

GREAT EXPECTATIONS

The examination results announced in June proved to be the best Magdalene has achieved for some time and were a source of great satisfaction: Magdalene *redividus*. In that crude, but nonetheless influential, ranking - The Tompkins Table - the College rose to 13th spot; an improvement of some 7 places compared to last year and almost, in sporting terms, "a place in Europe". Often in the position of explaining our "supporting role" in the academic sprint race, this year we were left explaining our improvement: a more pleasant though not necessarily more straight-forward task. Of course, win

year, the Vice-Chancellor reminded the wider Cambridge community of the importance of the connection between the two and emphasised that the great research universities of the world are also, by and large, the great teaching academies; proof (if it were needed) that excellence in the one is no barrier to, and may indeed be a pre-requisite, of excellence in the other.

Practically and most significantly this connection is experienced through the supervision system. In a sense, supervisions are a luxury: students interact in small numbers on an everyday basis with the most eminent of the University's senior faculty. In a sense, they are a privilege: the most extraordinary resources are put at the disposal of the freshest undergraduate. They cost money of course, and are – again in an objective sense – a serious drain on every college's endowment. But, as anyone who has experienced the unique benefits of supervisions knows, they are also a necessity: the heart of the Cambridge learning experience, the *fons et origo* of intellectual adventure and the single most precious feature of an educational programme which exists for no other purpose than to promote excellence.



The Badlands of Dakota (1901) by Thomas Moran

or lose, it is important to add a significant qualifier: the table is one of finely-graded excellence in which, given the extraordinary achievement of all Cambridge students, the difference between top and bottom is slight and the nuances endless. Still, it is good to celebrate success when it comes; so celebrate we did.

The University too has been achieving in the *Premier League*. Once again it is the highest ranked of the UK Universities in the two most influential international tables – 4th in the *Shanghai Jiao Tong* and 2nd to Harvard in the *THES*. The fact that only Cambridge and Oxford stand in the way of a total monopoly of the top ten places by US Universities is important: an encouragement to some and a warning to others as the production of knowledge, like the production of everything else, localises even as it globalises.

It is worth remarking that, amongst the American universities, success in these tables is highly correlated with institutional wealth: another straw in the wind for those who care to read it and an indication that, in the international competition for students and for faculty, only those with the strongest exchequers will stay at the top. Currently, Oxford and Cambridge compete amongst the world's elite on far smaller endowments than our American peers which may be a matter for congratulation in the short term but for concern in the longer.

At the heart of Cambridge's excellence lie two important factors: the University's research strength and its unique teaching "system". In her speech last

Excellence does not come cheap: the costs of an Oxbridge education are higher than those of other UK Universities and are, for this reason, an object of ministerial attention. Yet if Cambridge is not about excellence, then it is about nothing and it is becoming increasingly clear that the battle for Cambridge is not for its survival as a University but for its survival as a place of excellence. The struggle is not simply to secure funding to make do, but to secure

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funding to maintain the best; to nurture the brightest minds and to secure the UK's "gold standard" in higher education.

The University's mission statement rightly recognises that our students are our most important "export", our contribution to the nation and, increasingly, to the world. Our students – undergraduate and graduate – arrive with great expectations and, thanks to the excellence of the teaching and support they receive here, they leave with great expectations too: expectations upon which not only their own futures, but the future of our society at large will increasingly depend.

MARK BILLINGE



DEVELOPMENT

mugdalenes - cultivating a habit



ASK ANY IVY LEAGUE FUND-RAISER the secret of Campaign success, and they are as likely as not to utter a single word: *habit*; in particular the habit of

regular giving acquired at an early age. Of course American institutions take this to what the British might consider extremes: no sooner have students joined an institution than they are part of a year group competing with all others for the prize of "best in show" or its fundraising equivalent.

For some time now, we too have recognised the value of involving alumni in regular giving early in their post-residential careers.

Historically, annual participation rates in Magdalene have been modest (some 6-8% of members give in any year) and, though this improved last year to 12% - largely as a result of the Telethon - it remains our aim (as well as our obligation under the *800th Campaign* protocols) to raise the rate further.

This year we have sought to engage our most recent graduates through a new scheme - named *mugdalenes* - which we hope will bring advantage both to donors and to the next generation of undergraduates.

In return for a commitment to give £10 per year for 3 years, members of the class of 2004 (who graduated in the summer) will be

enrolled in *mugdalenes* and will receive a special commemorative mug (hence the title) as well as an invitation to a summer reunion in eighteen months time (i.e. eighteen months prior to their MA reunion in 2010). Donations secured through *mugdalenes* will be given to the relief of student hardship and to the Wyvern Trust: a practical expression of support from one generation to its immediate successors.

We hope that *mugdalenes* will help cement the strong bond between members of the class of 2004. Anyone who graduated this year and who has not yet signed up to *mugdalenes* is warmly encouraged to do so by contacting: development@magd.cam.ac.uk



HAVE BURSAR WILL (AID) TRAVEL

RETIRING SENIOR BURSAR ANDREW THOMPSON has commemorated the end of his Bursarship by making a handsome gift to endow an annual Travel Scholarship to be awarded to a graduate student.

In making his gift, Andrew commented, "I am particularly keen to do something for the graduate community. Whilst there can never be enough travel awards given the immense benefit which students derive from them, the number available for graduates is particularly

meagre. I hope that others will be encouraged to make gifts of this sort in an area where relatively modest sums can make a real impact."

The first award will be made early next year for travel during the Long Vacation 2008.



Andrew Thompson

CAMPAIGN NEWS

£10,921,039

was given or pledged to the Magdalene Campaign by 30 September 2007

Contributions totalling £6,022,430 have been received from 1,861 members of the College, i.e. 29% of the membership

CAMPAIGN TARGET

£20,000,000

magdaleneplus +



IN THE SPRING OF THIS YEAR, the College launched *magdaleneplus*, its new online "privileges club" for members. The purpose of *magdaleneplus* is to offer members access to a range of goods, services and events which they can enjoy as individuals or with friends and family as best suits their particular lifestyles.

magdaleneplus is important to us, partly because it enables us to increase greatly the scope of our services to alumni but also because it brings the benefits of Magdalene membership closer to home, requiring neither

time nor travel in order to reap the rewards.

The scheme was launched with a Food and Drink Club which offered quality food and wine - delivered to members' doorsteps at discounted rates - and also discounted meals at an expanding range of restaurants local to them.

As promised, the scheme is now diversifying and last month saw the launch of the Sports Clubs section which offers privileged access to sporting events and to sporting goods. The next development will be the Travel Club, followed (in 2008) by a Club devoted to cultural events: concerts, theatre etc.

Members who register a particular interest or interests will receive a regular newsletter tailored to their stated preferences.

magdaleneplus is free to all registered members of *webALUMNUS* which is itself free to members of the College. For further details on how to register, please visit: www.magdalene.cambridge.com/magdalene%20plus.html and follow the online instructions.

teach-in:

ON 19 OCTOBER the College hosted its first Development Seminar, the aim of which was to explain the objectives of the *Magdalene Campaign*, to set out the College's current financial position and investment strategies and to explore the relationship between the *Magdalene* and the *800th* campaigns. Those speaking included the Senior Bursar, the Fellow for Development, Mr Edward Benthall (1981) Chair of the *800th Campaign* Council, together with Tom Pope and Jason Hafler (the JCR and MCR Presidents). After the formal talks, the Master chaired and led a lively discussion. Such was the success of the event that plans are afoot to repeat it - probably at a suitable location in London.



MEMBERS' NEWS

A POET IN LAWYERLAND ...



LAWRENCE JOSEPH (1972), who came to Magdalene from the University of Michigan as a Power Scholar, is that most singular of men: an academic and a teacher of Law who is also a writer,

essayist, critic and one of the leading American poets of his generation.

A son of Detroit, Lawrence won the 1983 *Agnes Lynch Starrett Poetry Prize* for his first book, *Shouting at No One*. This was followed by *Curriculum Vitae* (1988); *Before Our Eyes* (1993); *Codes, Precepts, Biases, and Taboos: Poems 1973-1993* (2005) and, most recently, *Into It* (2005) which garnered a front page review in the *New York Times Book Review*.

Among his awards are a Guggenheim Fellowship and two National Endowment for the Arts Poetry Fellowships.

In his "day job" Joseph is Tinnelly Professor of Law at St John's University School of Law in New York and has published in the areas of labour, employment, tort, jurisprudence, law and literature, and legal theory.

However, Lawrence may yet become best known for his prose work *Lawyerland*. Published in 1997 to critical acclaim, it has been optioned for a film by John Malkovich which will be written and directed by John Walter. Lawrence was a distinguished contributor to the College's *Festival of Literature* and will also appear at Cambridge in America's CAM Day on Saturday 1 December at the CUNY Graduate Center in New York. He has recently described writing poetry as "not an alternative but a necessity".

OUR MAN IN HAVANA

STEPHEN GIBBS (1986) read English at Magdalene and is the BBC's Foreign Correspondent in Cuba. He became something of a *cause célèbre* earlier this year when, along with colleagues from *The Chicago Tribune* and the Mexican daily *El Universal*, his accreditation was withdrawn by the Cuban authorities. All three - long-standing commentators on the Cuban scene - complained that "their way of approaching the Cuban situation", was deemed "negative" and that they had been ordered to leave. As *Magdalene Matters Sans Frontiers* noted in defending the journalists "The reasons for these expulsions are clear. The Cuban regime is hard put to understand that the press is not a propaganda tool. It should realise the foreign

media is not there to please any government, any more than Cuba's own media should be."

Stephen's reflections on leaving Cuba were broadcast on the BBC's *From our own Correspondent* in early September. A transcript can be found at http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/programmes/from_our_own_correspondent/6972511.stm



THE SPIRIT OF PECKARD



BARRY MICHAEL WOLFE (1980) came to Magdalene to study for the MPhil in Public International Law, having graduated from Edinburgh University. He has lived in Brazil since 1986 where he has worked tirelessly as a human rights lawyer and activist. He is also a photographer who uses the medium of photography to highlight the plight of Brazil's most marginalised, oppressed and vulnerable communities. His exhibition *Expressions of a Hidden City* was mounted in June this year

sponsored by the Brazilian National AIDS Programme.

A specialist in criminal organizations and subcultures, Barry is considered an authority on the investigation of corporate and financial crime in Brazil and is a former Consultant to Control Risks Group and Director of KPMG Forensic. He has extensive experience in crisis management and incident response, always with the sole objective of protecting the victim, be it a company, a bank or an individual. His cases include several of the largest bank frauds in recent years. In the pharmaceutical sector, he has advised international pharmaceutical companies in relation to counterfeiting and related crimes, in particular involving HIV drugs.

As a lawyer, he is known for his readiness to take on polemical and often unpopular cases involving injustice against those in a position

of disadvantage or unable to protect themselves. In Brazil, such a posture has its price, and led to *Projeto Nome Delas* which aims to raise awareness of human rights issues amongst Brazil's transvestite and transsexual community through both art and direct activism.

In a recent letter to the College, Barry has written: "The academic research side of my work extends to sociological and legal aspects of subcultures, discrimination, pimping, slavery and human trafficking. My photographs are taken at night in the red light area of São Paulo, known as Boca do Lixo (Mouth of Garbage) and in the houses run by pimps where they live."

Readers of *Magdalene Matters* will know that Barry's tireless work in this area stands in a proud Magdalene tradition of human rights activism.

NEWS IN BRIEF

PETER SALINSON (1958) will soon be defending his title of Veteran French Squash Champion at a competition in Paris. He has held the title for the last 10 years!

PROFESSOR NEIL STRATFORD (1958) received the medal of *Officier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres* in June 2007 at the Institut Culturel of the French Embassy, London.

TIM NEGUS (1962) has completed production of his 11th vintage of *Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Cabernet Franc* wines from his Australian vineyard. Those finding themselves down under and curious to taste them are assured of a warm welcome.

CHRISTOPHER WELLS (1962) was awarded the MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List for services to English Choral Music in France.

LT COL HYWEL DAVIES (1964) has been re-elected Senior Councillor for South Ayrshire Council. He has special responsibility for Life-long Learning and Prosperity.

JOHN FLETCHER (1970) has become an Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons.

IAN KUNKLER (1970) has been appointed to the Chair of Clinical Oncology at the University of Edinburgh.

SULTAN GHALIB AL-QUAITI (1973) has published *A History of the Two Holy Cities: from the Earliest Times to 1925*.

ALEX ELLIS (1986) has been appointed Her Majesty's Ambassador to the Portuguese Republic.

KYRIE JAMES (1988) has been appointed as an Immigration Judge and was recently re-appointed to the Parole Board for England and Wales.

ELIZABETH WILLIAMS (1988) has published a novel: *Precious Dragon*.

STEPHEN HAMPTON (1990) has been appointed Dean of Peterhouse, Cambridge.

Our warmest congratulations go to them all.

MEMBERS' OFFERS

These wines are available to members at special prices through CAMBRIDGE WINE MERCHANTS. Further details can be found on [webALUMNUS](#).

AUSTRALIA

Sacred Hill Semillon-Chardonnay 2006 de Bortoli: A Gold Medal winner at IWC 2006 and deservedly so. Fresh citrus flavours and a touch of honey to finish. Perfect with chicken, fresh fish or salads, this quaffable Australian white also works well as an aperitif. RRP £4.99 - offer price **£4.50**

FRANCE

Sauvignon de Touraine 2006: Domaine Mandard: Next door to Sancerre, Domaine Mandard produces top notch Sauvignon Blanc and this is no exception. Pinging citrus flavours and a hint of gooseberry combine with the wonderful chalkiness you would expect in a classic Sauvignon Blanc. RRP £7.99 – offer price **£6.99**

Château la Graula 2004: From a small château, this principally Merlot blend is a feast of plums and black fruits. Deep and full-bodied, this is a wonderful wine for entertaining. RRP £6.25 - offer price **£5.75**

ITALY

Fiano Mandrarossa 2006 (Sicily): Native to the Campania region of Italy, the Fiano grape has found a new home in Sicily and the Mandrarossa is a great example. A fantastic nose of apricots and peaches followed by citrus on the palate and long-lasting fruitiness in the finish. RRP £6.95 - offer price **£5.99**

Antonio 2003, Orcia DOC: 80% Sangiovese and 20% Cabernet Sauvignon, this BIG Tuscan is full of red fruits and oakiness on the palate with a spicy finish. Pair with medium-rare steak or other red meats for a real treat! RRP £13.99 - offer price **£10.49**

NEW ZEALAND

Pinot Noir 2005, Esk Valley: New World Pinot Noir continues to challenge traditional French dominance. Plums and black cherries in spades here and a lovely velvety mouth-feel. Enjoy now or cellar for even more complexity. RRP £12.49 - offer price **£9.49**

PORT

Smith Woodhouse LBV 2001, Douro: Ever a favourite, this Smith Woodhouse is wonderfully

full-bodied with lots of plum and dried fruit flavours. Particularly good with the cheeseboard, it's a fine way to end a meal. RRP £10.99 - offer price **£8.25**

WHISKY

Sound of Islay: "Sound of Islay" Magdalene College own label single malt whisky. **£14.99** (70cl).

Please note that any of these wines are limited in stock and will be available on a first come first served basis.

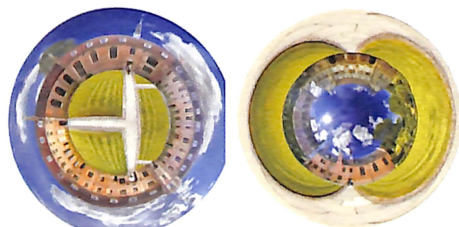
ORDERING

The featured wines (as well as a range of Magdalene glassware) can be ordered by post, telephone or email from:

Cambridge Wine Merchants Ltd,
2 King's Parade Cambridge, CB2 1SJ
tel: 01223 309309
magdalene@cambridgewine.com

Postage and packing is £10 per case (12 bottles) for wine and whisky and the minimum order is 12 bottles, which may comprise any mixture of whiskies and wines. P&P for Glassware is £10 per 8 glasses or per decanter.

THE HARMONY OF THE SPHERES



FOR THOSE OF US LUCKY ENOUGH to spend our waking time in Magdalene, a far from unusual sight is that of photographers (variously equipped and variously talented)

happily snapping away at the College's familiar landmarks. What is more remarkable - given there can be little in, or about, College that has not received "the treatment" over the years - is the fact that so many of them manage to find new angles on the familiar and of producing images which startle in their novelty.

This was surely never more true than in the case of Edward Hill (1967) who has pioneered an entirely different way of

seeing the familiar through the production of "photospheres": images which capture objects through 360 degrees and from both an upward-looking and downward-looking perspective.

His most recent subject is Magdalene: in particular First and Second Courts. He has produced four stunning photospheres (two of each Court). Each is available as a limited edition print (58cm X 58 cm). Details can be found on his website: www.glastartists.com

ASSOCIATION ESSAY PRIZE

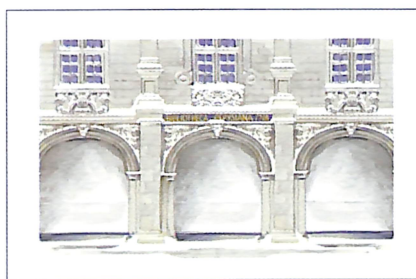
The Association is offering a prize of £500 for an essay on some aspect of Magdalene life. The competition is open to all members of the College, resident & non-resident (including undergraduates), their partners, Fellows, Staff and all friends of the College.

The essay should address some aspect of Magdalene history or its alumni; a memoir of time at Magdalene; or a piece of creative writing inspired by, or linked to, Magdalene.

Essays should not exceed 5,000 words. No critical apparatus is required but a list of books/articles for further reading should be included (this does not count against the word limit). Illustrations may be included. Three copies should be submitted by 31 December 2007 to: Dr Mark Billinge, Magdalene College, Cambridge, CB3 0AG.

The winner will be announced at the Association AGM in the spring of 2008 and may be published (perhaps in edited form) in the *College Magazine*. Enquiries about the essay prize should be directed to the Secretary of the Association, Mr Chris Babbs (1969) (020 8668 2775; email: chrisbabbsuk@waitrose.com).

CHRISTMAS CARD 2007...



The College has commissioned a new Christmas Card from local Cambridge artist Roger Connelly. Roger, who has worked in England and Australia and whose clients include the Royal Family and the National Trust, has sketched many of the Cambridge colleges. This is his second drawing of Magdalene: a modern take on the Pepys Building under snow.

The card measures 12 x 8 cm and limited numbers are available in packs of 5 for £3.99 plus 50p post and packing. There are two versions one with a blank inside and one containing the message "Wishing You a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year".

To place an order please telephone 01223 332104 or email development@magd.cam.ac.uk stating which version you would like. Orders will be dispatched on receipt of a cheque or credit card details.

CRIPPS COURT MAGDALENE COLLEGE CAMBRIDGE

Members are reminded that the facilities of Cripps Court are available for hire for meetings, conferences, weddings and dinners. Non-residential meetings can be arranged in Term time, whilst residential conferences can be accommodated during the Vacation.

Any member interested in organising an event in College is invited to contact Mr Alan Fuller (Conference and Catering Manager) by telephone: +44 (0)1223 764521; by email: af274@magd.cam.ac.uk or by post at: Magdalene College, Cambridge CB3 0AG.



"Great news on our greenhouse targets. We've bred a cow that doesn't release any methane."

THE COLLEGE

landfest 2008-9



FOLLOWING THE HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL LITERARY FESTIVAL HELD IN 2005-6, the College is now planning to hold a Festival on the theme of 'Landscape' during the Michaelmas Term 2008. The core of the programme will comprise six events between 22 October and 26 November 2008. Each will be structured around a distinctive landscape theme. After a launch event, we hope to cover 'Coasts'; 'Rocks and Mountains'; 'Fens and Bogs'; 'Woods and Forests'; and 'Urban Landscapes and The Built Environment'. Each will seek to mix different ways of responding to land-

scape, both in the present and the past and to examine how we may respond to future landscape change. Individual programmes are likely, therefore, to mix talks with film and video clips, poetry reading and music.

As an *agent provocateur* of the overall programme, we hope to have an 'environmentalist in residence', to organise an event for schools, run a competition for children on environmental sustainability and explore the theme of 'landscape and gardens' through an open gardens event in and around the College. The presiding organisers of what will be dubbed - almost inevitably - the *landfest* are Dr Jane Hughes and Dr Tom Spencer. Watch this space - and the College website - for further news as plans develop. We look forward very much to welcoming members back to College for this major celebration of landscape. For further information, contact: litfest@magd.cam.ac.uk

A LIGHT EXISTS IN SPRING:
by Emily Dickinson

A light exists in spring
Not present on the year
At any other period.
When March is scarcely here

A color stands abroad
On solitary hills
That science cannot overtake,
But human nature feels.

It waits upon the lawn;
It shows the furthest tree
Upon the furthest slope we know;
It almost speaks to me.

Then, as horizons step,
Or noons report away,
Without the formula of sound,
It passes, and we stay:

A quality of loss
Affecting our content,
As trade had suddenly encroached
Upon a sacrament.



FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Steven Morris, our new Senior Bursar officially took up office on 1 October. Steven is no stranger to adversity, having joined the University's financial administration in the immediate wake of the CAPSA fiasco. Not the least of his achievements during his time in the Old Schools was to mastermind the University's recovery from that low point. Happily, he inherits an altogether more stable (though still challenging) situation in Magdalene. Never a man to shrink from a challenge, Steven and his wife Kaye have notched up the "degree of difficulty" just a tad: Kaye gave birth to their second child (Henry) on 25 September. Our best wishes and congratulations go to them all.



Steven Morris

thought; and two new Bye-Fellows: *Jonathan Heffer* (an aeronautical engineer working to improve jet engines) and *James Wade* (a mediaevalist who works on faeries in mediaeval literature).

Professor Nicholas Boyle gave his inaugural lecture as Schröder Professor of German in the Sir Humphrey Cripps Theatre on 18 October. His title was *The bourgeois and the official: a theme in German literary history*.

Professor Eamon Duffy has been busy "broadcasting". He was chosen to give this year's Birkbeck Lectures in Ecclesiastical History on the subject of *Inventing the counter-reformation: religion under Mary Tudor* and also made a series of programmes for Radio 4, broadcast in late October, on the subject of *Popes who shook the world*.

This year's Parnell Visiting Fellow is *Professor Terence Brown* CMG, Professor of Anglo-Irish Literature at Trinity College Dublin.



Terence Brown (centre) with Seamus Heaney (right)

Terence has written widely on modern Irish history, culture and literature including studies of Seamus Heaney and Michael Longley. He is also a biographer of Yeats.



Michael Carpenter

We look forward to his *Parnell Lecture* later this Term on Monday 19th November.

Professor Michael Carpenter has been elected President of the Mineralogical Society of Great Britain and Ireland

for 2008-2009.

Dr Neil Jones has been appointed Assistant Literary Director of the Seldon Society (the world's premier English legal history society).



Jane Nolan

Dr Jane Nolan has been awarded a 3 year Nuffield Foundation New Career Fellowship in the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences.

Honorary Fellow Sir *Mark Malloch Brown* was elevated by the

Prime Minister to the peerage as Minister for Africa, Asia and the United Nations.

In between visits to Afghanistan and Iraq Honorary Fellow *John Simpson*, has written and published *Not quite world's end: a traveller's tales*. Its cover carries a personal endorsement from Honorary Fellow *Nelson Mandela*.



Honorary Member *Raja Dr Nazrin Shah*, the *Raja Muda of Perak* married Ms *Zara Salim Davidson* on 17 May. Our warmest congratulations and best wishes go to them both. On 18 May Tuanku



Raja Dr Nazrin Shah and Tuanku Zara Salim

Zara Salim was proclaimed *Raja Puan Besar Perak*, a title which has been vacant for more than two decades.



Rowan Burnstein

We welcome to the Fellowship *Dr Rowan Burnstein* who will be looking after our clinical medical students. Dr Burnstein is Director of Neurocritical Repair in the Brain Repair Unit of Addenbrooke's Hospital. Dr Burnstein's

first degree was obtained at the University of Sydney: she thus strengthens the already remarkable representation of Aussies amongst members of the SCR.

We also welcome two new Research Fellows: *Dr Matthew Bell* (Neville Fellow) a zoologist and pupil of Tim Clutton-Brock and *Dr Chris Watkin* (Lumley Fellow) a modern linguist who specialises in modern French

ALUMNI EVENTS

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please note: full details of all events are available on our website; places for many of them can be reserved online via [webALUMNUS](#)

2007

Friday 2 November: Vancouver Dinner *
Vancouver Club, 915 West Hastings Street VC6 1C6
6.30 for 7pm. CAN\$120 Business attire. Organised
by Richard Whittall.
Contact: rwhittall@watershedpartners.ca

Monday 5 November: San Francisco Dinner *
Butterfly Restaurant, Embarcadero 7pm. Organised
by Alex Shultz. Contact: alex.shultz@cantab.net

Tuesday 6 November: CAM/MAM Boulder Event
Reception & Lecture * (Dr Mark Billinge) 6pm
Dinner (optional) 8pm. Contact: eliza@cantab.org

Friday 9 November: 16th New York Dinner* Union
Club, 101 East 69th Street 6.15 for 7pm. Organised
by Robert Chartener. Business attire £100 (\$50 for
those under 25 or in full time education). Contact: MAM@magd.cam.ac.uk

Thursday 22 November: Magdalene in the City,
The Portland Gallery, 8 Bennet St (off Arlington
Street) SW1A 1RP, courtesy of Tom Hewlett (1971)
6-8pm. RSVP: MiC@magd.cam.ac.uk

2008

Thursday 3 January: Hong Kong Dinner * Jockey
Club, Happy Valley, Hong Kong. 6pm for 6.30pm.
HK\$500 (excl. drinks). Organised by Wendy
Meharg. Contact: wendymeharg@hotmail.com

Saturday 29 March: Association Dinner and AGM *
tea 4pm; lecture tbc 4.30; AGM 6.30; dinner 7
for 7.30. Cost £47; £28 accommodation. Black tie
(optional) Contact: chrisbabbsuk@waitrose.com

Saturday 10 May: MA Day (for those who
matriculated in 2001) 10.30am-5pm. Invitations
sent out in Jan/Feb 2008.
Contact: congregations@magd.cam.ac.uk

Friday 13 June: Association Golf Day, Royal St
George's, Weybridge. 8am breakfast (limited to
16 persons). Cost £65.
Contact: miles@brackendene.freeserve.co.uk

Thursday 3 July: Association Lunch and Tour of the
University Botanic Gardens * (led by Prof. Peter Grubb).
11am-4pm. Cost £45 plus £8 for the Tour.
Contact: chrisbabbsuk@waitrose.com

Tuesday 21 October: House of Commons Dinner *
7.30pm. Kindly sponsored by Henry Bellingham
MP (1974) Cost tbc.
Contact: chrisbabbsuk@waitrose.com

COLLEGE REUNIONS (2008)

Saturday 3 May: Lunch 1950-1954 * free

Saturday 29 June: Dinner 1994-1996

Friday 19 September: Dinner 1997-1998

Friday 26 September: Dinner up to 1959

2009 DIARY

28 March: Association Dinner & AGM *

2 May: Reunion Lunch up to 1951 * free

27 June: Reunion Dinner

2 July: Association Lunch *

18 September: Reunion Dinner

25 September: Reunion Dinner

Please note that further events will be added to this
calendar. For the latest details please go to:
www.magdalenecambridge.com

* guests are most welcome at events marked with an
asterisk

MAGDALENE ABROAD



2007-8 PROMISES TO BE AN IMPORTANT YEAR
for the College as we seek to expand the
involvement of our members worldwide.
Further improvements to the services we
can offer online (including the additions to
[magdalenePlus](#) featured elsewhere in this
issue) go hand in hand with our attempts to
increase participation in the "real" events
organised by our various overseas groups.
We are currently in advanced negotiations

with members in South Africa and in Cyprus/
Greece to add events in those territories to
our present international roster.

In the meantime, MAM and MAP continue to
offer exciting programmes in North America
and Asia respectively, whilst closer to home,
the Magdalene Association has its usual
eclectic mix of events, details of which can
be found above. (Finding an Australasian
member willing to help with MOz remains
an elusive goal at present, but we continue
to hope.)

In early November Mark Billinge & Rachelle
Stretch will undertake their autumn US tour
which this year takes in the West Coast of
the US and Canada. In the week prior to the
New York Dinner on 9 November there will

be dinners in Vancouver (2 November), Sa
Francisco (5 November) and Boulder
(6 November). The Boulder event (held
jointly with Cambridge in America) will centre
around a lecture by Mark Billinge on *Theatre-
going in nineteenth-century Italy*.

In January the Master will make his customary
visit to Hong Kong and will attend the
re-scheduled Hong Kong Dinner on 3 January.

We remain immensely grateful to our local
organisers and to our members who support
these events in such heart-warming numbers.

For further details of all events visit: <http://www.magdalenecambridge.com/Magdalene%20Overseas.html>

REUNION SCHEDULE

THE ADDITION OF A THIRD REUNION DINNER IN JUNE has allowed the College to
fulfil a pledge to our members to reduce the interval between year Reunions to about 5
years in most cases. This improved frequency of Reunions has already been warmly
welcomed by returnees and we look forward to meeting members as follows:

YEAR	MAY LUNCH	MA CEREMONY	JUNE REUNION DINNER	SEPTEMBER REUNION DINNER 1	SEPTEMBER REUNION DINNER 2
2008	1950-1954	2001	1994-1996	1997-1998	up to 1959
2009	up to 1951	2002	1999-2000	1960-1964	1965-1969
2010	1952-1956	2003	1970-1972	1973-1975	1976-1978
2011	up to 1953	2004	2001-2002	1979-1981	1982-1984
2012	1954-1958	2005	1985-1987	1988-1990	1991-1993
2013	up to 1955	2006	2003-2004	1994-1996	1997-1999

Members are asked to note that, from 2008 onwards, the September Reunions will be held on two
successive Fridays in late September rather than on adjacent Friday/Saturday evenings. All members
affected by this change will be notified in due course.

If any member has concerns or questions about the date of their Reunion (which is based upon the
year of matriculation) they should contact the Alumni & Development Office.

Dining in College



ALL MAS OF THE COLLEGE as well as those with
qualifying higher degrees
are entitled to dine in
College once per Term free
of charge. To encourage
more members to do so,
the College has introduced
a series of Non-Resident
Members (NRM) Dining Evenings on selected
Fridays and Saturdays each Term. Though
NRM dining is not restricted to these dates, we
do encourage as many as wish to take up
this opportunity to return to Magalene to do
so. Future dates are: 18 January, 2 February,
23 February and 7 March.

Drinks are served from 7pm in the Peckard
Room (next to the Senior Combination Room).
Contact: alumni@magd.cam.ac.uk