



THE ROAD LESS TRAVELLED? ...

It was – not surprisingly – Dr Johnson who put it best: *“The use of travelling is to regulate imagination by reality, and instead of thinking how things may be, to see them as they are.”*

Travel – and engagement with the world at large – is, even in these days of carbon-footprint sensitivity, an essential strand in all our lives and, not surprisingly, an object of undergraduate ambition. It is also something the College is keen to encourage; for though much can be learned in the classroom, much makes better sense when viewed through a wider lens. There is a bigger world out there and the modern student knows well enough that he or she is part of it.



Of course that bigger world also finds its way *into* College: through the diversity of our junior members themselves, through the research interests of the Fellows, via a steady stream of distinguished international visitors and down the wires and fibre-optics of the internet. Indeed the world is delivered to us – student and teacher alike – in ever more immediate and sometimes properly disturbing ways. But having the world delivered to your desktop is not the same as rooting it out for yourself: and so, especially during the longer vacations, we encourage our students to broaden their minds by lengthening their stride. It was St Augustine who opined that *“the world is a book and those who do not travel read only one page”* but Jack Kerouac who put it more directly: *“our battered suitcases were piled on the sidewalk again; we had longer ways to go. But no matter, the road is life.”*

Once they graduate, Magdalene men and women are apt to travel even longer and yet more challenging roads and the more we hear from them, the clearer it becomes that they change and are changed by the diverse “places” in which they find themselves. Invariably they achieve important things for themselves; but quite as often they transform the experience of others. Calibrations of a College’s ambitions and successes are ill-designed to take such things into account, concentrating as they do on the narrowest of criteria, the most immediate of measures. But a glance at the database or the merest perusal of the *College Magazine* or *Magdalene Matters* (the present edition being no exception) bears witness to the extraordinary engagement of our members in the broadest and most vital fields: the worlds of business and commerce for sure, but also those of broadcasting, politics, diplomacy, public

service, development, medicine and humanitarian aid. As cyclones strike and earthquakes shatter lives in distant (but no less immediate) parts of the world, you can be certain that Magdalene men and women are involved: reporting the news, sharing responsibility, determining policy and implementing solutions.

It would be good to think that this instinct to engage as well as the skills necessary to do so effectively were nurtured during residency in Magdalene; that, alongside a scholarly habit, our students absorb a productive “restlessness” which drives them to a fuller engagement with the world and its problems. Surely, one likes to feel, career paths and subsequent

successes owe something to the encounters experienced on the way to and from the Library as well as the time spent within it. Happily, all the evidence suggests that this was, and still is, the case; “narrow” and “cloistered” being unfamiliar qualifiers to the collective identity that is Magdalene.

So if, in paraphrasing Mark

Twain, we recognize that the first casualty of travel is ignorance, then we also acknowledge that a good education involves more than studying only those things which can be found in the canonical texts. It involves the freedom to discover and to choose when appropriate, what Robert Frost called the “road less travelled by.” And for this same reason, the long-term contribution of any institution must be judged, at least in part, according to its willingness to protect these freedoms and to encourage this adventure.

Magdalene can be proud of the excellence of its students and of the education it continues to make available to them. And it can be content that, safe and secure “at home”, its resident members continually raise their eyes from the page to fix their gaze upon the wider world with a view to making something other than mere sense of it.

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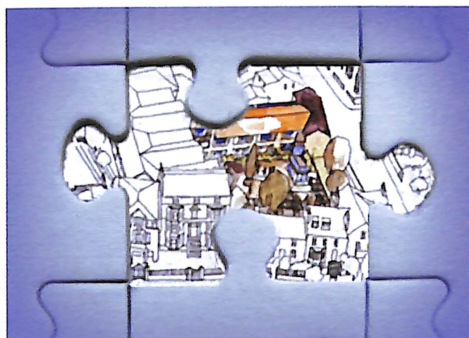
In a few weeks time, with memories of examinations and the classroom receding (temporarily at least) with every step, the current crop will head for distant shores: it will be part of their reward and part of their education. Perhaps, through it, they will come to agree that – Dr Johnson again – *“All travel has its advantages. If the passenger visits better countries, he may learn to improve his own. And if fortune carries him to worse, he may learn to enjoy it.”* So *bon voyage* to them all and tickets please....

MARK BILLINGE



DEVELOPMENT

unfinished business ...



Governing Body that it must act now and must undertake the completion of Cripps Court sooner rather than later. We aim to begin building again in June 2009. Phase II will cost some £3 million and will take just over a year to complete.

In making its original gift - the single biggest in the College's history - the Cripps Foundation not only financed the whole of Phase I, but also gave the College a marvellous "deposit" to put down against Phase II. Having been carefully husbanded in the interim, this sum (to which we plan to add some £750,000 derived from the sale of agricultural land acquired for investment purposes in the 1970s) will ensure that we can begin the project with confidence. However, we will need to raise additional monies if it is to be completed. For this reason, the Governing Body has authorised an additional priority within the *Magdalene Campaign* with the aim of meeting the Phase II funding gap: some £1.25 million. Thus, for the first time in the College's recent history we are offering members and others the opportunity to direct their gifts to a "bricks and mortar" project: a project which brings with it an historic opportunity to help build twenty-first-century Magdalene and, very importantly, offers significant "naming opportunities" for those able to offer substantial help. A brochure outlining both the scheme and the naming opportunities available can be obtained by contacting the Alumni & Development Office (development@magd.cam.ac.uk).

AT A MEETING HELD DURING THE LENT TERM the Governing Body decided to address an important piece of unfinished business: Phase II of Cripps Court. Though the current Cripps Court buildings on the north side of Chesterton Lane are magnificent in themselves - they are greatly admired and, more importantly, constantly in use and making possible a richness of College life inconceivable before their construction - we are aware that what we currently enjoy is but Phase I of the bigger project. Planning delays and the resulting escalation in building costs prior to the original construction led the College to phase the building of the Cripps project: major "public" facilities and some accommodation were to come first, with further accommodation units (allowing us to fulfil our long-held ambition of housing all of our junior members for the whole of their time at Magdalene) were planned for later.

Now that we have had operational experience of the new court, we are clear that the time is right to complete this vital project. The prospect of a further escalation in building costs (associated with the massive construction projects of the 2012 Olympics) has persuaded the

THE ANNUAL FUND



SOME OF THE RAISED PATHWAYS IN FIRST COURT

THE COLLEGE'S ANNUAL FUND was launched in April 2006 with the specific aim of "meeting the College's everyday needs through the regular support of its members". Much of the College's fundraising effort is rightly focused on increasing the size of our

permanent Endowment, in the certain knowledge that only by this means can we retain control over our own affairs.

However the receipts of the Annual Fund are made available to the College for immediate use - not least to meet necessary (and sometimes unexpected) expenditure.

Two such needs have been identified recently: the restoration of the armorial in hall (see Page 5) and the costs of meeting new DDA requirements in First Court. The first of these projects received an £18,000 contribution from the Annual Fund in 2007/8. We hope that the costs of the second can be defrayed in part by a grant from the donations received by the Fund in 2008/9.

telethon 2008:



BETWEEN 4 AND 15 JANUARY this year, twelve junior members became, once again, the College's ambassadors for the 2008 "mini-telethon". This short campaign was designed to complete yet more unfinished business - particularly that held over from our main Easter 2007 Telethon. The demands of that earlier campaign were such that many of those who had been promised a call from the College did not receive one and we sought to rectify that this year. Happily this "tidy-up" was also a great success financially as some £200,000 was pledged of which £188,233 has already been received. As always we are grateful both to our student callers and to our members who respond to these calls with such evident warmth.

ANYONE FOR VENICE?

ANYONE PEERING THROUGH THE WINDOW OF THE PARLOUR on one cold damp day in the midst of the Easter vacation might have been puzzled to see the Senior Bursar and the Senior Tutor, surrounded by a large pile of papers, deep in discussion. This annual ritual was part of a process which this year saw the award of a significant number of Travel Scholarships to junior members. Though different in their scope and purpose, each of these awards is designed to promote a similar objective: to enable students to go out into the wider world for a spell. Student finances being what they are, "non-essentials" are often the first thing to go. Vital as it is, vacation travel can seem an extravagance to those already facing significant debt.

Over the years, several Fellows and alumni - perhaps recalling how much they themselves benefited from such travel - have established, or contributed to, travel scholarships. One such is Michael Estorick whose *Italian Travel*



Fund was set up in order to "allow an undergraduate who has never been to Italy before, to do so and thereby begin an inevitable love affair with that country".

As is often the case where student finance is concerned, a hundred or two hundred pounds is all it takes to make the difference: it is money well spent, or better-put, well-invested for, as Mark Twain put it, "travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry and narrow-mindedness". To find out more about what it takes to establish a named travel award, please contact the ALUMNI & DEVELOPMENT OFFICE.

CAMPAIGN NEWS

£11,435,942

was given or pledged to the Magdalene Campaign by 30 April 2008

Contributions totalling £6,465,880 have been received from 2,025 members of the College, i.e. 29% of the membership

CAMPAIGN TARGET

£20,000,000

MEMBERS' NEWS

A RIGHT AND HONORABLE MEMBER



THE COLLEGE WAS SADDENED to hear of the death of Francis, Lord, Pym on 7 March aged 86.

Francis Leslie Pym was born on February 13 1922. He was educated at Eton before coming up to Magdalene. In 1942 he was commissioned into the 9th Lancers, joining his regiment in North Africa just before El Alamein, in which he took part as a troop leader. He was appointed adjutant just before the fall of Tunis in March 1943 and landed in Italy that September. During the whole campaign he did not miss a single day's action, was twice mentioned in dispatches and, in 1945, was awarded an MC.

With the end of hostilities Francis instructed at Sandhurst for a few months, and retired from the Army with the rank of captain in August 1946. In 1953 he began a business career, taking over Holloway and Webb, a near-bankrupt tenting contractor, and building it into a successful concern over the course of the next five years. From 1958 onwards he embarked on what was to become a hugely successful political career. From 1958 until 1961 he sat on Herefordshire County Council, and in the 1959 General Election fought the strong Labour-held seat of Rhondda West. A by-election in March 1961 for Cambridgeshire — close to his family's Bedfordshire estate — gave him his entry to Parliament at the age of 39. There followed a Commons career spanning more than a quarter of a century during which Francis served with distinction under four prime ministers, first making his name in the Whips' office. However, it was under the fourth of those leaders, Margaret Thatcher, whom he served as Defence Secretary, Leader of the House and Foreign Secretary, that he made his greatest impact. He became Foreign Secretary in the most taxing circumstances, with Lord Carrington's resignation after Argentina's invasion of the Falklands. He brought to the office calm, precision, shrewdness and diplomacy. He also furthered his reputation as a man of enormous principle when his adherence to the old *noblesse oblige* style of Conservatism damaged his prospects in a party that now dismissed such attitudes as unrealistic and out of date. He became an Honorary Fellow of Magdalene in 1979.

Francis Pym will be remembered as a brave, honest, courteous, caring and gifted man whose life was dedicated to the service of others.

nothing special?

MICHAEL COBB (1935) is about to be presented for his PhD. In July he will line up at the Senate House alongside many other graduating students from many colleges. It will be a proud moment for him and for his family. A happy but not uncommon story you might conclude. However...

Michael is 91 years old and may well be the oldest person ever to receive such a degree from the University. He has been awarded the PhD for his *magnum opus* - *The Railways of Great Britain: A Historical Atlas* - a work which records and maps every station and every line ever built by the railway companies

of Great Britain. The result of decades of research (a great deal in the field as well as in the archive) this handsome work has been extraordinarily well-received, is already in its Second Edition and in use by geographers, historians, demographers and others as a vital source for understanding our 18th-, 19th- and 20th-century social and economic history.

Michael, a retired soldier and long time mainstay of the Ordnance Survey, is typically modest about his achievement. "I can't see what the fuss is about", "not a single original thought in it" and "I imagined it might sell a few dozen copies to enthusiasts" are pretty typical reactions to those who have the temerity to congratulate him. Some 40 family

members will join Michael for July's celebration and they, along with the attending Fellows, will beg to disagree with Col Michael H Cobb, MA, PhD, MInstRE, FRCS: his is a very special achievement of which we are all very proud.



ANYONE FOR CATERPILLARS?



[photo: Lai Wu]

FUCHSIA DUNLOP (1988), once the food representative on the Magdalene JCR Committee, has completed a further book on Chinese culinary culture: *Shark's Fin and Sichuan Pepper: a Sweet-Sour Memoir of Eating in China* (Ebury Press, 2008). Paul

Levy, writing in the *Observer*, reckoned it was 'destined to become a classic of travel writing'; Val Hennessy in the *Daily Mail* called it 'marvellous and mesmerising', and Robert Douglas-Fairhurst in the *Telegraph* considers Fuchsia's writing so good that she 'manages to make caterpillars sound distinctly underrated as a snack'.

Fuchsia was already a keen cook as an undergraduate, and worked hard at perfecting recipes for crême brûlée and Normandy chicken while sharing a flat with Penelope Bell in Thompson's Lane during her second year. After graduation, she became interested in China, took evening classes in Mandarin, and

became the first Westerner to train as a chef at the *Sichuan Institute of Higher Cuisine* in Chengdu.

Fuchsia now works part-time as a radio journalist for the BBC World Service, but continues to spend much time in China. She writes for the *Financial Times*, *Gourmet* and *Saveur*, teaches Chinese cookery, and is a consultant for *Bar Shu*, the popular Sichuanese restaurant in Soho. Her previous books were *Revolutionary Chinese Cookbook* (shortlisted for the Andre Simon Award in 2007), and *Sichuan Cookery* (which won the Jeremy Round Award for Best First Book in 2002).

NEWS IN BRIEF

DR GRAEME BONHAM-CARTER (1959) has been honoured as Emeritus Scientist at *The Geological Survey of Canada*.

MR ROSS PETERS (1963) Founder Director of *Isle of Arran Distillers* has been named Scottish Distiller of the Year 2007.

PROFESSOR GEORGE YIP (1966) has been appointed Dean of the *Rotterdam School of Management, Erasmus University*.

MR JON BRIGHT (1971) has been appointed Regional Director of the *Government Office for the South-west*.

MR MICHAEL GOOD (1973) Database Administrator in the Development Office at Selwyn College, Cambridge has published *Selwyn Celebrated*.

MR TIM LINDSAY (1974) has been appointed President of *TBWA Group UK and Ireland*.

MR RICHARD GROVE (1976) has been appointed Director of Marketing & Business Development at *Allen & Overy LLP*.

DR DAMIAN FLANAGAN (1987) has published his second book in Japanese: *Natsume Soseki: Superstar of World Literature*.

DR JO STICHBURY (1990) has published *Games of Symbian OS: A handbook for mobile development*.

MR NICK SEDDON (1998) has published *Quite like Heaven? Options for the NHS in a Consumer Age*.

PETER ABBOTT (1998) has been appointed Private Secretary to HM Ambassador in Washington.

DR ANTHONY MARCHIE (2001) has been awarded a Harris Hip Fellowship at the *Harvard Medical School* and the *Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, Massachusetts General Hospital*.

MEMBERS' OFFERS

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

SACRED HILL RANGE

Traminer Riesling 2006, de Bortoli: Spicy, floral and refreshing - a perfect summer's day sipper. RRP £5.59 - Offer price £4.75

Semillon-Chardonnay 2006, de Bortoli: A seamless combination of honey and crisp citrus fruit. Gold Medal winner and a bargain to boot! RRP £5.59. Offer price £4.75

Shiraz Cabernet 2006, de Bortoli: Bright ruby colour with delicious red berry aromas, juicy fruit and mouth-watering acidity: this wine has it all. RRP £5.59. Offer price £4.75

WHITE

Sauvignon Blanc, Joel Delaunay, Loire: Grassy, fresh and flinty-dry – juicier and lighter than Sancerre and better value too! RRP £5.99. Offer price £5.10

Riesling 2006, Peter Reinert, Saar: A bespoke wine developed by Stephan Mueller and Brett Turner of Cambridge Wine Merchants. Herr Reinert (a top Saar grower) fermented out this single fuder (1000 litre cask) to "international standard" 12.5% alcohol instead of the "local standard" 8% then mixed in 3% unfermented grape juice kept back from the crop to balance the sugar level (the original sugar having been exhausted in the extended fermentation). The result displays all the

charm of Saar Rieslings – lime, white fruit, steely minerality and acidity – but has the weight and body of a top class New World Riesling. RRP £6.99. Offer price £5.99

RED

Tempranillo Reserva 2001, Castillo de Manzanares: Rioja look-alike from Navarra. Ticks all the boxes: nose of leather, pale fruit and cigars. Rustic with a nice touch of maturity (and 2001 was an amazing vintage). A superb wine for dinner or sipping. RRP £5.99. Offer price £4.49

Château Franc Couplet Bordeaux Supérieur, 2002: A great favourite from our previous selection. Defies the current perception that Bordeaux can be great but not good value. A delicious rich Merlot-dominated Claret with clean, but unmistakably Bordelais fruit and ripe tannins. RRP £6.75. Offer price £6.00

Promessa Negroamaro 2006, Puglia: Notes of warm straw, summer earth; silky and sexy on the palate with a hint of coffee and cloves – tastes rather like Martini Rosso! A pet project/obsession of noted winemaker Mark Shannon. RRP £6.75. Offer price £6.00

SPARKLING

Champagne Royer Brut Reserve NV: Full-bodied, nutty and great value. The Royer family live in the unfashionable (hence cheap) southern Aube district of Champagne, which is almost all the way to Dijon – much warmer than Reims – so the wines are richer. Came second out of 22 Champagnes at a

recent blind tasting for May Ball Champagne. RRP £17.99. Offer price £15.99

Lindauer Brut, New Zealand: Like butter melting on white toast, with a hint of perfume to follow. Creamy, fine and not to be missed at this price! £6.99 reduced from £8.49

Lindauer Brut Rosé, New Zealand: Widely regarded as the best value New World fizz, and New Zealand provides the perfect cool climate for sparkling wines. Lovely and dry with hints of rhubarb – delicious! £6.99 reduced from £8.49

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.

AWAY FROM IT ALL

JUDITH MOSELEY (1991) is the proud owner of *Reading Room Cottage* located in the small conservation village of Langton on the edge of the Yorkshire Wolds.

Judith - who read History at Magdalene - lets out this beautifully restored cottage to visitors and recently contacted the Alumni & Development Office with an offer we could not refuse. She is willing to donate to the College 10% of the booking fee of any Magdalene member choosing to rent this property.

Reading Room Cottage is set in its own little garden amidst glorious countryside. It has a 4 star rating. The spacious sitting-room with dining area and open fire, fitted galley

kitchen and large bedroom with kingsize bed as well as the private garden with paved sitting area and furniture make it ideal for a romantic weekend or a base for exploring this beautiful area.



Langton itself is within easy reach of many places of interest, including Castle Howard, Kirkham Abbey, the North Yorkshire Moors National Park and the fishing villages of the

Yorkshire coast. The historic city of York, 16 miles away, provides an excellent selection of dining, theatre, museums, architecture and other entertainment options. There is excellent local walking right from the doorstep while golf and horse riding are both nearby.

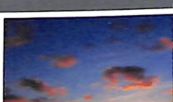
The cottage, which sleeps 2, features all of the expected amenities and more.

Further details of the cottage (which can be booked through English Country Cottages www.english-country-cottages.co.uk) and of the ways in which booking it can benefit Magdalene can be found in a flyer at: www.magdalene.cambridge.com/Members%20Offers.html

THESE ARE THE CLOUDS

by W B Yeats

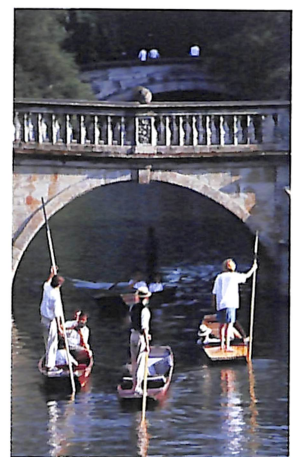
These are the clouds about the fallen sun,
The majesty that shuts his burning eye:
The weak lay hand on what the strong has done,
Till that be tumbled that was lifted high
And discord follow upon unison,
And all things at one common level lie.
And therefore, friend, if your great race were run
And these things came, so much the more thereby
Have you made greatness your companion,
Although it be for children that you sigh:
These are the clouds about the fallen sun,
The majesty that shuts his burning eye.



messaging about on the river

When next in Cambridge and eyeing with frustration (and an increasing sense of financial alarm) the queues at the commercial punt providers, non-resident members may be delighted to know that they can book punts from the College by ringing the Porters' Lodge (+44 [0]1223 332100).

Bookings can be made up to 48 hours in advance at a charge of £5 per hour (max. two hours) with a £10 deposit. Punts are available for hire each day from 8.00am-10.00pm each day and must be returned by 10.30pm. The season runs from April until September.



THE COLLEGE

semper eadem?



AMONGST MAGDALENE'S MANY TREASURES, probably one of the most frequently viewed (and perhaps most often taken for granted) is the armorial situated on the upper part of the north wall of the Hall. Separated into three bays, the painting contains - at its centre - the arms of Queen Anne (with the mottos *semper eadem* and *Honi soit qui mal y pense* on the garter); to the right the arms of the College

(*Garde ta foy*) and of Sir Christopher Wray (*Juste et vrai*) and to the left the arms of the Duke of Buckingham (*En lui plaiseance*) and the Earl of Suffolk (*Non Quo sed Quomodo*).

Although there is no documentary record indicating the date and origin of the painting, the inclusion of the Scottish lion in the Royal Arms suggests that it was painted after 1707 but before the death of Queen Anne in 1714. It has been suggested that the most likely year within this period is 1713 when Lord Suffolk of Waterland became Master. What has always been clear (and is now still clearer) is that this is a remarkable work of immense historical and aesthetic interest.

Subject to various twentieth-century "restorations", the armorial has recently been expertly conserved by Tobit Curteis Associates. It now stands revealed in its full glory for the first time in many decades if not centuries. Those familiar with this "old friend" will be surprised to discover many details which years of candle-smoke and grime have hitherto obscured. Not quite a case then of *semper eadem*; perhaps more of *lux et veritas*.

A GIFT FOR FRIENDSHIP - REMEMBERING JOCK BURNET



JOCK BURNET will be remembered by many as the College's Bursar from 1949-1977.

Richard Morgan writes: "For three decades he guided and cared for the well-being

of the College but he was more than just a good Bursar. He worked so quickly and with such discipline that he had time for other worlds and thus he was a man who touched many lives. His influence behind the scenes

was extensive: not least in the University at large, the Church of England, Education and court games. He founded the Jesters Cricket Club whilst still a schoolboy at St Paul's and grew what many would argue is the premier court games club in the world.

2009 sees the 80th celebration of the Jesters and the 60th anniversary of the Rugby Fives Dinner, the Past and Present. These milestones are a good reason to commemorate Jock's life with an appreciation, more a portrait than a biography. The list of contributors includes: Bishop Peter Walker, Bishop Simon Barrington-Ward, Dennis Silk, Julian Barker, Robert Dolman and Bob Dolby.

As so many of us remember, Jock was absolute for friendship. So the hope is that this short book will not only bring back the best of memories but also give insight into a man who had such an influence for good. In a way, this is an invitation to return to Magdalene, spend an afternoon with Jock and, of course, stay on for whisky and dinner.

The publication of 500 copies will be designed by Humphrey Stone, which guarantees that it will be a delight in the hand. Any profit will go to Mencap."

Anyone requiring further information should contact THE ALUMNI & DEVELOPMENT OFFICE in the first instance. development@magd.cam.ac.uk

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Our warmest congratulations to *Matthias Christandl*, who is leaving Cambridge to become Professor of Theoretical and Mathematical Physics at the Ludwig-Maximilians-University in Munich. In his new post he will be responsible for establishing a research group in the field of quantum information theory and teaching in a new Masters course in Theoretical and Mathematical Physics.



Matthias Christandl



Holger Babinsky

Holger Babinsky has been elected Associate Fellow of the American Institute for Aeronautics and Astronautics.

Antje du Bois-Pedain has been awarded her Dr.lur. degree 'summa cum laude' by the Humboldt University in Berlin. Her book *Transitional Amnesty in South Africa* was published by CUP in December.



Antje du Bois-Pedain

Congratulations and farewell also to *Tom Nutt*, who left us on May 1st to become Cabinet Adviser to the Essex County Council.



Professor Zubrow

Professor Ezra Zubrow, this year's Yip Fellow, arrived at the beginning of May. Professor Zubrow is the leading practitioner of Geographical Information Systems (GIS) within the social sciences in the United States. He has worked not only on strictly archaeological issues, but also on strongly interdisciplinary themes such as landscape and, most recently, the geography of modern disability (i.e. disabled individuals) and literacy.



Dr Stretch

Our congratulations go to *Rachele Stretch*, the indefatigable backbone of the Alumni & Development Office, on the award of her PhD. She took her degree on 10 May at a ceremony which, given her responsibility for such things, she arranged and organised herself.

Professor Nicholas Canny FBA, Parnell Fellow 2005-6, has been elected 53rd President of the Royal Irish Academy. Nicholas is based in Galway, and this is the first time since the 4th Earl of Rosse was elected in 1896 that the Royal Irish Academy has elected a President based outside Dublin.



Professor Canny

Two early books by *Jeffery Lewins*, including *Reactor Kinetics and Control* were re-published in CD form in March by the European Nuclear Energy Agency under their *Heritage Text Programme*. Jeffery has also been honoured by the American Nuclear Society for fifty years of membership.



Jeffery Lewins



Joanne Limburg

Joanne Limburg who holds a Royal Literary Society Fellowship has been elected a Teaching Bye-Fellow (initially for 1 year) from October 2008. Joanne will work with our junior members to improve their written communication skills.

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](#)

2008

Thursday 5 June: New York Drinks, Campbell Apartments, Grand Central Terminus. Free drinks, contributions invited to the Magdalene Campaign. Contact diana@the-cakewalk.com

Friday 13 June: Association Golf Day, St George's, Hill, Weybridge. 8am breakfast, lunch and 18 holes (limited to 12 persons). Cost £65. Contact: miles@brackendene.freeseve.co.uk

Sunday 15th June : Association Gallery Visit: Ikon Gallery, Birmingham* (1 Oozells Square, Brindley Place, B1 2HS). The event will include a tour, led by curatorial staff, at 3.30pm (tbc) and a reception with drinks and canapés. £25 per person. Guests welcome. Gallery details: www.ikon-gallery.co.uk Contact: chrisbabbsuk@waitrose.com

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

Sunday 3 August: Association Summer Event in College.* Suitable for guests of all ages. £15. Contact: chrisbabbsuk@waitrose.com

Saturday 27 September: Magdalene Open Garden.* The inaugural event in the *Festival of Landscape*. The College will open its gardens from 1.15pm-4pm with printed information so you can tour the gardens at your own pace. There will be 2 short talks, music, a book and a plant stall as well as tea and coffee which will be served all afternoon in the Gallery. No booking required. Free.

Tuesday 21 October: Association House of Commons Dinner.* [Kindly sponsored by Henry Bellingham MP (1974)] 7.30pm for 8pm. Only one guest per member. Black Tie. £60 [Priority given to those on the reserve list for the 2007 event.] Contact: chrisbabbsuk@waitrose.com

Friday 7th November: New York Dinner * Union Club, New York Contact MAM@magd.cam.ac.uk

early November: events in Toronto, Florida and Washington or Chicago* dates and times tbc.

COLLEGE REUNIONS (2008)

Saturday 28 June: Dinner 1994-1996

Friday 19 September: Dinner 1997-1998

Friday 26 September: Dinner up to 1959

Please note: any member attending the Alumni Weekend is welcome to dine in College on Saturday 27 September - please contact the Alumni & Development Office if you wish to do so.

Non-resident Member Nights: Friday 17 October; Saturday 8 November; Friday 28 November. All begin at 7pm for 7.30pm. Contact development@magd.cam.ac.uk

2009 DIARY

January – Hong Kong, Singapore & Malaysia Dinners* dates and times tbc.

28 March: Association Dinner & AGM *

2 May: Reunion Lunch up to 1951 * [Free]

16 May: MA Day (Freshman year 2002)

17 June: May Ball*

27 June: Reunion Dinner 1999-2000

2 July: Association Lunch *

18 September: Reunion Dinner 1960-1964

25 September: Reunion Dinner 1965-1969

For the latest details please go to: www.magdalene.cambridge.com

* guests are most welcome at events marked with an asterisk

MAGDALENE ABROAD



THOUGH THE MAJORITY OF THE COLLEGE'S OVERSEAS EVENTS take place in the autumn and winter, this year's programme begins on Thursday June 5th with the now traditional Spring Event in New York organised - as ever - by Diana Torres. The

Campbell Apartments at Grand Central Terminus are again the favoured location. Further details will be confirmed to North American resident members by email. MAM is also planning a full Autumn programme which will see events in Toronto, Florida and

Washington or Chicago (dates and locations tbc) in the first week of November, prior to MAM's annual centrepiece: the New York Dinner at the Union Club on 7 November.

Plans are also under discussion for MAP's South East Asia events in early January 2009. The Master and Mrs Robinson, together with the Fellow for Development will attend events/dinners in Hong Kong, Singapore and Malaysia. It is hoped that Dr Martin and Dr Harper may also be in the region and we look forward to meeting with as many local members as possible. Further details will be released as they become available.

Happily, there is also light at the end of the MOz tunnel: we are in active discussions with a willing local volunteer and hopeful that the

long-delayed inaugural MOz Dinner will take place early in 2009.

We remain immensely grateful to all of our local organisers and to our members who support our overseas events in such heart-warming numbers. Further details of the full 2008/9 overseas programme can be found at: <http://www.magdalene.cambridge.com/Magdalene%20Overseas.html>

For those unable to join us on any of these occasions, there is always our virtual "alternative". Both **webALUMNUS** and **magdaleneplus** go from strength to strength, as membership increases and the services each offers expand into new areas. Links to both online services can be found at: <http://www.magdalene.cambridge.com>

REUNION SCHEDULE

THE COLLEGE NOW REGULARLY HOSTS 3 REUNION DINNERS PER YEAR (one in June and two in September). This has allowed us to fulfil a pledge to members to reduce the interval between year Reunions to about 5 years in most cases. 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

Please note (a) that all September Reunion Dinners will commence at 8pm (drinks at 7.30pm) in order to make it easier for those working to attend (June Reunion Dinners will remain 7pm for 7.30pm) and (b) that the September Reunions are now held on two successive Friday evenings.

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.

MA DAY



ON 10 MAY, THE COLLEGE welcomed back more than 60 members of the class of 2001 who - how time flies - returned to take their MAs. Though the challenge of recognition was somewhat less daunting than that negotiated the previous week (when members from 1950-1954 returned for their Reunion Lunch) there was, nonetheless the usual mix of surprise and delight as the intervening four years slipped away and the old familiarity was rekindled. The new format for this enhanced MA Day (in effect the first "reunion") is proving popular with both members and their guests.