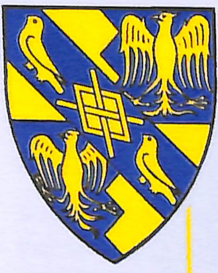


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# Magdalene Matters

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## Mind the Gap?

**gap**, *gap*, n. an opening or breach: a cleft: a passage: a breach of continuity. [O.N. *gap*.]

Autumn: the Michaelmas Term and “gaps” are in the air.

For many, there have been Gap-years and, inevitably, gaps in the onrush of academic learning: gaps too between “homes” old and new, between Sixth Form and University, between expectation and experience. Undergraduates are characteristically of an age at which GAP is as likely to suggest a clothes shop in the High Street as a shortfall in trade between imports and exports: a

rather the gap which justifies why we are fundraising at all. That is, the gap – perhaps soon to become a gulf – between the current cost of education and the ability or willingness of the State to meet such costs.

As the Master recently reminded those attending the Reunion Dinners: “Whether or not you agree with the idea of top-up fees, the fact that they are being discussed at all is an explicit recognition that there is a problem: a growing differential between the cost of providing a first class University education and the resources which the State makes available to cover such costs.”

At Magdalene, we remain determined that, whatever the costs of such provision, we will neither dilute the quality of what we offer, nor



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recognition which prompts some of us to realise that we are now on the wrong side of another gap: the generation gap for which we once thought our parents exclusively responsible. Amongst the Fellowship there is talk of the gap in perception between what the College and the University are actually doing and how that is interpreted by Government or portrayed in the press; whilst, more generally, the news is filled with evidence – when was it not – of the development gap: the widening breach between rich and poor. For an international community like Magdalene’s that too has its local as well as its global resonances. Gaps then, like breaches in a Fenland flood, to the left, right and centre.

However, those most closely involved in the Campaign might be forgiven for dwelling on a Development gap still nearer to home: no, not the obvious one between the Campaign’s target and our current achievement, but

restrict access to it only to those with the ability to pay. It is our resolve to achieve these ambitions which gives both force and urgency to the twin priorities of the Magdalene Campaign: firstly, to make good the shortfall in State funding in order that we can plan for the future confident that we have the financial means to determine our own destiny; and secondly to build up our resources to support, through Access and Scholarship Bursaries, students in hardship. Only by offering such support can the College pursue a needs-blind admissions policy which ensures that those with the ability to come to Magdalene are not denied a place on financial grounds. These two objectives have always been at the Campaign’s heart and will continue to be so. In short, minding the gap must not mean that the doors are closing; rather that the College is moving forward and in the right direction.

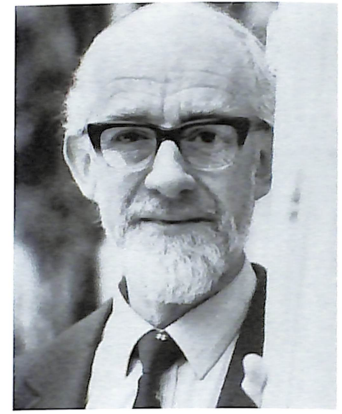
Mark Billinge

## No Minister!

Honorary Fellow, Sir Antony Jay (1948) co-author of *Yes Minister* and *Yes Prime Minister* has made a substantial donation to the Campaign. Widely known for his invention of the hapless Jim Hacker and that eponym of civil servants Sir Humphrey, Tony found himself ending each episode with a characteristic "Yes Minister!". However, his own inclinations are very different, as he told *Magdalene Matters*:

*"I have seen enough of the workings of Government to know how it contaminates and deforms almost any institution it subsidises. It offers a cross between a Faustian bargain and a Borgia banquet. The most urgent task for Magdalene is to recover its independence and I cannot think of a better cause to contribute to."*

Yes Sir Antony!



## FOUR RETIREMENTS AND AN ARRIVAL



The St Mary Magdalene meeting of the Governing Body in July saw the retirement of four of the College's senior Fellows: Ronald Hyam, Peter Reynolds, Colin Kolbert and John Field. Ronald Hyam and Peter Reynolds share the distinction – unrivalled in the College's history – of serving under no less than six Masters. Ronald subsequently noted that, in the course of this marathon, he had attended some 378 meetings of the Governing Body; whilst, between them –

as variously Tutors, Directors of Studies and Librarian – the four retirees accumulated 152 years in the College's service. We wish them all well. The October meeting of the Governing Body saw some redress: the admission to a Fellowship of Dr Allègre Hadida. Dr Hadida (seen being welcomed by the Master) is a University Lecturer at the Judge Institute and a specialist in strategic management particularly in the field of arts and culture.



## Give as you Earn

As some of our benefactors already know, the Government has been promoting payroll giving (known as Give As You Earn) as a tax-efficient method of donation. The idea is to make more people employed in the UK aware of the benefits of regular donations to charity. To encourage new donors, the Treasury has announced that, until April 2004, it will "top-up" any donations to charity made through payroll giving by 10% of the gift value. Anyone who is an employee or a pensioner can give through GAYE provided that his/her employer deducts PAYE tax from pay or pension. Donations are deducted from pay (or

pension) before PAYE is calculated, which means that tax relief is given immediately at the individual's highest tax rate. For higher-tax payers this presents a particularly attractive opportunity, see table for example.

Magdalene already has some donors who give in this way. However, we would like to take full advantage of the present arrangement by encouraging anyone who is thinking of giving to the College for the first time to do so through their payroll scheme if possible. If you would like to know more about GAYE please do not hesitate to contact the Development Office on 01223 332104.

Value of Gift before Tax (£)	Cost to Higher Rate Tax Payer (£)	Inland Revenue Contributes (£)	Plus 10% "top-up" (£)	College Receives (£)
5 per month	3	2	0.50	5.50
15 per month	9	6	1.5	16.50
25 per month	15	10	2.5	27.50
55 per month	33	22	5.50	60.50

## Old Members' News

**Professor Sir John Gurdon** (2002) has been awarded the Copley Medal of the Royal Society.

**Mike Newell** (1960) the widely-acclaimed director of *Four Weddings and a Funeral*, *Donnie Brasco*, *Enchanted April* and *Mona Lisa Smile* has been named director of the fourth Harry Potter film *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*. Production is scheduled to start in April 2004.

**Selaine Saxby** (1989) has been chosen as Wessex Business Woman of the year. The Award was in recognition of her enterprise in launching an Internet Business selling Sports Bras. Her business at "lessbounce.com" has attracted the interest of professional and amateur sportswomen throughout the U.K.

## Helen Lee

Dr Helen Lee, academic and biomedical entrepreneur has funded two Research Scholarships in the College in the names of her mother, Professor C H Lee, and pioneer molecular biologist Max Perutz OM, CH, CBE. These Scholarships which will be given (one each) in the Arts and Sciences will add significantly to the growing research community of the College. Dr Lee, who has cemented her relationship with Magdalene by

accepting Honorary Membership, is seen here attending a lunch in the Master's Lodge with Sir Max's widow, Gisela and daughter Vivien together with the Master and Mrs Robinson and her friends Sir John and Lady Gurdon. Readers will be interested to know that it was Max Perutz who was responsible for persuading a reluctant John Gurdon to leave Oxford for Cambridge in 1971!



## New Scholarship Bursaries



Philip Carne

Amongst the 104 freshers matriculating in October this year were the first Philip Carne and Jack Vettriano Scholars. Philip (1958), a member of the Campaign Committee, established his Scholarship

Scheme with a major gift. He told *Magdalene Matters*: "I decided to support the College in this way because I think it is important that we encourage applications to Magdalene from bright students from poor families who might otherwise be deterred from applying because of financial constraints. If I can help to enable this it will give me considerable satisfaction."

Jack Vettriano OBE is a distinguished and highly successful artist whose work is to be seen in a variety of locations worldwide. Introduced to the College by Tom Hewlett (1971) Jack was moved to fund his Scholarship because: "The owner of the art gallery which represents me was a Magdalene undergraduate in the early 1970's. Through him I learned that the College was trying to raise funds to offer financial support to students from backgrounds very similar to my own. I therefore felt that this was a cause

to which I would like to contribute." Jack has accepted Honorary Membership of the College which will be conferred in November when he comes to Cambridge.



Jack Vettriano. Photographed by Richard Kalina.

### CAMPAIGN NEWS

£7,956,505

has been given or pledged to the Magdalene Campaign by 31 August 2003.

Contributions totalling £4,063,642 have been received from 1,175 members of the College, i.e. 21% of the total membership.

#### LONG-TERM TARGET

£20 million



## COLLEGE CHRISTMAS CARD

The Angels appearing to shepherds from a 15th Century Book of Hours in the Pepys Collection features on a Christmas Card produced by the Fitzwilliam Museum and made available to members of Magdalene at a specially discounted price of £4.50 per pack of 10.

Orders for the cards (in any multiple of 10) should be accompanied by a cheque made payable to Magdalene College and sent to The Development Office, Magdalene College, Cambridge CB3 0AG.

## Magdalene in America (MAM) Launched

On the occasion of the 12th Annual New York Dinner held at the Union Club on 24 October, Robert Chartener (1982) announced a vital new initiative for the College: the establishment of Magdalene in America (MAM). As Robert explained:

*"There are well over 350 interested and enthusiastic Magdalene alumni living in North America. While more than 120 have attended at least one of the twelve annual New York dinners held since 1992, many other alumni across the continent would like to strengthen their ties to the College and to one another. MAM will enable more people to become involved as volunteers for the College*



Robert Chartener (centre) with the Senior Bursar and Development Director at the launch, in New York, of Magdalene in America.

*and to host regional and local events. Other goals for MAM include assisting the College in fundraising, encouraging qualified students to apply and to matriculate, and supporting the College's broader goals in scholarship and the pursuit of excellence."*

North American donors giving to the College will enjoy significant tax benefits under IRS dispensations if they

make their gift to Cambridge in America (CAm), the alumni, development, and communications organisation for the American constituents of Cambridge University and its member Colleges. Anyone resident in North America and interested in joining the Board of MAM or wanting to know more about its intentions should contact Robert at [chartener@winslowpartners.com](mailto:chartener@winslowpartners.com)

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – 2004

### \*Tuesday, 11 March

The Magdalene Association will hold a Breakfast and Tour of the National Portrait Gallery for members and their guests. The event will take place from 8.30 am – 11.00 am and tickets are available at a cost of £22 each.

### \*Saturday, 27 March

The Magdalene Association will hold its annual Dinner in College this year on Saturday, 27 March. The cost for the dinner will be £37.

### Saturday, 1 May

The Reunion Lunch will be held in College for members who matriculated between 1946 and 1950, and their guests. Please contact the President's Secretary for information. (Tel: 01223 332144)

### Friday, 11 June

The Friends of Magdalene Boat Club will hold a dinner in College. Please write to Alex Schultz at Magdalene College to express your interest as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

### Saturday, 12 June

Magdalene Boat Club Marquee. The Boat Club will again have an old members' and families' marquee on the Caius Meadow side of the reach on the final Saturday of the May Bumps 2004. All old members are welcome. Visit

[www.magdaleneboatclub.com](http://www.magdaleneboatclub.com) or write to Alex Schultz at Magdalene College for more details.

### \*Friday, 18 June

The Magdalene Association will hold a Golf Day with lunch at St. George's Hill Golf Club, Weybridge, Surrey for members of the College and their guests. Breakfast will be at 7.30 am with tickets available at a cost of £125 each.

### \*Thursday, 1 July

The Magdalene Association will hold a Breakfast and Tour of the Art of the Garden Exhibition at Tate Britain for members of the College and their guests. The event will take place from 8.30 am – 10.30 am and tickets are available at a cost of £18 each.

### Friday, 24 September

The Reunion Dinner for members who matriculated 1967 – 1969 will be held in College.

### Saturday, 25 September

The Reunion Dinner for members who matriculated 1970 – 1972 will be held in College.

### \*Date to be confirmed

Magdalene Association Drinks will be held in the West End for Members aged 35 and under in February, 2004 – details to be confirmed. If you would like to

know more, please email Wendy Meharg at [wendymeharg@hotmail.com](mailto:wendymeharg@hotmail.com), or telephone 020 7614 2239.

\*Please contact Miles Broadbent, Chairman, or Wendy Meharg, Secretary ([wendymeharg@hotmail.com](mailto:wendymeharg@hotmail.com)), for further details of any of the events listed above. Invitation cards will be sent to members with the *College Magazine* in the New Year.

The Magdalene Association is not a fundraising organisation, and the purpose of its events is to put members in touch with each other and with the College.

## Further Information

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