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The Master's Valedictory

A distinguished Cambridge historian once said to me that he had been to a retirement dinner for Sir John Plumb (Geoffrey Elton's nemesis). I expressed some surprise since I knew he did not like Plumb. He still did not, he explained, but he continued, "I just wanted to make absolutely sure the old bastard was retiring." So I can promise you that I am going!

When I applied for the Mastership I knew that fundraising would be a major part of the job. The College had crucially already bought into the idea of development; and twelve years later, the figures speak for themselves. In 2002-3 we raised £300k – this year we raised this sum alone from the Annual Fund. We have raised close to £27m since October 2003; and we now have an income stream of close to £4m a year that simply did not exist before.

The central factor has been the engagement – and re-engagement – of our alumni through reunion dinners, communications, and other events. I am told that I have spoken at 300 alumni events over 11 years. I would note that Ruth and I had not expected that



some of our closest relationships and warmest support would come from alumni. So thank you!

I had also not expected to preside over the expansion and refurbishment of the estate in quite the way it turned out: two new Newnham Road graduate housing schemes, Lerner Court, and Castle End. All these developments were characterised by the initiative of alumni, the contribution of these projects to the income stream through catering and conferencing, the involvement of the Fellows in the planning, and the excellent project management of Donald Hearn.

Clare should be proud of its record in access. Once again, alumni initiatives – the Hepple Bursaries, the Partnership for schools – have been important, as has been the work of key Fellows and our admissions teams. Our Schools Liaison Officers conduct 150-plus events a year, and bring into contact with the College over 6,000 children, from the age of ten upwards. The worst day of my Mastership was when I was told out offers to state school students has slipped to 48%: getting a figure now in the high 60s or low 70s is to achieve what our strategy calls for. We have got there – through a rise in state school applications – but we should not relax.

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Smart is good, smart is a prerequisite, but smart and nice is better. So thank you, all of you, students, Fellows, staff and alumni for being so nice.



After a dip in the middle of my term, academic results have climbed back up. Praise is due to the Senior Tutor for her role in introducing study schools, securing key fellowship appointments in areas of teaching need, and sharing best practice. My feeling is that our students are hard-working and passionate about their subjects. I would, however, like to see them fulfil their academic potential rather earlier in their time at Cambridge than they do at the moment. We have increased opportunities for our students to travel – and study – internationally, and we have widened the range of opportunities that we can offer international students, particularly those from non-traditional backgrounds, to study here at Clare. I am delighted that sport, music, and comedy flourish; and one of the privileges of being Master is the chance to hear a succession of world-renowned scholars and public figures speak: not forgetting colleagues on the Fellowship in the hugely successful Great Books series.

We have a remarkably distinguished Fellowship. Since 2002, eleven of our Fellows have been promoted to University professorships. Just as importantly, as many Fellows have won Pilkington prizes for teaching as have won chairs. Our Fellows are heavily involved in the wider university. Three Clare Fellows have been asked to be

Pro-Vice-Chancellors, and many have headed departments and schools. A close intermeshing with the University will be critically important in the future: Clare will only flourish if the University flourishes and I hope that Clare will continue its record of close ties with the central University. For a Master, as important as the Fellowship are the staff of the College. Clare is fortunate in having remarkably hard-working, dedicated staff whose loyalty to the College is reflected in the low staff turnover. Clare has also been a leader in staff training and the development of HR.

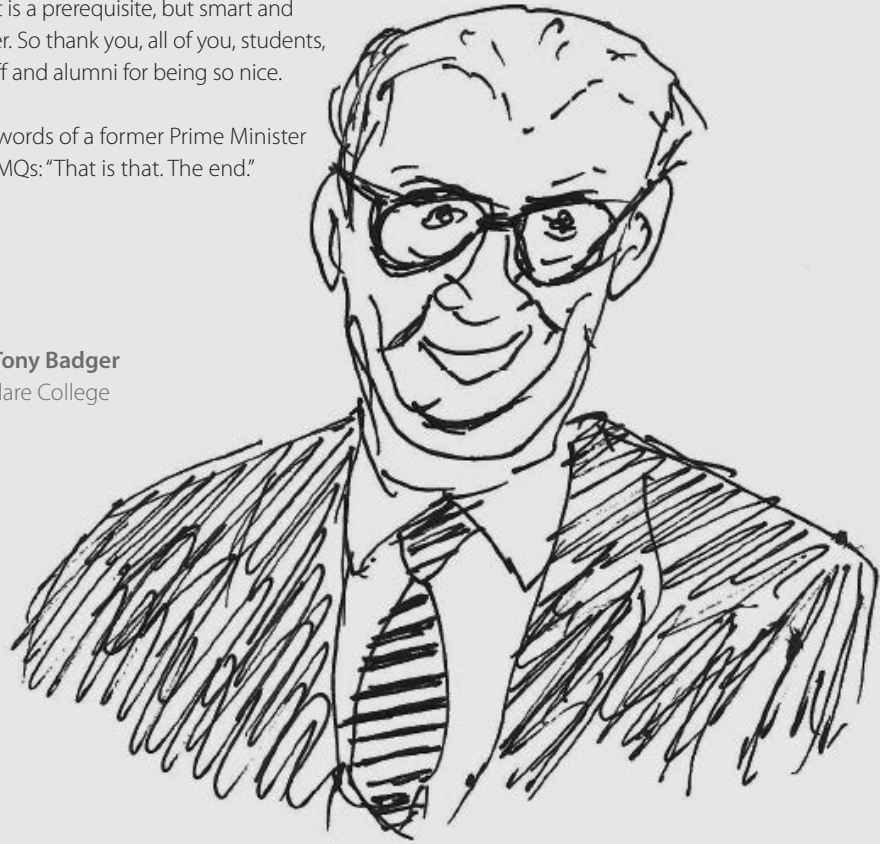
Clearly the redevelopment of Old Court is a major challenge, but it should not distort other fundraising priorities: fundraising for academic and student needs remains as important as ever. The College especially needs to play its part in securing proper funding for graduate research, particularly in arts and humanities subjects, which will otherwise increasingly become the preserve of the well-off. We can build on our existing graduate scholarships in Classics, History, American History, Modern Languages and Law, as well as the wonderful opportunity presented by the Nigel & Judy Weiss PhD studentships.

But above all, everyone in the College has been very nice. I used to think that intellectual

distinction and cleverness trumped all other qualities. Smart is indeed good, but over the years I have come to appreciate collegiality and cooperation more and more. Smart is good, smart is a prerequisite, but smart and nice is better. So thank you, all of you, students, Fellows, staff and alumni for being so nice.

And in the words of a former Prime Minister at his last PMQs: "That is that. The end."

Professor Tony Badger
Master of Clare College
2003-2014



Cartoons by Professor Alan Gillett (1950)

Clare welcomes a new Master

We are thrilled to announce that Lord Grabiner QC has been elected to succeed Professor Tony Badger as Master of Clare from the start of the 2014-15 academic year.

Lord Grabiner, who became a life peer in 1999, was educated at the Central Foundation Boys' School, Hackney, then at the London School of Economics (LSE) and also completed his LLM there in 1967. He has had a distinguished career as a barrister since first being called to the Bar in 1969, where he has practised continuously as a member of One Essex Court and is Head of Chambers. He has represented, amongst others, HM Treasury, Apple, and Liverpool FC. Lord Grabiner became a QC in 1981. He is a

Deputy High Court judge in the Chancery division and Commercial Court, and is also currently the Treasurer of Lincoln's Inn. He was Chairman of the LSE's Court of Governors from 1998 to 2007, having been a governor at the school since the early 1990s. He also lectured in Law at LSE and Queen Mary College, University of London, in the late sixties and early seventies.

Commenting on his election, Lord Grabiner said: 'It is an honour to have been elected as the next Master of the lively academic community that is Clare College. I aim to continue the excellent work carried out under Professor Tony Badger's leadership in meeting the numerous challenges facing the College in the future, especially in ensuring that the college remains accessible to students of all social backgrounds.'



Achievements and Honours

Congratulations to the many Clare alumni whose achievements were recognised in the past year

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS

Professor Malcolm John Grant CBE (Emeritus Fellow, 1991), UCL President and Provost, was knighted for services to higher education.

Ms Claire Johnston (1978), Director Legal Adviser's Office, Department for Education was appointed Companion of the Order of the Bath (CB) for services to Education and to voluntary work with Home-StartUK.

Professor James Ferguson Skea OBE (1975), was appointed CBE for services to sustainable energy.

Professor Albert Peter Weale FBA (1968), was also appointed CBE for services to political science.

Ms Alice Rawsthorn (1977), Design Critic, International New York Times was appointed OBE for services to Design and the Arts.

Dr Richard Thomas Taylor (1953) was appointed MBE for services to the community in Worcestershire, especially to Kidderminster Hospital.

Miss Sue Wilkinson (1977) was appointed MBE for services to education in London Museums.

NEW YEAR HONOURS LIST

Professor Frances Kirwan (1977 & Honorary Fellow) was appointed DBE for services to Mathematics.

Mr John Doggart (1959) was appointed OBE for services to Sustainable Energy Technologies and Energy Efficiency.

AWARDS

Leonidas Cheliotis (2004) was conferred the 2013 Critical Criminologist of the Year Award by the Division on Critical Criminology of the American Society of Criminology 'for distinguished accomplishments in research which have symbolised the spirit of the Division in recent years.'



Dr Andrew Preston (Fellow, 2006) was the recipient of the Richard Newstadt Book prize 2013 for *'Sword of the Spirit, shield of Faith: Religion in American War and Diplomacy'*.

Dr John W. Glen (1946) was awarded the prestigious Richardson Medal by the International Glaciological Society in 'recognition for outstanding service contributions to the International Glaciological Society and to glaciology'.

Professor Mohan Munasinghe (1964) has recently been awarded the D.Sc. (Honoris Causa) at the General Convocation of the Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka, for "his exceptional services to humanity and distinguished contributions towards the advancement of the disciplines of sustainable development, economics, energy and environment, and for sharing the 2007 Nobel Prize for Peace as Vice Chair of the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC-ARA)".

Dr Jonathan Goodman (1990 & Fellow) has been awarded the prestigious Bader Award from the Royal Society of Chemistry. Jonathan's current research interests cover experimental organic chemistry, molecular modelling and chemical informatics.

Ms Anneliese Day QC (1992) has been made The Lawyers' Barrister of the Year 2014. Since taking silk in 2012 she has won ten high profile cases in a row.

Sir David Attenborough (1945 & Honorary Fellow) won a BAFTA for the programme Natural History Museum Alive.

Dr Axel Daneels (1964) has been awarded the ICALEPCS Lifetime Achievement Award.

ACADEMIC

Dr Rodrigo Cacho (Fellow, 2006) has been awarded a British Academy Mid-Career Fellowship for his project on The Rise of Colonial Spanish American Poetry, 1589-1610.

Professor Roel Sterckx (Joseph Needham Professor of Chinese History and Clare Fellow, 2006) has been made a Fellow of the British Academy this year.

Professor Tony Badger (Master) was awarded an Honorary Degree from North Carolina State University on 18 December 2013.

Professor Paul Cartledge (Leventis Professor of Greek Culture and Clare Fellow, 1981) has been awarded a Senior Research Fellowship for five years by the AG Leventis Foundation.

APPOINTMENTS

Robin Ticciati (2001) has been appointed as Musical Director of the Glyndebourne Festival.

Professor Andrew Holmes (1973 & Fellow) has been elected the next President of the Australian Academy of Science.

The Rev'd Penelope Bridges (1976) was appointed as Dean of St Paul's Episcopal Cathedral, San Diego, USA.

The Hon. Mr Justice Kevin Swain (1975) has been appointed as a member of the Supreme Court of Appeal in South Africa.

Professor Sir David Cannadine (1969 & Honorary Fellow) has been appointed editor of the Oxford Dictionary of National Biography.

Clare's rare books get a Spring Clean!

A loyal group of volunteers from CAMdfas (one of the four Cambridge branches of NADFAS) have been dusting and cleaning the magnificent collection of books in the Fellows' Library. They have been trained under the experienced eye of Caroline Bendix, an accredited Library Conservator. They have met every Thursday since October 2013 and will continue to do so until completion. Previous to working on the Fellows' Library at Clare, the group spent two and a half years in the Balfour and Newton Libraries at the Department of Zoology, cleaning a total of 8,750 books! We are



fortunate that project didn't put them off, and would like to thank them for their hard work and dedication to our collections.



New Sculpture graces Memorial Court

Several new sculptures and paintings by eminent living artists are on display in College as part of a programme to enhance the visual arts at Clare, encourage debate and stimulate interest in the arts.

Until recently a striking red (untitled) sculpture by Michael Bolus has been situated on the front lawn of Memorial Court. This was generously on loan from Roche Court's NewArtCentre near Salisbury (<http://sculpture.uk.com/>), one of the country's leading collections of contemporary sculpture. Roche Court has now replaced it with a sculpture by Robert Adams (1917–1984) called 'Two', pictured left.

The Public Catalogue Foundation

Three years ago Clare's oil paintings were photographed and entered on the BBC's Your Paintings website by the Public Catalogue Foundation as part of a nationwide project to show the national collection of oil paintings across the UK. The collection is made up of paintings from thousands of museums and other public institutions, including the Cambridge colleges!

You can view the collection at Clare online at www.thepcf.org.

Spotlight on...

Cloud Shadow by Algernon Cecil Newton (oil on canvas, 60x89cms) was donated to Clare by Sir Nicholas Barrington (1954, Honorary Fellow) and now displayed in the Thirkill Room.

Many of you may recognise this charming painting from its position on the duck egg blue panelled walls of the Thirkill Room, Old Court. It is a finely executed oil painting which I have always found attractive for its aura of eerily calm tranquillity. If like me, you are intrigued by this painting, you may be interested to learn about the artist and his life...

Algernon Cecil Newton (1880-1968) was a British painter, born in London to the family of the founders of Winsor & Newton, the still active manufacturers of artist's materials. He

was a student at Clare and left after two years without completing his degree. He went on to study at various art colleges in London, including the School of Animal Painting in Kensington. Newton specialised in urban views, each of them painted in a highly naturalistic manner. His penchant for scenes involving waterways earned him the nickname 'the Canaletto of the Canals'. He painted across the country from Cornwall to Yorkshire and was in high demand to paint 'portraits' of country houses. His obituary in The Times described him



as 'a painter of quiet distinction'. A fitting description for the artist of such a beautiful and unassuming painting, for which we are very lucky to play host.

Georgie Plunkett

Development update

Samuel Venn, Deputy Development Director

In financial terms, the Development Office has had a very successful year. For the second year in a row, Clare has secured over £4 million of new gifts. This remarkable philanthropic achievement is due to the generosity of our alumni and supporters, over 2,100 of whom have made a contribution in the last two years.

Clare is immensely grateful to all donors for gifts of every size. Donations received have supported undergraduate bursaries, postgraduate studentships, world-class teaching, refurbishment of our historic buildings, and the expansion of the College's endowment.

Old Court

The College has now begun a long-term campaign to raise the funds needed to restore and refurbish Old Court. As a grade 1-listed building, the renovation must be undertaken to the highest standard of craftsmanship, and is therefore expected to cost at least £20 million – a sum that simply cannot be provided by the College's existing resources, if we are to continue funding our core activities, such as teaching and student support, at the current level.

We have recently appointed Stephen Witherford (from Witherford Watson Mann) as lead architect for the Old Court Refurbishment project. Stephen won the Stirling Prize in 2013 for his "ground breaking" restoration of Astley Castle in Warwickshire. Working with Stephen will be Henry Freeland, who is an expert in architectural conservation and is the architect for Kings's College Chapel and Norwich Cathedral. This combination of expertise will ensure that the restoration of Old Court is carried out with extreme sensitivity whilst optimising available space in the most transformative manner possible. Subject to listed building constraints, we will also be aiming to improve energy efficiency wherever possible.



Old Court

We hope to begin the restoration in 2018 and will be offering donors the opportunity to name rooms, staircases and some of the beautiful architectural features of Old Court. There will even be an opportunity to 'sponsor' a new roof slate, for as little as £200.

Student Support

Just fifteen years ago, tuition was free for home students. Undergraduates are now required to pay annual tuition fees of £9,000. To ensure that financial concerns do not prevent any gifted students from applying to Clare, or from continuing their studies if they run into financial difficulties while they are here, we need to continue to expand our bursary provision. We have been fortunate recently to receive generous donations to the Thirkill, Ashby, and Hepple funds – all of which provide support to undergraduates. We also have a general Student Support fund, which can support either undergraduates or postgraduates depending on need.

Postgraduate Studentships

Undertaking a graduate course in the UK has become increasingly pressurised financially. The reduction of Research Council grants has



Tony Badger

put much demand on internal sources of funding, which are already stretched, and threatens Clare's ethos of equal, meritocratic access to education.

To celebrate Tony Badger's eleven years as Master of Clare College, we are aiming to raise £500,000 over the next year to endow the **Tony Badger Studentship in American History** – a PhD Studentship in American History. An American donor has kindly established a challenge fund to encourage donations to this Studentship. The donor will match every £2 you give with a further £1; so your contribution will be worth an additional 50% at no additional cost to you.

We reported last year on the terribly sad death of Professor Philip Ford (1949-2013), who was a Fellow at Clare 1982-2013. As a tribute to Professor Ford, we are now aiming



Philip Ford

to raise £500,000 to endow **The Philip Ford Postgraduate Studentship in Modern & Medieval Languages** in MML in his memory. All contributions to this fitting tribute to Professor Ford will be very gratefully received.

We have been most fortunate receive two particularly generous endowments for postgraduate studentships from the Eirik Foundation, for the **Nigel & Judy Weiss PhD Studentships**; and also an endowment in memory of Mrs SY Mao for a postgraduate studentship in music which will be called **The John Rutter Music Scholarship**.

Teaching

The supervision system – teaching undergraduates as individuals or in small groups – is the heart of a Cambridge education. Our goal is to ensure that current and future Clare students continue to receive this rare and exceptional education, by recruiting, retaining and developing the best academics across all disciplines. Thanks to generous donations received from alumni, we are now less than £100,000 away from completing the endowment for the **Turpin-Lipstein Fellowship in Law**, and have made additional progress on augmenting the **Reddaway Fund for economics**.

We are also seeking to continue to support the tutorial and the teaching system through the **Nicholas Hammond Foundation**. This was set up in memory of Nicholas Hammond, a widely respected former Senior Tutor at Clare, who died in 2001.



Nicholas Hammond

The Telephone Campaign 2014

Once again we held a successful Telephone Fundraising Campaign over the Easter vacation. In total £291,542.88 was pledged by supportive alumni, of which 92% so far has been fulfilled through gifts towards important funds such as those supporting bursary provision, teaching and the Old Court refurbishment. We also invited donations towards a postgraduate Studentship in American History, to celebrate Tony Badger's time as Master and a fund to support an Indigenous Australian student wishing to study at Clare through the Aurora Project. We are very grateful for the support given towards all the funds, both through the Telephone Campaign and from our Annual Fund Mailing, which has provided an additional £200,000.

If you were called during the Telephone Campaign we hope you enjoyed hearing about being a student at Clare today from our enthusiastic and dedicated team of student callers. They had a wonderful few weeks hearing about life at Clare from the 1940's right through to leavers from the last decade. Special mention must go to our top three callers this year, Rosalie Ogborne, Matthew Shafer and Jemma Phibbs who each raised in excess of £44,000.

Thank you for your time speaking to our students and the support you have given to the College. If you would like to find out more about the various funds highlighted during the Annual Fund, please do get in touch with the Development Office.



John Spiers (1969), Elizabeth de Clare Fellow

On 21 May 2014, John Spiers was admitted as an Elizabeth de Clare Fellow. Elizabeth de Clare Fellowships are bestowed to recognise individuals who, through generous benefaction, contribute to the present and future life of the College. On behalf of the College we would like to thank him again for his generosity.



John Spiers, Elizabeth de Clare Fellow

Thank you

If you would like to discuss any of these projects in more detail, please contact the development office, we will be delighted to hear from you.

Clare cannot thrive without the generosity of its supporters, and we are hugely grateful to all who support our objectives. Thank you!

New award-winning graduate accommodation on Newnham Road complete!



The Clare buildings on Newnham Road (Newnham Court) have undergone a drastic transformation – with thanks to Cottrell and Vermeulen Architecture, and Barnes Construction. From a previously cramped and busy site (sandwiched between a petrol station and a busy road), the area now holds accommodation for a large proportion of our graduate student body.

Phase one of the development was undertaken by Bidwells and required a row of cottages to the north-east side of the development to be refurbished. Cottrell and Vermeulen Architecture were appointed to develop phase two of the project: refurbish a second row of cottages, linking it back to phase one with an infill building and provide a new-build garden block behind the street frontage which took into account the neighbours access and environment. The whole development is focused around a courtyard, intended as the heart of the community.

The architects undertook a detailed consultation with staff and students in order to design the best development for the needs of the eventual residents. A variety of rooms was key to the success of the development, from self-contained units to shared houses.

The layout internally and externally has been carefully considered, with the existing terrace cottages shielding the development from the effects of the road, with kitchens and bathrooms located on the street side of the accommodation, squeezed into the narrow spaces between existing party walls.

Space has been used extremely well in the street fronted block with the upper floors of the block being made into miniature maisonettes that extend into the roof space to allow for sleeping platforms above the living areas. Within the site, the remodelled cottages have been linked back to phase one via an infill containing more rooms above a new gateway and a bridge to a refurbished listed end-terrace whose old shop front now contains the student's laundry facilities! The new Garden Building sits inside the site itself, and is made up of three, five-bedroom mews houses that face the back of the street-fronted block. Each house has its own staircase, kitchen and living area which are contained in single storey rear additions.

In April, Newnham Court was shortlisted for the Royal Institute of British Architects' East Awards 2014. In a pool of stiff competition, Barnes Construction was awarded



Cambridge's Considerate Contractor award. This award is part of a national initiative to improve the reputation of the construction industry. This award is particularly welcome considering how tight and difficult the site was to work on.

Many congratulations to our Development Director, Francisca Malarée and her family for the safe arrival of Charles Baltazar Wielechowski on 21 April 2014.



Sporting Triumphs

A Strong Clare Representation at the 132nd Varsity Rugby

This year we saw four men from Clare represent the Light Blues against Oxford at Twickenham. Scott Annett returned for his fourth game; while Angus Strachen, Harry McAleer and George Williams played for the victorious U21 XV – with Jacob Poulton being named as a replacement. It is a tremendous achievement to have so many Clare men taking part this year, and demonstrates the sporting talent at Clare.

Once again we were had a great many Clare alumni come to support Cambridge, and we were able to meet in the hospitality tent before the match! We're planning on doing the same this year: it would be great to see you there.



Henley Blazers for Clare W1!

The Clare Boat Club first women's crew line up in the new ceremonial 'Henley' blazers recently purchased through the generosity of CBC alumni and CBC Vice-President Anne Brewin.

The women started this year's May Bumps at head of the river, but met stiff opposition from, successively, Downing, Emmanuel and Caius, before successfully holding off Jesus on the final

night to end in fourth position. The first men's crew rowed over every night in ninth position. CBC President Dr Nigel Woodcock commented "We mustn't let our disappointment that the women lost the headship cloud the fact that both the Clare first boats are in high positions on the river that most colleges would be envious of. CBC has the strength in depth to defend those positions next year."



Alumni Rowing From the Cam to the Lakes!

Clare alumni form the active nucleus of the Lakeland Rowing Club in northwest England. CBC President Nigel Woodcock recently joined John Knox (1963), Ian Hill (1966) and Roger Heise (1965) for an outing on Derwentwater in their touring quad sculler. Both the waves and the surrounding hills are memorably higher than on the River Cam! The club also has a double-sculler and a training scull.

John, Ian and Roger would be delighted to hear from other Clare Boat Club alumni living in, or just visiting, the Lake District. Contact John Knox on jha.knox@btinternet.com and read about the club at lakelandrc.blogspot.co.uk

Nigel Woodcock



Clare men win University IVs

The Clare first men proved themselves to be invincible during this year's University IVs competition in Michaelmas Term, ending the four-day competition as comfortable victors.

Day one saw them easily defeat Trinity's First and Third, and a repeat performance against Downing on day two. Day three, the semi-final, saw an even more comfortable win for Clare and the final against King's, although the hardest race, was the most committed of the week. Many congratulations to the crew; Edward Mills (coxswain), Joel Jennings (stroke), Callum McKenzie (3), Ben Evans (2) and Chengsong Gao (bow).



Clare's Boatman completes Amazonian mission

Clare Boatman Anton Wright and his team mate Dr Mark de Rond (Reader in Strategy and Organisation, Cambridge Judge Business School) have become the first people in history to row the entire length of the Amazon River unsupported.

The pair rowed 2,077 miles in 31 days. They overcame myriad obstacles, from local bureaucracy to quicksand, exhaustion, illness and lack of food and drinking water. They had to negotiate their way through Pirate Alley (the section of the river notorious for hostage taking) and battle through a massive three hour storm that destroyed the rudder and carried off their bucket-toilet. The duo also lost their translator and fixer, Murilo Reis, who blogged: "I have done everything I can for them... I don't need to prove anything to anyone."

In spite of all this they have completed their once-in-a-lifetime adventure and set a world

record, and while Dr de Rond's suggests that "we are just ordinary people... anyone can do this", their achievement is remarkable and is unlikely to be surpassed anytime soon.

Speaking from Macapá airport, on the first leg of their journey home, Mark said:

"For thirty days we've hardly eaten and we've hardly slept, and we've been sick. This was the toughest thing I've ever done in my life, and the same is true for Anton. And you think, well, at the end of this, will we be kinder persons, better persons as a result? I hope the answer is yes. It's been an incredible experience."



Alumni Golf Light Blues trounce Oxford

Clare Alumni Golf Society played their inaugural match in September 2013. After an invitation from Magdalen Oxford Alumni, a group of Clare alumni golfers took up the challenge. The match against Magdalen was held at the Springs Golf Club in Wallingford, where despite having to travel into enemy territory and play an unknown course, the Clare team emerged victorious by less than a point after an enjoyable match.

Magdalen kindly hosted a dinner afterwards in college, where it was agreed that a return match was required! The return match will be held on September 12 2014 at Gog Magog Golf Club in Cambridge, followed by dinner in Clare. The match is open to all Clare alumni of all ages and standard. Interested golfers can email Riki Kangwai (rkangwai@hotmail.com) for further details.



Left to right: Bill Smyth, Steve Newman, Sally Parrish, Trevor Sandford, Mary & Denis Remedios, Riki Kangwai, Mark Melford

Publications and Recordings

Honorary Fellow, Sir Nicholas Barrington KCMG, has published a two-volume autobiography

Envoy: A Diplomatic Journey covers Sir Nicholas's career as a diplomat. Beginning with his entry into the Foreign Office in 1957, and his choice to learn Persian, he then covers postings in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Japan, Egypt, and Iran, interspersed with interludes back in the Foreign Office in London, where (amongst other roles) he served in the private office of Foreign Secretaries Michael Stewart and Sir Alec Douglas-Home. Sir Nicholas describes serving in Iran during the Islamic Revolution of 1979, and his subsequent charting of a way through the new political order after the departure of the Shah. Sir Nicholas later served as High Commissioner to Pakistan, a subject on which he writes with considerable expertise. His discourse on the conflict in Kashmir displays his deep understanding of this complex issue; he also describes the comings and goings of several Prime Ministers of Pakistan, and a visit from the Princess of Wales.

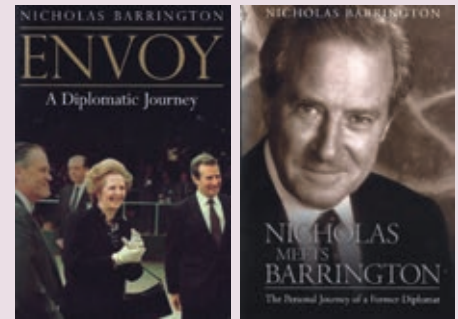
As a coda, he adds his well-informed views of the aftermath of 9/11, together with lessons to be learnt from the Iraq war.

Nicholas meets Barrington (the title is derived from a journalistic mistake during his time in Pakistan) deals with Barrington's life before, and after, his diplomatic career. Beginning with his early life and schooling at Repton, he then describes his two years of National Service before he came up to Clare in 1954. His description of his time at Clare, in the era of Thirkill, will undoubtedly strike a chord with those who were up at the time!

Reviewing Sir Nicholas' books in *the Round Table*, Dr Gordon Johnson (former President of Wolfson College, Cambridge) remarks "a fascinating read – one is carried away by the enthusiasm and fun of it all. But it would be a mistake to see these books simply as a

delightful memoir... they have serious things to say about the work of diplomacy and the nature of international relations."

Barrington, *N: Nicholas meets Barrington: the Personal Journey of a Former Diplomat* (London and New York, Radcliffe Press, 2014)
Barrington, *N: Envoy: a Diplomatic Journey* (London and New York, Radcliffe Press, 2014)



Young Man with the Red Tie, A Memoir of Mandela and the Failed Revolution

In July this year Professor Sir Bob Hepple (1961, Emeritus Master) published a book with Jacana Media in South Africa. *Young Man with a Red Tie: A Memoir of Mandela and the Failed Revolution 1960-63*. It has been described as a 'gripping memoir' and remembers the struggles of the anti-apartheid revolution Bob witnessed when legally advising Nelson Mandela and other underground leaders. In his capacity as legal advisor Bob was arrested with the revolutionaries on 11 July 1963 and detained without trial.

Aged 19, Bob Hepple found fame through being arrested for breaking a petty apartheid law and spending a night in jail. At the subsequent trial, *Die Vaderland*, a pro-government newspaper reported that a 'young man with a red tie' had given evidence; which has given the name to this memoir.

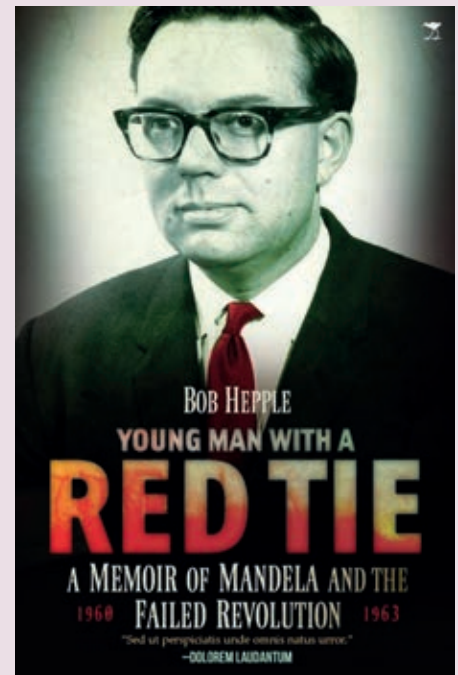
Bob Hepple's memoir sheds a fresh light on the character of Mandela and reconstructs how Hepple was caught up in the revolution planned by Mandela and his comrades in the ANC and Communist Party between 1960 and

1963. The dramatic events that led to the arrests of Bob, Govan Mbeki, Walter Sisulu, Ahmed Kathrada, Rusty Bernstein and Raymond Mhlaba at Lilliesleaf Farm are described in supreme detail. The arrests culminated in the Rivonia Trial and the imprisonment of the leaders of the ANC on Robben Island.

Although the main focus of the story is the failed revolution, Bob provides a comprehensive timeline of events from 1934-2013 which provides the foreground and aftermath to the revolution. *Young Man With A Red Tie* is an important historical document; providing new perspectives about the leaders' characters and the dangerous environment in which they operated.

The book has been described by Carlos Amato in the Sunday Times, 7 July 2013 as 'A gripping book... an engrossing ride through the maelstrom of underground activism in the wake of Sharpeville. The detail is rich... agreeably blunt about some calamitous mistakes made by the Rivonia generation...! Whilst Dennis Davis from the Mail and

Guardian, 6 September 2013 writes, '[An] eloquently written book... it is rare to read so honest an account of the political and the personal!'



Andrew Smithers

Andrew Smithers, an internationally acclaimed economist, came up to Clare in 1956. His father, Professor Sir David Smithers (1926) had studied medicine at Clare, and had loved it, so it seemed a natural choice.

Thirkill was master when Andrew Smithers began his studies, and strongly advised him to read economics rather than mathematics or natural sciences. After graduating from Clare, where he was supervised by Brian Reddaway, he started his career working for the Commonwealth Development Finance Company ("CDFC") before moving to a long career in Asset Management with SG Warburg, from 1962 to 1989. Smithers set up Smithers & Co in 1989, initially with Martin Weale, currently a member of Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee and another Clare alumnus. The firm sought to provide intellectually rigorous advice on investment policy. He started the firm with 12 clients and when the firm closed in July this year it had over 100.

Clare has been fortunate to have the benefit of Andrew Smithers' expertise as he has served on the College's Investment Committee since 1997. Since 2006 Smithers and Co's Charity has sponsored the College's Distinguished Lecture in Economics and Public Policy which has featured speakers such as Haruhiko Kuroda, Governor the Bank of Japan, Jean-Claude Trichet, former president of the ECB, Joseph Stiglitz, the former chief economist of the World Bank and a Nobel Prize winner and Adair Turner. The charity has also generously sponsored an economics day in Tower Hamlets as part of the College's Schools Liaison Programme, for many years.

Smithers, with co-author Professor Stephen Wright, another Clare alumnus, have well documented warnings of the economic risks resulting from central banking policy in the run up to the financial crisis of 2007. He believes that central bankers must take the main responsibility for the problems caused. They spent much of the noughties congratulating themselves for reducing volatility in markets by taming inflation- however they were only paying attention to consumer prices and not asset prices – these were inflated and allowed a lot of debt to build against these assets. Central bank policy reduced the risk associated with lending, and therefore fuelled excessive debt in various

markets. Smithers was one of the few people to predict the crisis, having warned on excessive levels of debt building up and of over-valuation of many assets.

Last September Andrew Smithers published his latest book: *The Road to Recovery: how and why economic policy must change*, having also published several books previously, including *Wall Street revalued: Imperfect markets and inept central bankers* co-written with Stephen Wright in 2000, in which they critiqued the Federal Reserve's (along with other central banks') management of monetary policy.

The main thesis of his latest book is that in the current incentives to senior management are causing increased inequality, and a structural savings surplus in the business sector through driving up profit margins while depressing business investment. This has sharply reduced the growth potential of the economy. Since the Road to Recovery was published its conclusions have been reinforced by research which shows that in the US unquoted companies invest twice as much in proportion to their market share, than the quoted sector, where the perverse incentives identified by Smithers are to be found.

Though he spent a large proportion of his career in banking, he is not afraid to be critical of the behaviour of bankers, stating that they have effectively enjoyed large subsidies from the taxpayer thanks to central bank policy. Smithers argues that major reforms are needed to end the incentives which currently encourage management to reduce the growth potential of the economy. The first step to doing this is to have the damage currently being done to the economy understood and changed. There are no doubt many possible solutions to this problem, but the first essential step is to get the perverse nature of current incentives widely debated and Smithers remarks that this is proving an uphill struggle.

Smithers says he has had some trouble getting the book's main themes discussed- perhaps because it goes against the status quo. However he is happy with going against the mainstream opinion on many matters and no doubt will continue to act as a Cassandra, a figure he often quotes as a role model, though he would prefer his warnings, unlike hers, to be heeded.

Francisca Malarée

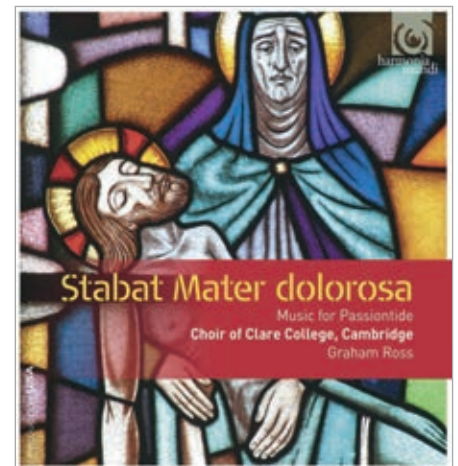
Latest release from the Clare Chapel Choir

Stabat Mater dolorosa: Music for Passiontide

In this rich Passiontide sequence, polyphonic settings of the great texts of Holy Week are interwoven with a plainchant rendition of the mournful *Stabat Mater* – the traditional medieval poem meditating on the death of Jesus and the grief of his mother.

Released this year this recording is priced at £15 and can be purchased directly from www.clarecollegechoir.com.

"Warm, yet pure-toned emotion pours from these 27 voices, and a fine corps of basses grounds the whole with exemplary gravitas"
★★★★★ – Choir and Organ



Alumni of Distinction

Alumnus of the Year 2014: Mr Mohammed Amin (1969)

Article written by Miss Mee Young Yoon (MML, 2012)

Even from a young age, Mohammed Amin has always been a very intellectually curious person: his first ever book borrowed from the public library was on home science experiments, from which his interest in Theoretical Physics later stemmed. However, since Cambridge at that time did not offer a direct undergraduate course in that area, Mohammed Amin applied to and was admitted by Clare College to study Mathematics.

After graduating from Clare, he became a teacher, and during this time, discovered the world of finance. Having read a 900-page book on accountancy in just a week, he decided to sit the A-Level exam as a free standing external candidate without having received any tuition and received a grade B – his only 'B' in A-Levels, all the others having been 'A's. Although doubtful at first as to whether he should make a career change to accountancy, his family encouraged and supported him to pursue the career that he would most enjoy, even if it meant that he would have to depend financially on his parents again during his training. He subsequently trained as a Chartered Accountant and came 5th nationally in the Part I examination. During this period, he became specifically interested in tax, since it involved problem solving and helping others to save money – two features that very much appealed to him. Since then, Mohammed has held many positions of responsibility, the most prominent being his role as a senior manager, and then a partner, at PricewaterhouseCoopers. In addition to his commitments to the financial world, he has also been and continues to be very involved in inter-faith cooperation, being one of the founding members of the Muslim-Jewish Forum of Greater Manchester, where he has served as treasurer since its inception, as well as being a member of the advisory council of the Three Faiths Forum. His personal website (www.mohammedamin.com) lists many of his other charitable involvements.

However, despite his many achievements, it is clear that what matters the most for Mohammed is the people in his life and the



interaction that he has with them. Reflecting upon his experience of the Hajj, Mohammed writes, 'Standing [on the plain of Arafat], I realised that beyond my good health for myself and my family, what I wanted most was to help others, especially other Muslims, to experience the personal success that God has granted me in my life. That has become my post retirement mission for the rest of my life.' Even his fondest memories of his time at Clare revolve around interaction with other people: playing the Japanese version of chess called 'Go' and engaging in spontaneous intellectual conversations with fellow students whose field of study were not necessarily linked with the topic of discussion.

Consequently, it is of no surprise that Mohammed's interest in contributing to college life at Clare has continued beyond his time here and his career, and into his retirement. After graduation, he has returned to Cambridge on many occasions, for example spending two weeks in 1976 attending the European Go Congress. He was particularly delighted to be invited to address the Gates Scholars Society in 2009, which took place in the Latimer Room in Old Court. He also attended the inauguration of the Forbes Mellon Library, which was opened by HRH the Duke of Edinburgh. More recently, his contribution enabled the passageway between Ashby Court and Lerner Court (two

parts of Memorial Court) to be built. He has been very much impressed by the college's efforts in its Access outreach schemes, and his role as Year Group Representative for 1969 on the Alumni Council further demonstrates his continuing interest in and involvement with Clare College.

It is fitting, then, that his words of advice given to Clare students when he spoke at Half-way Hall in February 2014, revolve more around how to live successfully rather than work successfully: 'Life involves choices,' he says. 'Every choice you make will close as well as open doors, so make sure that you choose, whether it be decisions about careers or other things, what you're going to enjoy doing. Be true to yourself; say yes and try new things; marry well; take care of yourself. Finally, remember Elizabeth de Burgh, Lady of Clare; there were many other wealthy widows in her day, but she is remembered while the others are forgotten because she endowed her wealth to the founding of the college. We cannot repay our parents and teachers for what they've given us – all we can do is "pay it forward" and work for the benefit of the future generation.' It is exactly this attitude that Clare College seeks when selecting their Alumnus of the Year, and we congratulate Mohammed wholeheartedly on being the recipient of this award for 2014.



From Clare to Chitral **Principal of Langlands School and College, in Chitral, Pakistan**

Carey Schofield (1972)

Carey Schofield was in the first cohort of women to study at Clare. Leaving Clare with a degree in English, she worked in publishing before turning to journalism and writing.

Travelling widely, Carey wrote extensively about Russia, where she was a frequent visitor. She soon became interested in defence – she says: “writing something about the army was just one idea – I had also been writing about politics, art, religion, fashion and so on. But the moment I had contact with the army, I became fascinated. In a strange way the Army was freer than the rest of society in the Soviet Union. The military was the only area where there was any intellectual freedom in Russia in those days.”

Now specialising in defence matters, Carey turned to the Pakistan Army, publishing *Inside the Pakistan Army: A Woman's Experience on the Frontline of the War on Terror* (2010). Given unprecedented access to the Pakistan Army, she visited military bases all over the country. During her travels Carey was taken to army schools in almost every cantonment that she visited – “with hindsight, this turned out to be surprisingly useful.”

In 2010 she helped to organise a charity cricket match in Chelsea to raise money for The Langlands School and College in Chitral. Major Geoffrey Langlands, the Principal, who was in his 90s, asked her to help him to find a successor. He originally suggested that Carey might identify a retired British Army officer to

do the job, but it proved impossible to find a suitable candidate who was willing to commit. Eventually Major Langlands suggested that she should do the job herself. “I had always been interested in education and had been a Governor at several schools, independent and state, in London. I knew that the job was worth doing – although it was clear that it would be tough – and I had a great affection for Pakistan. So I went.”

In the north of Pakistan, in the Hindu Kush mountains on the Afghanistan-Pakistan border, Chitral is a wild and remote place. Carey says of the district “it is quite unlike the rest of Pakistan. It is an old princely state with a strong identity of its own. The valley is very beautiful and it is still pretty isolated. It has a population of 500,000 – we think, but I have to say that estimates vary a great deal – spread over an area a bit bigger than Northern Ireland.”

The school – originally called the Sayurj Public School – was started in 1988 by the Deputy Commissioner to provide a good English-medium education for the children of Chitral. From the beginning, it had a strong connection to England, and the first teachers were two young English girls. In 1989, Major Langlands, a former British Army officer, arrived to take up the post of Headmaster. He built the school up to its present size and it was later named after him. The school now has around 1,000 pupils and it educates both girls and boys, in separate classes. At the senior level there are separate schools for boys and girls.

Carey took over as Principal in 2013. There is a lot of work to be done. “I want us to provide a first-rate academic education for the ablest young people in the district.” Carey wants to raise standards to enable the pupils to compete with young people from elsewhere in Pakistan and abroad. The school curriculum is heavily weighted towards sciences, and most pupils go on to study subjects such as engineering and medicine at higher levels. “I would like to strengthen our science departments but also to broaden the curriculum to give pupils a more generous education.”

The school is principally staffed by Chitralis, but Carey would like to find British teachers to work at the school. Life in Chitral is tough in some ways – water and electricity supplies are erratic and a few of the roads are pretty precarious – but working in Chitral is, according to Carey, “very rewarding”.

Carey is actively seeking graduates to come and help her teach at Landlands College. She has one graduate from London working with her at present, but she would like to see more teachers from the UK. Science graduates would be especially welcome. If you, or someone you know, would be up for an adventure, Carey would be delighted to hear from you.

Carey may be contacted via the Development Office, development@clare.cam.ac.uk



Dr Colin Forbes

The College was deeply saddened to learn in May of the death of Dr Colin Forbes – alumnus, geologist, generous benefactor, and Elizabeth de Clare Fellow.

Colin Lachlan Forbes came up to Clare in 1940, reading Natural Sciences. He obtained an ordinary pass degree before serving with the Royal Engineers in Ayr and in India. He was invited to return to Clare by Sir Henry Thirkill, and he went on to complete a PhD in Geology under Sir Harry Godwin in 1953.

He was curator of the Sedgwick Museum for most of his career, a position he combined with being a University Lecturer in Geology and also geological consultant to the Cambridge Water Company. He was

responsible for siting new boreholes that continue to provide Cambridge's reliable water supply. Colin was on the board of Cambridge Water from 1985 until 1996, when it became a PLC.

Dr Forbes was an immensely generous benefactor to College – in recognition of which he was elected as an Elizabeth de Clare Fellow in 2010. A porphyry cobble stone in Old Court, which Colin had always pointed out to fellow students as being of especial geological significance, was engraved with his initials before being cemented back into place in a small ceremony; as it turned out this was only a few days before his death. We remain profoundly grateful for his generosity to Clare.



Dr Nigel Woodcock, and Colin's colleagues from Clare and the Sedgwick Museum, before the porphyry cobble was replaced in Old Court.

A Gown of distinction

It is not often that an academic gown gets much use following graduation; however, the gown belonging to Gideon de Wet (1969) is certainly not collecting dust...

Thanks to a British Council scholarship, I attended the Advanced Course in Control Engineering at Cambridge in the academic year 1969/70. As part of my membership of Clare College, I had to obtain an academic gown to attend formal dinners.

Many years after our return to South Africa, my wife and I became involved in the Helderberg Development Centre (HDC) in Somerset West, near Cape Town. The HDC is an outreach of a local church congregation and other donors – we receive no support from government. The purpose of the HDC is to alleviate the poverty of many of the "immigrants", living in squatter camps in the Helderberg Basin, by providing basic skills to unemployed persons. The training consists mainly of domestic skills to qualify our learners to enter formal employment for the first time, and thus provide for some of their basic needs. The HDC admits 8 groups of 12 learners to the six-week programme every year, so over the past 12 years, just over 1 000 households (mainly single mothers with 2 or 3 children) have had the benefit of beginning to earn a regular income.

It has become a tradition that the "graduates" from the course are photographed, wearing my gown and showing their diplomas. In the photograph below, I appear with one of our learners, Me Thandi Ntsangani, who is wearing the gown. This gown from Cambridge has appeared in close to 1,000 photos – I guess that there are few other gowns in the world that have had such a distinguished career!

Gideon de Wet



Remembering a Tutor

Alumnus, Professor Richard Wald (1953) remembers his first encounter with Rev. John A.T. Robinson.

In 1954 I was a Kellett Fellow from Columbia University much in need of social direction. I was older than the usual Kellett Fellow, I was married, my wife was pregnant, and under the hastily-organized terms of the fellowship, I was spending the first term of my two years as a bachelor.

A handbook said that new students were supposed to go for an interview with the Dean. The Dean was the Rev John A.T. Robinson, later the Bishop of Woolwich and author of "Honest to God," but then, just the Dean.

When I asked for an interview, Mr Robinson said, "Why in heaven do you want to see me?" "Because it says I should in the College notes?" "It does?" "Yes." "Well, I suppose you should come in."

I came in. We chatted for a while: "Do you attend Chapel regularly?" "I do not." "You really should, you know."

"Well, you see, I'm Jewish."
"I've never met a Jewish student before! ... well, then, there's that. Play any sports?"
"Not really."
"How about squash?"
"I've never played."
"Oh, you must. I'll teach you."

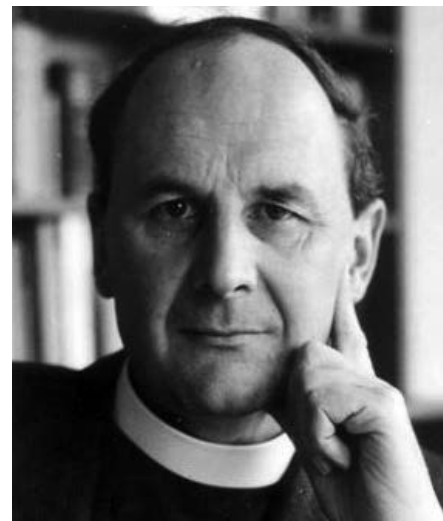
And so we made a date to meet at the squash courts the next day. I did not know what a person wears to play squash. I had never seen a squash game. All I could muster to wear were some basketball sneakers, an old pair of khaki trousers and a terry sweat shirt.

The Dean was waiting for me in the center court – the one with a glass window so spectators could watch. He looked at me with an expression that was not hard to read.

"Perhaps we should play in the closed court," he said.

In the course of the next half hour I only hit him with the racquet once, although I did hit him three times with the ball. At last he called a halt.

A couple of months later, my wife arrived. The baby was born at the home of a midwife,



Mrs Miles. The day after the birth, Mrs Miles' other guest room became occupied. I discovered that the other patient was Mrs John A.T. Robinson. Like us, they had a son, and John and I became friends and we learned about babies together.

We love hearing about your memories of Clare, people and place. Please get in touch if you'd like to share your experiences.

Richard Wald

Still in touch today...

On the 8th October 1963 four young men, Brian Colvin, Peter Christopher, Jonathan Emmerson and John Knox, came up to Clare as undergraduates. Having kept in touch over the intervening period it was 50 years later on 28th October 2013 that four old friends came back to Clare to have dinner in Hall. Their career paths have been very different, taking in the disparate spheres of Medicine, Teaching, Industry and Consulting – but in spite of this they all agree that nothing has been able to diminish the effect of two really important lessons learnt at Clare.

Firstly, each of them will still quote chunks of the Clare grace at the drop of a hat, and secondly, even now, none of them can suppress that awful sense of guilt when contemplating crossing any neatly manicured lawn. If you have any similar stories or are still in contact with your contemporaries we would love to hear your stories!

Then...



Now...



Dippermouth Theatre Company Jack Gamble (2009)

'Bold' because our work is innovative, stimulating and driven by creative challenges. 'Accessible' because it is outward-facing and engaging: to audiences old and new, to theatre practitioners, and to the communities in which we stage work.

Jack Gamble (English, 2009) has established a new theatre company with Quentin Beroud (Homerton, 2010) called 'Dippermouth'. Described as producing *'bold and accessible theatre'* Dippermouth has already become a huge hit in London, receiving universal critical acclaim.

Dippermouth's 2013 winter season included four plays over four months at Croydon, South Bank and West End theatres comprised almost entirely of Cambridge alumni. The first show, *Not About Heroes* met with rave reviews in November 2013 and the company went on to produce *Scrooge & Marley*, a revival of a hit ADC show for three weeks over Christmas. This retelling of Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* was described by RemoteGoat reviews as *'the strongest play running this Christmas and maybe even this year'*. *Bombshells* was another acclaimed show; a one-woman spectacular. Anthony Biggs, Jermyn Street Theatre's Artistic Director wrote, *'[Bombshells... is] a wonderfully accomplished production of the highest quality from Dippermouth, one of the UK's best theatre companies'*.

Jack and Quentin are to be congratulated on their latest triumph as they have just completed a series of Shakespearean workshops for schools across the UK. Dippermouth was selected to partner with the English-Speaking Union for the Performing Shakespeare programme. This initiative is designed to introduce Shakespeare to school children through active performance and engagement. Dippermouth provided expert workshops, developed alongside Shakespearean actors, directors and academics in schools across the country. They also oversaw a day of workshops at the ESU's headquarters in Mayfair, and judged the final of this year's Performing Shakespeare competition.



Jack Gamble commented that he and his fellow Cambridge contemporaries at Dippermouth were fortunate to have been able to benefit from the well-established support structure for theatrical work in Cambridge. He described a free platform on which students were able to stage plays with relative ease; for many it became the major part of their university experience. It is easy following graduation to find these support structures falling away, ultimately making working in theatre increasingly challenging. Dippermouth are trying to create their own infrastructure to support such people, and anyone interested in making exciting theatre, in London. They aim to offer funding and support for outstanding ideas, and to make connections with both established and new venues to give projects exposure.

First and foremost Dippermouth is committed to making theatre accessible to all. Jack Gamble explains, *"we're also determined to make our productions affordable and accessible, especially to those who might not go to the theatre ordinarily."*

At Clare I was involved with the outreach programmes to Hackney schools, and I remain especially passionate about broadening access through education. Under our Free First Night

scheme, secondary school students and teachers see our shows prior to public opening, receive a free programme, and participate in a talkback session with the actors and director following the performance. It's a chance to actively get involved with the creative process, as well as to experience theatre free and first-hand."

You can find out more about the work Jack and Quentin are doing at www.dippermouth.com

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There have been many, various interpretations of *The Dumb Waiter*... what Dippermouth has managed to provide is a play which will keep you on the edge of your seat, and send you out into the night thinking and questioning”

Clare wins top prize at the University of Cambridge Culinary Competition

Our Catering team are going from strength to strength, winning the coveted Stewards' Cup for a second year at the University of Cambridge Culinary Competition; marking themselves as being one of the top College catering teams in Cambridge.

The competition was held on 31st October at the Cambridge Regional College (CRC). Catering teams from the various Cambridge Colleges met at Cambridge Regional College and competed for individual honours, with the team prize, the Stewards' Cup, presented to the overall winners.

The competition this year was fierce, with chefs competing in a variety of categories. The 'live' categories were particularly exciting, with the internationally renowned judges scrutinising the chefs' every move and guests watching on screens in the serving area throughout these timed events.

Clare College's head chef, Luca Patriccioli, and our catering supervisor, Bonna Serra Slone, cooked and served a delicious starter, main course and dessert. Competitors were marked on the presentation and taste of the meal, the table set up, the quality of silver-service and the overall dining experience of their guests. The Clare College team is particularly pleased to have won this category, as it illustrates the all-round excellent experience of the delicious fresh food, combined with the efficient and friendly service found at Clare.

Clare's new pastry chef, Sarah French, exceeded expectations in her first competition with the College, receiving the gold medal and best in class awards for her entry in the Open Restaurant Plates Sweet category.

Mick Petty, Clare College Steward, said *"I am both delighted and extremely proud that Clare College has retained the Stewards' Cup. The numerous awards gained by our chefs and front-of-house staff are testament to the hard work and customer-focused ethic we embrace. The exposure to competition maintains a vital edge to our team and the knowledge they gain, by interfacing with the best from the catering industry, helps to keep us ahead of our competitors. The fillip this award provides to our Catering Department manifests itself in the*



continued drive to improve service levels to our students, fellows and visitors to the College and comes on the back of winning the Catering Environmental Award for best ethical and environmental practices in the University."

Hot on the heels of a successful win in The Cambridge Culinary Competition, our Sous Chef, Byron Franklin, competed in the final of the BCF competition in Birmingham. The BCF is a national competition which is normally populated by rising stars from Michelin starred hotels. Getting to the final is an outstanding achievement in itself.

Competing against the best that Britain has to offer, Byron was asked to present a 3 course meal within a 2 hour time limit. Coached by our own international chef judge, Lee Corke, Byron competed against 9 other chefs under the scrutiny internationally famous celebrity chefs boasting a total of 13 Michelin stars between them. No pressure there then!

The range and complexity of skills required for Byron's dishes meant that he used all but 2 minutes of the allotted time – a good sign, but not good for the jangling nerves as we proudly watched his progress from the spectator gallery. With all the dishes presented, the judges locked themselves away for almost 2 hours before reaching their final decision.

In what was a very close competition, of the highest standard, Byron came a magnificent 2nd being pipped to the post by Adam Handling, the runner up in the recent series of Master Chef – The Professionals. Having started the day pleased to be in the final and rubbing



shoulders with the best in Britain, Byron was initially disappointed with coming so close to the major prize; on reflection, he realised that his dishes had been superlative and that he had pushed the eventual winner – and the judges – all the way.

Clare Libraries: end of an era

This summer we said farewell to Anne Hughes who has been the devoted Librarian of Clare for the past 13 years. On 12 June a reception was held in the Master's Lodge to wish Anne a happy retirement and thank her for her service to the College. She has loved being a member of Clare, and commented on how much she has enjoyed being able to interact with Fellows and Students alike. Many of you will remember Anne from your days at Clare, and will remember the supportive influence she has had on the lives of Clare students. It is because of Anne that the Forbes Mellon Library is a welcoming and industrious space. Over her 13 years at Clare, Anne has seen the Library grow and prosper....

Archivist appointment

On Anne's arrival, the College had been without an Archivist for several years, and was something that Anne knew would be a much needed acquisition to the College. With the help of the then Bursar, the Development Office and the generous benefaction of the Bowring Family enough funds were available to recruit an archivist for two days a week. This initiation has led to the excellent and accessible resource we have at Clare.

Events, Exhibitions and Collections...

There have been a number of fantastic events organised by Anne for the College, notably in 2010 she hosted a talk by Janet Soskice the author of the 'Sisters of Sinai: how two lady adventurers found the hidden gospels'. Janet gave a fascinating talk about the role Clare played in the lives of Agnes and Margaret Smith: these remarkable women lived for a large proportion of their lives in Castlebrae House.

Anne not only looked after the Forbes Mellon Library, but the Fellows' Library also. Although a very different task, she remarks that both have been enjoyable in equal measure. The collection we have in the Fellow's Library is magnificent and frequent exhibitions are put on and opened to public visiting groups.

Constant changes

Anne explained that the Library has gone through a number of changes during her time, and noted that it is a constantly altering environment. For example, the Quiet Room has been transformed from a relatively ignored area to an environment for serious study with the addition of individual study carousels and wired internet access. The Library is now fortunate to benefit from the latest security and booking system which has revolutionised how the Library is managed on a day-to-day basis. Aesthetically it has remained fresh through frequent redecorations, and Anne has instigated more substantial developments



such as the Law Reading Room which was extended during the building of Thirkill Court.

Most satisfyingly, Anne notes that student presence and use of the Library continues to increase. Book requests are also higher than ever! This popularity is testament to the warmth and dedication Anne has given to the Library to make it a welcoming and industrious place for students to work.

A Farewell from the Archivist



Hello to all you Clare News readers! I haven't written anything for this magazine before so it seems odd that the first time I do is to announce that I'm leaving to take up the post of Archivist at Lincoln's Inn in London. I'm going to be really sad to leave Clare as it's been fantastic to work in such beautiful surroundings and with such great people for the last three years. I feel the College Archive is probably the best example of its type in Cambridge (and having also worked in four other Cambridge College Archives over the last four years I'd like to think I'm in a good position to make the comparison!). It contains fascinating and unique documents all of which provide a full account of the College's history and provide a great insight into College life from its foundation to the present

day, so you can guarantee there's information about you in here somewhere... I tried to think of a favourite few records to describe here but I just couldn't as they're all so different and each has its own merit. To get an idea of the records that I've enjoyed working with though, do please look at the Clare Through Time feature that I put on the Archives website each month (www.clare.cam.ac.uk/Clare-Through-Time). The last thing I want to say is next time you visit the College for an alumni event, please consider taking the extra time to contact the College Archivist and spend an afternoon in the College Archives to see just what fantastic records there are!

Robert Athol



For the green fingered...

We are fortunate at Clare to play host to some of the best, if not the best gardens in Cambridge. Steve Elstob, (Head Gardener) and his team work tirelessly all year to keep the gardens in pristine condition and regularly alter bedding plants to keep the garden design fresh and interesting.

If you would like to capture a little of the Clare gardens at home, Steve has shared some of his knowledge with us...

When the colour of the Lavender begins to fade prune back the flower, stalk and a small amount of this year's growth. Try to do this by the end of August with the summer flowering varieties. The plants will make a small amount of regrowth before the weather turns bad which will help see them through winter and improve their looks.

Keep up regular deadheading of bedding and patio plants.

Removing faded flower heads will improve their looks and encourage new flowers, and don't forget to feed them regularly.

And finally a must do job for a summer's evening in garden or patio is to bring out a comfortable chair and a glass of rosé, sit back, and enjoy your garden.

A Busy Year for the Schools Liaison Team...

The Schools Liaison Team has been busier than ever this year! Rebecca Blaylock and Stephanie Baughen are to be congratulated on their achievements of raising aspirations amongst school children and inspiring them to apply to University.

On top of their busy schedule of school visits, highlights from their recent programme include...

A Day in the Life of a Scientist was organised by Stephanie for Hackney sixth form students enrolled on the BSix STEM Programme, and Rebecca accompanied students from Coventry on a Spending Challenge with Civil Servants from the Cabinet Office.

In February the Clapton Lecture Series was held for students in Hackney. Various Clare Fellows delivered lectures on their specialist subjects at Clapton Girl's Academy, and students from across the borough were invited to join. Dr Fara began the series with a lecture discussing women in science.

The Partnership for Schools Event was kindly hosted by Clifford Chance in London. Attendees included supporters of the Access team, past Schools Liaison officers, partners, teachers and beneficiaries from the programme. Anton Chambers (2004) spoke candidly about the value of the schools programme from personal experience, as a former Clare student who grew up in Tower Hamlets.

In March Manorfield Primary School Year six were welcomed to Clare for a day of workshops, college tours and a trip to the Scott Polar Research Institute. The Institute was particularly popular with the students as

they are studying a book called 'Ice Trap: Shackleton's Incredible Expedition'

In the same month eleven students from the Sidney Stringer Academy in central Coventry came to Clare to learn more about Classics and the University in general. The group are the first students at their school to study Latin, and they were fortunate to benefit from teaching from Dr Weiss during their stay.

Rebecca and Stephanie took six undergraduates on the Access Bus to Coventry and Warwickshire for a week packed with school visits. The group were split in two and visited up to three schools a day, working with over 500 students over the week.

The schools they visited varied a lot, many expected large numbers of their students to apply to top universities; whilst others were hoping a few would progress to higher education. Despite the diversity, all the students were rewarding to work with.

The undergraduates who volunteered to take part in this tour were perhaps the best element of the tour, with many students expressing surprise as to how 'normal' they were!

These are just a few snippets from a very busy year for the Schools Liaison team. Clare continues to run one of the largest schools liaison programmes in both Oxford and Cambridge running 159 events both in and out of Cambridge, coming into contact with 6,328 students. The work that the programme does has real, tangible results – demonstrated by the number of students from our link areas who applied to Oxbridge this year and attended the interview preparation day.



The May Ball 2014 Primordial

The Clare May Ball was very 'Jurassic' this year! We watched with great interest as Old Court and the gardens were transformed into a past world, complete with 'live' dinosaurs and exotic animals. The committee worked tirelessly all year to present a truly memorable night, and should be applauded for their efforts.

We would love to hear your memories of May Balls past, please get in touch!

Back row, left to right: Dan Davies, Adam Wurr, Dom Carr
Middle row: Eloise Taysom, Joe Joyce, Rohan Sakhrani, Tisha Mirza, Fee Clapperton, Yunfei Li Song
Front row: Jac Davis, Natasha Boyd, Ben Miller, Frances Edmunds (President), Alice Bean, Sophie Wu



A premier for Cadogan Hall!

On 26 February this year the Clare Chapel Choir gave their first performance at Cadogan Hall accompanied by the Dmitri Ensemble (founded by Graham Ross, Director of Music and Jamie Campbell). The programme of music was entitled 'Music for the Departed' in order to recognise the hundred year anniversary of the First World War. Victoria's 1605 Requiem, one of the finest Renaissance works, was performed alongside Shostakovich's Chamber Symphony Op. 110a, dedicated to the 'victims of fascism and war'. Voices and strings combined for Beethoven's Elegischer Gesang, Brahms' Geistliches Lied, Tarik O'Regan's setting of John Fletcher's Care charming sleepe (the composer's first collaboration with the Choir) and Graham Ross' setting of Siegfried Sassoon's Secret Music. The programme concluded with a rare combined performance of Adagio for Strings/Agnus Dei, Barber's most poignant work.

Clare has some celebrity fans...



Pierce Brosnan was spotted filming at Clare for 'How to Make Love Like an Englishman', a film about a Cambridge professor of poetry who begins to re-evaluate his life of Byronic excess.... Look out for it in cinemas soon!



Sir Ian McKellan received an Honorary Doctorate of Letters in June this year. Here he is with our Head Porter, Jane Phelps.

Clare Catches Hay Fever!

The annual Hay Festival of Literature and the Arts took place on 22nd May to 1st June this year. With an enticing programme, featuring a number of Clare members, this year was one not to miss!

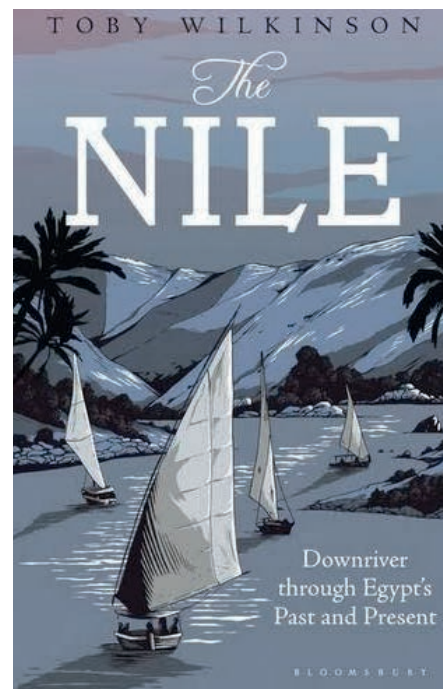
Fellows Dr Toby Wilkinson and Professor Paul Cartledge shared their in-depth knowledge of antiquity. Toby spoke about his recent publication, *The Nile: A Journey Downriver through Egypt's Past and Present* and welcomed Clare alumnus Paul Greatbatch (1977) as his Chair. He gave a repeat performance of this lecture at Clare for our Gala Day in June.

Paul Cartledge appeared twice during the festival, firstly discussing Homer in conversation with Adam Nicholson, and secondly speaking about his book *After Thermopylae*. In the later lecture Paul spoke about the Battle of Plataea in 479BC which is considered one of world history's neglected events. It comprehensively ended the threat of the Persian conquest for Greece. For the Spartans, the driving force behind the Greek victory, the battle was revenge for their defeat at Thermopylae the year before. In his lecture

Paul expertly exposes the Athenian/Spartan rivalry that rewrote the history books.

Alumni, Sir Tim Hunt FRS (1961) and Professor Robert Mair CBE FRS (1968, also former Master of Jesus College) gave lectures over the course of the festival. Tim Hunt gave the Royal Society Lecture, *A Life in Biology* in conversation with Roger Highfield. In 2001 Tim was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine with Paul Nurse and Leland H. Hartwell for their discoveries of protein molecules that control the division of cells. He talked about his award winning work and his life in biology. Professor Robert Mair gave a lecture entitled, *What's Going on Underground: Tunnelling into the Future of our Cities*. Robert is one of the world authorities on environmental engineering and in his lecture he examines the most challenging aspects of underground work faced by the world's most ambitious construction projects.

Every year the University Development Office holds a 'lavish afternoon tea of sandwiches, scones and clotted cream and delicious cakes' in the Summer House for Cambridge alumni. This year, festival organiser, Peter Florence



(Jesus 1983) gave a short welcome talk about the festival and its Cambridge connections. If you are planning a trip to the Hay Festival in the future, why not pop in?

1972 Cambridge

A celebration of the admission of female undergraduates

To mark the fortieth anniversary of the admission of female undergraduates to Cambridge two collaborative events were held between four colleges; Churchill, Clare, King's and Lucy Cavendish. Clare is proud of its history of admitting women into the College in 1972 – being one of the first three men's colleges to admit female undergraduates, following the appointment of its first female Fellows a year earlier.

The first event took place on Saturday 17 November 2012 at Clare and King's Colleges with over 400 attendees. The day began with tea and cake at Clare, followed by Evensong at King's. A Collaborative Concert was then held in the Chapel and featured spectacular performances by the Lucy Cavendish Singers, Penny Driver (Churchill), Cordelia Williams (Clare), Krysia Osostowicz (King's) lead violinist of the Dante Quartet, and a joint choir

consisting of current female students and alumnae from the four Colleges. To complete the celebration a 1970s themed Gala Dinner was held in King's College Hall.

The second event took place in Churchill College and featured a welcome in Wolfson Hall and two interactive panel discussions including alumnae/i from each of the four colleges on Science, Society & the Future; and Culture & Media.

The Panellists were as follows:

Dr Belinda Brooks-Gordon
Dr Helen Czerski
Dr Anne Glover
Dr Lisa Jardine-Wright
Professor Ottoline Leyser
Dr Ann Limb
Ms Sally Angel
Ms Yaba Badoo

Dr Anatole Kaletsky
Mr Tim Cribb
Ms Rosie Johnston
Mrs Anne Morrison
Ms Jane Purdon

There is still the opportunity to listen to these insightful discussions online at www.1972cambridge.co.uk



Professor Tony Badger marks 50th Anniversary of the assassination of JFK

The Master, in his capacity as the Chair of the Kennedy Memorial Trust, attended a memorial service at Runnymede in Surrey to mark the 50th Anniversary of the assassination of JFK. Also present were the US Ambassador, Matthew Barzun; JFK's granddaughter, Tatiana Schlossberg; and Leader of the House of Lords, Lord Hill of Oareford.

The memorial stone at Runnymede was unveiled by the Queen and Jackie Kennedy in 1965 on the site where the Magna Carta was sealed. It stands on an acre of land bequeathed by the crown in 1965 when the memorial was erected – technically the only American soil in the UK. The area is maintained and owned by the National Trust and features a stone inscribed with the words of the President's inaugural address in 1961, a 50 step pathway, a

hawthorn tree and an American scarlet oak. Tony commented, *'it is simply a mark of respect from the trustees and members of the British political groups to that lasting legacy that the President brought'*.

As the band played both the American and British National Anthems, the four laid wreaths at the foot of the Portland stone memorial during a moving ceremony remembering the President and reflecting on the contribution he made to both American and British politics. US Ambassador, Matthew Barzun said, *'I'm just deeply moved by the fact that the British people didn't do this because they were told to, or because they had to, they did it in the spirit of spontaneous generosity and that's a very powerful thing; something we need more of in both our countries.'*



Photo courtesy of the US Embassy London

STUDENT LIFE

Clareity Symposium 2014

Seven years after the first Clare Research Symposium, this year under a brand new umbrella name, the cross-disciplinary "Clareity Symposium" was a splendid success with a wonderful variety of talks and speakers.

The "Clareity Symposium" is a yearly event held at Clare at the end of Lent term that showcases the research interests and activities of college members at all levels, from undergraduate, through to graduate and research associate, with the aim to encourage interdisciplinary learning and discussion. This year's symposium was as successful as ever and a total of twenty speakers were selected to talk about their work, ranging from conservation and quantum physics, politics and art, to history and medicine. Furthermore, this year's plenary was given by Professor Nicky Clayton, fellow of the Royal Society and fellow at Clare, who gave a brilliant lecture about her amazing work on cognition. There was a great turn-out and lively discussion throughout the day, both after the talks and

over tea and lunch, and the day ended with a special three-course dinner in small hall for all the speakers, chairs and organisers.

It was wonderful to organise this year's symposium and see so many enthusiastic speakers and lively audience, and this splendid day would not have been possible without all the financial and moral support by College. What was new this year was that the symposium was part of a brand new structure called "Clareity". Already various academic events existed at Clare, but all mostly aimed at a specific part of the Clare community. Therefore, Clare Senior Tutor Patricia Fara and myself felt the need to integrate all these events and further improve the interaction between all members of Clare College and therefore created this umbrella structure. After successfully integrating the Great Book talk series held at Lent term and the MCR seminar evenings, soon the Clare Dilettante Society and the College Research Associates (CRA) joined as part of Clareity. The goal of "Clareity" is to provide



open and informal opportunities for all members of the Clare community to exchange ideas and learn about the latest work being carried out in the College. As I now pass-on my function as head of Clareity and organizer of the Clareity Symposium, I really look forward to the years to come and see further integration and enthusiasm of the diverse and lively community at Clare.

Jolle Jolles
Clareity President

www.clareity.co.uk

The Eco-House Society: the forefront of change

'We imagine a future where communities are empowered to live in ways which improve their environment. To develop in ways which eliminate poverty. To grow without excluding any individual.'

By 2050 the global population is predicted to have risen by a third: an extra two billion people competing for space, resources and a decent standard of living. Almost all these people will reside in the cities of developing countries. When you consider 40% of the world's greenhouse gas emissions come from cities in the developed world, it is clear that if the urban developing world doesn't grow in a more sustainable way there are huge implications for all of us.

A remarkable group of students from Cambridge are pioneering developments in sustainable housing that are set to significantly improve the lives of thousands of South Americans living in squalid conditions in the 'favela' shanty towns. Liz Schneider (Engineering, 2011) is the Communications Director of The EcoHouse Society, which is entirely student-led.

Over the past year her team have been building and testing prototypes which has been building up to an eight week placement trip to Quito and Sao Paulo this year. In March, we were lucky enough to

witness the group using the front lawn of Memorial Court at Clare to build a prototype of the house they have designed. This will hopefully form a transitional house that the Latin American NGO TECHO are offering to families in communities in need of housing.

In addition to building a transitional prototype the society joined with the TECHO Construction Directors who gave talks about housing in Sao Paulo and organised workshops in the Latimer Room earlier this year. The purpose behind the workshops was to design constraints and construction challenges. They have had success through group design exercises and knowledge collaborations from previous workshops they have led. They attempted to synchronise the designs of the EcoHouse Society with those of TETO Brazil and create a better understanding of Sao Paulo slum housing and look for creative solutions for specific challenges. A select group of students are sent on a placement to Quito and Sao Paulo every summer to test the prototypes and ideas, collect specific requirements and ensure continuous communication for the following year.

We would like to wish the EcoHouse Society good luck with their mission to South America, and for the significant improvements they are making to people's lives.

Clare Geologists come top in finals!

All three of the final year Geologists achieved firsts in Part III of the Natural Sciences Tripos. Tom Ingleby, David Byrne and Nick Evans are pictured with their Director of Studies, Nigel Woodcock, and with Rhea Sood, who got the top 2:1 in Part II.

Nigel Woodcock says, *'Clare is typically amongst the best colleges for Geology... but this year's results are outstanding. Excellent research projects made the difference, and mean that Tom, Dave and Nick all have Ph.D places, in Leeds, Oxford and Cambridge respectively.'*

Many congratulations on these excellent results!



Eco-House prototype taking shape on the front lawn of Memorial Court

A year at Clare

A collection of photographs reflecting the past year



23 Club Dinner



Partnership for Schools event at Clifford Chance



Summer at Clare



2014 Relics Regatta



Fellow's Library



Reunion Dinner 1951



Parent's Dinner



Graduation



Alumni Dinner 1992-5



Blues Diner



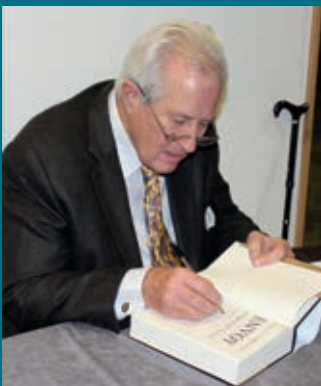
Gala Day



MA Graduation with Master



Reunion Dinner up to 1951



The launch of 'Envoy, A Diplomatic Journey' by Sir Nicholas Barrington



Relics Regatta



MA Graduation

Forthcoming Events

12 September 2014

Clare Golf Day

19 September 2014

1990/91 Reunion Dinner

20 September 2014

Alumni Council Meeting

26 September 2014

2000/1 Reunion Dinner

24 October 2014

Clare College Choir at the Royal Albert Hall

11 November 2014

Clare in Whitehall

3 December 2014

Clare Distinguished Lecture in
Economics and Public Policy

11 December 2014

Varsity Rugby Match

13 December 2014

Clare College Choir at St John
Smith's Square

9 January 2015

Benefactors' Dinner and Concert
(by invitation)

7 February 2015

Parents' Dinner

21 February 2015

1956-59 Alumni Dinner

20 March 2015

1962/63 Reunion Dinner

21 March 2015

MA Degree Ceremony (2008)

9 May 2015

Samuel Blythe Luncheon (by invitation)

27 June 2015

GALA DAY

25 September 2015

1972/73 Reunion Dinner

31 October 2015

1966-69 Alumni Dinner

Future Reunion and Alumni Dinners...

20 February 2016

1976-79 Alumni Dinner

18 March 2016

1982/83 Reunion Dinner

16 September 2016

1992/93 Reunion Dinner

23 September 2016

2002/03 Reunion Dinner

29 October 2016

1986-89 Alumni Dinner

Invitations will be sent out by the Development Office well in advance. Please ensure that you keep the Development Office up to date with changes of your email or home address.

For further details of all events please go to the website, [Clare College/alumni/events](http://ClareCollege/alumni/events), or email development@clare.cam.ac.uk or call 01223 333218



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