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# Cats & Dogs

## Three Clare vets

**Dr Clive Elwood (1983) manages one of the largest veterinary hospitals for cats and dogs in the UK, if not Europe. Forty vets, fifty nurses and tens of support staff keep him on his toes. Two of his vets are also Clare alumni, Mark Goodfellow (1994) and Mark Lowrie (1998).**

"It's not at all like 'James Herriott', is the first thing to say. This is a modern hospital concentrating on advanced surgery on cats and dogs, which makes it different to most other practices. Surgery of this kind, historically, was done at universities but there is now a large private sector market."

Clive joined the Davies practice in 1998 and became managing director two years ago. "I didn't have any clear ambitions when I was at Clare other than to be a vet. Although I got a First in my first year, I went downhill from there academically and coasted until I caught the 'bug' by visiting the University of Pennsylvania in the summer of my fifth year". The bug was doing advanced medicine, intensive investigations and complex diseases.

He grew up on a mixed farm in Kent. His brother, Steve Elwood (1979) is also a cats and dogs vet based in Lincolnshire, and is married to Claire (née Green, 1979).

"Clare was a safe, supportive environment where he could do a lot of growing up." The Clare Folk Club was a highlight for him as well as captaining the College rugby XV and getting half-Blues for athletics and rugby league. Favourite pet? His two Lurchers.

Mark Goodfellow... was taken on a tour of Cambridge by his school and Clare was the College to which he was directed. There he met the Senior Tutor, Ken Riley. Mark thought he should rely on taking STEP papers for entrance rather than personality in interview! "Clare was intimate but not claustrophobic and I remember (fondly) being tutored by William Foster and Gordon Wright." Favourite pet? British short-haired cats.

Mark Lowrie... His parents took him to Cambridge and his mother, whilst walking



Mark Goodfellow, Clive Elwood, Mark Lowrie

over Clare bridge, said that he should apply for Clare. His mother, he says, is not someone you can say 'no' to. Mark later made use of Clare bridge, joining the punt pole-seizing brigade. Favourite pet? His two terriers which he has to spend hours chasing when they are let loose.

### Why do they do it?

"Because we enjoy the animals – it helps if you like your patients. The toughest part is the "frustrating case" where you can't get to the bottom of the problem. Putting animals to sleep is always difficult."

Mark G specialises in oncology rather than cardiology so it is usually a given that the animal is going to die, but he is able to give the best possible care through to the end. It always has an emotional effect on him. He can remember the first dog he ever treated by name, Daisy Barrett.

Mark L: the difficult question owners ask is "what would you do if it was your dog"; so a lot of his work is about helping them to a decision.

Like most professions, a common problem is unrealistic expectations and clients not taking an expert's advice!

## Clare Pageant

**The Clare Boat Club banner, which is almost 50 years old, featured at the Diamond Jubilee Pageant on the Thames in the summer. Rowing in the Mermaid in Pageant were Clare alumni John Knox (1963) at bow and Roger Pitts-Tucker (1964) at stroke.**

John writes "we completed the full course of the Pageant (which quite a few did not, and were towed out of the way by the Port of London Authority), and we finished cold, wet and tired after over 7 hours in the boat. A truly extraordinary and inspiring event".





## Awards

### The Queen's Birthday Honours list 2012

**OBE:** Professor Judith Newman (1974 PhD), Professor of American Studies at the University of Nottingham, for services to Scholarship.



**MBE:** Mike Kinghan (1967) for services to sustainability and biodiversity in Staffordshire and the West Midlands region.



### Other awards

Professor Brian Colvin (1963) was awarded a Queen's Medal from Queen Mary, University of London for an exceptional and sustained contribution over many years. Having specialised in haematology, he became Director of Barts and The London's Haemophilia Centre. Brian was briefly President of The London Hospital Medical Club before becoming Assistant Warden and later Dean for Student Affairs.

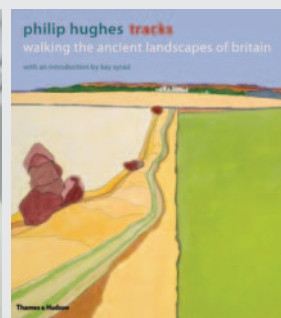
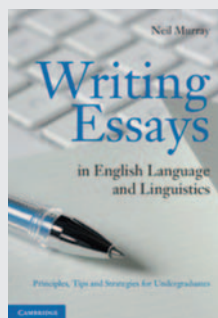


The Clare Network Cambridge alumni group has met at several events recently and are pictured here before dinner in Hall in May.



Back row: Richard Davies, Madhu Davies, Chris Swain, David Cope. Middle row: Brian Holley, Stephen Wright, Bruce Huett, Susan Wright, Paul Holden, Eva Holden, Charles Jones. Front row: Robert Diamond, Rosamunde Almond, Francisca Malarée (Development Director & Fellow), Yvonne Jerrold, Paul Fray, Miranda Fyfe, John Williams

## Alumni Books



**Professor John Snowdon** (1958) reports that he is the co-author of a book published by Cambridge University Press called *Severe Domestic Squalor*. He says "I doubt if many alumni will want it on their bookshelves!"

**Dr Roger White** (1957) has recently published *A Birdwatching Guide to Brandenburg and Berlin*, his retirement hobby over the last 5 years.

**Neil Murray** (1991) has written a series of books with Cambridge University Press directed at students of English language and linguistics. *Writing Essays* is the latest one, published in March.

**Philip Hughes** (1954) is a distinguished artist and, in this new book, has recorded eleven iconic walks across the length and breadth of Britain in the form of 140 artworks.

# Keep the Flag Flying

## A review of Sir Alan Munro's diplomatic memoir

by Fran Malarée (Development Director & Fellow)

**Sir Alan Munro came up to Clare in 1955 after National Service in the Army and had originally intended to study modern languages; however he was advised by a wise Senior Tutor, Dr. MacDonald, that he might be better off not spending more time on languages as he would be doing plenty of that in the corps diplomatique.**

He switched to history, where he was taught by Sir Geoffrey Elton. He has never regretted the decision, for it gave him the capacity to analyse evidence quickly, as well as the awareness of political and economic history and precedence that shape geopolitics, and the benefit of Elton's insight too.

Studying history at Clare, he recalls, 'also taught me how to write properly!' On being accepted into the Diplomatic Service (Geoffrey Elton also gave him some generous tuition for the entrance exams) he brought with him a fascination with the history of the Russo-Turkish wars, which had led him, initially, to wish to study Russian. However, he ended up being assigned to study Arabic, and became engrossed in the language and Arabic culture, an interest which has stayed with him all his life and career. His memoir touches often upon the point that in the Arab world the 'embers of empire' meant that the UK still retained some influence, whereas the Russian speakers were caught up in pure Cold War politics. His career covered some turbulent times – British influence was not always welcome – and led Sir Alan and his family through some lucky escapes from rather perilous situations. He also recalls going on honeymoon to Egypt and he and his wife being the first British visitors since the Suez Crisis to use the Egyptian Railways, welcomed with unexpected ceremony. His book has many entertaining chapters from the Whitehall end as well as abroad – although Sir Alan spent most of his time working in the Middle East and Africa, he also had a stint in Brazil, which brought him into contact with Ronnie Biggs. The story of

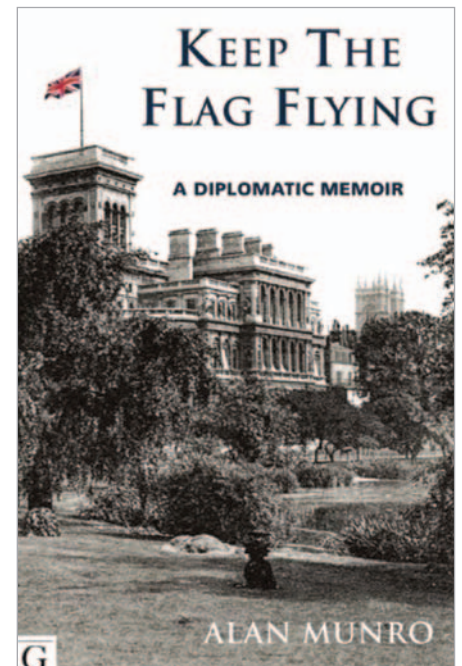
Biggs's escape from Jack Slipper of the Yard, by quickly finding a reason he could not easily be extradited, is fascinating to read.

There is also a vivid account of political turmoil in Tripoli, just before the coup that brought Muammar Qaddafi to power. On the recent 'Arab spring', Sir Alan thinks it is an opportunity to foster and support democracy, but it will be a difficult path as the collapse of established regimes could lead on to widespread instability across the Middle East and beyond. It was his experience that in the 1960s and 70s, the efforts of the British government to reduce its presence in the region were impeded by the crises of decolonization and the reality of being a theatre for Cold War rivalry, whereas now the UK struggles to retain that influence and seeks to restore its links.

Sir Alan was also responsible for recruitment in the FCO which he found took him round many of the UK's universities in the late 1960s. He found this a great contrast with his own time as an undergraduate as the intervening ten years had seen a radicalism take hold in many, and a Foreign Office career was not held in quite the same respect. While a number of political figures feature, for better or for worse, in the memoir, he also finds that the UK's political parties during and after his career were obliged to follow broadly the same foreign policy; in terms of international strategy, the theme was continuity whatever the government's colour, whether it involved the intractable Arab-Israel question or Britain's tormented relationship with revolutionary Iran.

He sees the UK now as facing numerous political and economic challenges, but that to withdraw too much from its historic role would be 'an abnegation of duty'. Sir Alan was closely involved in the evacuation of UK civilians and with the build-up to, and the course of, the first Gulf War since he was Ambassador to Saudi Arabia from 1989 to 1993. His book contains much insight into the workings of the Diplomatic Service, some of it warts and all, including many amusing anecdotes involving

eccentric characters encountered in the leadership of countries and within the Foreign Office, home and away.



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Dave Hardeman

## Clare Sports Camp

Helping with Clare's promotion of access to the University, the inaugural Clare Sports Camp took place in July, giving school pupils the opportunity to experience life at Cambridge and have a go at sports that they might not normally participate in.

Sixteen Year 11 students from Devonport High School for Boys in Plymouth learned how to row under the guidance of Clare's boatman and head coach, Anton Wright,

assisted by CBC President Dr Nigel Woodcock and several other Clare rowers. Dr Woodcock said of their first outing on the river:

"Coxing a complete novice crew in a strong stream is an interesting challenge! But we made it to the Reach and back safely, and both boats were rowing all eight by the time we got home."

The training culminated in two final races, with each crew winning a race each.

A highlight of the week, which involved meeting students and Fellows, was a tour of the University Boat Club's Goldie boathouse, with head coach and former Olympic gold medallist, Steve Trapmore. The pupils also completed an academic project and enjoyed presentations from Fellows and the departing Schools Liaison Officer, Anthony Fitzpatrick.

Clare Sports Camp is funded entirely by a generous donation from an alumnus of the College.

## Raising aspirations

Clare now has the highest number of applicants after Trinity and 70% of next year's intake will be state-educated, a target reached two years early. Clare is the only college that has a sustained formal programme of outreach to primary schools. The College's new Schools Liaison Officers are Ruth Dewhirst and Jatinder Sahota.

Projects for this year include a sixth form mentoring programme in Tower Hamlets, a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) programme for sixth formers across Hackney, and a touring Access Bus led by undergraduates in Coventry and Warwickshire. These run alongside the extensive Schools Liaison programme of welcoming groups to Cambridge throughout the year, and visiting schools to deliver university workshops.



Ruth Dewhirst, who graduated from Christ's College in 2011 and is originally from Teesside, describes the work as both important and enjoyable: "It's vital for universities to reach out to students of all ages and backgrounds, and Clare College takes that responsibility very

seriously. The enthusiasm and passion of the students that we work with is great to see, and we hope that our programmes will encourage students to aim for the best in their education, whether that be at Cambridge or elsewhere."



## Inaugural internship in Beijing

Dr Babak Javid (PhD 2002 and Fellow) organised an inaugural Cambridge-Tsinghua University summer internship last summer. Two students from Clare and two from Caius were selected to go to Tsinghua for the summer for research experience. They joined four different participating laboratories. From Clare, Jonathan Lam joined the group of Dr. Nashat Abumaria, who studies the role of magnesium in brain function, and Jonathan Foxwell joined Babak's lab, designing a new way to measure translational error in mycobacteria.

Babak said "speaking with Jonathan Foxwell, I think he had some frustrations – his experiments didn't work for a while. However, that is really what it is like in research! I don't believe in giving 'safe' projects to my students, thus they get a real taste of the ups and downs of a research career".

Jonathan Lam writes: "During the first month my work involved immunostaining slices of rat brains; and in the second, handling and experimenting with live rats the size of



Jonathan Foxwell, centre, with Jonathan Lam, right

mangoes. In addition to the Cantabrigians working in neighbouring labs, I had the chance to meet summer students from Harvard and Chicago.

Outside of our lab schedules we had the time for some extensive travel around Beijing, from the inhuman expanse of Tiananmen Square to the Mutianyu section of the Great Wall

(which, I daresay, we defeated—hiking all the way to the unrestored part), and numerous destinations in between. We even had a chance to watch Manchester City play Arsenal in the Olympic Stadium! As the Chinese saying goes, "Better to walk ten thousand miles than read ten thousand books"—this programme has offered me the benefits of both at once."

## African Truck

Instead of pursuing a PhD at Clare as she intended, Amy Buchanan-Hughes (2008) has founded a charity called TASTE for Science and will be spending the next four years teaching science in Uganda, using a mobile

truck as a laboratory. TASTE stands for The African Science Truck Experience.

Amy noticed on a trip to the country in 2011 that most schools had no scientific equipment

and the teachers didn't generally know how to use the little there was. Her background as a Natural Sciences graduate will stand her in good stead when she starts operating in January 2013, with help from Aaron Barker and Theo Sanderson (both 2008).

Financial help came is coming from disparate sources such as the collections from Clare Chapel services during the Easter Term 2012, Clare travel grants and various other grants including one from the University Careers Service. She will need £100-150,000 to run the project for the first four years. They will be teaching students in term time (Biology, Chemistry and Physics) and teaching the teachers how to do practical experiments in the school holidays.

For more information:  
[www.tasteforscience.org](http://www.tasteforscience.org)



## JD Watson Scholar 2012

Last summer, Alexandra Batchelor (2010) spent 10 weeks at as the JD Watson Scholar at The Watson School of Biological Sciences, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory (CSHL), New York.

Here she carried out research in a lab investigating how cocaine affects optimal decision making. She was also involved

in a project investigating the role of the orbitofrontal cortex in decision making and another looking at the topography of projections from the prefrontal cortex to other areas of the brain.

The Scholarship is generously funded by Sir James Watson (PhD 1951) and provides a Clare student with the opportunity to

prepare for a career in science research and meet scientists from all over the world.

Alex rounded off her summer by presenting her research at the undergraduate symposium. After graduating from Clare, Alex plans to undertake a PhD in Systems Neuroscience either in the UK or the USA.



Professor James Watson with Alexandra in Cold Harbor

## Massachusetts General internship

In June, Clare celebrated the 10th anniversary of a unique internship programme whereby a medical student has the opportunity to work at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. Research is carried out in the laboratory of a former Clare research Fellow, Professor Mark Poznansky (1986), who is a Consultant in Infectious Disease Medicine. A dinner was held in the Lodge to thank Mark for his generosity, hosted by the Master along with Dr Celia Duff and many alumni from the programme.





# Forty years on...

## Women at Clare 1972-2012

As Professor Sir Bob Hepple ( Law, 1964 and Master 1993-2003) has pointed out "it is a paradox that a college re-founded in the fourteenth century by a remarkable woman took more than six centuries to open its doors to those of her gender".

Forty years ago this year, Clare was a pioneer among Cambridge colleges in admitting women as students. King's and Churchill also opened their gates to women in 1972 and, during the current academic year, there will be various events celebrating this anniversary.

Some of those involved at the time and those who benefited from this pivotal moment in the College's history are featured here...

### Memories from...

#### Grandson of a "the nay-sayer" (Professor Mark Harrison 1967 and 1973)

"The last Fellows' council to oppose the admission of women was held in the spring of 1969. My grandfather, W. J. Harrison, a Life Fellow of the College, was one of those that came out of retirement to attend the Council and vote against. On that occasion, the admission of women was lost by one vote.

I was an undergraduate member of Clare at the time. My grandfather travelled from the South Coast to attend the meeting and I had to go and meet him off the train. I remember a cartoon in one of the student papers depicting him as wheelchair bound and foaming at the mouth. In fact, he was quite able to walk and he knew his own mind. Although he was one of the first Fellows to marry and he married one of the first women to graduate from a Cambridge college, he just didn't think much of women.

Of course, the story did not end there. My grandfather died soon afterwards. With other changes, that cleared the way for the Fellows' Council to reconsider the issue and move on."

#### The JCR President (Dennis McQuillan, 1966)

"I was JCR President in 1968/69 when the students' resolution was passed to admit women. We established a dedicated team to put forward the successful case for female admission. As undergraduates we did not have representation on the Governing Body. It was, therefore, an exciting day when the vote was taken and the result was positive."

#### The Acting Master's son (Lawrence Reddaway, 1962)

The final decision to admit women was taken at a Governing Body meeting chaired by the Acting Master, the distinguished Economist Professor Brian Reddaway. Lawrence Reddaway writes:

"Dad opened the discussion on this agenda item by asking "Does anyone believe that this change will not occur sometime?" No-one responded to this. So, Dad went on to say "Well, we've thought through the practical issues, and found solutions to all of them. So, why don't we get on with it?" And in this manner, the resolution was passed with minimal debate."



Adrian Neil

### First female Fellow (1971)

#### Professor Alison Sinclair

Among the questions raised when Alison was appointed was her 12-minute commute by moped from Histon, where she lived with her husband. "Can you cope?" one interviewer asked.

Alison could cope quite easily. She had turned down an offer from the Civil Service and enjoyed the shortest-ever Fellowship (three weeks) at the relatively new Clare Hall, before (with permission from Clare Hall's President, Brian Pippard) putting forward her name to be considered by Clare in 1971. Her interview panel included Mike Bown, John Chilton, Colin Turpin and Kurt Lipstein, as well as, of course, Lord Ashby.

She was admitted during a small ceremony in Chapel, with the admission and subsequent introduction to college life being a very straightforward experience.

"It was all quite easy really and people were very helpful. Clare just managed in a flexible way and was helped by its general lack of rigidity. It's clear that a college that had voted





to admit women was going to be able to manage with women in its membership. Outside college, things were probably also eased for me by the fact that as a student I had been used to an environment where only 1 in 10 people were women, and at that point women were in a minority in the Faculty."

"The arrival of women students a year in 1972, a year after my admission, was low-key: there was the odd concern such as whether they should be on separate staircases, whether women should have their first names put on the staircase boards or not (initials were eventually decided upon, as per the men), but generally it all became normal very quickly."

Legislation for national maternity leave was only passed in Britain in 1978 so when Alison gave birth to her first daughter in 1976 during the Long Vacation, she was back at work in October.

Of her time at Clare, Alison reflects "the range of intellectual contact is astounding and the chance to meet and talk with people, have any question answered, and explore ideas, is very special. I've never felt Clare to be a stressful place and not a particularly political one. But life is definitely more 'fierce' now in the University workplace for all young academics, women and men alike. The support of the collegiate environment is perhaps even more crucial for us all."

Alison was joined at Clare by various illustrious female Fellows, including Prof Gillian Brown (English), the late Suzie Payne (Economics) and Dr Elizabeth Freeman (History) and Professor Polly O'Hanlon who became Clare's first female Senior Tutor.

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## First rebel – the first student rent strike in College history

Stella Hughes (English, 1972)

"My memory of it is that there was a national rent strike that winter organised by the NUS, which sent a campaigner to address the JCR. The person never appeared (snow on the line and fog affecting the journey) so, at the last minute, I stepped in and made the speech calling for the strike. The historic, inaugural rent strike was voted through, I suspect rather to the surprise of all – Clare was no hot-bed of revolution!

A request soon arrived for the strike committee to meet Charles Feinstein, the Senior Tutor. We went, prepared to fight for our demands. He offered us sherry and focussed on the need to ensure that the withheld rent went into an interest-earning account, to be eventually handed back to the College, with the interest, once the issue was resolved.

We were somewhat nonplussed, but all soon became clear. The mechanics had been set in motion to enact some JCR rule that a secret

ballot could be requested which would then supersede the show-of-hands vote... which is what eventually happened and the College resumed its usual equanimity.

This lasted until we launched the first commando operation to prevent the Boat Club, which won Bumps week that year, from burning a boat – we considered that to be wanton waste and wanted to rescue the boat and give it to some good cause... but the full story of this can wait for the 50th anniversary edition!"



## First female resident Fellow (1971)

Dr Lucy King

"I competed for the post against about 90 other candidates. I didn't have a Cambridge degree (neither did Eric Ashby), so underwent an MA degree ceremony about a week after I

was elected in October 1971. I had a set of rooms in the attics in Mem Court.

The main concern with the entry of women was that there would be too many English and Modern Languages students and not enough scientists.

When the female students arrived in 1972, it was an enormous relief that there were no disasters and the atmosphere became much more relaxed in College generally. Talking to the students was the really interesting part of the work and this tipped me towards my career in psychotherapy. With Lord Ashby's encouragement, I did counselling training and worked for 35 years at the University Counselling Service. I left Botany behind as I didn't want to spend the rest of my life looking down a microscope.

Lady Ashby would invite in the wives of Fellows for a dinner in the Lodge when there was a College Feast, a group that became known as the "Clare Ladies." There was amusement at the time as to whether (Professor) Alison Sinclair's husband would be invited to become a Clare Lady."

## The first person (male or female) to win a rowing Blue for both Cambridge and Oxford

Dr Celia Duff (Medicine 1972 & Fellow 1999)

1970 saw a deputation from Clare to Marlborough College in Wiltshire, one of the first boys boarding schools to take girls into the sixth form in any significant numbers. The deputation sought to find out what made this a success and to learn and take back lessons to Cambridge. The news of this quickly spread through the girls and the idea of moving from Marlborough to Clare was formed in Celia's mind. In the early days of mixed colleges there was an agreement with the women's colleges that no entrance awards would be offered. Celia's offer letter told her that she was "up to award level" but she had to wait a further two years before earning the award on exam merit.

It took not much time after arrival for the third year medics to start to drop round, ostensibly 'for coffee' but probably to check out the talent. Mem Court was humming with troops of visitors and invitations to join clubs. With new friends Nicola Boyes and Sarah Harley, the Boat Club sounded too much fun to miss and the three were hooked in.

Early days in the Boat Club were challenging. While the boatman Peter Frost was hugely welcoming and encouraging, the girls struggled with equipment designed for the men. The boathouse itself had nothing suitable for changing until the First men's VIII agreed to share their room. Open showers were a journey through the main male changing room and there was a standoff



between the groups with much bravado. The standoff was finally broken when the girls marched through the room to take their place in the showers with the men fleeing from sight.

Completely accepted by the boat club the girls were encouraged and supported, eventually taking Clare to the Head of the River in the first ever womens' division in Mays in 1974. The three trialed for the Blue Boat, winning both in 1974 and again in 1975 when Celia and Nicola won their Blues for a second time. In those days women did not automatically win their full Blue for rowing against Oxford but were recommended as individuals to the Blues Committee. The 1974 crew fought this rule and won thus starting the automatic conferring of full Blues on the whole crew.

From Cambridge, Celia moved to Oxford for clinical training and rowed in her third consecutive Boat race winning her third Blue, this time for the Dark Blues. 1976 saw Oxford win for the first time in thirteen years. Years later, the Oxford girls told Celia at a reunion that they had decided she was their secret weapon, a fact completely unknown to her at the time! In 1986 there were articles in broadsheets about "the first person to win a Blue from Oxford and Cambridge for rowing". This article was written about a man. In fact, the first person to achieve this was Celia ten years before. Glass ceilings were even higher in those days.

With an academic scholarship conferred for her third year and by virtue of having a surname high in the alphabet, Celia was the first female undergraduate to read Grace in formal hall, in the days when grace was read by students. Gordon Wright was so determined that it would be read properly that he gave pronunciation lessons for the whole week before.

In 1999 Celia was elected as a Fellow and for a while was the Director of Studies for Clinical



Medicine, supporting medical students during their training and for years after qualification. Together with a former Harrison Watson Fellow, Mark Poznansky, she established the Boston MGH summer studentship in 2002, a scheme which remains successful and highly prized.

Celia is a consultant in Public Health Medicine. Her uncle (John Crabbe 1933) won an athletics Blue at Clare, as did her son (Richard Wheater 2001) who was President of Cambridge University Athletics Club. Celia's grandfather (Reginald Percy Crabbe, Corpus Christi) also won an athletics Blue and represented Great Britain and the 1906 Olympics in the mile and half mile events.

### Dr Gordon Wright (Fellow since 1958)

Gordon freely admits he was opposed to the entry of women to Clare and took mischievous delight in saying so to new female Fellows and students. However, he defends his specific reasoning to this day, namely that he felt that women might not be able to make good medical researchers. "Medical research is 5% genius and 95% grunt and I thought that family life would prevent female medics from sticking at the grunt". He admits that his thinking was of its time but, in this spirit, correct.

Gordon rapidly succumbed to the "bewildering knowledge that so many beguiling young women could keep one middle-aged man wrapped around not just one, but half a dozen little fingers – all at the same time!"

He remembers that the Fellowship and atmosphere in College changed for the better. Before women arrived, Fellows would sit at High Table in order of seniority, so "you would get the same neighbours to talk to every time. This wasn't conducive to sharing ideas and learning new things. Generally, things became a bit more fun."



## First female Senior Tutor (2000)

Professor Polly O'Hanlon (History, 1972)

For Polly, having come from a "quiet and conventional convent school in the west country", coming up as an undergraduate to Clare represented the sudden and unexpected expansion of intellectual horizons.

However, it wasn't an easy start as one of the first female undergraduates. Polly remembers that on the first evening in College at drinks in the SCR, the male undergraduates were encouraged to talk to the Fellows at one end of the room and the women were ushered down to the other end to talk to the Fellows' wives. "Very well meant, but somewhat disconcerting!", Polly found. And, she says that quite a few of the female intake of 1972 (including her) struggled to find a niche at first, particularly if they were not rowers, musicians or Chapel-goers. "But by the third year, when women had become a critical mass, it felt as though the college had always been mixed."

"As a naïve eighteen year old, I was quietly astounded that the Fellows could actually be interested in the ideas that we undergraduates came up with in essays and supervisions – and not only interested in our work, but concerned with our general happiness at the College.

Charles Parkin (Director of Studies in History) was a kind of anchor point for all of us – he was a resident fellow and seemingly always happy to be called on with an intellectual problem, for which his solution was a glass of sherry by the fire in his study and as much time as you wanted. It was interesting that the people at Clare who drove the assimilation of women forward in such a kindly way all seemed to be South Africans: Bob Hepple (Admission Tutor), Charles Feinstein (Senior Tutor) and Colin Turpin."

Polly had always thought that she might want to be a historian of some kind, but not one constrained by British history. So after leaving Clare, she did a PhD in Oriental Languages at SOAS and then came back to Clare as a Research Fellow in 1982, and then moved on to a research post at the South Asia Centre in Cambridge. In the late 1980s, as the college lost various History Fellows in one way or another (Duncan Forbes, Sir Geoffrey Elton and Charles Parkin), Polly became a College Lecturer and Director of Studies in history. In subsequent years, in between supervising students, she took roles such as Rooms Tutor, Admissions Tutor, pastoral Tutor, and finally, Senior Tutor on the retirement of Ken Riley.

She remained as Senior Tutor for seven years and sees these as some of the happiest and most enjoyable of her career. "In a smallish institution, and with great colleagues, it's



possible actually to achieve visible changes in a way that is much harder to do in the larger and more complex university-wide setting". During Polly's time as Senior Tutor, the College modernised its tutorial system, and Fellows worked hard to develop what was to become a Cambridge-wide agenda of access and identifying and nurturing talent. "Overall", Polly says, "I think of Clare with enormous affection and gratitude".

Polly is Professor in Indian History and Culture at the Faculty of Oriental Studies, Oxford University.

## First female Olympians (1980)

Clare provided two members of the Women's Eight at the Moscow Olympics in 1980 and one member of the Coxed Four.

**Penny Vincent-Sweet** (née Sweet, Applied Biology, 1976) remembers using her "O" Level Russian to converse with the armed escort in their team bus.

"Meals were fun, our favourite occupation being watching teams go past and trying to guess what sport they were competing in. Gymnasts of course were tiny, thin teenagers sitting in front of a couple of lettuce leaves; basketball players towered above us; canoeists had great muscular arms and tiny legs. We did hear that the Russian provinces had been deprived of meat for months to

create stocks for the Games. The food was fine but it wasn't ecstatically brilliant. I discovered, from talking to the French coxed pair, that the French team had brought a chef with them and stocks of steaks, cheese and wine!"

Of course, we did actually row now and again and it is a very special feeling being at competition peak – the training eases off at the end so you lose the tiredness and feel full of beans. You feel pretty invincible, weightless and in control of your body.

**Dr Nicola Burbidge** (née Boyes, Medical Sciences, 1972) rowed with Penny in the British Eight and is now a GP in London.

**Bridget Gait** (née Buckley, Classics, 1973) rowed in the Coxed Four at the age of 25. Bridget taught in various schools and now lives in rural north Cumbria where she still dabbles with sculling.



Clare's three Olympians at the Olympic Rowers' Reunion at Henley Royal Regatta in 2012: from l to r – Nicola Boyes, Bridget Gait and Penny Vincent-Sweet

**First female Chaplain at Clare (1985-89) and of an Oxbridge college; first female Dean of an English cathedral (2000)**

The Very Revd Vivienne Faull  
(Honorary Fellow)

Viv almost didn't make it to Clare for her interview. Not knowing Cambridge at all, she went to St John's by mistake and told a bemused porter that she was there to try for the Chaplain's post. She was sent on her way. St John's didn't appoint a female Chaplain until 2011.

"My interview felt to me a slightly bizarre experience from someone used to complex recruitment processes: a half hour conversation with the Master (Robin Matthews), the Dean (Rowan Williams) and a few other Fellows; then I was taken to see Tim Brown (Director of Music) for a singing test. That felt like the real interview!"

To her surprise she didn't meet any students but, after she was appointed, the JCR President, Martin Groth, sat her down for an hour and grilled her as to why she wanted to be a College Chaplain. "I knew Clare was okay at that point!"

She worked with Rowan Williams (Archbishop of Canterbury at the time of writing) at Clare for a year. She describes the Archbishop's imminent move to be Master of Magdalene College as a "great move" adding that "he is delighted that after years in very public life in Lambeth Palace he says is going to have his own front door".

Pastoral care of the students for the new Chaplain involved looking after those who were up for interview. She met with them before and after and tried to make sure they performed at their best by calming nerves and answering any queries. "One poor lad arrived with his mother and realised he had forgotten his suit. He insisted on going all the way home to Liverpool to get it so had 15 hours in the car. He didn't get a place, sadly. When I asked the Fellow who interviewed him if he had noticed what he'd been wearing, he said 'no'".

Viv enjoyed five wonderful years at Clare. "I'd been scared of Cambridge and its institutions, but Clare made it so easy and the welcome was so warm and open. And we had Peter



Allinson (the Fellows' Butler) to gently keep the new fellows correctly dressed for dinners".

In fact, it was at a Fellows' dinner that she met her future husband, Mike Duddridge, who the presiding Fellow was winding up. Thinking this rather unfair, Vivienne's pastoral instincts took over and she spent the rest of the evening distracting the young Junior Research Fellow. "Unfortunately, I think I also rather distracted him from his PhD and of course the College was not very happy with that. I had to ask him out in the end as he thought it wasn't the done thing to ask out the Chaplain. I took him to the May Ball."

The first wedding she took (she had to get special legal dispensation as this was the first wedding by a woman Deacon in a Cambridge college) was that of Ken Riley's daughter in 1987. "I was so nervous about the bride arriving on time, I forgot to check whether the groom had arrived. He got stuck in traffic and tore past the bride at the corner of Old Court".

Viv is something of a pioneer for women in the Church: she moved from Clare to Gloucester Cathedral as Chaplain ("a made-up post as the Dean wanted a woman on the staff") and then to Coventry Cathedral where she became the first female Vice-Provost. She became the first female Dean of a cathedral at Leicester in 2000. Now, she is taking up her appointment as

Dean of York Minster, the first female Dean in the Northern Province of the Church.

"I applied for York because quite a lot of people asked me to and I have done most of what I can at Leicester after twelve years. However, we think we have just found Richard III so it is bad timing!"

The issue of women bishops in the Church is close to Vivienne's heart – she has been working on the requisite legislation for a decade. The announcement of her appointment as Dean at York was deliberately made just before the recent General Synod and "it lifted people's spirits and gave a sense of both rightness and that the appointment of women to the highest positions will come to pass".

"The traditionalists at York have been very well behaved and, I think, are rather proud of themselves".

The invitation to be an Honorary Fellow at Clare dropped through her letterbox after a particularly hard week and she was close to tears with delight. "It's beyond my ken really, given that I am not an academic. It is just a great honour. I'm much more amazed about that than becoming Dean of York!"

As for Vivienne becoming the first female bishop in more than a thousand years, she only says, wryly, "who knows what will happen?"





### First female Honorary Fellow (2004)

Professor Frances Kirwan FRS (1977, Mathematics)

Frances has been described as one of the two brightest mathematicians he ever taught by former Clare Fellow, Paddy Patterson (1967). The other was Sir Andrew Wiles (PhD 1974, Honorary Fellow).

Frances's award of an Honorary Fellowship at Clare is not because 'it was about time there was a female', but because of her distinguished academic career which includes becoming only the third woman mathematician to become a Fellow of the Royal Society (in 2001).

Her work in algebraic and symplectic geometry has seen her win the London Mathematical Society's Whitehead Prize and become the LMS's second youngest President. Throw in an entrance scholarship to Clare, a DPhil at Balliol, a Junior Fellowship at Harvard and then at Magdalen (Oxford) and a Tutorial Fellowship at Balliol where she has worked since 1986, and one might think that her academic career was a straightforward choice. But she only chose Mathematics over History at a relatively late stage and almost became a primary school teacher.

According to legend, she came top of the Cambridge entrance exam, top of Part IA, top of Part IB by a large margin (nearly twice the marks of the person second on the list) and was Senior Wrangler.

One of her most enjoyable posts has been as Chairman of the UK Mathematics Trust. The UKMT is a charity established in 1996 to advance the education of young people in mathematics, primarily by running the Maths Challenges, which are entered by hundreds of thousands of schoolchildren each year, and by providing mentoring and support to the most able and giving some the chance to compete internationally.

Frances sang in the choral society at Clare, was an enthusiastic member of the University Guild of Bell Ringers and has three children all of whom have followed her to Cambridge. It hasn't all been plain-sailing however: she describes her year-long appointment as Balliol's Estates Bursar as one of the most stressful experiences of her life.

Clare's other female Honorary Fellows are Professor Susan Alcock, Director of the Joukowsky Institute for Archaeology and the Very Revd Vivienne Faulk (see p.12).

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**her distinguished academic career... includes being only the third woman mathematician to become a Fellow of the Royal Society”**



### First female Head Porter at Clare (2010)

Jane Phelps

**Best part of the job?** “The interaction with students: so many different characters – each needing a slightly different approach. I spend a fair amount of time talking informally and offering help and advice on lots of different matters. I suppose, part of my role is to try to help to educate them about life”.

**Worst part?** “Emails. I get about 160 per day.”

Jane's husband (an ex-policeman) almost applied for the post of Head Porter but thought his wife had more of the required skills listed on the job description. Her background in operations management (“the warehouse section was all men”) and encouraging often difficult teenagers in the East End of London to take up apprenticeships, has made her a gently determined Head Porter.

“When I was appointed, I sensed there was a curiosity about what I would be like in the role, but the College and certainly my department has given me nothing but positive feelings about my role here. There are great stories to be told of the previous male Head Porters.....my stories are yet to be told.

“Clare has a great community feel to it which is very different to the environments that I have worked in previously. You have the sense that we are all working together towards the same thing which is, usually, graduation and getting everyone finishing their studies with a smile on their faces – fantastic!”

**Hopes for the future?** “Less emails, more interaction with the Fellows”.



Rachel Hood with her fencing trophies and Arctic Cosmos

### Rachel Hood (Law, 1972) international lawyer and President of the Racehorse Owners Association

Rachel remembers arriving at Clare very clearly: "everything was done beautifully and everyone was very kind. There was a tremendous sense of caring and the College was practical, sensitive and good at making the huge change occasioned by the arrival of women at Clare work for all".

This sense of caring featured in Rachel's sixth form days at school. "My parents were divorced so there was no money but Millfield offered me a scholarship and I became captain of Fencing, Head of School and won the school acting prize. She was encouraged by a history teacher who had studied at Clare, Frank Gerstenberg (1959). "I can't speak highly enough of him and other staff at the school; teachers took a personal interest in pupils and helped them achieve their potential".

As well as becoming the University Fencing champion in her first year, Rachel coxed the Clare's Women's boat. Whilst coxing for the Women's IV at the Norwich Regatta in 1973, she met her future husband, who was rowing for Emmanuel.

Forty years on, Rachel has led a varied life. As a barrister at the Middle Temple in the mid 1970s, she was the youngest female to appear in a case at the European Court of Human Rights. She also passed the US Federal and state Bar exam in California and practiced Law in Beverley Hills for more than a decade. She has owned several memorable racehorses including her horse "Arctic Cosmos" which won the St Leger Classic in 2010 and she is now President of the Racehorse Owners' Association. Rachel founded and chairs the Save Historic Newmarket campaign group which has successfully campaigned to preserve and protect the historic racing town of Newmarket where she lives with her husband, the renowned champion racehorse trainer, John Gosden.



### Mary O'Toole (née Simcock, 1972)

#### A different experience...

"My experience at Clare was more about my family role in support of my older sister, who has significant learning disabilities.

I wonder how many other students went back to College feeling profoundly guilty, not because they had failed to complete an essay, but because of a family situation where my parents had to cope once more without my help? And the guilt was accompanied by a wonderful lifting of stress from the shoulders to be in such a peaceful and beautiful place as Clare? The guilt always faded after a day or two as I was overtaken by student life.

Of course, being one of the first women at Clare was fun in many ways, but daunting in others. I had not come from a school which sent regular cohorts to Oxbridge...an ordinary North of England direct grant grammar school. I took the entrance exams in second year sixth form sitting in Mother Superior's parlour on my own.

I found writing the entrance exam enjoyable rather than stressful and remember to this day that one of the questions was to write an essay

on the 'Human impact of floods'. The exams couldn't be prepared for and drew on one's background knowledge, native wit and ability to think. Based on these exams, I was given an offer of two 'E' grades to read Geography.

Another strong memory is the testosterone in the bar and TV room being such that, at first, few of us dared to go in alone! *Top of the Pops* and *Pan's People*...how could that hold so much attraction to intelligent men? But of course it did! My own children have had vastly different university experiences (including one at Cambridge) – a different world indeed!

I have just been appointed an Honorary Fellow at the University of Hertfordshire in the newly-established Centre for Learning Disability Studies. I have come to this role mainly through voluntary involvement (and gentle activism) in the sector, not through a 'career path'!

Mary's particular academic interest is learning disability as a creative 'cultural field' and she sees families as central to this. She would very much like to hear from anyone interested in helping to create a new national resource for families affected by learning disabilities, based around a new National Archive of life stories as well as conventional research. Contact the Editor, Clare News.





## C.O.W.S

The Clare Only Women Society all matriculated in 1990. A unique social initiative to this year group, they still meet regularly, with this photo being taken at a recent afternoon tea in London.

A TV producer, a handful of doctors, a director of market research and a director of corporate communications, a housewife and a risk analyst.



Women 20 years after admission...

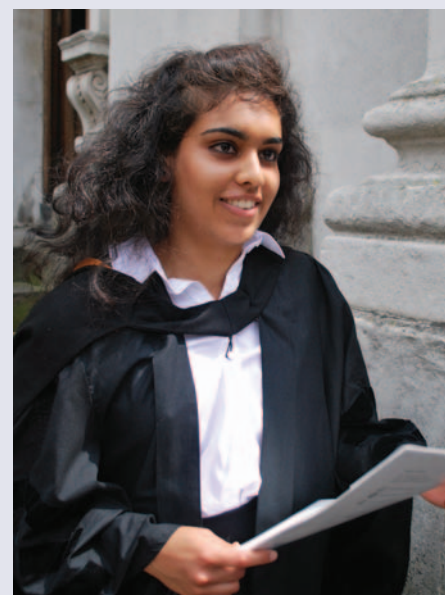
### **Alison Binney (1992, English)**

"I was born in 1972! Men and women were really well integrated at Clare by 1992 and it was a big factor for me in choosing the College: it was old, on the Backs, admitted plenty of state-educated pupils, had a mixed choir and was 50-50 male/female.

In fact, there were 10 or 11 of us reading English and only one was male, which was a

shame! I seem to remember that the female drinking societies were more notorious than the male ones in my time".

Alison also did an MPhil in American Literature at Clare, a PGCE at Merton (Oxford) and has taught in Yorkshire and now Cambridge where she is Head of English at The Netherhall School. She also teaches on the PGCE course at the University.



Women 40 years after admission...

### **Sita Shah (graduated 2012, English)**

"You definitely can't tell that the College used to be all-male as there is a complete mix among the Fellows, supervisors and students. There are also equal opportunities in terms of running societies at College. I'm now going into a career in Civil Engineering so I should think I will have to fight more to make my opinions heard than I had to at Clare!"

# Clare's future development

Clare faces many challenges in the coming years if it is to sustain its current level of teaching and research. The table shows that the College is in good form financially and makes a surplus of near to £1 million per year, thanks to its endowment and prudent management of funds. However, to maintain competitiveness the College's endowment needs to grow.

Clare received, in the last financial year, a greater proportion of its income from its endowment and donations than from fees from the government for publicly funded students. It also received a £0.7 million profit from conference and catering activity.

Therefore, to remain secure for future generations, Clare is continuing to emphasise building up endowment funds whilst simultaneously being able to undertake major refurbishment of Old Court by means of a new fundraising campaign.

Clare's endowment of around £70 million is in the middle range for colleges of the University of Cambridge. The £2.7 million annual draw down from this supports teaching increasingly in areas where University departments are cutting back on funding posts, supports certain bursaries which underline our commitment to access to Clare, and supports the expenditure we must make to sustain the fabric of our historic buildings. Much of all that Clare has achieved, for example this year reaching just under 70% admissions from state schools, and in coming top of the Baxter tables, is thanks to the support of alumni and friends of the college, and thanks to endowment funds built up over the years.

## The College's finances 2011-12

The College has recently agreed a development plan to ensure that Clare will continue to operate sustainably in future, whilst being able to undertake major refurbishment projects. The current surplus, as shown in the tables above, of just under £1 million (£840,000 last year) does not allow

Year ended 30 June	2012	2011
	£m	£m
<b>Donations</b>	1.8	1.9
<b>Investment assets</b>	67.3	69.5
<b>Income</b>		
Academic fees and charges	2.3	2.3
Residences, catering and conferences	5.7	5.3
Endowment drawdown	2.7	2.6
unrestricted donations*	0.3	0.5
Other income	0.3	0.3
<b>Total income</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>11</b>
*additional to restricted donations above		
<b>Expenditure</b>	£m	£m
Education	4.4	4.1
Residences, catering and conferences	5.2	5.3
Other expenditure	0.7	0.7
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>10.1</b>
<b>Operating surplus on continuing operations</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
Contribution to Colleges' Fund	0.05	0.05
<b>Net surplus on continuing operations</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.8</b>

for the funding of all the College's needs, especially after factoring in depreciation of its built assets over time. The funding of Old Court would absorb a large amount of capital (over £20 million) that cannot be taken from the endowment.

## Campaign targets

**Teaching and Research** – to safeguard supervisions for future generations of students, and be at the cutting edge of discovery. The Cambridge supervision system delivers tailored teaching for undergraduates. It is not currently funded adequately by government backed fees, and Clare spends over £7,000 on educating each student, whilst the College fee provides only £3,911 of this sum. With further changes in the funding system, philanthropic funding of teaching is the key to ensuring that the supervision system can be maintained for the benefit of future generations of students.

In addition Clare must fund a number of College Teaching Officers, essential to the

delivery of teaching at undergraduate level – this is especially the case for the Arts and Humanities, where government funding has been drastically reduced. The funding of the Turpin-Lipstein law Fellowship and of the Reddaway Fellowship in economics through endowment has set us on the way to sustain undergraduate teaching, but more is needed to underpin funding of the supervision system.

**The Refurbishment of Old Court** – to enhance the student experience by updating and renovating Old Court, a jewel in Cambridge's crown, in an environmentally and historically sensitive way

As a Grade 1-listed building, this must be undertaken to the highest standards of craftsmanship and will cost at least £20 million. It is therefore not possible for Clare to fund this project by using its capital funds, as these support many other College activities.

Fundraising is underway to enable work to commence in five years' time, and there will be opportunities to name staircases, rooms



and even to adopt a roof tile in Old Court's beautiful buildings. Replacing the slate on the roof alone will cost around £7million. All donations, of any size for this iconic building are most welcome.

**Student Support Fund** – to support students whatever their background, especially to increase the support we are able to offer in undergraduate and postgraduate bursaries

We wish to continue to support students, whatever their background, and encourage those with limited means to study at Clare. We currently offer Hepple Fund bursaries (among others) to support students, giving them £2000 upwards each year, and we would like to offer more of these as students face a daunting sum of more than £27,000 of debts upon graduation. Similarly the funding for Graduate students, particularly those coming from the UK, is severely restricted

due to cuts in Research Council funding, so we are building up our graduate student support funds to assist these students.

**The Clare Endowment** – to continue grow the college's financial base so we can meet all unexpected future needs and continue to support our students, teaching and research, buildings and estate, and cultural activities

The endowment underpins all Clare's activities – as shown in the table above, the funding for teaching, students, maintaining our architectural heritage could not continue without the £2-£3million drawn down from our endowment each year.

**Sports and Culture Funds** – we also thank all our donors to music and sport in College and, within the next campaign, will continue to encourage support of these important areas of College life.



## Please add Clare College to your Will...



Fiona Jardine (2004) "I was an independent undergraduate student, so without the grants I received from Clare during my studies there, I would never have been able to afford to attend the University. I want to see Clare continue its tradition of diversity and providing opportunity to everyone, regardless of their financial situation.

I decided to make a bequest to Clare in my will as soon as I left the College because I want to make sure Clare benefits from the wealth in my life that it was so central in helping create."

For many, leaving a bequest is a simple way to support Clare. Alumni and Fellows have been leaving bequests of all sizes to the College for almost seven centuries.

A simple codicil form signed by two witnesses and given to your solicitor is all it can take. And, from April 2011, the incentive to leave money in a will to a charity like Clare College became greater. The Inheritance Tax Rate can drop from 40% to 36% if 10% of an estate is left to charity.

**For further information, please contact Rowan Kitt, Deputy Development Director, on [rmck2@cam.ac.uk](mailto:rmck2@cam.ac.uk) or 01223 333232**

## Support for Graduate students



The GR Elton Scholarship in History, as an example, is directed at early modern British and early modern European history. The Fund needs a further £150,000 in order to endow the Scholarship to cover tuition and living costs for three years, leading to the award of a PhD.

Dr Jan Hennings was the Elton Scholar from 2006-09 and is now a Junior Research Fellow at St John's, Oxford. He writes...

"I was the Elton scholar between 2006 and 2009, working on Russian-European relations and diplomatic practice in the seventeenth and early eighteenth centuries. The scholarship enabled me to concentrate on my doctoral research without having to worry about financial constraints. It covered all fees and provided a generous research grant that allowed me to spend eight months working in archives in France and Russia. I felt very privileged to be in receipt of a scholarship that commemorates the achievements of Sir G R Elton and at the same time supports new research in any field of early modern history. Having been a member of Clare's vibrant collegiate community has filled me with gratitude, and I extend my thanks to the Elton family for both continuing to contribute to the Elton Fund and for being such a wonderful host at the reunions of Elton scholars at Clare."

A studentship in Modern & Medieval Languages is being set up in the form of the Anthony Close Scholarship in Spanish Golden Age Studies. The award will begin when sufficient funds are raised. At present, about £25,000 more is needed to make the three-year PhD scholarship viable.

## Mentoring mathematical research in sub-Saharan Africa

In 2005, I gave several lectures at the African Institute for Mathematical Science (AIMS). AIMS is located in a suburb of Cape Town and offers an intensive one-year course which brings young researchers from all over Africa to a level where they can start doctoral studies. The combination of enthusiasm and talent shown by the AIMS students was remarkable. Several of them, admittedly the best in their countries, compared well with some of our best Cambridge undergraduates, despite how little training they had received. Several years later I was offered a London Mathematical Society grant to act as a mentor to a mathematics department in sub-Saharan Africa. I accepted without knowing which country I would be allocated to.

I was assigned to the Mathematics Department in Accra, Ghana. During my first visit in 2010, I realised that the Department is facing a generation gap problem. There are retired faculty members with a considerable research record and a number of enthusiastic young people with no PhDs. The way forward seemed to be to work with the young. I made a second visit a year later, giving lecture courses and suggesting research projects on both occasions.

My own field is mathematical physics, and I was no expert in all areas of interests of the young Ghanaian researchers. I have instead attempted to put them in touch with my colleagues in Cambridge and elsewhere. In 2011, Eyran Schwinger visited Cambridge and Clare for one term. He worked successfully



Maciej (centre in white shirt) in Accra

with our Numerical Analysis group. This work should lead to Eyran submitting his PhD thesis in Ghana in the next year or so. Prince Ossei, another young Faculty member from Accra, has recently defended his PhD thesis, based on the work he has done during his visits to Edinburgh. I am expecting a visit from a third Ghanaian mathematician in Lent 2013.

In the long term, Ghana and other African countries would benefit from one or more centres of excellence within Africa. This would allow the African mathematicians to initiate collaborations and take research-leaves, without putting their departments at risk of more brain-drains from Africa. I learnt of one such initiative when I attended a conference

in Kenya in 2011. The idea is to create a Pan-African University in Nairobi, where African students can enrol for PhD programmes, while maintaining links with their home universities. Several African nations have agreed to contribute funds towards this initiative. Some of our road-tested Cambridge syllabus can be used to create a frame for taught courses. I hope that, with some international help, a project like that can be made to work.

### Dr Maciej Dunajski

Fellow, Tutor, Director of Studies, Senior Lecturer at Clare.  
Newton Trust Lecturer in Mathematics, Faculty of Mathematics.

### Clare Boat Club held a celebratory dinner in September to mark 40 years of friendship with Anne Brewin, whose name is synonymous with Clare at Henley.

Anne has hosted many of Clare's Henley crews as well as alumni who turn up to support.

She was presented with a celebratory oar to display in her home. Nigel Woodcock, President & Fellow, led the tributes to Anne as a generous donor Vice-President of the Club. Toasts were proposed by Richard Coxe (1971), Rod Croucher (1970, in absentia), Jenny Maud (2000) and Jeremy Hazzledine (1972).



Left to right David Pocock (1979) Derek Sweeting (1979) Anne Brewin, Hamish McCallum (1977) Jim Duncumb (1980)





**Dr Fred Parker (1974, Fellow since 1980)** has been awarded a distinguished University Pilkington Prize for teaching. The citation reads:

For twenty-five years, Fred Parker has been an extraordinary college supervisor and lecturer within the Faculty of English, eliciting the best from students, from undergraduate to PhD and in the wider world. As Director of Graduate Studies, Fred has devised new courses and enhanced the student experience with faculty shadowing schemes, peer writing-groups and electronic seminars. His undergraduate students, too, praise him as “excellent”, “fascinating” and “fantastic,” for the clarity of his lectures, their “sheer usefulness”, and the way in which he challenges them to think.



**Professor Simon Franklin (Fellow since 1980)** has been elected as a Fellow of the British Academy. Simon is Professor of Slavonic Studies and Head of the School of Arts and Humanities. His major publications include *Writing, Society and Culture in Early Rus* (CUP, 2002), as well as *National Identity in Russian Culture: an Introduction* (CUP, 2004, jointly with Emma Widdis). He is currently writing a book on the social and cultural history of information technologies in Russia from the 15th to the 19th centuries.



**Stephen Jolly (Fellow since 2005)** has enjoyed a long association with the UK's Defence Intelligence and Security Centre, Chicksands. In recognition of his contribution to the work of 15 (UK) Psychological Operations Group and its regimental association, the Black & White Club, Stephen has been honoured with a service award by the Group's Commanding Officer, Steve Tatham RN.



**Dr Jacqueline Rose (History, 2000)** has won the Royal Historical Society's 2011 Whitfield Prize, awarded to the best book on British history by a debut writer. Entitled *Godly Kingship in Restoration England: The Politics of the Royal Supremacy, 1660-1688* (Cambridge University Press, 2011), the book was based on Jacqueline's doctoral thesis, for which she studied at Clare as the holder of the Elton Studentship.

**The following accepted Honorary Fellowships from Clare College this year:**

**Professor Susan Alcock (Classics, 1985)**  
Director of Joukowsky Institute for Archaeology and the Ancient World, Brown University

**Professor Sir David Cannadine (History, 1969)**  
Dodge Professor of History, Princeton University

**The Very Reverend Vivienne Faull (Chaplain & Fellow of Clare 1985-90)**  
Dean of York

**Sir Mark Walport (Medical Sciences, 1971)**  
Director of the Wellcome Trust and Government Chief Scientific Adviser-elect.

**Fellows' awards**

Two Clare Fellows won prestigious awards from the Royal Society in 2012: **Professor Andrew Holmes FRS** was given a Royal Medal for his outstanding contributions to chemical synthesis at the interface between materials and biology and pioneering the field of organic electronic materials; and **Professor Neil Greenham** won a Kavli Medal and Lecture award.

**Andrew Friend** and **Helen Thompson** have been promoted to Readerships

Two of our JRFs, **Rory Naismith** and **Josip Glaurdic**, have been elected to Leverhulme Early Career Fellowships for three years.

**Ottoline Leyser** has been elected as a foreign associate to the National Academy of Sciences.

**Liz Foyster** has been awarded a Leverhulme Research Fellowship to conduct a project called 'Managing mental illness and disability in the English family 1660-1800'.

**Maciej Dunajski** has been awarded the title of Professor in Poland, conferred by the President of the Republic.

# Lord Wedderburn of Charlton QC

A Tribute to Professor the Lord Wedderburn of Charlton QC, (Past Fellow & Honorary Fellow) prepared by Lord Hacking (1958) for the Memorial Meeting for Lord Wedderburn (Bill Wedderburn) held at the London School of Economics on 3rd July 2012.



It was the late 19th century case, which went to the Court of Appeal, of *Carlill v The Carbolic Smoke Ball Company* which first brought me in close contact with Bill Wedderburn as a Law Tutor. It was in Cambridge the summer of 1959 in a special three week course which Bill had arranged for those who were moving from another subject in Tripos Part I (in my case economics) into law for Tripos Part II.

The defendants (The Carbolic Smoke Ball Company) had offered in an advertisement a (so-called) medical preparation, called fittingly the *Carbolic Smoke Ball*, as a protection against influenza. They went further and also offered to pay £100 to any person who succumbed to influenza having used their smoke ball in a specified manner for a specified period. The plaintiff, on the faith of this advertisement, bought and used the smoke ball as prescribed but succumbed to influenza. She sued.

The defendants ran every defence imaginable...the advertisement was a "mere

puff", they had no intention to create a contract with the plaintiff or anybody else.... and so forth.

What seems plain now to me – the difference between a contractual offer with the intention to create a legal relationship and a 'mere invitation to treat' was far from plain to me at Clare in the summer of 1959...but I fell under the spell of Bill's teaching. During my first year at Cambridge, Bill had been my personal tutor, although not my supervisor, and now he was my tutor and supervisor and, more still, my lecturer in the Law of Contract.

Much has been rightly said – in his lifetime and after he left us – about Bill's championship of labour law. Having been with him in the House of Lords for over twenty years, I can certainly testify to the vigour, intellectual and physical, which he brought to this subject and the whole wide range of employment law. However, not enough, in my judgement, has been said about him as a teacher and a caring mentor of his students. I may be stretching back my memory to over fifty years ago but that memory is as clear as if it was yesterday...of Bill going round the College on his bicycle visiting, particularly just before exams, each of us in our rooms to ask what support and encouragement we needed. We usually needed a bit of both! Then I have memories of his tutoring, the frequent brushing of his hand over his forehead to push back the lock of hair which kept descending onto his brow. I remember his despair when us his students couldn't grasp some legal concept which he was clearly explaining to us. The comfort here was that he expressed much greater despair over the Judgments of the Senior Judiciary, particularly Lord Denning. After all these years, I can still feel the vigour of his tutorials even if they were sometimes a bit daunting.

He later loved to tell the tale how he was appointed Law Tutor and Fellow at Clare College on platform 10 at King's Cross Station as the great master of Clare College, Sir Henry Thirkhill, was journeying to or from London.

Bill's pastoral side never left him. Frances, his wife, tells the story of a few years ago when a distraught young lady rang their doorbell. It appeared that she had escaped from the nearby psychiatric hospital, St Lukes. Frances talked to her for sometime and, just as she was about to ask the girl to leave, Bill turned up. The sad girl stayed and Bill talked to her for hours before taking her back to St Lukes. It did not end there. Bill regularly visited her in hospital until eventually she was discharged home. This account is particularly poignant when one remembers that Bill himself suffered all his life from manic depression – an illness he remained determined would never blight him.

I should like to end this tribute with a personal message to Bill. I was very sad not to be able to attend your funeral where so many noble things were said about you and now I can't attend this meeting in memory of you. You gave me unfailing support when I was your student at Cambridge. You gave me more support in the House of Lords. Yes, I didn't get elected back into the House last summer but, despite being very ill, you managed to get your vote in for me. Indeed I think it was one of the last things you ever did in the House of Lords. I did manage to see you a few days before you died. The affection between you and Frances was very deep and you were able to chuckle and smile. Yes, you did fall asleep several times when I was in mid-sentence but, as friends have pointed out to me, this was quite understandable and probably would have happened even if you had not been so ill! When I left you – and was in the hall of your house – you shouted out a lovely farewell greeting. It was the last one you ever gave to me and can never be forgotten.

**David Hacking**

Littleton Chambers  
28th June 2012





## Beethoven in Australia

Five states, six cities and twelve performances of Beethoven's "Choral" Symphony followed by twelve standing ovations. The Choir of Clare College returned this August from a spectacular three-week tour of Australia with the Australian Chamber Orchestra, led by violinist Richard Tognetti, performing Beethoven's *Ninth Symphony*.

Aside from the jetlag, the biggest challenge that the Choir faced was one of numbers. How could such a small force of thirty singers deliver such a vocally demanding work and tackle issues of balance and blend with the orchestra? Sure enough, the Choir rose to the challenge and, night after night, produced "a full, vocally mature sound, filling the hall in an impassioned

manner with Schiller's great words of hope. The cheers at the end of the work and the standing ovation spoke for itself." (Oliver Brett-Bachtrack)

As well as performances in Canberra, Adelaide, Brisbane and Perth, the Choir and ACO were lucky enough to give one two of the first performances at the newly refurbished Hamer Hall in Melbourne, with its breath-taking architecture and impressive audience capacity of up to 2,500. However, the musical (and architectural) highlight of the tour was without doubt the two performances given in the Sydney Opera House. The opportunity to perform in this iconic venue was but a far-off dream for all members of the Choir until this summer.

Clare alumni met up at receptions in Sydney, Melbourne, Perth and Canberra.



John Snowden, Tony White, Tony Badger, David Cervi, Liz Wilson, Julian Hanson

## Yvonne Perret Distinguished Lecture

In the presence of the Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge University, the inaugural Dr Yvonne Barbara Perret, Distinguished Lecture was given at Clare in October by Martin Bean, the Vice-Chancellor of The Open University.

Entitled Looking At Education – And The World – In New Ways, the lecture focused on how progress is made not just through building on what has gone before, but by putting perceived wisdom to one side and starting from scratch. Examples were cited as wide-ranging as the moon landings by Neil Armstrong, James Dyson's vacuum cleaner design, Columbus's

discovery of America and, of course, pedagogy. The Children's Research Centre was also cited as an example of innovative thinking i.e. that children are able to do research.

This biennial lecture series, with an Australian connection, has been generously funded by Dr Perret who is a consultant in gifted and talented education. After leaving Australia in 1962, Yvonne made Cambridge her home and embarked upon an Open University course. Her journey with the OU has culminated in an honorary degree, which Yvonne received at Ely Cathedral in June 2012.



Martin Bean & Yvonne Perret



# Clare Bermondsey Trust



**Bede House is a community charity based in a deprived part of Bermondsey, South London. Clare's links with the area go back to the 18th century and the College has been sending a graduate to work at Bede House almost every year for half a century.**

Katrina Ramsey (2001) now chairs the Bede House Trustees

"Back in a 2005 edition of *Clare News*, I wrote a piece about being a Clare graduate working at Bede House in their Adults with Learning Disabilities team. Oh, how time flies! Whilst the graduate placements funded by the Clare Bermondsey Trust only last 6 months, many Clare alumni find themselves drawn into the work of Bede longer term – and I am no exception.

Bede is a local community charity but the focus varies by project: the youth project, for example, has boundaries defined by local roads, whereas the Adults with Learning

Disabilities service has grown to have clients from across Southwark and now Lambeth and Lewisham.

One of our projects in 2012 has been to launch the Bede Starfish Project as a successor to the Domestic Violence work. We already have funding to do Hate Crimes work, and this will continue. Additionally Bede will work where the main Southwark provider does not, for example with those with mental-health problems. Bede will also run Freedom Programmes and Survivors Groups. In about 75% of cases, those who survive domestic violence become involved in another abusive relationship later. These groups really increase the chances of women breaking this cycle.

In September, Mark Brinkley (2008) arrived having graduated from Clare in June. He writes

"Before I'd properly started working at Bede in September, it was immediately clear how much

the relationship with Clare, its graduate students and the legacy of their work here is valued. Not least, Katrina's legendary placement where she got the Inside Outside project off the ground, which saw service users of the Learning Disabilities centre engaging in voluntary work at the homes of elderly residents in the local community. Inside Outside went on to receive the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. This, plus being embraced by a team of dynamic and motivated staff and watching them in action (running allotments, sports, employment projects, a café, squirrel-watching in the nature group and more) leave me feeling I have a lot to learn, a lot of work to do at Bede in the next five months, and a lot to look forward to."

We'll be launching our 75th Anniversary Appeal – so do look out for our events in the coming year. I'm hoping to involve Clare in at least one!

**For more information, please see [www.bede-house.org](http://www.bede-house.org)**





# Alumni events



Hong Kong gathering



1998-99 Reunion Dinner - Mathew Moon, Sebastian Donovan, Harry Vann, James Rivett, Ben Jones



1988-89 Reunion Dinner – Stephanie Vinson & Peter Webb



1982-85 Alumni Dinner – Neil Raha, Rosamund Raha, Chris Holmes, Catherine Hartley



Alumni Day - Victoria Clifford and Tricia Greenhalgh



1982-85 Alumni Dinner - Bob Damms et al



Oxford & Cambridge Club drinks: Andy Wood and Megan Boast



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## Forthcoming Events

### Friday 11 January

Benefactors' Concert & Feast, 6pm  
By invitation only

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### Saturday 23 February

Parents' Day (Family & Friends Programme)

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### Thursday 28 February

Clare Distinguished Lecture in Economics & Public Policy: Prof Barry Eichengreen, Professor of Economics & Political Science, University of California, Berkeley

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### Wednesday 6 March

London Drinks, Corney & Barrow, 5 Exchange Square, 6.30pm

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### Friday 22 March

Reunion Dinner for alumni who matriculated in 1960 & 1961, 7pm

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### Saturday 23 March

MA Congregation and dinner for eligible alumni who matriculated in 2006  
Timings and details to be confirmed

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### April

Bletchley Park and The National Museum of Computing Visit  
Date to be confirmed

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### Saturday 20 April

1972 Conversation: a celebratory event with Churchill, Clare, King's and Lucy Cavendish colleges, featuring panel discussions on a range of subjects.

Location: Churchill and Lucy Cavendish colleges

## B&B in College for alumni

Clare College is delighted to launch special alumni rates for Bed & Breakfast from December 2012. You can view availability, book and pay online by visiting this link [www.clareconferencing.com/accommodation/BandB.html](http://www.clareconferencing.com/accommodation/BandB.html) ). Enter the code CLAREALUM and you will receive a 10% discount on the room rate.



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