob Berry. Alan played as a legspinner for Langho Centre and after he had taken early retirement from work, sat on the Ribblesdale League Management Committee, assisted with the Lancashire Cricket Federation and wrote two books about league cricket. He also presented a regular Sunday night programme on BBC Radio Lancashire called Cricket Extra with Alan West. So it was a dream come true when he was asked in 1998 to become Scorer for Lancashire, and he held this position for the rest of his life.

In this post, Alan not only recorded Lancashire's games home and away, and all international matches at Old Trafford, he also undertook whatever statistical research was needed by the management. In his first year, when the team thought they could not qualify from their Benson & Hedges Cup group, he was able to advise them exactly how quickly they needed to score to achieve a good enough run rate and after the successful chase he was thrilled to return



Alan West holding the 2011 Championship Trophy

to a dressing room chanting 'Westy! Westy!' From then on he was always an integral part of the team, acting as friend and adviser to the players who were almost half a century younger than him.

Alan was held in such high regard by his scorer colleagues that he was elected Chairman of the Association of Cricket Scorers and sat on the English Cricket Board Association of Cricket Officials. During the winter 2010–11 Alan underwent a gruelling course of chemotherapy but insisted to all that he would be fit for the new cricket season. This optimism was rewarded when Lancashire won the championship for the first time in 76 years. They had come second five times since he had been scorer and Alan had waited a lifetime to see them finally win.

Sadly Alan's lymphoma returned this year, and he passed away in Royal Bolton Hospital the day before Lancashire were relegated. His passing was marked by obituaries in the Guardian and the Independent and by a special tribute programme on BBC Radio Lancashire. His funeral was attended by almost all the county scorers, along with friends from all stages of his life, going back to his schooldays, some of whom had crossed the Atlantic to attend. His coffin, surrounded by red roses, was carried in by six Lancashire captains. Afterwards a reception was held overlooking the cricket ground at Old Trafford where his ashes will be scattered next year.

Alan is survived by his wife Janet and his musician sons, Timothy, **Christopher** (**Downing 1984**) and Martin.

John Michael Williams (1956) died on 30 September 2014, aged 78. He read



Law. David Cotton (1956), with the help of several of John's friends, writes:

Men of 1956 will be sorry to hear of the death in September 2014 of John Williams who, over a period of many years, was a conscientious Year Representative for 1956 matriculands. John read Law and, particularly through the Cranworth Society, did much to support his fellow lawyers. In 1963, accompanied by several of these, he returned to Cambridge to proceed to his

MA. After going down, he continued to arrange reunion dinners, including a privileged occasion when they did so in the "inner sanctum" of the Senior Combination Room. After completing his Articles, John joined his father in West Wickham to form the local solicitors' firm of Williams and Williams. Over the years, John expanded the Practice which subsequently merged with other local practices to form Leigh Williams and Thackray Williams.

Outside of the Law, John was a music lover and sang in the College choir, even taking private lessons to ensure the quality of his contribution. He would refer to accompanying a fellow lawyer – the lawyer in question insists, however, that such was the quality of John's voice that it was more a case of him accompanying John. In later years, John, together with his wife Pat, were to become leading lights in the musical life of Surrey, placing their garden at the disposal of some large scale musical events. Inspired by his love of opera at Glyndebourne, these events included the Normanhurst Festival of music

and drama which raised tens of thousands of pounds for local Charities over the years.

John was also a keen hockey player cajoling his fellow lawyers to form a team to take on the "professional" hockey players of Downing. The outcome is not reported other than that the lawyers were reported to be "very stiff" for some time afterwards. On another occasion, recalls **Peter Benner (1956)**, John arranged for the Downing team to take on a team of Addenbrooke's nurses. Again the result is lost in the mists of time, other than Peter's assertion that it was one of the more terrifying experiences of his undergraduate career!

This remembrance of John could not conclude better than in words provided by his friend (now Rev) **Derek Wales** (1957) who he actually met in West Wickham, subsequent to his going down:- "John was an integral part of this community throughout his life and helped many people and contributed so much to what went on whether as a local solicitor and magistrate, his involvement in Rotary and St Francis Church, or his other sporting and leisure activities".

John leaves his wife, Pat, six children and nine grandchildren.

But John has yet one more claim to fame; as father of the first lady President of our Association.

Ronald William Williams (1948) died on 20 November 2014, aged 87. He read History followed by Law.

We were informed by his nephew, Mr Paul Dekowski, who said how fondly his uncle referred to his time at Downing.

As reported briefly in the 2014 *Newsletter*, **Ernest Eric Woodacre** (1950) died in the USA from Alzheimer's disease on 18 February 2014, aged 83. He read Mechanical Sciences. His wife, Margo, writes:



Known as the 'True English Gentleman', Ernie was born in Blackburn, England on April 6, 1930. He grew up as an only child to the late Kathleen and James Woodacre. As a young boy, he developed a strong passion for learning and excelled at academics. He particularly enjoyed reading but demonstrated a great curiosity for technical subjects as well. During his early years, he remembered the Battle of Britain and spent many evenings listening to American Forces Network Radio.

Upon leaving Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Ernie was awarded a scholarship to Downing. Ernie had a special place in his heart for Cambridge University and Downing College. Along with his academic studies in Engineering, his three years brought happy memories of swimming and soccer – he was goalkeeper for the Cambridge University Football team. He was extremely proud to live on a staircase in the grounds along with his esteemed fellow athletes. Most of all, he loved to joke about the occasional missed curfews where he found himself climbing over the College gates – only to find a porter greeting him with a smile and sardonic question: Mr Woodacre, again?

He also served his requirement in the Royal Air Force. In 1953, Ernie was offered an opportunity to join the DuPont Company and travelled to the United States for his first assignment at the Parkersburg Plant in West Virginia. Following a number of assignments, both domestically and internationally, Ernie rose to serve in several senior-level positions, including: Director of Environmental Affairs; Director of the Elastomers Division; Director of Specialty Products; Group Director of Remington Arms, Explosives and Engineered Products Divisions.

In 1988, Ernie became President, CEO and later Chairman of Explosives Technologies International. He also served as Chairman of the Board of Governors for the Institute of Makers of Explosives.

Ernie was known to all as kind, courteous, articulate and humble and exhibited an appealing sense of humor. While remaining forever devoted to his British heritage, Ernie took great pride in having become a citizen of the United States.

He was a gifted athlete and enjoyed the sports of soccer, swimming, skiing and golf and has been described as having one of the most 'elegant' golf swings to grace a golf course. Admired for his dapper style, he also loved to dance. And while he was a fan of many sports, he remained a die-hard fan of his beloved Blackburn Rovers.

He traveled to England on several occasions for both business and vacation. In the early 1990s, we paid a visit to Downing where he proudly shared his special memories and the beauty of the grounds. It is an honor that Ernie's legacy will live on in a place that he dearly loved by naming a room in the new First Court Development at Downing College, The Ernest Woodacre Room.

Loving husband and proud father, step-father, and grandfather, he is survived by his wife, Margo Ewing Woodacre, son, Steven Robert Woodacre, step daughter, Steffany Bane Carey and grandchildren, Katie, Evan and Jack Woodacre and Madelyn and Presley Carey. His oldest son, David Eric Woodacre, predeceased him.

Ernie lived a full life, loved travel and had the opportunity to travel extensively throughout the world. Optimistic about life up to the very end, he and his wife, Margo, lived the philosophy that Life is not about waiting for the storm to pass; it is about learning to dance in the rain.

In addition, we have belatedly learned of the deaths of the following: James Evans Brundell (1948) died in September 1983 aged 69.

Titus Oluseye Ejiwunmi (1952) died on 6 September 2001, aged 88.

Stanislaw Antoni Radwanski (1948) died in 1993, aged 70.

Hany Mellor Tickler (1939) died on 18 October 2009, aged 92.

Commander Paul Alfred Turner (1947) died on 24 July 1968, aged 46.

Glynn Jones Scholarships for Business and Management Education

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

VISITING CAMBRIDGE

VISITING DOWNING

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

DISABLED ACCESS

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

DINING IN COLLEGE

Downing members in the categories below who are out of residence are welcome to dine at High Table twice in each full term and may bring with them their spouse or partner. On the first occasion, dinner will be free of charge for the alumnus, although guests' meals will be charged for. On the second occasion, both meals will be charged for.

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

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

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

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

STAYING IN COLLEGE

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

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

VISITING OTHER COLLEGES

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

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OBITUARIES

We were sorry to learn of the sudden and unexpected death of **Graham Peter Chapman** on 31 August 2014, aged 70. Graham was a distinguished Professor Emeritus of Geography at Lancaster University. He was a Fellow in Geography at Downing between 1973 and 1987 before moving from Cambridge to a professorial post at SOAS, University of London. He became Chair and Head of the Department of Geography at Lancaster in 1994 where he remained until his retirement in 2008. An obituary can be found at http://www.sasnet.lu.se/sites/default/files/chapmanobituary.pdf.

Phyllis Dorothy James, Baroness James of Holland Park, O.B.E., J.P., F.R.S.L., Honorary Fellow, died on 27 November 2014, aged 94. Dr Cathy Phillips, R J Owens Fellow in English, writes:

Phyllis Dorothy James, Lady James of Holland Park, was born in Oxford on 3 August 1920 and died on 27 November 2014. Her father was a tax officer and, when he was transferred to Cambridge, she entered the Cambridge High School for Girls, which later became Long Road Sixth Form College, where she excelled. However, since there was no money to enable her to attend university, on leaving school she took a job in the tax office at Ely. In 1941 she married Connor Bantry White, a medical student, who qualified and served during the war but developed schizophrenia and spent much of the rest of his life in hospital. The family moved in with Connor's parents, who were supportive and helped to raise the couple's two daughters. Phyllis worked first in the National Health Service, studying in the evenings for a Diploma in Hospital Administration and then, from 1968, in the Home Office in the forensic science service within the police department and, finally, in the criminal policy department, from which she retired in 1979.

However, her ambition had been to become a writer and in 1959 she decided that there would not come a time when it was convenient to start such a career. So she started getting up at 5.00 a.m., writing until it was time to go to work. She embarked on a crime fiction novel, Cover Her Face, which took her two years to complete. In it appeared Adam Dalgliesh, a detective who was to feature in many of her later crime novels. She gave him the characteristics she said she admired: high intelligence, compassion and courage. Cover Her Face was published by Faber in 1962 and was well received. It was the first of twenty-two books and numerous shorter works that she was to write. P D James once said that she wanted to accomplish serious novels, by which she meant ones that explored human nature including its spiritual sensibility. She quickly realised that she could do this within crime fiction. Alert to the enormity of murder, she usually set her crime within situations where considerable psychological pressure was required to motivate the murderer.

Her second career led to a number of responsibilities connected with the arts. She served as a governor of the BBC, a member of the Board of the British Council and Chairman of the Literary Advisory Panel of the Arts Council. Her honours included numerous prizes, LLDs from seven universities, honorary fellowships of St Hilda's College, Oxford and both Downing and Girton. She was a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts and the Royal Society of Literature and President of the Society of Authors. She served as a magistrate in London and Middlesex, was appointed OBE in 1983 and a life peer in 1991.

P D James was generous in her support of English and young writers in Downing. She set up a fund to give three substantial prizes annually to Downing students for creative writing. In the 1980s and 1990s there was in Downing each summer a seminar held by the British Council for contemporary writers and those interested in such work. Here P D James met John Treherne, a zoologist, Fellow in Biology in Downing and a writer of fiction. John died suddenly in 1991 and at her request the fund became a memorial to him: the John Treherne Prize for Creative Writing. She visited the College a number of times, talking to groups of students, encouraging them to write and advising them about the practicalities of publication. In 2006, at the age of 86, she gave a public lecture in the College on writing in which she spoke perceptively, frankly and amusingly for an hour with her usual complete fluency. She was intelligent, generous and an inspiring example of what can be accomplished, even in the face of considerable obstacles, through determination and unremitting hard work.



We have learned with sadness of the death of Barbara Whitby Kennedy, on 19 May 2014, aged 90. Mrs Kennedy was the daughter of former Master, Sir Lionel Whitby (1947–57). Her son, Lionel, writes:

Barbara Whitby Kennedy, a lifelong friend of the College, died in her ninety-first year on May 19, 2014 in North Carolina, USA. Born Barbara Isabel Elizabeth Whitby, she was the eldest child of Sir Lionel Whitby, arriving the year he took his

first degree from Downing. Sir Lionel went on to become Master of the College (1947–57) and Vice-Chancellor of the University (1951–53).

After wartime service as an army nurse, Barbara lived in the Downing Lodge with Sir Lionel and Lady Whitby. She fell in love with a young American studying at St. Catherine's, John P. Kennedy, Jr., and the two were married in Cambridge on December 22, 1949. In 58 years of marriage, Barbara and John lived primarily in North Carolina, where John was active in politics and later became a university administrator. They also served in Lagos, Nigeria, where Barbara excelled as a

diplomatic hostess and briefly reigned as the mixed doubles tennis champion of Nigeria. In her American life, Barbara was especially known for her work in historic preservation. She and John received the Engstrom Award for their achievements in preserving the colonial capital of North Carolina, Hillsborough. In retirement, they purchased and rescued decaying Shady Oaks Plantation in Warrenton, North Carolina. Even after John's death in 2008, Barbara carried on at Shady Oaks, climbing from the basement "winter kitchen" to the third-floor garret until she was past ninety. A member of the 1749 Society, Barbara fondly remembered her years at Downing and was generous to the College.

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

News of the Fellowship

Bill Adams continues as Head of the Department of Geography, where (as with every other department in every university) one excitement was the Higher Education Funding Council for England's 'Research Excellence Framework' results. Of such thrills is life in the modern university sector made up. A very significant paper (says the ed.) published during the year was: Adams, W.M. (2014) The value of valuing nature, *Science* 346: 549–551.

Bill Clyne has been given a Helmholtz International Fellow Award. These awards recognise the achievements of outstanding scientists from around the world, providing €20,000 of funding for future research at one of the 18 Helmholtz Research Centres in Germany.

David Feldman has spent the year working on two major research projects. One is on the role of bureaucrats in making and upholding constitutional rules and principles. The other is concerned with the factors and forces influencing the birth, dynamic development and demise of states. A period of sabbatical leave has helped to lay the foundations of each of them. He has also been working (with Dr Mark Elliott) on a new Cambridge Companion to Public Law to be published later in 2015, on a paper on law and politics in the 18th century for a book marking the 250th anniversary of the great constitutional case of Entick v. Carrington, and on the genesis of modern administrative law in the 1960s. In addition, he has organised (in collaboration with the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Thomas of Cwmgiedd) a seminar for the higher judiciary, senior civil servants and some academics on problems in judicial independence, and will be participating in September 2015 in a legal exchange between judges of the Supreme Courts of the UK and the USA.

Geoffrey Grimmett, the Master, has made a number of visits to alumnae/i and mathematicians around the world. He profited especially from his autumn trip with the Development Director to Hong Kong, where he met and sailed with a number of good friends of the College, in addition to lecturing at the Chinese University and walking in the hills. In his role as Cambridge Professor, he continues to lecture and to write mathematical articles. He is currently completing a project on self-avoiding walks, and is grappling with algebraic complications arising in a model of statistical mechanics.

Sarah Kennedy has extended her research on the interactions between landscape, consciousness and poetic selfhood. She delivered a paper at the European Association for Studies on Australia Conference in Prato, Italy, and the resulting article "Where's home, Ulysses?" Judith Wright in Europe 1937' is forthcoming in *The Journal of Commonwealth Literature*.

Thanks to the generosity of the College, she was able to travel to the University of New England, Armidale in New South Wales on a research

visit to the landscapes and family properties of the Australian poet Judith Wright. She will shortly appear as an invited speaker at a conference on Elizabeth Bishop's writing hosted by the University of Sheffield. In College, she has greatly enjoyed the opportunity to interact with Downing's final-year undergraduate English students and to direct their studies this year.



Wollomombi Gorge, New England: Judith Wright's childhood landscape.

Ken McNamara has spent a busy year as Director of the Sedgwick Museum, the world's oldest geological museum. He has spent some time researching its founder, Dr John Woodward (1665–1728) and wrote an article to celebrate the 350th anniversary of his birth for *Geology Today*. Thanks to a grant from *National Geographic* he spent four weeks in the field in Western Australia during the year, researching evidence for the early colonisation of land by animals, 430 million years ago. A major paper on late Devonian trilobite evolution and extinctions was published during the year, representing the culmination of about 10 years research on these fossils from rocks in the Kimberley region of northern Western Australia.

Amy Milton has recently returned from maternity leave, after the birth of her son in June 2014. She has continued her research into the mechanisms underlying memory reconsolidation, publishing articles in *eNeuro* and *Current Opinion in Behavioral Sciences*. She was delighted with the examination performance of the first year students in the Psychological & Behavioural Sciences Tripos, of whom one came top of the Tripos. She has taken leave of her College responsibilities for the academic year 2014–15, but is looking forward to resuming these in October 2015.

David Pratt's work on Anglo-Saxon learned kingship has continued, with an article entitled 'Kings and books in Anglo-Saxon England', published in the 2014 volume of the journal Anglo-Saxon England. The article reviews the evidence for books associated with Anglo-Saxon kings, making the case for the ninth century as the key period of change. In addition to King Alfred, close attention is paid to King Æthelstan (924–39) and King Cnut (1016–35), who seem to have been generous donors of books. The giving of gospel-books to favoured churches was a distinctive practice which emphasised the king's position in ecclesiastical leadership.

Trevor Robbins' most significant news is that he received a major "Senior Investigator" grant (£3M) from the Wellcome Trust to continue his research on impulsive-compulsive disorders (e.g. addiction, OCD and ADHD) for the next five years. Added to which he has still been experiencing the full flood of events and commitments following his winning the Brain Prize last year, including a major Plenary talk at Hindsgavl Castle, Denmark last November where he recently met the Crown Prince of that country. He is also just in the process of giving the Norman Geschwind Lecture at Harvard Medical School, having been appointed as Visiting Professor for the year.

Marcus Tomalin has published several journal articles in the related fields of linguistics, literature, and speech technology during the past year. In particular, he was commissioned to write an article on 'Literature and Time in the Eighteenth Century and Romantic Period' which will appear in the Oxford Handbooks Online in Literature series. As part of his ongoing involvement with the EPSRC-funded Natural Speech Technology project, he has developed a statistical lattice-based rescoring framework that interpolates n-grams and full-output recurrent neural network language models in order to enable speech disfluencies (e.g., filled pauses and discourse markers) to be automatically inserted into otherwise fluent texts. This is the first stage in the process of creating convincing computer-generated synthetic voices that deploy speech disfluencies in ways that replicate human usage. In addition, he has continued to give regular lute recitals, and he can be heard accompanying the choir of Little

St Mary's church on the CD His Sweet Art: Choral Settings of the Metaphysical Poets and their Contemporaries (Regent Records, 2015).

Graham Virgo became Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Education with responsibility for developing education policy and strategy for the University in October 2014. Education is widely defined to encompass undergraduate education, graduate education, libraries, continuing education and sport. He chairs many committees but also has been conducting reviews on various subjects, including the funding of graduate education, the way we examine, student well-being and the role of e-learning. He is still supervising for the College and giving some lectures in the Law Faculty. In September he was the Miegunyah Distinguished Visiting Fellow at the University of Melbourne. In July 2015 the third edition of *The Principles of the Law of Restitution* was published by OUP.

David Wales' highlight for the year was being awarded the Royal Society of Chemistry's Tilden Prize 2015. The award has been made for Professor Wales' development of methods to elucidate potential energy landscapes and their role in dynamics and thermodynamics, with a particular emphasis on self-organisation.

COLLEGE CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

SPORTS TEAMS RESULTS - 2014-15

Badminton

1st men's team, Captain Fred Chen: 6th in Division 1; Cuppers 2nd round.

2nd men's team, Captain Tom Nagel: Division 5 final position not recorded; Cuppers 1st round.

3rd men's team, Captain Tom Claxton: 3rd in Division 8.

1st ladies' team, Captain Rukmini Raghu: League not recorded; Cuppers did not participate.

Basketball

1st V, Captains Joe Moorcroft-Moran and Mark Eldridge: 4th in Division 4; Cuppers did not qualify.

Boat Club

Captain of Boats Jess Stewart; Mens' Captain Brennen Heames; Womens' Captain Rachel Franks.

Men's 1st VIII: Lent Bumps – started 1st, finished 2nd; May Bumps – started 2nd, finished 5th.

Men's 2nd VIII: Lent Bumps – Division 2 started 6th, finished 10th; May Bumps – Division 2 started 9th, finished 13th.

Men's 3rd VIII: May Bumps - Division 4 started 9th, finished 13th.

Women's 1st VIII: Lent Bumps - Division 1 started 3rd, finished 4th; May Bumps - Division 1 started Head of River, finished Head of River.

Women's 2nd VIII: May Bumps – started 1st in Division 3, finished 17th in Division 2.

Cricket

1st XI, Captain James Smith: Cuppers 1st round.

Croquet

1st pair, Captain Tom Rees: Cuppers semi-final.

2nd pair, Captain Hugo Norbury: Cuppers 1st round.

3rd pair, Captain Kiran Gill: Cuppers 2nd round.

4th pair, Captain Tom Reimer: Cuppers 3rd round.

Football

1st XI, Captain Tom Coombes: Division 1 Champions; Cuppers 2nd round.

2nd XI, Captain Alex Sawer: 8th in Division 3; Lost in final of the Shield.

3rd XI, Captain James Marlow: 6th in Division 5; Plate 2nd round.

Ladies' XI, Captain Lauren Carter: Division 3 runners up; Lost in final of the Shield.

Hockey

Women's 1st XI, Captains Anna Heylen and Amy Welch: 4th in Division 1; Cuppers lost in group stages.

Men's 1st XI, Captains Hugh Chatfield and Ishaan Rahman: Division 1 runners-up; Cuppers 1st round.

Mixed 1st XI; Cuppers 2nd round.

Lacrosse

1st X, Captain Emma Shearer: Division 2 runners up; Cuppers did not participate.

Netball

Ladies' 1st VII, Captain Maddy Stokes: Division 1 Champions; Cuppers semi-final.

Ladies' 2nd VII, Captain Phillippa Buckley: League not recorded; Cuppers lost in group stages.

Mixed 1st VII, Captain Irini Koulovasilopoulos: Division 1 Champions; Cuppers Winners.

Mixed 2nd VII, Captain Hugh Chatfield: Division 2 runners up; Cuppers lost in group stages.

Rugby

1st XV, Captain Matthew Hall: 5th in Division 1; Cuppers 1st round; Plate winners.

Squash

1st team, Captain, Krishna Ramesh: no results recorded.

Table tennis

1st team, Captain Michael Lu: Cuppers winners.

Tennis

Men's 1st VI, Captains Alex Cole and Joao Romero: Division 1 runners-up; Cuppers winners.

Ladies' 1st IV, Captain Tanya Li: Cuppers runners up.

Ultimate

1st VII, Captains Mark Selby, Joey Reiness, Tom Hayes: Division 2 Champions; Third in Cuppers.

Volleyball

1st VI, Captains Irini Koulovasilopoulos and Tom Perkins: Cuppers not recorded.

REPORTS

Basketball (Men)

It has been a very productive year for the Downing Basketball men's team, with the primary aim of building a structure and set plays for next year. With three visiting American students joining the Club at the start of Michaelmas, we had a large and experienced group to begin the year. In both Michaelmas and Lent terms, we won two and lost two games, leaving us in a static position in the college league tables. All victories featured strong performances from Shaleem Jacob and Joe Moorcroft-Moran. With the experience and structure that has been grounded this year, the next looks far more promising.

Big Band

The Big Band was lucky to recruit some highly talented first years in Michaelmas and a French horn player has proven a very successful addition to our trombone section. We have delighted crowds at various events throughout the year, our repertoire ranging from Glenn Miller to Charles Mingus (you might have heard us after Superformal), but the highlight was our performance at the May Ball. That said, the high note of the year was definitely our trumpeter Ian's top A at the end of 'The Jazz Police'. We are now crossing our fingers for a healthy crop of brass players among the new Freshers!

Blake Society

The Blake Society, Downing's Humanities collective, has greatly enjoyed the last academic year. An expanding membership was ably led through the turbulent waters of 2014–15 by Presidents Miriam and Lavinia and their enthusiastic minions. Highlights of the calendar included poetry readings in the Master's Lodge, lectures on historical feminism in the Music Room, the JCR's first (college sanctioned) wine tasting and our annual black-tie dinner with the Society's beloved patron, Sir Quentin Blake. Indeed, reflecting on the Society's progress, Sir Quentin was heard to note the importance apparently accorded by humanities students to the social (read vinous) facets of the Society's functions. Looking ahead to the new year, such interest in inebriants will no doubt continue to aid Blake's commitment to intellectual rigour in the Humanities. An extensive roster of highly qualified speakers, a lengthy selection of creative events and an exciting variety of social engagements await all those fearless enough to subscribe to this most sociable of Downing's societies.

Boat Club

It has been a fantastic year for DCBC, beginning early with the women's IV+ returning to Cambridge in mid September to train for the Head of the Charles, one of the biggest international regattas held in Boston, USA. 2014 was the first time the women had taken a boat to this event and it was also the first year for the Segreants' Boat Club (Downing Alumni) who also entered. Our huge thanks go to Paul Hatfield and Gabrielle Bennett for their work and generosity in ensuring this trip was such a success. The women placed 20th in their category, which was an incredible achievement against some fast university crews. The Segreants' crew had a fantastic race and special mention goes to Paul Hatfield, Rory Ross, Jon Hickey and Pete Forester for rejuvenating their rowing memories to join us in this event. We hope to repeat this success next October!

Meanwhile, the men's squad had suffered depleted numbers, with five of the squad trialling and the majority of last year's M1 having graduated.

Nevertheless, Brennen, our Men's Captain, worked incredibly hard to put together a crew for Michaelmas, recruiting a few new faces and motivating the entire squad. Some of the more senior members headed to London in November to race Fours Head, placing 129th overall and 11th in the IM2 Division, a very respectable result for such a huge event. In the run up to Fairbairns, all of the crews competed in Winter Head and this was the first chance to test out some of the novice recruits. We formed composites out of our M1 and W1 boats, mixing four novices into each boat. This was a great opportunity for the novices and we were extremely impressed with their attitudes and commitment. In Fairbairns, the novice W1 came 3rd overall and the novice M1 13th, some good results for the crews and plenty for us to work with for training camp.

Lent began with our annual training camp to Seville, which, once again, was a huge success. The novices improved drastically and we returned to Cambridge with the top boats for both squads fairly set and some significant mileage under our belts. The term began well, with M1 taking an early win at the Winter Head to Head, and W1 finishing 5th. A few weeks later, M1 won Pembroke Regatta with W1 finishing second, and the following day M1 headed to Bedford to race Bedford Head, narrowly losing the IM3 and IM2 Divisions, placing second in both. Heading into Lents, all crews were a bit unsure of their relative speeds compared to the crews around them so the first day was an important test. Unfortunately W2 had not managed to 'get on' due to a reduced number of divisions so that left only three boats racing: M1, W1 and M2.

M2 comprised eight novices (including the cox) and one former M3 rower so was a relatively inexperienced boat. Nevertheless, thanks to the Segreants that had come down to coach them throughout the term, they had continued to improve since training camp. Unfortunately, though, there were some fast crews around them and despite some fast starts, M2 were bumped each day. The result was a harsh one for the crew but morale remained high throughout and, in the words of one crew member, the experience was a steep learning curve. W1 also had a difficult time in Lents, with a crew containing three novices, and some quick crews around them. On the first day, they held off one of the fastest crews, Christ's (the ultimate winners of the headship), until 50 metres from the finish. The second day also resulted in a bump by Jesus but on the third day, W1 pulled off a solid row over. On the final day, an incredibly fast row saw W1 bump FaT, an amazing achievement for those who had been in last year's Lent crew where FaT had bumped them off the headship. M1's Bumps began rather differently, starting off on the headship station, it was difficult to know how fast they were compared to Caius behind them. As a result, they started hard and managed to hold Caius on station until the Railway Bridge - there Caius made a push but by this point it was too late, and M1 finished the first day, still with the headship. On the second day, however, the crew struggled to find the same rhythm and just before the Railway Bridge, Caius closed for the bump. The last two days saw some strong rows for both crews but ultimately, Downing were not fast enough to close that gap. It was a disappointing result after the first day, but we were particularly proud of the three novices in the boat as to hold off a crew full of Blues was an incredible achievement.

Over Easter, M1 headed to Head of the River. Conditions were fairly blustery and it was unclear if the race was going to be called off (for the third time running) but the weather calmed just as the crews were heading to marshal and so the race was able to go ahead. They were the fastest Cambridge college, 9th in IM3 and 89th overall, a solid result for a crew with three novices. A few weeks later, the first women's Boat Race took place on the Tideway. We were delighted to be represented by Holly Hill, a novice in 2013, whose rowing achievements have been astounding.

Mays' term also began with a pre-term training camp, this time on the Cam. Both squads had new recruits with the return of the trialists and a few old faces who came back for their last set of Bumps. Some seat racing and testing during the camp allowed us to set the crews before the start of term and contributed to our double win at Head of the Cam. This was also the weekend of Segreants' Day and we had a fantastic turnout of five Segreants' boats racing Head of the Cam, along with two scullers. Special mention to the 1985 Henley M1 who reunited for Segreants' Day, along with a boat formed of DCBC women from the 1980s.

Easter term also involved a lot of off-Cam racing, particularly for the M1 IV+ aiming to pre-qualify for Henley. Racing at Wallingford, they came second in their heat and entering the final as the slowest crew, again came second. At Bedford a few weeks later, the VIII came second in the Collegiate category, losing narrowly to Oriel College, Oxford. Just before exams started to hit, the IV headed to Nottingham, where they won their heat and then came second in the final, only a length behind the CUBC's Development Squad IV. Although the women didn't make it off Cam, they had some great results on the Cam, most notably winning Champs Head, beating Caius by a second. Both crews did not have their full crew, however, as Holly Hill (now trialling for GB) was in Germany racing in her pair with her Caius partner, Melissa Wilson.

Unfortunately, M1 did not have the successful Bumps they were hoping for. Bumped by Maggie on the first day, they went all out on the second day in an attempt to get them back but were bumped by a very rapid Pembroke crew. The third day, however, was an impressive attempt from the whole crew: despite FaT having overlap, M1 avoided the bump by steering the stern across at the

last minute and thus preventing contact. FaT then held it up, assuming they had bumped and after pulling in, got overtaken by Jesus! The final day was not quite the result the crew was hoping for, though, and a bump by Jesus resulted in the crew finishing 5th. Importantly, though, this is a legacy left for next year which still enables M1 to get the headship. M2 and M3 had not had an easy term but thanks to our Segreant coaches they came on significantly in the run up to Bumps. This was not enough, however, to stay away from the faster crews around them and both crews went down each day, earning their spoons. Despite the result, every member of the crews thoroughly enjoyed their Bumps experience and it ensures there is plenty of room for improvement next year.

W2 had a far more successful week and on the first day they bumped LMBC to secure their position in the second Division. The second day saw a row over and although they were bumped back to sandwich boat on day three, a gutsy row on the final day resulted in a bump on Corpus W1, again putting them solidly in Division 2 where they deserve to be. W1 had yet more success, rowing over on the headship station every single day, with up to four lengths of clear water over Caius. Although the girls made it look very easy, it was a result of their hard training this term and a fantastic result for the Club.

The end of Bumps is not, however, the end of the rowing calendar for DCBC. W1 are heading to Henley Women's Regatta on 19th–21st June and M1 are hoping that their attempts to prequalify for Henley Royal Regatta has been a success. It has been another great year of results for DCBC and I have thoroughly enjoyed my time captaining the Club. I would like to thank my fellow Captains, Brennen Heames and Rachel Franks, without whom, these results would not have been achieved. Special thanks also to our Director of Rowing, Ian Watson, and to all the Segreants for their continuing support. Feroces ad mortem!

Jess Stewart (Captain of Boats 2014–15)

Chapel Choir

Last October, the Choir was greeted by a new world in Downing's Chapel. All refurbished, the Chapel sparkled as the autumn light shone in through the polished windows and the beautiful, pristine Tickell organ glistened in its new surroundings. The organ was blessed by the Bishop of Ely in a special Evensong in February and has been the centerpiece for several recitals. The Inaugural Recital was performed by Martin Baker (1985) in February, whilst Carl Jackson (1978) gave the first public recital of the organ in March, with both organists being former Downing Organ Scholars.

The Choir itself has continued to flourish throughout the academic year. Michaelmas term began with the new recruits quickly immersing themselves in



The Choir rehearsing in the Song School at Norwich Cathedral.

choir life and culminated in a spectacular Advent Carol Service. In addition to singing our weekly Evensongs and twice-termly Complines in the heart of College, the Choir has been active outside of Cambridge singing a Eucharist and Evensong at Norwich Cathedral, which were thoroughly enjoyed by choir and congregation alike. This academic year also brought a special occasion for the alumni of Downing's Chapel Choir: a Reunion Evensong took place in January, reuniting over 60 choir alumni. This was a tremendous success and was very much enjoyed by all.



The Reunion Evensong Choir on the Chapel steps.

Photograph taken by Mark Miller (1992), an alumnus of Downing's Chapel Choir.

The Choir is now looking forward to an autumn tour to Edinburgh and to the next academic year, which is sure to be just as successful and enjoyable.

Cara Ellison, Graduate Organ Scholar

Danby Society

Another successful and enjoyable year for the Danby Society saw a plethora of stimulating talks with strong diversity. The peripheries of science were well tested, with one speaker discussing intellectual property – where science meets law! The Society was even privileged to a talk by the Master, which delved deep into the mathematical mysteries surrounding probability and geometry. The year was also sprinkled with the now well-established social gatherings, culminating in the Danby Dinner and the Society's Garden Party – two events which pleasantly sandwiched Easter term's examination offerings.

Downing Dramatic Society

2014–15 proved to be a year of exciting developments for DDS with the revival of one College tradition and, it's hoped, the launch of another. In accordance with the first of these, last November in the Howard Theatre, around twenty Freshers (all Downing, including the Director and crew) forged a formidably talented ensemble for Peter Whelan's moving WW1 play, *The Accrington Pals*. The cast marked each performance with a particular and poignant reference to the sacrifice of their Downing predecessors a hundred years earlier. Many of them, marshalled by outgoing President and Judy Petty prize-winner, Lili Thomas, then went on to feature in the Michaelmas Term's inaugural New Writing Festival; ten new plays, all written and performed by Cambridge students, providing a platform for a wealth of University-wide talent in all aspects of theatre practice. Having already won the support of famous alumni and industry professionals, next year's event promises to be even bigger.

The Howard Theatre audience was also treated to an intense and beautifully-acted production of Ariel Dorfman's, *Death and The Maiden*, also in November, while just across the way in February, upstairs in the Howard Building, new DDS President, Rosa-Tyler Clark, presented a gripping and visually striking interpretation of *Agamemnon* by Aeschylus. A quieter Easter Term, with the May Ball a priority (not to mention exams), nonetheless saw workshops in Shakespearean verse plus fevered preparations for next year's *As You Like It*, destined for the Howard stage but which the Society hopes will also have a special London staging (watch this space) – all of which promises exciting times ahead for a DDS that's currently in the rudest of health.

Football (Men's)

Having lost a solid chunk of the squad to graduation, this year the Football first XI went into the season expecting a difficult campaign. However, they defied the odds and went unbeaten the whole season in the League, winning the Premier Division for the first time in four years. Conceding only three goals

all season, their success was predicated on organisation, discipline, tactical awareness, cohesiveness as a unit and a high conversion rate of chances into goals. Unfortunately, they were not able to develop a cup run this year, but the season will still be remembered as a resounding success. For the last few league matches in particular, there was palpable excitement around College, and the team had an enormous turnout of supporters on the side-lines for the big games, including a blockbuster showdown with St John's, a last minute come from behind win against Trinity Hall and the title clinching victory against Caius at Downing pitches.

The second team finished 8th in the 3rd Division this year, but did have an exciting cup run which ended with them losing in the final of the Shield. The third team also consolidated their position within the Cambridge 5th Division, and it is a credit to the Club and the College that Downing can consistently field three football teams each week. Some colleges can barely get two out.

Hockey (Men's)

When asked for three words to describe DCHC, outgoing co-captain Ishaan Rahman, known for his crushing challenges, occasional use of French articles in logistical emails and strong grasp of GCSE English poetic techniques, replied "fit, friendly, and first". The latter refers to the Club's league success placing 1st (and then 2nd) in the termly college leagues and victory in the coveted and prestigious Oliver Wyman 5-a-side.

The Club is historically known for finishing fourth, a stereotype Ishaan and the other captain, Hugh Chatfield, have succeeded to shake. The team's success this year meant they also travelled to London in March to play in the ambitiously named 'Supercuppers' against Worcester College Oxford, who topped the equivalent Oxford Division. Despite losing a close game 3–2 on penalties the Club has reached new, dizzying, and unforeseen hockey standards it looks to maintain in the coming years.

Having lost a strong pair of centre backs to a finished English PhD and Maths undergraduate course, and a prolific goal scorer to a city salary that, even with its quite monumental JCR budget, the Club can't match, DCHC had to go scouting in the Fresher contingent this year. It's safe to say that the Club came up trumps. The midfield and defence now find themselves bolstered by some nifty mathmos and the goalkeeping position, in the wake of regular trips to Sheffield by the usual College keeper, has been gallantly filled by two eager and quickly improving Freshers. The rest of the field continues to be complemented by boring economists, a plethora of ageing medics – stalwarts of DCHC, whose availability varies on a worryingly unpredictable basis – and an array of substitute strikers keeping the pace of the Downing attack unrivalled

in college hockey. The darting runs from a clever, flair-demonstrating Natsci at right midfield and the unrehearsed but surprisingly successful short corner routines are also maintaining the aura of 'Barcelona hockey' that the team has recently developed.

DCHC this year has enjoyed unprecedented levels of organisation, strong turnouts at training, chat warranting stern umpiring disapproval, disappointingly unpromising conversations with a stash designer and has compiled an almost humorous collection of team photos. The season has been historic to say the least and the team are eager to top it off with success in the John's 6s tournament, attired in quite literally award-winning fancy dress, this May Week under the leadership of Ian 'Gibbo' Gibson and Richard 'Dickey' Thorburn.

The *Maitland Historical Society* remains a thriving community, bringing together undergraduates, graduates and Fellows, both from within and outside of Downing. In addition to four fascinating talks this year, the Society visited Ely early in the Easter term, a trip of great interest which followed closely on the heels of the Maitland Annual Dinner.

Dr Richard Rex satiated the popular demand amongst Downing students by giving a talk at the start of Michaelmas, providing a substantiated, firmly argued case in response to a rather intractable question, 'Why were there no wars of religion in Tudor England?' Later in the term, we were privileged to welcome Professor Alison Bashford to address the Society on the history of quarantine. This insightful talk challenged the audience to conceive of history in broader terms and illuminated the widespread degree of cultural contact across the ages which can be uncovered by studying the engravings left behind at quarantine stations. At the beginning of Lent, we were particularly fortunate to welcome an alumnus of the College, John Hussey, to give a talk on the unpreparedness of Britain during the First World War. His argument was rigorously well-informed and provided a valuable insight into the military developments of the conflict. Our final talk of the term was given by Professor Paul Cartledge, entitled 'Ten Things you need to know about Greek Democracy'. Professor Cartledge's philological and historical learning left listeners knowledgeable about much more than merely ten aspects of Ancient Greek democracy.

In addition to the talks, the history field trip to Ely provided a further memorable occasion. We visited Oliver Cromwell's house and took in the history of Ely Cathedral whilst also being treated to the local festivities of the Eel Parade! The flamboyant costumes on display during this Parade, whilst impressive, did not surpass the efforts of those who attended the Maitland Annual Dinner a few days earlier, many of whom displayed a



Maitland Field Trip to Ely

painstaking degree of detail in crafting their fancy dress, with one individual assuming the figure of the War of the Roses! All in all, the Society has enjoyed another year marked by success, marrying together scholarship and sociability and, accordingly, serving as a key component of the flourishing historical community at Downing.

Music Society

This academic year has been a resounding success for the Downing College Music Society. The year began with a series of excellent recitals in the Master's Lodge and Music Room, jazz nights in the bar and a suitably festive 'Bridgemas' concert in the Howard Theatre. Lent term saw the inaugural public recital on our fantastic new Kenneth Tickell organ in the Chapel given by Carl Jackson (1978), the Director of Music of the Chapel Royal, Hampton Court Palace. Since then organ recitals have continued throughout Easter term featuring Martyn Noble and Benjamin Morris. A regular recital series is planned for the next academic year. Another exciting project which has progressed this year is the joint Pembroke, Peterhouse and Downing Orchestra (PPDO) who gave concerts in both Michelmas and Easter term, the latter of which under the baton of Downing's own Zack Millar. One of the main objectives of the new committee was to try and broaden the musical horizons in College in such a way that would tailor to as many tastes as possible. As a result, a regular 'Bar Night' series was established in Easter term which invited a varied selection of Cambridge's best student bands, acapella and jazz ensembles to perform.

Tennis (Ladies')

Seeded second in the draw after finishing as finalists last year, the ladies' Tennis team began their quest for the Cuppers title against Homerton this year. In the doubles, captain Tanya Li and Fresher talent Gail Sucharitakul pulled through against a strong pair 6–4. Former captain Bea Downing and multitalented badminton player Sarah Weeks played a solid match, barely giving the Homerton second pair a chance to warm up and winning 6–2. In the singles Sucharitakul and Downing unfortunately lost 6–1 and 6–2 respectively, facing consistent players who covered the court remarkably well. Li and Weeks won comfortably with scores 6–0 and 6–2, resulting in an overall 6–4 victory.

In the semi-final against Christ's, Li won her singles 6–0 and Sucharitakul played an impressive match, beating the Christ's captain easily 6–2. Both pairs played some great doubles to beat the Christ's pairs 6–2, with Downing and Weeks playing so well and making so many fantastic volleys that they scared the Christ's players into giving them walkovers in the singles! A 10–0 victory put the Downing team into the final to face their arch enemies from last year, Emmanuel. Unfortunately the Emmanuel team proved too strong for Downing. Although Li, Sucharitakul,

Weeks and newcomer Bex Fox played many long rallies and close games the team finished as runners up. Overall the Downing team saw a great season and looks forward to Cuppers next year. Ladies' social tennis has had some enjoyable sessions this year and some players have joined the men to play friendly mixed matches against other colleges.



The Ladies' Tennis team - Cuppers finalists

Tennis (Men's)

The Downing men's first Tennis team started Cuppers in the typical dominant fashion that has characterized the teams of the last couple of years. After winning the cup in 2012 and losing in the semi-finals in the last two years, the team is determined to bring the tennis cup back to Downing. In the first round, against St. Catherine's, after a series of tough matches by Joao Romero, Doug Maslin, Chris Haar and Will Palmer, Alex Cole showed the effectiveness of his aggressive style of playing, securing the victory to Downing. In the second round, against Selwyn, Aayush Sonthalia won the deciding match in a tough battle, helping the team to move ahead. Against Kings, in the semi-finals, all the team performed brilliantly, with solid performances by Chris Haar, Will Palmer and Romain Tourenne, securing another victory. Now the team will play St. John's or Trinity in the final, with very good chances of winning the cup¹.

Ultimate

It has been a very successful year for Downing College Ultimate, largely due to our Fresher intake at the beginning of the year. In Michaelmas we entered two teams into winter Cuppers, one of which finished 4th out of 16. In Lent we began in the 2nd Division of the College League and proceeded to win six successive matches, culminating in our promotion to the 1st Division.

Towards the end of Lent a large contingent of DCU players represented the University in regionals. Three of our Freshers, Humaira Bhadelia, Katie Tidd and Tasha Smith played for the women's team. Alumni Tejas Guruswamy and Chris Barnes played for the open 1st team and subsequently won the tournament. We also had Joey Reiness, Tom Claxton and Luke Smith in the 2nd team and Mark Selby, Ravi Shah, Sam Garratt and first year David Sydenham in the 3rds who went on to beat all of the (non-Cambridge) 2nd teams!

In Easter term we played in the 1st Division and despite very narrowly losing a few of our games, we won against John's. Twice.

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