

## SIMPLE GIFTS?

I doubt that my parents ever considered the idea that I might (rather late in life) become a fundraiser. Had they done so, they might not have emphasised quite as often or as strongly as they did that it was *"far better to give than to receive"*. Of course I didn't believe it and, since my father was a banker, I doubt he believed it much either. I saw it for what it was: a device that grown-ups used to bamboozle their children; a motto for cheap-skates. Thanks but no thanks Dad. Keep the philosophy, I'd prefer the cash.

Members of the College will know that we have recently completed our fourth Telephone Campaign. "Telethons" (as they are colloquially known) can be emotive subjects eliciting strong reactions both for and against. They are unquestionably successful in financial terms (members give) and they provide us with invaluable insights; those called being more candid in conversation with a student than they might be in a letter to the Master for example. But are they necessary; are they appropriate? Are they, as one member put it, "little better than collegiate begging" or as another insisted "indistinguishable from the cold-calling of a cheap double glazing salesman"? To be sure, Telethons raise both the temperature and the stakes and are a source of irritation to those who object, in principle, to being called. For opponents, the case against is plain, simply stated and incontrovertibly compelling. What perversity then drives us to do it?

One answer lies in understanding properly what we are trying to achieve, for whilst the Telethon is easily caricatured as a craven appeal for money – a "one-way Street" in which members give and the College receives – matters are nothing like so straightforward.



It has always been our view that the Telethon is a substitute – wholly inadequate, but a substitute nonetheless – for the face-to-face conversations we would prefer to have with each of our members. Of course we take every opportunity to meet with as many alumni as we can, but it is logistically impossible to engage directly with all 6,200 and we need an alternative means of seeking their views. For this reason, the Telethon is about alumni involvement in the widest sense; about consulting with members and *exchanging* ideas – listening to criticism as well as seeking support. Such exchanges are essential if the membership as a whole is to feel – and to be – part of Magdalene's present and, just as importantly, co-architects of its future.

For the record, only half of the recent Telethon calls involved a direct appeal for a donation, one third were "thank you" calls to members already giving and the remainder were "affinity" calls to members who we know to be unable or unwilling to give. All covered a great deal of ground; all involved *exchange*.

That said, it would be wholly disingenuous to pretend that Telethons are not also about fundraising. It is a fact that few give money to a cause unless they are asked to do so. We seek our members' support in many different ways but, for the majority, the Telethon is the most obvious means by which we do so. I know of no other mechanism through which the College could raise one third of a million pounds in the space of a fortnight, from what are, more often than not, relatively modest individual contributions, and it would be a foolish and an irresponsible institution which did not avail itself of such opportunity. But we are emboldened in our actions not just by success but by two other things: the general reception which our callers receive (which is overwhelmingly warm, sympathetic and welcoming) and our firm belief in the rightness of the cause: we are not peddling encyclopaedia or "cold-calling" with yet another offer on patio doors. We are seeking support for something in which we passionately believe and which all the evidence suggests our members believe in as well: the preservation, for the benefit of generations to come, of those educational opportunities which we enjoyed in our own time. If the cause was less important, if the stakes were not so high, if the motives were merely opportunistic then our philosophy would be flawed and our call upon our members' generosity difficult, if not impossible, to justify.

But to understand truly the nature of the Telethon it is important to grasp a deeper issue: the covenant implied in the giving of gifts. Thoroughly explored in the anthropological and sociological literature, the theory of the Gift and the social obligations which surround it are well understood. Appropriately to an institution founded in medieval times, the giving of a gift is a broadly feudal contract rooted in the concept of reciprocity and grounded in the preservation of a common good. Gifts cement social relationships, express mutual respect and reinforce obligation, not least upon the recipient. Though a gift may appear to improve the wellbeing of one party at the expense of another, in practice, it mediates the status of both and places the recipient under a solemn obligation which must be duly discharged, if commonwealth is to be preserved.

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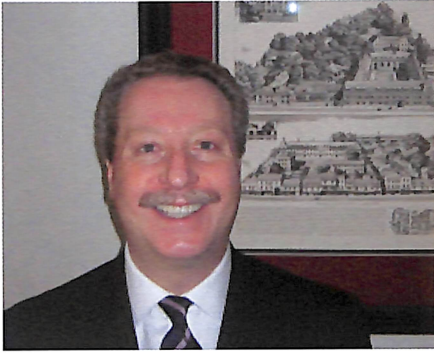
We know then that in soliciting and receiving gifts from our members we bind ourselves to a duty: to husband and to use their gifts wisely, to apply them to a proper purpose and to remain faithful to the College interest: that is, to our collective interest; the interest of Magdalene at large. And as for that giving and receiving business? Well, perhaps my parents and I were *both* wrong: perhaps it is better to be involved in an act of fair *exchange*: for fair exchange is, after all, no robbery.

MARK BILLINGE



# DEVELOPMENT

## Walker's enterprise: insuring the future



GRAHAM WALKER (1982) read for the LLM and is proud of his membership of Magdalene. Happily this does not make him unique. Having previously lived and practiced law in London and Hong Kong, he now resides in Colorado and is a partner in a commercial real estate development firm, Walker Enterprises.

Graham recognizes that he was "lucky to go to Magdalene at a time when the financial burden on students was much less than nowadays" and he feels that it is important to help today's students by alleviating some of the financial stress that accompanies higher

education. This has already led him to make a bequest to the General Purposes of the College. But again, fortunately, this does not make him unique either.

No, Graham's uniqueness comes from an imaginative decision to use *life insurance* to provide a future gift to the College to be used both for general purposes and to support one or two deserving law students.

Graham has purchased a \$215,000 policy naming Cambridge in America the irrevocable owner and beneficiary<sup>1</sup>. Graham notes that a gift of life insurance "allows someone to make a larger potential gift than they would otherwise find possible and to make the provision much earlier than their current assets would permit. These advantages are possible because the donor need only pay a very manageable annual premium rather than having to donate the entire value of the gift: \$315 each year for 20 years rather than an upfront donation of \$215,000". Graham points out that the cash flow benefit could be especially helpful to younger alumni who might want to do something for their College

but feel that they do not yet have the finances to make a significant cash donation. The underlying assumption is that when the 20-year insurance policy expires, the donor would be able either to place a new policy or to make an outright cash donation from assets available at that time.

In the unfortunate event that the donor passes on within the insurance term, the sum that would be paid out by the policy would exceed the maximum potential cost of the premiums by a factor of 34! The leverage is even greater if one takes into account the fact that the annual premium payment is tax deductible. The value of the policy and its eventual proceeds will not be included in his/her gross estate for estate tax purposes and does not reduce the inheritance due to members of his/her family. All in all: a very neat trick! If you would like to know more about giving through life insurance please contact the Alumni & Development Office.

<sup>1</sup> US donors can give tax efficiently only through Cambridge in America. They may request that the Trustees pass their gift on to specific institutions: in Graham's case, Magdalene.

## UNWAVERING SUPPORT

**HONORARY FELLOW** and former Chair of the College's London (Campaign) Committee HENRY LUMLEY (1950) has made a further magnificent gift to the College in support of student hardship. Henry's previous gifts have been given to support both Research Fellowships and Student Hardship Bursaries. In making this, his signature gift to the 800th Anniversary Campaign for Collegiate Cambridge, Henry re-iterated a sentiment he expressed in the very first edition of

*Magdalene Matters* in June 1994: "I am very pleased to support this Campaign and commend it to all College members". Henry's is a marvellous example of steadfast support, much appreciated by us all.



Henry Lumley

## CAMPAIGN NEWS

**£10,398,150**  
has been given or pledged to the Magdalene Campaign by 30 April 2007  
Contributions totalling £5,520,003 have been received from 1,680 members of the College, i.e. 29% of the membership  
**CAMPAIGN TARGET**  
**£20,000,000**

## ACCENTUATING THE POSITIVE



THE COLLEGE IS DELIGHTED TO ANNOUNCE a further expansion in its service to members in the form of **magdalene<sub>plus</sub>**. This exciting new development has been undertaken in conjunction with Rux-Burton Associates with whom we have worked on a number of projects in the past. Building on the continuing success of **webALUMNUS** (which aims to keep members in touch with the College and with each other), **magdalene<sub>plus</sub>** is designed 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 life-

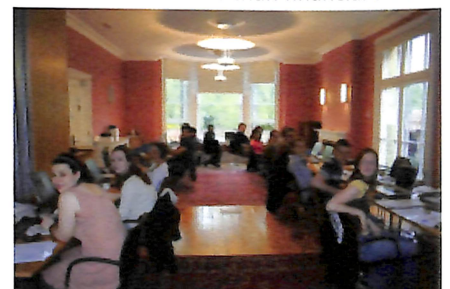
styles. Part of the College's ongoing commitment to all of our members, **magdalene<sub>plus</sub>** will begin modestly with exclusive food and wine offers from leading retailers as well as opportunities to dine at discount in a number of restaurants nationwide. It will build over the coming months into a much broader service offering sporting, cultural and travel opportunities. We hope that all members of the College will use and enjoy this new service which brings the benefits of College membership closer to home and we look forward to hearing ideas as to how it can be further developed into a comprehensive service of value and relevance to everyone.

**magdalene<sub>plus</sub>** is free to all members of the College and registration is simple.

For further details on how to register, please visit: [www.magdalene.cambridge.com/magdalene%20plus.html](http://www.magdalene.cambridge.com/magdalene%20plus.html) and follow the online instructions.

## telethon

THE 2007 TELETHON took place between 10 and 24 April. Twenty student callers contacted 810 members who collectively gave or pledged more than £341,000 making this year's campaign the most successful to date in any Oxbridge college. Over £250,000 has been received already. The Master and Fellows wish to record their thanks to everyone who took part in the Telethon regardless of whether or not they were able to give. As we have explained elsewhere, important as the fundraising aspects of the Telethon are, its success is measured in far more than financial terms.



## MEMBERS' NEWS

### FAREWELL TO ALL THAT ...



AFTER WHAT MUST SEEM like a life time of un-remitting service, Sir Mark Malloch Brown stepped down in December 2006 as Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Mark (1972) (Honorary Fellow (2005)) read history at Magdalene.

Prior to serving as his Deputy, he had served as Chief of Staff to the Secretary-General and, from 1999 to 2005, as Administrator of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP). Among other activities, he was deeply involved in framing and championing

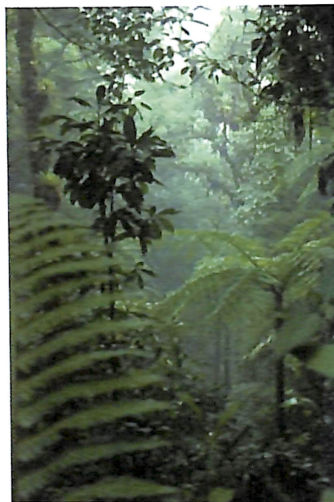
the Millennium Development Goals. UNDP's resources doubled to more than \$4 billion a year during his tenure. He led the UN's management reform efforts for the Secretary-General and was heavily involved in issues such as Iraq and the Middle East.

Mark is also vice-chairman of Soros Fund Management and of the Open Society Institute and, currently, a Distinguished Visiting Fellow at the Yale Center for the Study of Globalization. He is writing a book on global issues. Vice-President of the World Bank for five years, he began his career in journalism, writing for *The Economist* and working for the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees. He holds a number of honorary degrees and prizes, including appearing on *Time Magazine's* 2005 list of the world's 100 most influential people. He was knighted in 2007.

### SEEDING THE FUTURE

**SAM POPHAM (1941)** is the founder of the Danbulla Arboretum - a tropical timber sanctuary - in Sri Lanka. A keen botanist and dendrologist, and an active member of the International Dendrology Society, Sam has worked tirelessly to make the sanctuary a possibility. Happily his efforts are bearing fruit - and not just in Sri Lanka.

When negotiations are completed, Sri Lanka will become the 18th country to collaborate with the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew on a project to create a seed-bank for the preservation of species for the future. Seeds from Danbulla will be transferred to Kew in the near future. Sam is also currently writing *A Matter of Lateral Thinking* - a first-hand account of the arboretum's creation.



VIRGIN TROPICAL FOREST IN SRI LANKA

### THE PRICE OF FISH

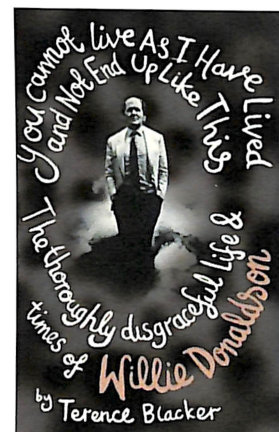
**FEW MEMBERS OF MAGDALENE** have achieved the notoriety of Willie Donaldson (1954) described in the most restrained of his many obituaries as "an English satirist, writer, rake and playboy".

Willie (who read English) inherited the first of his several fortunes (on the death of his parents) whilst an undergraduate. It was the only one he was to lose "reputably" - surrendering it in support of young writers such as his contemporaries Ted Hughes and Sylvia Plath. On graduation, he became associated with the set surrounding Princess Margaret and worked as a theatre producer. Quickly establishing himself as a central player in the UK satire boom of the early 1960s - as co-producer, with Donald Albery, of *Beyond the Fringe* (1960) - he made his second fortune easily (earning £2,000 per week from the show whilst Cook, Miller, Bennett and Moore made only £75).

Naturally he squandered it, not least on promoting Bob Dylan's disastrous British *debut* at Peter Cook's *Comedy Club*. Affairs with Sarah Miles and Carly Simon preceded a further inheritance, a second marriage and status at the epicentre of "swinging London". In 1971, he left for Ibiza where imprudently he spent his last £2,000 on a glass-bottomed boat. Before long he was scavenging for food on the beach. Returning to London, he found refuge with a former girlfriend who ran a brothel in the Fulham Road: an experience which formed the basis of his first novel *Both the Ladies and the Gentlemen* (1975).

However, it was to be his fictional *alter ego* Henry Root - wet fish merchant and scourge of the establishment - that made him a final fortune. Root's satirical lampooning of the wealthy, famous and influential was retold most notably in *The Henry Root Letters* and *The Further Letters of Henry Root* (both 1980).

The then Senior Tutor of Magdalene - Tom Howarth - featured (creditably) in the former. Donaldson's biographical survey of roguish



Baker's colourful biography which was serialised recently in the national press and featured as a BBC Radio 4 *Book of the Week*.

### NEWS IN BRIEF

**JOHN GREEN-WILKINSON (1939)** has been awarded the MBE for services to the community of Winchester

**PROFESSOR SIR KEITH SYKES (1944)** has co-authored with J Bunker *Anaesthesia and the practice of medicine: historical perspectives* (Royal Society of Medicine Press)

**JOHN FAIREY (1954)** has been appointed Deputy Lieutenant for Hampshire

**DAVID OXLEY (1959)** has become Master of the Worshipful Company of Horners (2007-2008)

**JOHN HERDMAN (1960)** has published *My wife's lovers: ten tales*.

**PROFESSOR GARY WALLER (1966)** has published *Shakespeare's All's Well That Ends Well: new critical essays* (Routledge)

**THOMAS SEYMOUR (1971)** has been appointed Master of the Queen's Bench, Inner Temple

**IAN THUBRON (1984)** has published a novel: *Hootch with Brad*.

**DR STEFAN GOEBEL (1997)** has published *The Great War and medieval memory* (CUP)

**DR CLAUS-PETER MARTENS (1988)** has been elected president of the *German Cambridge Society* and president of the *Berlin-Brandenburg Economic Council of the Christian Democratic Party*

**ED PAICE (1981)** has published *Tip and run: the untold tragedy of the Great War in Africa* (Weidenfeld and Nicolson) and, much more importantly has become a father. Ed's own father **ROBERT PAICE** gave the speech at the Reunion of our oldest members (up to 1949) in May this year.

**DR DAVID DICKERSON (1996)** has been awarded the UK Emerald Publishing Group's "2007 Award for Literary Excellence" for his paper (with Alexander Kouzmin, Nada Korac-Kakabadse) : *Taking ideology out of ethics: from failed business strategies to new cross-cultural platforms"*

Britons through the ages, *Rogues, Villains and Eccentrics* (2002) was described as "a triumph of misdirected scholarship". He died in June 2005.

All this and more is retailed in Terence

# MEMBERS' OFFERS

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

## FRANCE

**Chateau le Fresneye 2004 Anjou Rouge:** Carefully hand-selected grapes are picked late in the season to maximise richness, resulting in the densest, most opulent Loire red we've ever tasted. Packed with tight berry fruit. A tiny estate, owner Philippe flies Air France jets to make ends meet. RRP £10.99 – offer price **£8.25**.

**Brouilly 2005 Cave de Bel Air:** Serious Cru Beaujolais for the price of Beaujolais Villages. All you would expect: lively, fresh, gripping, and intensely purple. The 2005 vintage was the best for eons and it shows in this wine. The perfect summer red. RRP £8.99 - offer price **£6.75**

## ITALY

**Lugano Bianco 2005 Zenato:** A single-vineyard wine from the shores of beautiful Lake Garda. Reserved, creamy, lovely pure pear fruit with a slightly chalky finish. This really is a perfect fish wine as it has such a fine touch. Smart. RRP £7.75 - offer price **£5.80**

## AUSTRALIA

**Camden Park Shiraz Reserve:** The usual warm climate Shiraz attributes are all there: the broad, satisfyingly deep fruit, the peppery spice and the warmingly high alcohol content, plus a certain aniseed coolness that Shiraz at this price doesn't normally reach. Deliciousness, and really top-class wine-making. *Will be served at the Magdalene May Ball.* RRP £6.99 - offer **£5.25**

**Camden Park Chardonnay Reserve:** This ticks all the boxes: rich gold, butter and lemon on the nose, creamy palate, a hint of tropical fruit (pineapple, banana), maybe a slight kiss of oak, smooth and fresh on the finish. Perhaps towards the heavy side for a sipper but then you're probably expecting that from Australia. It certainly makes a superb dinner wine. RRP £6.99 - offer price **£5.25**

## NEW ZEALAND

**Vidal Estates Hawkes Bay Sauvignon Blanc:** Capsicum, gooseberry and nettle dominate the flavours of this cheeky wine from a 100 year-old estate - ancient by New Zealand standards. Bright asparagus and broad bean nose. Green pepper and peaches, nice concentration and weight. RRP £8.49 - offer price **£6.35**

## SOUTH AFRICA

**Cloof Cellar Blend 2004:** High-toned, Porty and deeply fruity, the nose has little notes of eucalyptus and mint, and a solid blackberry core. All the vines are grown as bushes rather than trained on wires, giving tiny yields (half that allowed for a good Bordeaux) and impressive concentration. RRP £10.49 - offer price **£7.85**

## GERMANY

**Riesling Spatlese 1992 Mueller:** Stunning: wild dark green/gold, amazing red fruit earthy/mineral nose, fennel and lime on the palate, impeccably balanced with not a gram of spare sugar. Excellent first course wine, will handle spicy food and acidic dressings. RRP £9.25 - offer **£6.95**

## PORTUGAL

**Tinto da Anfora. Bacalhoa. Aentejano:** Rich, fleshy modern Portuguese red made (as most of the best are) by an Australian winemaker. Very purple, amazing value. RRP £7.25 - offer **£5.25**

**Cateria Branco Bacalhoa:** A blend of star local variety fernão pires grown on the Setúbal peninsula and chardonnay grown on the limestone soils of the Arrábida mountains. It has a lovely fragrant, floral nose and is wonderfully rich on the palate though finishes on a nice dry note. Similar in style to white Côtes du Rhône. RRP £7.25 - offer price **£5.25**

## SPAIN

**Rioja Crianza 2003 Banda Azul:** A faultless example of good honest old-school Rioja, clean and

well-made but otherwise without the faintest nod to modernity. Pale, soft, medium-bodied with that lovely tomato-on-the-vine smell.

RRP £6.99 - special offer **£5.45**

**Alegria Manzanilla Sherry 37.5cl Bodegas Hidalgo:** This bone-dry Manzanilla is great with green olives and nuts before dinner. Handy half bottle too, which is good as dry Sherry only keeps a few days. RRP £3.99 - offer price **£2.99**

## CHAMPAGNE

**Mazet Premier Cru Grand Reserve Vintage 1995 & 1996 Blend:** An intriguing 50/50 blend of two great vintages. The '95 weighty though a little over-rich, the '96 taut and nervous. The result, only just disgorged after 10 years on the lees, is a triumph of opulence and complexity. The colour is an almost alarming green-gold, the nose offers greengages and the palate is enchantingly broad and rich. RRP £23.39 - offer price **£17.95**

## 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](mailto: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.



Oh no! We're being spammed

## MA DINING

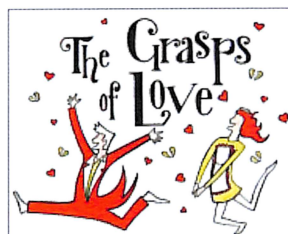
Members who hold MA status are reminded that they are entitled to dine on High Table free of charge once each term. Though restrictions apply to certain days most weekdays (excluding Thursdays) are available during Full Term.

In order to encourage MAs to dine, certain Fridays in the Michaelmas and Easter & Michaelmas Terms have been designated MA nights. Please see the Alumni & Events Page (overleaf) for details

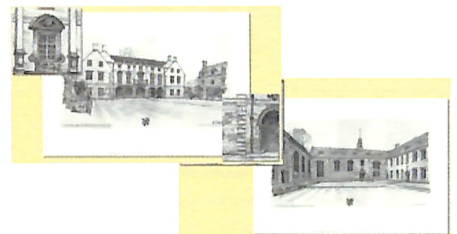
If you wish to dine on any of these dates please contact the Alumni & Development Office on 01223 764410 or email [alumni@magd.cam.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@magd.cam.ac.uk)

## Grasping Love

It is the Lent Term 2006 and the Sir Humphrey Cripps Theatre is about to stage its first musical. Anticipation is high for not only do we want to see how the, as yet untested, facilities will work but we are also agog to know how the new - wholly student written directed and performed - musical will measure up to the "classic" shows that the Magdalene Musical Productions Society has been wont to give us in the past. Critical reaction - "a raging success"; "a triumph of ingenuity and wit". In short *The Grasps of Love* had arrived and a legend was born. You can recapture the excitement of that night in a "studio" recording of the musical made shortly after its premiere and now available on this special CD. £7.99 plus 75p p&p.



## PICTURE PERFECT ...



The College has recently secured stocks of the prints produced by Millbury Drawings and Prints of two drawings made of the College's First and Second Courts (Pepys Building) by Bill Stotesbury. Originally available only through Millbury Drawings and Prints at £50 per pair, these can now be purchased direct from the College for £20 per pair plus £5 post and packing. Each measures 455mm x 315mm.

To place an order please contact the Alumni & Development Office by phone 01223 332104 or email [development@magd.cam.ac.uk](mailto:development@magd.cam.ac.uk). Orders will be dispatched on receipt of a cheque or Credit Card details.

# THE COLLEGE

## abolition of slavery



**THE COLLEGE CELEBRATED** the 200th anniversary of the abolition of the North Atlantic Slave Trade - in which our Master Peter Peckard (1717-1797) was such a catalytic force - with a series of events in February. A symposium on *Slavery Past and Present* held in the College brought into productive debate a whole series of expert practitioners including our own Ronald Hyam, Mark Malloch Brown, Richard Jolly and John Simpson together with legal expert Eleanor Sharpstone and current Director of Anti-Slavery International Aiden McQuade. The

Symposium was followed by a performance of the famous 18th century anti-slavery opera *Inkle and Yarico* (see opposite). Other events included the dedication of the newly refurbished ante-room to the SCR as the Peter Peckard Room, a celebratory Evensong in memory of Peckard and an exhibition (arranged by Ronald Hyam) on the College's early pioneer human rights activists.

Later in February at the national Anniversary celebrations in Westminster Abbey a motet, commissioned in memory of Peter Peckard and paid for by the College, was performed in the presence of Her Majesty the Queen. The words to the motet were taken from Olaudah Equiano, Peckard's protégé and the first black anti-slavery activist.

An illustrated essay by Ronald Hyam on Peter Peckard and Magdalene's other pioneer human rights activists will be available shortly as a Magdalene Occasional Paper.

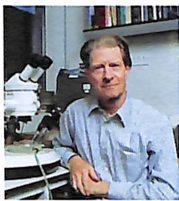
**INKLE AND YARIKO:** On 16th February, Opera East directed by Oliver Gooch (1997) gave a spirited performance of *Inkle and Yarico* (1787) by Arnold and Coleman. *Inkle and Yarico* lays claim to being one of the finest English Operas of the late eighteenth century. Hugely successful in its own time - it transferred from an initial run at the Little Theatre Haymarket to Covent Garden - it had an enormous impact on the movement to abolish the North Atlantic Slave Trade: a telling example of the power of popular culture to shape the political mood.

Though hardly performed post abolition, the opera was revealed as an absolute delight, especially in so felicitous a performance using a brand new edition painstakingly prepared by Richard Lockett. Incorporating and editing all of the known material (as well as rewriting the libretto) was a herculean task (and one suspects a labour of love) undertaken with characteristic insouciance by the world expert on English opera of this period. A triumph for all concerned, *Inkle and Yarico* brought a memorable day to a very memorable close.



## FELLOWSHIP NEWS

*Professor Sir John Gurdon* will receive an Honorary ScD from the University in a ceremony at the Senate House on Monday 25 June. Sir John is the first former member of the Governing Body to be honoured in this way since I A Richards in 1977. Honorary Member *Claire Tomalin* will receive an Hon LittD at the same ceremony.



Sir John Gurdon

T S Eliot was, of course, himself an Honorary Fellow of the College.



Tim Clutton-Brock

*Tim Clutton-Brock* delivered his inaugural lecture as the Prince Philip Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology on April 17.

The lecture was given in the presence of Prince Philip and as part of the celebration of his thirty years as University Chancellor.

Further evidence of Magdalene's academic distinction is provided by *Roger O'Keefe*, whose book *The Protection of Cultural Property in Armed Conflict*, described by its author as a 'real bodice-ripper', has been published by Cambridge University Press.



Roger O'Keefe

*Luca Castagnoli* has added to his honours a Hellenic Foundation award for the best doctoral thesis in ancient or classical Hellenic Studies for the year 2005.



The Master at Work

*The Master* delivered the Isaiah Berlin Lecture at the British Academy on Wednesday 2 May, on the subject of: 'Palace or Power Station? Museums today'.

The Senior Bursar, *Andrew Thompson*, has been appointed Treasurer of the Cambridge Gates Trust. He will be responsible for £Ms!

*Steven Morris* currently the University's Deputy Director of Finance has been appointed Senior Bursar in succession to Andrew Thompson. Steven takes up his position in September.

We welcome our first Yip Visiting Fellow, *Professor Stephen R. Doty*, Professor of Mathematics and Statistics, and Computer Science at Loyola University, Chicago.



Stephen Doty

Professor Doty, who is principally an algebraist, has spent most of his career at Loyola, after a PhD at Notre Dame and appointments both there and in Seattle.



Sir David Hopwood

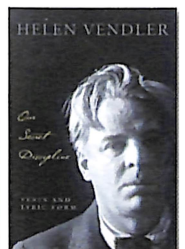
*Professor Sir David Hopwood* (1999) has published *Streptomyces in Nature and Medicine: The Antibiotic Makers* [OUP] "an insider's account" of 50 years of genetic studies of the soil-inhabiting microbes that produce most of the antibiotics used to treat infections, as well as anti-cancer, anti-parasitic and immuno-suppressant drugs.

*Professor Helen Vendler* (1997) has published *Our Secret Discipline: Lyric Form in Yeats* (Harvard University Press).

The book includes as one of its chapters the lecture she gave in Magdalene whilst the Visiting Parnell Fellow.



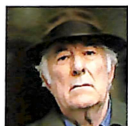
Helen Vendler



Paul Bew

*Professor Paul Bew*, Parnell Visiting Fellow 1996-97 has been made a peer, for which we send congratulations.

*Seamus Heaney* (1999) has been awarded the hugely prestigious *T S Eliot Prize*. Created in 1993 by the poet's widow to commemorate the 40th birthday of the Poetry Book Club, the award is regarded as "poetry's biggest prize". It was the only major poetry prize to have eluded Seamus thus far. On receipt of the award he commented:



Seamus Heaney

"There are many reasons to feel honoured by the award of this prize - the aura of T S Eliot's name, for a start; the distinction of the previous winners; the quality of the other poets on this year's shortlist; and the high regard in which the judges are held," he said. "When I called one of the poems in *District and Circle* 'Anything Can Happen' I wasn't thinking that anything like this would happen to the book, but it certainly expresses what I'm feeling at the moment."

# 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](http://webALUMNUS)

**Thursday 7 June:** New York Spring Event  
Drinks at The Campbell Apartments, 15 Vanderbilt Ave (next to Grand Central) 6.30pm  
Contact: [diana@thecakewalk.com](mailto:diana@thecakewalk.com)

**Saturday 16 June:** Friends of the Magdalene Boat Club Dinner. College - Hall 7pm  
Contact: [ben@fombc.com](mailto:ben@fombc.com)

**Saturday 16 June:** Old members v current hockey team match. Wilberforce Rd, Cambridge 9-10.30am  
Contact: (Will Harvey) [wh234@cam.ac.uk](mailto:wh234@cam.ac.uk)

**Monday 18 June:** Magdalene in the City Drinks Reception, INVESTEC, 2 Gresham St, London EC2V 7QP. (nrst tube: St Paul's) 6.00pm.  
Contact: [development@magd.cam.ac.uk](mailto:development@magd.cam.ac.uk)

**Wednesday 20 June:** May Ball. **SOLD OUT**  
Reserves only Contact [rr318@cam.ac.uk](mailto:rr318@cam.ac.uk)

**Thursday 5 July:** Chairman's Lunch in College. 11am-5pm. 2.30pm Tour of Cambridge New

Architecture (led by the Master) RSVP by 28 June. £45 plus £5 for the tour (contribution to coach hire) Contact: [development@magd.cam.ac.uk](mailto:development@magd.cam.ac.uk)

**Sunday 29 July:** Joint event with Magdalen Oxford at Magdalene 11am-5pm. Talks, exhibitions, lunch, croquet. £40  
Contact: [development@magd.cam.ac.uk](mailto:development@magd.cam.ac.uk)

**Friday 21 - Sunday 23 September:** University Alumni Weekend. [www.foundation.cam.ac.uk](http://www.foundation.cam.ac.uk)

**Thursday 27 September:** Hong Kong Dinner, Jockey Club, Happy Valley, Hong Kong. 6pm for 6.30pm. HK\$500 (excl drinks).  
Contact: [wendymeharg@hotmail.com](mailto:wendymeharg@hotmail.com)

**Tuesday 23 October:** House of Commons Dinner. 7.30pm. £55. **SOLD OUT** Reserves only  
Contact: [chrisbabbsuk@waitrose.com](mailto:chrisbabbsuk@waitrose.com)

**Friday 2 - Thursday 8 November:** Magdalene in America events in Vancouver, San Francisco and Florida (dates and details *tbc*)

Contact: [development@magd.cam.ac.uk](mailto:development@magd.cam.ac.uk)

**Friday 9 November:** 16th New York Dinner, Union Club, New York, 6pm \$100 (*tbc*)  
Contact: [robert@magdalene.us](mailto:robert@magdalene.us)

### COLLEGE REUNIONS (2007)

**Saturday 30 June:** Dinner 1985-1987  
**Friday 21 September:** Dinner 1988-1990  
**Saturday 22 September:** Dinner 1991-1993

### 2008 DIARY

**29 March** - Association Dinner & AGM  
**3 July** - Association Lunch  
**3 May** - Reunion Lunch (1950-1954)  
**29 June** - Reunion Dinner (1994-1996)  
**19 September** - Reunion Dinner (1997-1998)  
**26 September** - Reunion Dinner (up to 1959)

**NON-RESIDENT DINING NIGHTS:** 26 May; 26 October; 16 November 24 November.  
Drinks from 7pm Peckard Room (next to SCR)

## MAGDALENE ABROAD



**THE GLOBAL NATURE OF MAGDALENE'S MEMBERSHIP** is increasingly obvious and we are keen both to recognise this and to be of service to our members whether they live on our doorstep or somewhat further afield. We are trying to bring Magdalene and its activities to our members - wherever they are and as and when they want them through our various websites and services

(detailed elsewhere in this issue). But we recognise that meeting up remains the ideal and so we are also developing events programmes across several continents through our active local organisations. 2007-2008 will see another ambitious series of events run by MAM, MAP and (we still hope!) MOz. Meanwhile, "at home" in Europe, the Magdalene Association has a full programme of events details of which can be found above.

In late September, the Master and the Senior Tutor will again visit Hong Kong for the now "traditional" Hong Kong Dinner; whilst the Alumni & Development Office Team will undertake their customary North American tour in early November. Though details have

yet to be finalised, the week prior to the New York Dinner on 9 November 2007 should see them in Vancouver, San Francisco and Florida (city *tbc*). Any member interested in helping to organise an event in these locations is encouraged to contact the Alumni & Development Office.

We remain keen to make progress with Magdalene in Australasia, but continue to find difficulty in identifying a local member willing to help with the organisation. Anyone keen to do so is urged to contact Mark Billinge at the earliest opportunity ([director.development@magd.cam.ac.uk](mailto:director.development@magd.cam.ac.uk))

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

## REUNION SCHEDULE

**IN ORDER TO OFFER MEMBERS** the opportunity of returning to College with their friends on a more regular basis, a third reunion dinner has been added to the calendar each year. This additional reunion is scheduled for the last Saturday in June each year. The provision of this extra dinner should reduce the interval between reunions to about 5 years.

YEAR	MAY LUNCH	MA CEREMONY	JUNE DINNER	SEPTEMBER DINNER No 1	SEPTEMBER DINNER No 2
2007	up to 1949	2000	1985-1987	1988-1990	1991-1993
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.

## MA Day 2007

**MORE THAN EIGHTY** of the class of 2000 returned to College on Saturday 12 May for the first of the new style MA days. After a quick check on "who was who" (not always straightforward after four years) returning members assembled for a group photograph followed by lunch in the Denis Murphy Gallery in Cripps Court. After the Senate House ceremony, members and their guests attended a garden party in the Master's Garden. The sun shone (just about) and, friendships renewed, the group departed to re-assemble again (*en masse* we hope) for their first Reunion Dinner in June 2009.

