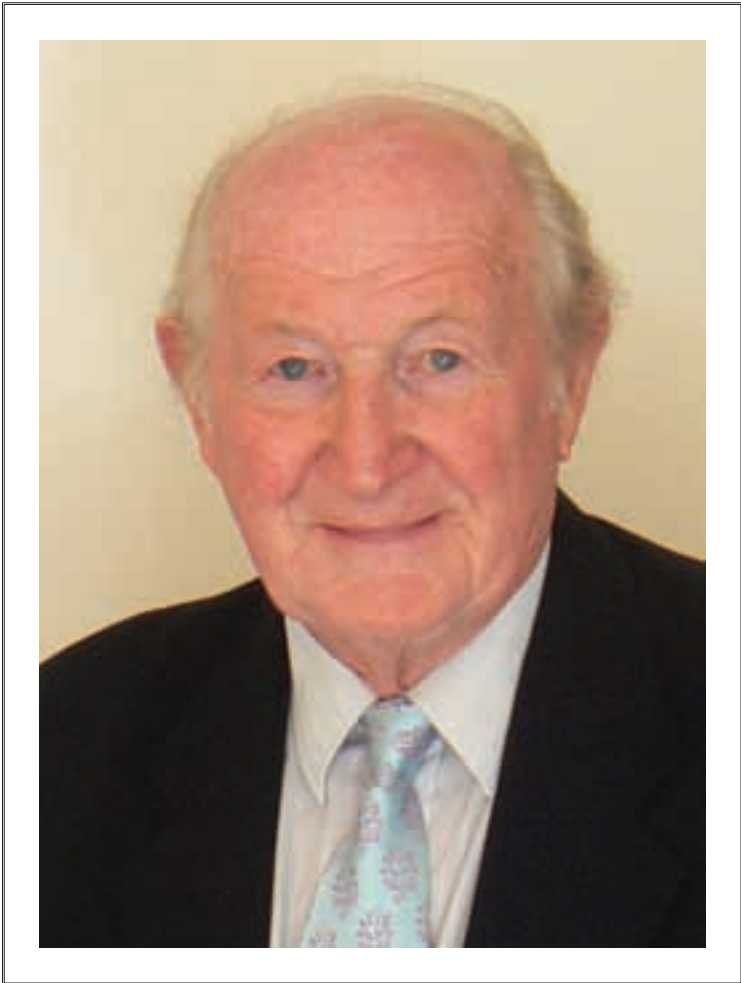


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Mr Gwyn Bevan M.A.. President of the Association 2010-2011.



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## PRESIDENT'S FOREWORD

Using a sporting analogy I can describe my enjoyable privilege of being President of the Association as being like a 'hooker' on the rugby field. I have been between two redoubtable props and fed by an industrious scrum half. The props have been my predecessor, Peter Thomson, and my successor John Hicks, until recently our long serving Secretary. Both have had profound influence over many years on our thriving Association. The scrum half, like me new to office, has been Barrie Hunt. No analogy must be pushed too far for, although a scrum half probably passes the ball more times than his team-mates, as Secretary the ball stops there and from the kick-off Barrie's industry has been needed and proven. My good fortune goes further for it includes significant help and encouragement from the list of Officers on the previous page as well as the able spontaneous assistance received from each one in the busy Development Office.

The main duties of the Association's Officers, mostly on the shoulders of the Secretary, are in editing the annual *Newsletter* and *College Record* which now includes the Development Office's *Magenta News* and organising the September Dinner: all this as well as generating income for the well established Student Support Fund. For this fund the devoted members of the Merchandise Working Group continue to show sustained energy in their innovation and selling. This year the publication of *Downing and the two World Wars* has been added to the Association's activities and this has been well received. It has tapped into a huge resource of knowledge held in the minds of Members, little of which has previously surfaced. It also reveals a very real bonding between Members and College and a keenness to foster this yet further. Interest shown by a wider range of readers than was anticipated has emboldened the Association to contemplate studying a fresh topic, the thirty years since Downing admitted women and the effect it has had on College life. The potential of this project will be evaluated jointly with Girton comparing their symmetric experience. A little thought suggests that the scope of the book could range from being a brief light-hearted account of novel and prankish circumstances to a serious sociological review of matters of some profundity: careful judgement is needed and we must not over-reach our abilities. It is of significance that, during my year of office, the positions held in College by resident women students have included presidencies of the Griffins, Junior Common Room and Middle Common Room, for example, and our Women's Boat is Head of the River! As recently as three decades ago who would have thought that a third of the Fellows and also the Bursar would now be women: maybe soon the Association President too? How long will it be before the Master's Lodge will not quite be an accurate description?

With the Hall refurbished and the use of the Howard Theatre beginning to take full advantage of this many faceted asset, no cultured visitor to Cambridge should omit viewing them both. Alan Howard tells us a little more about the conception of the Theatre in his note in the accompanying *Magenta News*. It provided an ideal setting for a much enjoyed March event with the journalist, author and Downing alumnus Howard Jacobson delivering a potent lecture on Dr Leavis, interest in whom is resurging in persons beyond our College and in a variety of disciplines. Recognising the Master's eminence in the field of neuroscience, later in the month a conference entitled "The Mind and Brain" followed and it too benefited from the Theatre's comprehensive facilities. Its value to College income and affairs will continue to grow: it is a welcome asset when the College remains so seriously handicapped by its under endowment, a circumstance which is being vigorously addressed in other initiatives.

Most readers of this note will be alumni of Downing or of some similar body but do we all know what an alumnus is? Dare I admit, I had assumed it was a term indicating superior properties – such as of the bright, once wonder-metal aluminium say. I didn't find out until I began exploring presidential topics that an alumnus is a 'foster child'. I didn't feel like that – and was confused by the definition but should not have been, remembering the 'clues' which have been around us for long enough. 'Alma Mater', the bountiful mother, is obvious and for our tutors 'in loco parentis' wasn't just a joke: 'matriculation' means more than a photograph and a parade to the Senate House. So was the choice of the word 'alumnus' made to suggest that for us, previously uneducated youths, our College provided a succouring refuge from an unenlightened and hostile world – or some such scenario, and hence the fostering image?... well not quite. There are overtones of welcome in the notion so please consider.... there are over six thousand 'fostered' Downing alumni; only a few hundred regularly attend College events. I believe that more than five thousand are missing a great deal of enjoyment and indeed further 'education' by not returning for a wide range of alumni events at College and University levels. I would say to them "Welcome home to your alma mater and claim what is your rich cultural inheritance".

*Gwyn Bevan.*

## ASSOCIATION NEWS

**The main objects of the Association are:**

- (a) To keep Members of Downing in touch with one another and the College.
- (b) To facilitate united action in any matter concerning the welfare of the College and its Members.
- (c) To publish and circulate an annual *Newsletter*.
- (d) To hold an annual dinner.

**The Association welcomes and encourages contacts from its Members.**

To this end, we have enclosed a form to enable you to update personal details and to keep us up to date with aspects of your career and/or personal life that you would like to share with others. Many Members tell us how much they enjoy reading about their contemporaries with whom they have lost contact. Some Members tell us that they don't send in information because they think no-one will be interested in them – they are wrong!!

**The Association website** can be accessed via <http://www.dow.cam.ac.uk/> followed by the 'Alumni' link.

The Association sells a range of merchandise (over 50 items at the last count) with profits going towards the Student Support Fund. If you are looking for ideas for gifts with a personal touch, our product list can be found on the website by following the 'Alumni' link, followed by 'Souvenirs and Gifts'.

### 2010 AGM

The AGM took place for the first time in the superb new Howard Theatre, with its opulent seating and excellent acoustics.

The retiring President, Peter Thomson (1953), reported that the year had progressed much the same as usual, and the joint London event with the College went very well. An unusual feature had been the compilation of a book about what the College was like and what happened to it during the two World Wars, which would be printed shortly. Gwyn Bevan had dealt particularly with reminiscences, John Hicks with College archives concerning World War 2, and he himself with World War 1.

The Treasurer, Norman Berger (1952), reported a deficit on normal activities of £1710 and, with that on the Student Support Fund (SSF) of £3418, a total deficit of £ 5128. In consequence, reserves were down to £31,259 from £36,387. He stated that the past year had been a challenging one, with merchandise profits down to £4802 from £8161 despite hard work by the Merchandise Group. Nevertheless, exceptional features had enabled grants under the SSF to

be increased from £9568 to £11,171. The Fund had benefited 67 students, 40 with books and 27 with other materials and travel expenses. Purchase of the Master's Chair had become due during the year, but had cost less than anticipated. He expressed the hope that new merchandise, including a Hermes-like tie, a similar ladies' scarf, which was under consideration, teddy bears and cufflinks, would increase sales.

In answer to questions from the floor, the President advised that the Committee had that morning discussed the format of Alumni Day, College activities having been reduced as the number of competing University events had increased. Further consultation was thought necessary, both internally and with the College, and views from Members would be most welcome.

### THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

This year has seen significant changes to your Executive Committee, though good planning has ensured that continuity will be assured.

The Presidential Trinity moved through its annual cycle, with President-elect Gwyn Bevan taking the helm from Peter Thomson who has become Past President. Bill Tudor John, having served as President in 2008-9, retired from the Committee.

John Hicks, who has contributed so much to the Association since becoming Secretary in 1998 (and as a member of the Executive Committee between 1992 and 1996), has become our President-elect and his place as Secretary has been taken by Barrie Hunt. Sadly, John Hall, who had served the Association for fifteen years, decided that it was time to relinquish his role as Assistant Secretary.

Holly Hedgeland, a member of the Executive Committee since 2006, resigned as a co-opted member and no new members were required.

A former President of the Association, Dr David Blackadder, who had served as Auditor since 1994 (and as ex-officio from 1983, when he became Bursar) decided to end his stint. His place has been taken by Barry Moore, an Emeritus Fellow and Land Economist.

Finally, the Committee were sorry to see the departure of Development Director Serita Rana for family reasons in December. Serita had developed a good rapport with the Association and, as a result of the hiatus, some developments have had to be put on hold. Nevertheless, we were delighted to welcome back her replacement, Gabrielle Bennett, who returned as Development Director after an interval of nine years.

During the course of the year, the Executive has reviewed the format of the Association and Alumni Day with the result that a fuller programme is being offered for 2011.

One object of the Association is “to facilitate united action in any matter concerning the welfare of the College and its Members”. To this end the Association introduced a Student Support Fund in 2005, designed to provide small grants to students for the purchase of books and travel. This Fund is maintained through the sale of merchandise and donations from Association Members, but in recent years demand on its resources has increased, whilst income from merchandise has dropped. This year it has been necessary to reduce the funds available for support by 30% and, in the next few months, we will need to review our longer term strategy. Work on this began with a brainstorming session prior to the March meeting.

Nevertheless, much valuable work continues to be carried out by the Merchandise Working Group, whose members are always willing to turn out at events to set out their stall. A new, high quality “City” tie, with a Quentin Blake design has been created and was put on sale in June. The tie is featured on the Inside Back Cover of the *Newsletter* and our President can be seen wearing one on the Inside Front Cover.

A further highlight of the year was the publication of the *Downing and the two World Wars* by Gwyn Bevan, John Hicks and Peter Thomson (see page 19).

#### DOWNING ASSOCIATION PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

The Executive Committee is exploring the possibility of introducing new views of the College to supplement the traditional prints and cards it has for sale. To this end, it sponsored a photographic competition ‘Downing from a New Perspective’. Entries were asked to “show the College in a different light, perhaps hidden or rarely seen details, or unusual views, or perhaps something abstract or impressionistic”.

Two of the best entries are reproduced overleaf. It should be noted that the competition was for colour photographs and the excellent first and second prize winning entries were less amenable to black and white reproduction.

The competition attracted 27 entries and was judged by Gwyn Bevan, Neville Tait and Richard Stibbs and the winners were

- First prize:      Mauricio Hernandez  
                                 ‘Panoramic view of Downing after a snowfall’
- Second prize:    Stephanie Kokura  
                                 ‘Night photo - tree and bike’
- Third prize:      Mauricio Hernandez  
                                 ‘Dining Hall columns after a light snowfall’

DOWNING ASSOCIATION PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION



Dining Hall columns after a light snowfall - Mauricio Hernandez (third prize)



My friend Griff - Robert Sparkes (highly commended)



## SALVETE



I sit down to write my first Secretary's Diary with some trepidation. My audience is potentially 6500 alumni aged from 18 to 103 and covering an immense range of human achievement. Such is the diversity and extent of the talent of Downing men and women that this *Newsletter* has the potential to be read by a Man Booker prize winner, a Government Minister, a Supreme Court judge, a member of Monty Python, famous actors and directors, international sportsmen and women and many others who have distinguished themselves in

their chosen field. Perhaps those who concern me most are those who studied literary criticism under F R Leavis – for their information, my style is developed from 1950's Broad Norfolk, adjusted over time to comply with the need to gain a pass at O level in English. I console myself, however, with the realization that we were all once part of the Downing community – a great model for diversity and tolerance.

For the 6437 who were not at the last Annual General Meeting and for those that elected me just because I was the only candidate, allow me to introduce myself. I came up to Downing in 1966 from the City of Norwich School to study Mathematics. Coincidentally, in a sign of the times, my Headmaster, J N Hewitson, came up in the same term as a Schoolmaster Fellow Commoner to write a book called *The Grammar School Tradition in a Comprehensive World*. Used copies are still available for £0.96 from Amazon! Mathematics proved to be a challenging subject and, although half of our entry moved to other subjects at the end of Part 1A, I survived to complete Part 2. The Director of Studies at the time was the legendary John Todd, whose means of identifying his students in a supervision involved two pieces of card, each with a student's name and supervision time. At the start of the supervision he would direct a question to one of the two names and, having identified one of the students, he then placed the cards to aid his memory for the rest of the supervision. The system was not infallible, and depended upon two assumptions – that there had been no swapping of supervision times and that the correct student responded to his original question. We needed some light relief before trying to unravel the complexities of projective geometry and metric spaces!

University and College life provided me with a variety of unrepeatable experiences. As Secretary of the Hockey Club, I played an entire match with my broken wrist in plaster – an effective technique since my marker never dared tackle me! As Captain of Tennis I was able to call on the entire University first

VI and we won Cuppers for the seventh successive year. In the final against Trinity we lost just five games in six matches! Writing this piece during Wimbledon week reminds me that the Griffins Club entertained James Van Alen, the inventor of the tie-break through his VASSS (Van Alen Streamlined Scoring System). Mr Van Alen sponsored the Varsity match, which used his scoring system (closely based on table tennis) on at least one occasion.

Other unrepeatable experiences involved drawing the British number one doubles pair in the first round of the University tennis tournament, presiding over a debate at the Downing Debating Society with a senior Minister from a recent Cabinet and having victory in my only game of chess on the bottom board of the Downing II Chess team analysed in great detail by a Grandmaster!

The intervening years between completing my P.G.C.E. and my current theoretical retirement were spent in Education – much of it within 800 yards of the Hills Road Catholic Church. For the record: 16 years lecturing at CCAT (Cambridgeshire College of Arts and Technology – now Anglia Ruskin University) followed by 8 years as Head of Mathematics and subsequently Vice Principal at Long Road Sixth Form College. My cv at the time also showed that I was a member of the Advisory Group for the SMP 16-19 Mathematics project. I eventually joined UCLES (now Cambridge Assessment), mostly working in qualifications development. I ended as a Director of Cambridge ESOL, heading the development of new languages qualifications as part of the government’s National Languages Strategy.

I continued my interest in tennis, running local junior tournaments and Cambridge Centre for Inter-County Week. For a while, I was Vice-President of the Cambridge University LTC and also became President of Cambridgeshire LTA in 1986.

Since retiring I continue to do occasional consultancy work for Cambridge Assessment, have become a non-Executive Director of a translating and interpreting company and act as Treasurer of the Cambridge Fundraising Committee for the Sick Children’s Trust.

I married Sue in 1974 and have two sons, Robert (Magdalene, 1994), now a partner in Herbert Smith, Hong Kong and David (1995) a former Bye-Fellow of Downing and Neurosciences Registrar at the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary.

Since I was elected according to the principle of the gently twisted arm, I do not come with a manifesto for the Association. Nevertheless, I have been described elsewhere as the “grit in the oyster” and so, once I have learned how to write the annual *Newsletter* and deliver a decent annual dinner, I hope that I will be able to find ways to help the Association develop the Student Support Fund and be of value to the College as it goes through the turbulent times ahead.

*Barrie Hunt*

**DOWNING AND THE TWO WORLD WARS – FURTHER CONTRIBUTIONS**

In December the Association published a 90 page book *Downing and the two World Wars* written by Gwyn Bevan (1948), John Hicks (1955) and Peter Thomson (1953). The book, which is often referred to as *D2WW* and shown overleaf, is written around recollections from Members of the College. It is a fascinating and very readable volume. Its publication stimulated further responses from Members: five of these are given here. They are extracted from fuller biographies which appear in the later pages of the *Magenta News*.

**Mark Tapley (1943).** Mark joined the Hon. Artillery Company prior to coming up to Downing at the age of 18. It was his intention to be a much needed pilot in the Fleet Air Arm so he joined the Cambridge Naval Squadron. At this early age he could be described as having connections which Churchill later described as ‘triphibious’ operations, when to be correct he should have said ‘terphibious’.

He came up in 1943 and, on a short course, studied English, Economics and History (largely American). A copied letter from Whalley-Tooker written in 1947 clarified the value as a qualification of the subsequent examination results he achieved: they were good. He has forwarded copies of some of the examination papers which he answered - the first question one sees asks ‘What factors may prevent a constituency returning a satisfactory representative of the wishes of the majority of its inhabitants?’ Wasn’t this in the area of the recent referendum?

On joining the Navy he was soon in the Hasler hospital successfully recovering from damage to a kidney. The most grim consequences of war were soon thrust before him when a captured German pilot in the next bed died from his injuries. Service followed in the small carrier ‘Reaper’ (a grim choice of names) and pleasant voyaging through the Panama to two tours of the Pacific in more pacific times than shortly before.

He chose to marry on demobilisation and returned to the Bank of England rather than completing his degree.

**Maurice Winter (1943).** Our recent publication on wartime events had reminded Maurice of the keenness of the College Fire Squad to be prepared for action should it be required. Outside J staircase was the large ‘Static Water Tank’: to carry water to any scene of fire there were the ‘Mobile Bowsers’. The Squad consisted of a Mr Sidebottom who supervised, D P Williams, driver, John Hagen, John Aldred and himself. They had a car to tow a trailer mounted pump and were trained to use these by the National Fire Service. They trained regularly and formed the impression that they were somewhat keener than the squads of other colleges and were determined to keep it that way. With the suction pipe from the pump submerged in the large tank and the engine running at fairly

high revs, the valve which fed exhaust gases into the injector would be opened: this would suck the water up the pipe and into the centrifugal pump. The water then flowed copiously through the canvas hose squirting out of the jet pipe – and they all got rather wet. Pumps are so important on boats that this early training was probably extremely valuable on Maurice’s later nautical adventures.

**David Benjamin (1944).** David worked in an accountants’ firm in Brighton for just over one year before coming up to Downing in the April of 1944 on an RAF Short Course. He enjoyed the typical mixed activities of the time, training in the Squadron, University lectures, College study and sport: the ‘sport’ included the obligatory climbing in. At that time he remembers only about eight Short Course cadets in Downing variously from the three services. He shared a room with Peter Wood of fame in stage and screen direction.

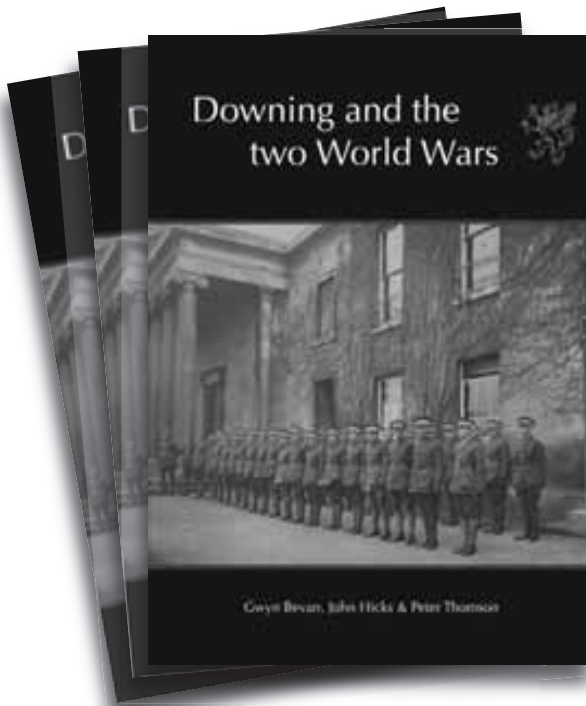
On joining the RAF he won his wings at Cranwell and flew Hurricanes and Spitfires but the war was over by then and in 1946 he left the Forces to join the family fur merchanting business. This took precedence over returning to Downing as his father needed this help, his elder brother who had been in the company before the war, having been killed when serving as a pilot in the defence of Malta.

**John Pascoe-Watson (1945).** Gwyn Bevan writes:

John came to Downing in 1945 on an RAF Short Course as one of only four cadets there at that time. He went on to have a full time career in the RAF which he has described in his autobiography: having read it with great interest, I have passed it to the College Library. From my own conscripted service in the RAF I remember several things of interest mentioned in his writing amongst which was the daily 7am acrobatic display by the Cranwell Commandant, Air Commodore Atcherley, in a captured Messerschmitt 108, a fore-runner of the deadly Me 109.



The 1945 Downing 1st XI. It includes John (back row, third from left) and Gordon Stuart (back row, far left, see page 82).



*“In that year towards the war end, they were seriously earnest times with the harsh realities of the war being clearly demonstrated by the steady flow of USAAF ambulances passing through the town on the way to the Madingley American Cemetery. The US 8th Air Force was still taking heavy casualties in their daylight raids on northern Europe. There were brighter aspects though, ‘at homes’ in the Master’s Garden perhaps with croquet for example. Admiral Richmond saw to it that we understood the progress of hostilities by giving talks on the Far East naval activities. Later these were discontinued as it was feared that his analyses could have been valuable to the enemy.”*

**R Bryan Jameson (1944)**

Read the above contribution, and many others from Downing men who served in the Second World War, in this Association publication, compiled and edited by Gwyn Bevan, John Hicks and Peter Thomson.

To purchase this item, please use the enclosed order form or visit:  
[www.dow.cam.ac.uk](http://www.dow.cam.ac.uk)

followed by the ‘Alumni’ and ‘Souvenirs and Gifts’ links

He recounts that a contemporary Downing alumnus, Pat Harvey, also pursued an RAF career. In a bizarre series of events he developed a heavy cold and was mistakenly operated on for appendicitis which led to complications leading to his being invalided out of the RAF – and this was a man who had been robust enough to play rugby for the RAF.

John's old no.48 Squadron is now engaged in training fast jet pilots and is based in fashionable Valley – which is currently attracting much interest principally in its helicopter Air-Sea Rescue facilities.

**Bernard Jarvis (1946).** Unlike most Members who served in the wartime Forces, Colonel Jarvis came to College when his service was completed: he read Engineering. He has written in detail of his soldiering in the Desert Campaign and in particular the capture of Tripoli on 23rd January 1943. His texts are now in the College archives.

Going back to the starting point at Alamein, his Royal Engineer field squadron led the attack of the 10th Armoured Division in October 1942. With five sappers equipped with blue cycle lamps, his job was to find and mark out the second enemy minefield. The 'gapping' party of 80 strong followed and made an 8 yard gap through the minefield which they lit up with green and amber lamps. All went well – one of the greatest achievements of the Corps he believes – but dawn was breaking and the tanks decided not to go through for fear of being 'picked off' by anti-tank guns. Starting the operation at 10 pm had been too late as two hours of darkness were lost. In this Colonel Jarvis believes that Montgomery and his Staff planned badly and "Why?", he asks, "did they attack the enemy at his strongest point?" The Corps enjoyed mixed feelings – pleasure at doing their job so well and disappointment that such an opportunity should be wasted.

Two further points stand out in his description of the nature of the desert warfare. First; the deadly nature of mines in such terrain is sadly now almost daily news. The Africa Corps had a particularly pernicious 'S' mine. It jumped a few seconds after being set off and exploded at chest height so that shrapnel from it could bring down many men.

Second; in *D2WW* the involvement of many Members in the code breaking activities of Bletchley Park is frequently referred to. It is enlightening to learn of incidents in which this advantage was enjoyed. Bernard Jarvis records "our advance halted just north of Medenine and we were told by HQ that the Germans would make a full-scale counter attack. In this matter we marvelled at the genius of Monty being able to read Rommel's mind 50 miles away." In fact Monty was reading transcripts of the German orders made possible by Bletchley Park: the Queen's Brigade repelled the full force of the counter attack without yielding a yard. There is much more of interest to read in the accounts of his service returning from which he became an undergraduate at Downing with an M.C..

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

This year's **Association and Alumni Weekend**, which includes the **Annual Dinner**, will be on September 24th/25th.

Full details of the activities available and an online booking form may be found on the Events link at <http://www.downingcambridge.com/development>

A booking form is also included with this *Newsletter*.

The **London Reception** is scheduled for 20th October.

## NEXT YEAR'S PRESIDENT



I came up to Downing in 1955 after serving the first year of a student apprenticeship with a major aircraft company. I had attended the Perse School which in those days was on the corner of Gonville Place where the Local Examinations Syndicate (Cambridge Assessment) now stands using some of the old school buildings. So a large part of my academic education took place in a small area of Cambridge.

I chose to do the Fast Course in Mechanical Sciences with Part I in only two years and Part II (Aeronautics) in the third year. My view was why take three years over something which can be done in two? The late Professor Austyn Mair, a Fellow of Downing, was one of my teachers in Part II. Some fifteen years later we sat on the same committee and he invited me to become a Member of High Table which was my re-introduction to the College.

I left the aircraft industry after about six years because although it was very interesting (one of my last jobs was trying to tear the wings off a VC10 airliner – known as structural testing) I decided I needed to stretch my brain. So I went to a research institute a few miles south of Cambridge, now called TWI. After two years I found I was not very good at research and I turned to running a design advisory service which was in effect retailing the results of research for industrial application. I found this so interesting that I stayed for eleven years. After that I spent a year with a large firm of consulting engineers in London during which time I saw an opportunity for setting up my own specialist consultancy on welded construction which I then pursued for over thirty years. Amongst other things this took me to work in Australia with an oil company monitoring steel fabrication work over the Far East for the North West Shelf offshore gas project.

Some years later I received a rather mysterious phone call saying “Would you like to come and see us?” It turned out to be the Cabinet Office which was,

with the Treasury, setting up a unit with equal numbers of civil servants and private sector people to respond to Mrs Thatcher's desire to improve value for money in Central Government purchasing. So what had this to do with welding you may well ask? I was to look at matters of quality and standards in purchasing for which the steel fabrication industry had invested a lot of effort. I spent a most interesting three years across the whole civil service.

I was then asked to take on the role of the Secretary General of the International Institute of Welding, a vehicle for discussion and publication for researchers in academia, government and industry across more than forty countries with outputs in science, technology, education and standards. After six years of that I resumed a variety of activities in major engineering projects in the United Kingdom and overseas.

I was pleased to be elected a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering with the support of my Downing contemporary and friend, the late Tony Denton for whose firm I had been able to provide specialist assistance at various times.

I was delighted that my younger son was able to gain his P.G.C.E. and then an M.Ed. at Downing after his first degree in Geography at Durham.

In recent years the scope of the Association's activities has developed markedly and blends some of its operations with those of the Development Office whilst still remaining an independent alumni-run body. I look forward to having the opportunity of being able to support the Association in its roles of linking alumni with each other and the College and in assisting current students.

*John Hicks (1955)*

## THE MASTER WRITES:

During another demanding but rewarding year, it is the Coalition Government's announcements on the future funding of higher education that have been a dominant issue. The headline feature is known to you all: a cut in the teaching grant to Universities by 80% (the 20% remaining is for STEM subjects – science, technology, engineering and mathematics), meaning that students will therefore pay for a large part of the funding of their education through loans. At Cambridge (and almost everywhere else) tuition fees will rise to £9000 per year. The charging of the maximum fee is dependent upon an Access Agreement, which was finally accepted on July 8th, between the University and OFFA (the Office for Fair Access). Key components of this agreement for Cambridge are: (i) increased provision of financial support and fee-waivers to students in financial need, so that high fees do not deter applications; (ii) enhanced outreach activities (which, as you will read in the Senior Tutor's report, Downing is already and



successfully heavily engaged in); (iii) what are described as ‘challenging milestones’, aimed at increasing the proportion of our UK student intake from particular groups (e.g. between 61-63% of the University’s intake should be from UK state sector schools and colleges, and at least 4% from low participation neighbourhoods), but without compromising the integrity of Cambridge’s and Downing’s admissions procedures and entry standards. To many of us, it feels as if it is the Government that is compromising the integrity of our admissions procedures, although we shall do everything possible to ensure that this is not the case and will continue to admit students on the basis of achievement and potential. Without doubt, this is a paradigm shift in the rules governing university admissions and possibly in the future relationship between students and the College and the University. We simply do not know how this will play out. Our worst fear is that students from financially poor backgrounds will simply be daunted by the prospect of £30,000–60,000 of debt following their undergraduate degrees and be deterred from applying. This may be more likely in the current economic climate in which graduate unemployment is headline news almost every week. We can only hope that those fears are not justified and the first clues will come during October when the application deadline has passed. Without doubt, Downing must increase the funds it has available for bursaries and fee-waivers, as well as for the financial hardship that is experienced by some during their time at Downing. I am confident that we will find our way through this, but it will not be easy.

While the debates about fees and access have continued unabated, another academic year has sped by and another cohort of students has graduated. General Admissions took place a week ago and I was again thrilled by that special occasion, which marks the successful completion of their degrees by our undergraduates. There have been some marked individual and subject successes, as you will see in the *College Record* and read in more detail in the Senior Tutor’s summary. Yet it remains apparent to us that we can and must do more to facilitate the transition our students must make from school-based teaching and assessment to the more independent form of undergraduate study. The majority do so, while also contributing to the ambitious, but supportive and relaxed social cohesiveness that characterises Downing.

This year, our students have been as engaged as ever in the full range of arts and sporting activities. The Drama Society has thrived under Alex Lass, who directed an acclaimed production of Michael Frayn’s ‘Donkeys’ Years’ in the new Howard Theatre. The Theatre has become a much sought after venue for drama productions by other Colleges and organisations, while also providing a critical resource for our vitally important conference business. We shall be eternally grateful to the Howard Foundation for the generosity that enabled the

Theatre to be built. The choir has continued to flourish under the direction and leadership of our organ scholar Dean Ryan. We have recently appointed Bye-Fellow, David Irving, as Director of Music in order to support the musical talent of students in the College. Although David will not be required to conduct the Chapel choir, he will be closely involved in the running of the Music Society and will ensure that the students are able to organise regular concerts and recitals.

It has also been an exceptional year for sport, but especially for the Boat Club. The women's first VIII regained the Lent Headship, but went on to take the Mays Headship for the first time in the College's history. The men's first VIII lies second in both the Lents and the Mays, having briefly taken the Lent Headship, and is poised to join W1 in giving Downing its first ever men's and women's double headship next year. There have been many successes in other sports, as you will read in the Griffins summary, including blues and half blues for those who have represented the University. Anthony Crutchett, who graduated last year, won a Commonwealth gold medal in the senior men's sabre in Melbourne and is currently working hard to gain a place in the 2012 Olympics Team.

The graduate community continues to flourish and we have been fortunate over the past several years to have had exceptional MCR Presidents and committees. They have worked hard with the Fellowship to enhance the environment and provision for graduate students, and to ensure that they have an effective voice in the College. There is a vibrant termly graduate seminar when three students present their research in an accessible way to Fellows and other graduate students across an impressive array of disciplines. There has also evolved an increasingly seamless interaction with the JCR, most evident recently through the organisation of an exceptional May Ball with its *Olympus* theme. At a more practical level, the graduate students have formed a horticultural society and are growing their own vegetables in the Lensfield Road gardens – green credentials indeed!

The Fellowship has seen changes during the year. Richard Smith F.B.A., Professorial Fellow in Geography, former Vice-Master and distinguished historical demographer, retired, as did Margery Barrand, Fellow in Pharmacology, who has over many years demystified pharmacokinetics for medical students. Kendra Packham, our Graham Robertson Research Fellow, will leave on September 30th to take up a prestigious British Academy Fellowship at Wadham College in Oxford. Joseph Webster will be joining us from Edinburgh next year as the Isaac Newton-Graham Robertson Research Fellow in the humanities. On October 1st 2010, several Fellows were admitted to the College: alumni Rob Harle, Tim Burton and Marta Correia joined Downing as Fellows in computer science, pharmacology and biological sciences, respectively, together with Jamie

Alcock (economics), Jimena Berni (Henslow Research Fellow in biological sciences) and Alicia Hinarejos (law). In the spring, Gabrielle Bennett returned to the College as our Development Director, following Serita Rana's departure to Canada. It has been a pleasure to welcome Gabrielle back to Downing; her enthusiasm and commitment are a great boost to our development activities at a challenging time. On a congratulatory note, Verjee Fellow and Director of Studies in Medicine, Nick Coleman, was promoted to a Professorship in the University in recognition of his outstanding research on cancer diagnosis and pathology. Marcus Tomalin has been the Acting Senior Tutor this year during Graham Virgo's sabbatical leave and I am immensely grateful for the outstanding way he has undertaken this most demanding and important of roles.

During the year we have had a series of distinguished visitors to the Fellowship. Professor Aiko Kurasawa was the Keio Fellow during the Michaelmas term. Professor Elizabeth Magill has just returned to Charlottesville having been the Thomas Jefferson Fellow from the University of Virginia. Also in the Michaelmas term, Marcia Inhorn was in residence as the first, to be followed in the Lent term by Catharine MacKinnon, as the second, Diane Middlebrook and Carl Djerassi Visiting Professors. Marcia is a distinguished Professor of Anthropology at Yale and Catharine is an equally distinguished Professor of Law at the Universities of Michigan and Harvard. Dwight Whittaker, a mathematician, was the Pomona Fellow in the Easter term. We have been very fortunate to have such distinguished visitors to the Fellowship and we look forward to October when we welcome cognitive psychologist Professor Yuichiro Anzai, former President of Keio University, as next year's Keio Fellow.

It has again been a delight to meet many alumni during the year - at the Association Dinner, the Donors' garden party and the 1749 Society here in Downing, at the London Event and other receptions, as well as at the Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race Dinner in Chicago, which I managed to combine with a neuroscience visit to the US. There have been two particularly special events during the year. The first was our inaugural 'Catalysis Conference' in March, which focused on neuroscience and neuropsychiatry, with talks given by three Downing Fellows (Trevor Robbins, Amy Milton and me) and three colleagues in the University's Behavioural and Cognitive Neuroscience Institute (Barbara Sahakian, Luke Clark and Molly Crockett). The talks covered addiction, gambling, schizophrenia, obsessive compulsive disorder, ADHD, memory and its disorders, moral judgement and neuroethics. The conference was attended by alumni, current students and Fellows who all contributed to superb discussions. We hope that the Catalysis Conference will be a regular event in the College calendar and plans are being made for a second one in March 2012 on the theme of 'Justice'. The second special event this year was the F.R. Leavis Lecture and dinner, also

held in March. A brilliant lecture was delivered by alumnus Howard Jacobson, who won the Man Booker Prize for fiction in 2010 for his novel *The Finkler Question*. It was attended by alumni who had been taught by Leavis between 1940 and 1960. Among them was Sir Trevor Nunn, who was here again just two weeks ago to receive an honorary doctorate from our Chancellor, the Duke of Edinburgh, in the final Honorary Degree Ceremony of his Chancellorship.

Finally, some news from the home front. It has been another busy year. Jane has again just returned from the British Association for Dermatology meeting, her last as Academic Vice-President and marked by a dinner that I attended as her guest in the remarkable Painted Hall at the Royal Naval College in Greenwich. Having completed her M.A. at Goldsmith's, gaining a distinction, our daughter Jessica managed to find a job in London, and a flat to share with friends. But in the last two weeks, she has been thrilled to be offered a new job in exactly the area she wishes to work and starts in September. Although busy, it has also been a good year for me. The MRC grant renewal that I spent last summer writing was awarded in full, giving my research 5 more years of funding from October 1st. In a few days time, I am travelling to Washington with my close friend and colleague, Trevor Robbins, where we will both give plenary lectures and jointly receive the American Psychological Association's Distinguished Scientific Contribution Award. Rarely has this been awarded to non-US psychologists and it is especially pleasing for us to have had our research recognised in this way, since it marks a rich collaboration that began over 30 years ago.

In closing I would like to express my sincere thanks to the President of the Association, Gwyn Bevan, who has been devoted to the College and the Association for so many years, to the Honorary Secretary, Barrie Hunt, and the Treasurer, Norman Berger, as well as to the entire executive committee for all their hard work. The Association's support for our students has never been more vital and the College is extremely grateful. I look forward to seeing many of you here at the Alumni day and Association dinner in September and during the year ahead.

*Professor Barry Everitt Sc.D., F.R.S., F.Med.Sci.  
Master's Lodge, July 2011*

### THE (ACTING) SENIOR TUTOR WRITES:

My tenure as Acting Senior Tutor began in January and will last until September 2011, covering the period when Graham Virgo is on sabbatical leave. As it turned out, I could not have undertaken these duties at a more fascinating time. As the Master has emphasised in his report (see page 22), debates and discussions concerning tuition fees and the OFFA Access Agreement dominated the

meeting agendas for the first half of the calendar year, and I was immediately involved in a flurry of activity about these matters both within the College and at the University level. There is no doubt that Higher Education is currently being drastically reconfigured, and with seemingly breathless haste. It is an anxious time for all of us who are involved with Universities in this country, and it seems inevitable that certain aspects of the educational provision offered by the Colleges, Faculties and Departments in Cambridge will change beyond recognition during the next few years.

One crucial component of the OFFA Access Agreement between the University and the Government concerns the ratio of students who are admitted to Cambridge from particular sorts of schools. The University's proposed aim is for 61-63% of the undergraduates across all the Colleges to come from the maintained sector. It was reassuring, therefore, that during the 2010-2011 Admissions Round, 61% of the students who were offered places at Downing came from this sector. Significantly, this was not due to self-conscious 'positive discrimination' or other forms of blatant social engineering. On the contrary, we simply followed our usual practice of offering places to those applicants who appeared to us to have the best academic potential, irrespective of school type, social class, gender, and ethnicity. In our experience, the school type ratios (e.g., independent vs. maintained) that characterise our total offers merely reflect the patterns that we see in the total applications we receive. Therefore, from our perspective, the school type issue is one of recruitment, not of selection: if we can encourage more students from the maintained sector to apply to us, then the ratio of our undergraduates who come from that sector will increase. This is partly why we continue to devote a considerable amount of time, effort, and money to our many outreach initiatives. As most of you are no doubt well-aware, our involvement in such activities is not a recent development. Indeed, we have been undertaking work of this nature for well over a decade now, and it is something that we have always taken extremely seriously. In order to avoid needless reduplication of effort, each Cambridge College is allocated a particular part of the country in which to promote access, and Downing's target area is the South West (Cornwall, Devon, and Dorset). Consequently, each year, we run a wide range of events that are designed to encourage students from many different schools to consider applying to university. Sometimes we travel to the South West to participate in Open Days and to undertake school visits there; on other occasions we bring students from the South West to Cambridge so that they can visit Downing and learn what it would be like to live and study here as an undergraduate. This is all done in addition to our more general events. For instance, on the 7th and 8th of July we ran two of our general annual College Open Days, and around 600 potential applicants participated in tours

of the College, listened to Admissions-related talks, and were able to ask questions about all aspects of the Admissions process. At the moment, these activities are co-ordinated primarily by our superb School and College Liaison Officer, Carl Griffith, who is supported by the Admissions Secretary, the Admissions Tutors, and members of the Fellowship.

Since I am also one of the Admissions Tutors here at Downing, I was already closely involved with the various outreach activities that we undertake – but there have been numerous other aspects of College life that I have been able to view afresh this year. Because I have been a College Tutor since 2005, I have had some experience of the sorts of problems (predominantly mental, physical, and financial) that can create difficulties for our students. However, this year I have been able to view these matters for the first time from a Senior Tutor's perspective, and I have been consistently impressed by the care and dedication of everyone who is involved as part of the College's Tutorial system – in particular, the Tutors, the Dean, the Chaplain, and the College Nurse. These individuals are frequently required to deal with problems which range from the trivial to the harrowing, and they invariably respond promptly with genuine solicitude, discretion, and sound judgement. This important work is made possible by the remarkable staff in the Tutorial and Admissions office. During my tenure as Acting Senior Tutor, Jane Perks and her excellent team have been invaluable, invariably alerting me in advance to approaching pitfalls and predicaments.

As usual, the College's Tutorial infrastructure was severely tested during the frenetic weeks of the Easter Term when the Tripos examinations took place. On the whole, the results this year were quite encouraging. In total, 19.7% of our undergraduates obtained 1sts, and the most impressive subject cohort this year was without doubt Medical & Veterinary Sciences Part II where 10 out of the 16 students obtained 1sts. Elsewhere there were impressive individual performances. Special prizes (for appearing in the top 2.5% of the entire Tripos examination cohort) were awarded to Aly Monaghan (Archaeology & Anthropology, Part I), Ian Tang (Chemical Engineering, Part IIB), Paul Le Blan (Engineering, Part IIA), Rodrigo Queiro (Engineering, Part IIB), Lucy Chambers (Law, Part IA), Ajay Ratan (Law, Part IB), Deepti Lobo (Medical & Veterinary Sciences, Part II), Justin Morgan (Modern & Medieval Languages, Part IB) and Tim Harrison (Natural Sciences, Part II). The Alcan Prize was split between Paul Le Blan and Tim Harrison, while the Whalley-Tooker Prize was awarded to Ajay Ratan, who also received two University prizes. This year the Association Prize was split between three students: Ian Tang, Deepti Lobo, and Rodrigo Queiro, who were ranked 1/65, 1/34, and 3/206 in their respective Tripos examinations. The John Treherne Prize for creative writing was won by Guy Woolf (Classics, Part I), the R.J. White Prize for the best essay on an historical

subject was awarded to Frank Thorpe (History, Part I), Deepti Lobo won the Harrison Prize for an outstanding dissertation on a biological subject, while the Chapel Reading Prize went to John Morgan (Natural Sciences, Part II).

While we were awarding scholarships this year, there was one innovation that merits comment. At Downing we are keen to ensure that the academic achievements of our students are adequately recognised. Consequently, we created a new category of scholar this year, the 'Foundation Scholar'. Undergraduates in their final year of study are elected into this title if they have obtained a 1st in the first three years of their course. This titular scholarship is intended to acknowledge the impressive consistency achieved by students who demonstrate this level of sustained academic excellence. I was delighted, therefore, that we were able to elect nine graduands into Foundation Scholarships (for details, see p.160). Although it is of course essential that we recognise and support the many extra-curricular achievements of our students, we must never forget that they are offered places here solely because of their academic ability, and consequently it is most satisfying when they flourish as scholars.

Since taking over from Graham Virgo in January, I have been asked one question repeatedly: 'Have you enjoyed being Acting Senior Tutor?'. Given the frequency of this query, I thought it would be appropriate to answer it briefly here. So, for the record - yes, I have enjoyed being Acting Senior Tutor. Certainly there have been times when the job has required particular administrative dexterity to ensure that deadlines are met and important tasks are accomplished. The days immediately leading up to General Admission, for instance, were unavoidably frantic since some of the Tripos examination results for the graduands were still being released, statistical analysis of those results had to be rapidly prepared, and the potential recipients of College prizes and scholarships had to be identified. On these sorts of occasions, leaving work "early" means finally escaping from the office at around 10pm or 11pm! Nonetheless, despite these sporadic periods of frenzied activity, I have greatly enjoyed understanding more deeply not only how the various Departments within the College interact, but also how the College is represented on the University-based committees. However, acquiring this understanding comes at a cost. Like many others before me, I undertook the office of Acting Senior Tutor in addition to my usual College-based and Departmental duties. This means that my email inbox took even more of a pummeling than it usually does during the course of a 'normal' academical year. At the time of writing (early July 2011), I have 4,403 emails stored in my 'Senior Tutor' email folder. This means that, on average, I have received about 704 emails per month since January which have specifically demanded my attention as Acting Senior Tutor. This averages to 176 emails per week, or about 25 per day. (Obviously, this does not include the large number of letters, papers, and phone calls that have been

dealt with using more traditional techniques – I have lost count of those!). If these emails were evenly distributed across all the days and weeks of the year, then there would be few difficulties. Predictably, though, they tend to cluster into clumps at the busiest times. So, while I received only two such emails on May 29th (a Sunday during the Tripos exams), I had to respond to 49 messages on June 28th (the day before General Admission). Given this volume of correspondence, I have come to realise that Senior Tutors of all kinds are compelled to respond with alacrity, and solving problems swiftly (whenever possible) is highly desirable. That said, care and attentiveness are also essential qualities, to ensure that details are not missed and that proposed solutions are viable. There is a constant tension, then, between needing to respond, and needing to respond appropriately. On more than one occasion during the past few months, I have been reminded of that old Latin adage *festina lente* ('hurry slowly'). Perhaps all Senior Tutors should have this motto inscribed above the door of their office, as a reminder? I would elaborate upon this suggestion further, but I need to reply to a few emails...

Marcus Tomalin, M.A., M.Phil., Ph.D.

## THE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

I was delighted to return to Downing in March 2011 having been here as Development Director from 1999–2002. Doing some revision on the history of the College, I took a tour of the archives. The College Archivist showed me a wonderful appeal brochure from 1930 put together by the Governing Body headed by the Master, A.C. Seward. In addition to giving an excellent early history of Downing, the brochure outlines the needs of the College at the time. The 1930 appeal set out to raise £149,000 for the construction of a Library, Chapel, Entrance Hall, College Blocks, Gate House and Two Porticos. The building of student accommodation was clearly the most pressing need. The document points out that “of the 201 students now in residence, only 35 occupy rooms in College; this is about 16%, a proportion lamentably small”.

Though the 1930 appeal did not achieve all of its goals, it did result in the construction of J, K, M and N staircases. The Chapel and Library were, of course, to come later and the Entrance Hall never made it, but nevertheless student accommodation was greatly improved thanks to the outpouring of generosity from Downing alumni at the time.

The 1930 brochure tells the story we all know well. The fact that Downing's penury at the time of its founding was due to the prolonged litigation over the will. That dispute set in train a situation that has lasted for over 200 years with the College required to seek funds for the pressing needs of bricks and mortar,



particularly for student housing and the upkeep of the elegant, but expensive Wilkins Buildings. The 1930 appeal is only one example but shows that appealing for support from its Members has always been a Downing tradition. There were other appeals in 1908, 1913, 1950, and 1964 not to mention the more recent ones we all know about. All of these were mostly concerned with the buildings and infrastructure of the College.

These decades and centuries of work are paying off. In fact all undergraduates are now housed in College for their first three years – a great improvement from 16% in 1930. Much of this building was accomplished through the support of donations and legacies from alumni.

With this success, the Master and Governing Body have turned boldly to what is less visible but possibly the most pressing need of all. Playing catch up for 200 years has meant that the College has had little chance to address properly its endowment, which like the accommodation situation in 1930 is “lamentably small”. The Catalysis Campaign was launched in 2009 to boost Downing’s endowment by £20 million. This project is as important as any appeal that Downing has ever made, if not more so.

We all felt and continue to feel the reverberations of the financial crisis which started in 2008. It led some to question the need for endowment as even Harvard University (the yardstick often used in higher education) lost 30% of its own. However, endowments do recover (Harvard’s endowment now stands at £16.7 billion and appears to be recovering well). Far more importantly, endowments are the only true underpinning of an institution such as Downing. Colleges do not have the capacity to set their own ‘prices’ for their central service, our tuition fees. The national debate around the subject of fees alone illustrates the volatility of this source of income, giving the Colleges no ability for long term financial planning. We make income from other sources such as conferences and are in fact one of the most successful and desirable venues in Cambridge, but this income is a fraction of the annual overall budget. The only way to ensure a secure future for the College is to increase our endowment. A healthy endowment means never having to ask awkward questions such as “do some subjects need to be cut?” or “do we need to sell off some of the houses in Lensfield Road?” when times again become difficult. There is no doubt that there will be a next time.

There is good news. This is not doomsday and I am delighted to report in this Association *Newsletter* that the College has raised just over £7 million in the Catalysis Campaign, due to the hard work of the Master, the Senior Bursar, the Fellowship, and my predecessors Tariq Sadiq and Serita Rana and the Development team; the excellent leadership of our Campaign Board with Chris Bartram (1968) as Chairman; and mostly to the generosity of Downing’s dedicated alumni.

We must press on to meet the goal by 2015. While £13 million is daunting, that sum can be divided into more bite-sized pieces. Fellowships (College, Research and University Teaching Officers), funds for the Chapel, book funds, and even the Director of Rowing's position can all be endowed with many fewer zeros (000's) than the overall Campaign goal implies. This appeal is a collective effort – as all appeals have been at Downing.

Lest anyone thinks that bricks and mortar needs ever fully cease, there could be another project on the horizon. Should planning permission be received and full funding secured from donations, the College could refurbish Parker's House, the building on Regent Street which forms a fourth range. If this project goes ahead we could house not only all undergraduates but all graduate students as well for the first time in the College's history. Having all students housed on the domus will further enhance the academic and social interaction among students that is the backbone of the College experience. If fully funded, the College could sell off other properties in more remote parts of town with the proceeds going to the endowment thereby further boosting the Catalysis Campaign.

I believe we all know that what Downing has achieved, particularly from its weakened start, is remarkable and is due to the hard work of Masters and Fellows through the generations and the generosity of its Members past and present. To all of you who have spoken with our students on the Telephone Campaigns, to our major benefactors, and members of the 1749 Society, thank you for taking part in the Catalysis Campaign and for providing a more secure future for Downing.

*Gabrielle Bennett*

## THE JUNIOR BURSAR'S REPORT

When I was first appointed as Junior Bursar I was advised that the College was undertaking some limited refurbishment of Kenny A, but that “such major works would be infrequent in the future”. That statement has proved palpably untrue; every year since – with the exception of 2010 – the College has been involved in a major building project.

This activity has had a variety of drivers. First, we had the Era of Economic Expansion (2002 to 2004), during which time older accommodation was extensively refurbished and remodelled to create first-class student and conference study/bedrooms. This merged seamlessly into the Reign of Regulatory Reform (2005 to 2007) when 28, 50 and 54 Lensfield Road were stripped and rebuilt to provide houses up to the latest levels of fire safety, while we also undertook the major upgrade to the Hall, Kitchens and Offices on B staircase to meet current

electrical and mechanical service standards. The next phase of building activity might be termed the Bout of Building Benefaction (2008–2009), with the Howard Foundation's generous gift of their new Theatre, the refurbishment of the Howard Lodge, and the landscaping of the now enclosed Howard Court.

With the economic downturn, one might assume that major building activity might come to an end for a while, but each cycle provides its own challenges. Now in the Days of Deep Depression (2009–?), our challenge is to modify our portfolio of properties primarily to promote positive return on investment. Having lost commercial clients from properties on our periphery, we are transforming these loss-making spaces into additional student accommodation. Starting with 76 Regent Street (4 student rooms), we accelerated via 70 Regent Street (6 more student rooms) and now have an ambitious programme to convert and extend 14 Regent Street – while maintaining cordial relations with our tenants (Oddbins and Charlie Chan) and our University neighbours.

14 Regent Street will be transformed into 22 first-class, fully en-suite rooms used by both students and conference guests. It includes central communal and kitchen areas, lit from a 3rd floor skylight, while latest condensing boiler heating technology is supplemented by solar photovoltaic panels on the roof feeding low-energy lighting. An Art Nouveau extension to the Western end of the building – behind the Butterfield Bar – will house a staircase and a lift to all floors, as well as provide a meeting area in a ground floor lobby. This project – funded by donations, loans and capital released by selling less sustainable properties – is due for completion by the start of Academic Year 2012/13.

And, finally, to Parker's House. We have now secured full leasehold control of the largest single property on our perimeter. For the moment we are using the empty top floor to augment our office and teaching spaces, but more ambitious plans exist to integrate the building fully into the College Domus, by creating more than 70 student rooms to replace some of our older, more distant properties. That is still some way in the future. After that, perhaps, we can have a Cycle of Comparative Calm, but I would not bet on it .....

*Dick Taplin*

## NEWS OF MEMBERS

We welcome news of Members – just a short note on the form enclosed with this *Newsletter* is sufficient. Your contemporaries and others might be more interested in your life and achievements than you think. Sadly we often learn more about people after they have died than during their lifetime.

## LITERARY SUCCESS



**Howard Jacobson** (1961) won the 2010 Man Booker Prize for his book *The Finkler Question* published by Bloomsbury.

In March, he was guest speaker at the Leavis Dinner held in Downing, where he recalled his experience of reading English at Downing under FR Leavis.

His lecture opened with a particularly amusing anecdote. Howard recalled how he had met Dr Leavis on first arriving at Downing and had shared his thoughts on the *Dunciad* with him on several occasions, only to be met with a disapproving look. It was only when term began that he realised that the man he had been speaking to was not Dr Leavis at all, but a College Porter.

Howard reminisced about reading English at Downing and revisited Leavis's work. An article, based on his lecture, can be found on *The Telegraph's* website, <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/culture/books/8466388/Howard-Jacobson-on-being-taught-by-FRLeavis.html>

An article on Leavis by **Patrick Harrison** (1949) can be found on page 43.

## SPORTING SUCCESS

**Anthony Crutchett** (2006) won Gold in the individual Sabre event at the Commonwealth Fencing Open Championships held in Melbourne in September 2010. Fencing was included in the Commonwealth Games until 1970, since when the Open Championships have been held independently. Anthony's performance looks good for the 2012 Olympics.

**Philip Hodson** (1969). John Hopkins writes:

Philip Hodson has been elected President of the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC), the most prestigious and influential organisation concerning cricket, not merely in England, but also in the cricket-playing world. And his predecessors as President include no lesser persons than the Duke of Edinburgh and Sir John Major.

Philip Hodson came up to Downing from the Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Wakefield. He read History with considerable success, for he took a good upper second in both Parts of the Tripos. He also read (sic) and played cricket with even greater success, taking a cricket blue in each of his three years. He was a splendid, robust and commendably extravagant junior Member of the College and a splendidly robust critic of the excesses of 'student power' in the difficult days in that regard of the late 1960's. (The present writer knows Philip well for he was his tutor).

Upon going out of residence, he has gone from strength to strength in the MCC both as a player of cricket (for Yorkshire) and an increasingly prominent member of its more important committees – and now to presidency. He has also built up a most important and successful financial and insurance firm (the Oval Group). It should be added that his brother-in-law is **Ian Greig (1976)** – a splendid cricketer (with three cricket blues and two rugger blues to boot) who became a member of the English cricket team. He too is a Member of the College.

#### JOURNALISM AWARD

**Michael Atherton (1986)**, Chief Cricket Correspondent for the Times, was named as the Sports Writer of the Year 2010 at the British Sports Journalism Awards. He was also named Columnist of the Year at the same ceremony.

#### HONORARY DEGREE

**Sir Trevor Nunn (1959)** received an Honorary Doctorate from the Duke of Edinburgh, Chancellor of the University of Cambridge in June 2011.

#### THEOLOGICAL AWARD

**Rev. Benjamin John King (1993)** is one of 12 post-doctoral scholars from around the world to have received the 2011 John Templeton Award for Theological Promise. The Award, worth \$10 000, is in recognition of his book *Newman and the Alexandrian Fathers*. Full details are given in the Publications section below. The book analyzes the way in which John Henry Cardinal Newman, a 19th century cleric and theologian, altered his account of church history and reshaped his own theology to conform to the popes of his day. Full details of the award may be found on [http://www.episcopalchurch.org/80263\\_126228\\_ENG\\_HTM.htm](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/80263_126228_ENG_HTM.htm).

Rev. King is currently Assistant Professor of Church History for the School of Theology at the University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee.

#### PARLIAMENTARY NEWS

**John Penrose (1983)**, who has represented Weston-super-Mare since 2005, is the new Minister for Tourism and Heritage.

#### THE GRACE HOWARD ROOM

Our President, **Gwyn Bevan (1948)**, is also the Year Representative for pre-1950 alumni. He asked the College's Honorary and Wilkins Fellow, **Alan Howard (1948)** for a literary contribution on a topic of his own choosing. With the Theatre's reception room, 'The Grace Howard Room' proving to be such a

versatile asset, a charming and appropriate response was received. Its subject matter, “Who was Grace Howard?”, is likely to be of interest to all who are familiar with the Howard Theatre. We have published this piece on page 83 of the *Magenta News* with those of other 1948 contemporaries, but are keen to commend it to a wider audience.

#### RECENT BIOGRAPHIES

**Sir Angus Farquharson (formerly Miller) (1953).** Factor, Farmer and Forester. F.R.I.C.S., Served on Forestry Commission Advisory Committee 1980–94, Red Deer Commission 1986–92, Nature Conservancy Committee for Scotland 1980–91, Vice Lord Lieutenant of Aberdeenshire 1987–1998, Lord Lieutenant of Aberdeenshire 1998–2010, General Trustee for Church of Scotland 1994–2004, Director Scottish Traditional Skills Training Centre, President Deeside Scouts.

**Keith Forecast (1956)** writes:

I was at the Perse School in Cambridge from 1946–54. After RAF National Service, Downing College, where I read Theology, and further theological training in Bristol I was ordained into the then Congregational Ministry in 1960. My life has been committed to that ministry and its subsequent fulfilment into the United Reformed Church. Within this comparatively small denomination I exercised positions of some leadership. At various times I served local churches in Bristol (Arley Chapel), Plymouth (Derriford), Cardiff (Roath Park) and London (Palmer's Green). In the seventies I worked at the central offices of the United Reformed Church in London with a Christian Education brief. In the nineties I was Moderator (something like a bishop!) in the North West of England, based in Manchester, and in 1989 for one year I served as Moderator of the United Reformed Church General Assembly. I retired in 2000 but am still quite active here in North Wales.

I was married for 38 years to Frances who sadly died in 1998 and we had four children and five grandchildren.

Realising that my lifetime had seen many changes in the world and in the church I wrote my memoirs which were published in 2009 under the title *Pastor's Pilgrimage*. I cannot and would not claim any literary or scholastic credit for this book, but it is attractively produced. Full details are given in the Publications section on page 51.

**J.E.D. Maclaren (1963).** Retired Consultant Ear, Nose & Throat and Head & Neck Surgeon, Worcester Royal Infirmary and Hereford General Hospital. B.A. 1956, M.B. B.Chir. 1959, F.R.C.S.(Edinburgh) 1971.

**Bryan Miles (1956)** writes:

I have worked in the nuclear industry since 1968, since 1973 in isotope separation, uranium enrichment. From 1998 the work has been freelance.

**David Paterson (1957)** writes:

Before Graduation I studied Philosophy and Theology to degree level (1950–1956). After graduating (1960) I taught Biology and Biochemistry at the John Fisher School, Purley 1960–1966 (including working with my sixth form to build a biology lab from an old London Pre-Fab), then taught Biology at Croham Hurst School, Croydon (1968–1969) before becoming Head of Sciences at Sackville Comprehensive, East Grinstead (1969–1972), converting the Science Department to Comprehensive from Secondary Modern.

In parallel with all this I founded and ran (two year’s teaching break and the rest in spare time!) St Bernadette’s Special School for children with multiple handicaps (three home-schools, Croydon, Sutton, East Sussex).

By now I’d become fed up with paper-work and was appointed as Chief Education Officer to the RSPCA (London, then Horsham), where I ran a country-wide support and teaching service with a staff of 18 graduates and 6 support staff, working in Schools, Training Colleges etc., on animal welfare and related matters. From 1975–1995 I was advisor to CRAE and the Home Office on animal usage in schools and laboratories.

I then returned to teaching as Deputy Head/Acting Head at Farlington (Girls) School, Horsham, followed by Charmandean School, Buckingham – where my greatest achievement was to close the school (enough said!).

Subsequently (1985–1991) I was Director of the British Veterinary Association’s Animal Welfare Foundation (which, for instance, set up the Professorship of Animal Welfare at Cambridge – Donald Broom, and subsidised many University Research Projects).

Thinking I wasn’t fully engaged with my subjects, in the meantime I took a part-time M.Phil. in Sussex University (attitudinal development in Children) and a part-time Ph.D. at East Anglia as well as working for the ASE and City and Guilds (Item Writer, Moderator, Chief Inspector/Chief Examiner). I then moved back to Scotland, where I ran social research projects for 6 years, some in conjunction with Robert Gordon University.

Now I’ve gone full-circle and am doing a lot of work (including financial matters and study-groups) with local Churches – not too much as I’m now eighty!

**Philip Tordoff (1956)**, formerly Organ Scholar, recently celebrated 40 years as Organ Master at Halifax Minster. In 1961 he was appointed Music Master at Hipperholme Grammar School, where he remained until his retirement in 1997.

## FEATURES

As well as biographies, Members from time to time send articles on areas that are of wider interest. We also invite Fellows of the College to contribute from the perspective of their specialist areas.

### FIFTY YEARS ON – A SEQUEL

Confined at home by a heavy snow fall, **Peter Benner (1956)** writes a rider about car ownership to the piece ‘Fifty Years On’ written by his friend **David Cotton (1956)** in the 2010 *Newsletter*:

I acquired my first car during my first summer at Downing, from the son of the then Bishop of Birmingham (I suspect due to an Episcopal edict to “get this heap of rubbish (which it was) out of the Precincts”) with the aid of a later regretted advance from my ‘aged parent’ who remarked “I never want to set foot in this heap again”!

It was a two cylinder Jowett of a model euphemistically called the *Flying Fox*, because it was difficult to aspire to much flight with a 2-cylinder engine that frequently only fired on one so that the best it could achieve was about 45mph downhill with a following wind! Originally a two-seater with a dickey seat, someone had built a sort of timber and felt conservatory over the rear end. It was finished in maroon and grey with disc wheels (rather like dustbin lids) but I spent the Long Vac refurbishing it in primrose and black with wire wheels. Sadly this took some time to finish the second half, causing some confusion to the police of several counties. During the first, and subsequent, term, it was maintained in residence entirely illegally, living with other decrepit machinery in a secret venue near Fenners.

The picture shows three of the denizens at the start of what was probably the slowest ever ‘race’ from Cambridge to London. The author is leaning on the bonnet of the middle car.





The following year I decided (having progressed to a Ford 10) to 'become legit' and, not having any relationship actual or assumed with sailing, I did have a genuine involvement with field archaeology, a club which was short of transport to carry us to places (invariably wet or freezing cold) where we sampled the heady delights of post-holes or Saxon burials.

'M'Tutor' was James Stevenson who kindly signed the necessary chit. When I presented this at the Motor Proctors' office he was absent and his deputy had some difficulty with the spelling of archaeological, with the result that I was issued with the probably unique university car licence for "Arco purposes" (one might almost say arcane). I was then able to motor without the disguise of a false moustache and 'flat hat' and all proceeded well until one summer Sunday when I motored into the Kitchen Yard for lunch in Hall, to be greeted by 'M'Tutor' who was dismounting from his bike. "Ah, Benner" he said in his dulcet Scottish tones "I've been meaning to speak to you". "Oh dear" was just my reaction, but he continued "It just strikes me as remarkable how much of antiquarian interest seems to be being disinterred in forecourts of licensed premises in the city!"

Wily old bird! But my happy motoring continued!

**BLOGS, BODIES AND CAMPS: A COMMENT ON THE 'ARAB SPRING'**

These are unprecedented times in the Middle East. The 'Arab street' has risen up against the region's autocrats, dictators and tyrants, and against all the West's assumptions and stereotypes. It turns out that the people of Tunisia, Egypt, Yemen, Libya, Bahrain, Syria and elsewhere are not, after all, content to be cowed into submission by unaccountable regimes. Nor is political Islam the only alternative to dictatorship, as those dictators have constantly told us in the West. It turns out that the people of the Arab world are pretty ordinary after all, and they want some fairly ordinary things: the freedom to say what they

like, the right to choose their governments, an end to corruption, and real livelihoods. It has been a compelling time to be teaching my first lecture course on the postcolonial Middle East at the Department of Geography, just as that failed postcolonial order was coming under attack from the streets.

I write both as a political geographer and as a half-Egyptian Briton who has visited Egypt most years of my life. My last few visits have been increasingly disillusioning. People were becoming poorer, life was becoming harder. From my sheltered sphere as a tourist and family visitor, it was noticeable that people no longer smiled as much, they were less respectful and polite. Daily life was becoming a real struggle for the vast majority, while a small minority got rich from corruption and IMF-led privatisation and marketisation programmes. My own family in Egypt had suffered too: a flat purchased but never built, a cousin denied entry to the Police Academy because he lacked contacts, an uncle denied promotion for refusing to do the bidding of the boss's son.

I could see too how Egypt's decline was affecting my own father, a child during the 1952 revolution, who has now lived most of his life in the UK. He no longer enjoyed his visits, he would get into arguments with officials demanding bribes, and he would return to the UK restless and frustrated. On a recent visit, though, his mood had changed. He sent me a text message: "I was singing in Tahreer Square and performed Friday prayer in Square with the revolutionaries. I kissed my own land once more and it felt mine, it really did." There will be further struggles ahead, and there are strong and entrenched anti-revolutionary interests in the country, but the peoples of Egypt, and of Tunisia, have given a gift to the world by showing what peaceful popular protest can overcome.

My usual research is about refugee camps, and I am currently writing a book on that topic. And Tahrir Square became a camp in the heart of Cairo, not a refugee camp or a concentration camp, but an encampment of freedom, a political public space beyond the control of the state in which a more progressive politics could be forged. The camp at Tahrir Square was an enclave of another order in the seat of the dictator's power: a space of freedom, democracy and idealism that captured the heart of the capital, undermined the foundations of power, and overthrew it. This camp was embedded in the multiple social and infrastructural networks of Cairo, drawing together people from across the social spectrum, closing off major transport routes and interrupting the order of the city. Tahrir Square was not an accidental focus for the protests. Surrounded by government buildings, the National Museum, the headquarters of the ruling party, and the Arab League building, the protest camp occupied the heart of Cairo's symbolic machine of power.

The camp was embedded too in global networks of communication, with satellite news channels broadcasting 24 hour rolling coverage of the protests,

and internet activists ‘tweeting’ and blogging from the heart of the camp. Much has been said about the role of social networking websites like Facebook and Twitter in the events in Egypt and Tunisia. There is no doubt such sites have provided new ways for young people to communicate, to express opinions, and to receive information outside the controlled and censored spheres of national media. Like the 2009 protests in Iran, Facebook and Twitter were important forums for the initial planning and momentum of the protests in Tunisia and Egypt, and they were invaluable tools for getting news out as those regimes cracked down on dissent.

But claims that these events were ‘Facebook’ and ‘Twitter Revolutions’ are too simplistic. After three days of protests, the Egyptian regime shut down the country’s access to the internet for five days, but opposition continued to grow. Ultimately, the protest camp was embodied, filled with hundreds of thousands of Egyptians. These were protests of the masses, not just the Anglophone middle classes ‘Tweeting’ to their followers in the West. What brought down Mubarak’s rule of fear was people putting their lives on the line by putting their bodies on the front line, and taking the blows from the regime’s batons, bullets and blocks of concrete. The millions who protested around the country forced the police off the streets, and won over army soldiers who turned their guns and tanks away from the demonstrators.

The Egyptian regime responded to the protests as it always has to internal opposition: riot police, teargas, baton charges, beatings, violence. Those acts were recorded, broadcast and distributed around the world. Every strategy was increasingly cynical in its attempts to retain power: shutting down internet and mobile phone networks, harassing and shutting down foreign broadcast media, sending helicopters and F16s flying low over the protests, declaring daily curfews, then sending in the *baltagiya*: plain-clothes police and thugs masquerading as ‘pro-regime supporters,’ a state-sponsored militia armed with sticks and stones and petrol bombs to attack the protesters. Each strategy failed to dislodge the protesters from the Square and further undermined the regime’s legitimacy to rule.

Elsewhere in the region, learning from the Egyptian and Tunisian experiences, incumbent regimes have acted forcefully to prevent mass urban protests and, as the ‘Arab Spring’ moves into summer, its fate lies very much in the balance. The Yemeni regime has attempted, with some success, to divert popular protests into tribal conflict. The Syrian regime has been entirely content to torture and murder men, women and children across the country. In Bahrain, Saudi armed forces and Pakistani mercenaries were imported to put down protests, while doctors and nurses who treated wounded protesters are now on trial for treason. The Libyan regime, now subject to military

intervention by NATO, stands accused of using foreign mercenaries and rape as weapons of war against its people.

Meanwhile southern Europe – Spain and Greece particularly – has seen recent large-scale urban protests and protest camps rejecting their governments’ programmes of fiscal austerity and protesting against high unemployment. In May, protesters took over Squares in Madrid, Barcelona and other Spanish cities, renaming Puerta del Sol Square in Madrid after Cairo’s Tahrir Square. Perhaps we might begin to talk of a ‘Mediterranean Spring’ rather than just an Arab one. It was, of course, more than the protest camp in Tahrir Square that brought down Mubarak. Millions protested nationwide, labour unions went on strike, and almost certainly senior figures in the military must have told Mubarak his time was up. Tahrir Square though came to symbolise the revolution, an enduring enclave of freedom filled with bodies and bloggers in the heart of the capital.

*Adam Ramadan, Fellow in Geography*

### THE LEAVIS DINNER

On 17th March this year a dinner was held in the Howard Building ostensibly to bring together alumni who had been pupils of F.R. Leavis (and others who were interested) to consider the possibility of establishing a ‘Leavis Society’, which might promote informed understanding of his work, meetings and a resource centre for relevant research. The idea has been advanced principally by **Chris Terry (1961)** and Chris Joyce (an alumnus not of Downing, but Pembroke), as a result of conferences in Downing in 2003 and 2009 convened to examine what seemed to be a revival of interest in Leavis’s work. These were followed by another, in 2010, at York University (where Leavis taught for several years after retiring from, but not leaving, Cambridge) at which many felt a Society could be valuable. Before the dinner a few of us gathered to take matters further. It was clear that more work was required to clarify objectives and assess what resources would be needed. While opinions were varied, the general approach was positive.

I realise that the majority of those who receive the *Downing Association Newsletter* studied many other subjects than English and that for most of them Leavis is barely a name (or, “Oh yes, I remember. Lean; balding; brown; very open-necked shirt. Used to hold classes in the Fellows’ Garden. Bit eccentric. Used to run when others would have used a bike.”). However, at a time when Downing was not the best known College in Cambridge, Leavis brought it réclame: among departments of English worldwide, in the world of literary journalism and, after his celebrated Richmond Lecture in which he attacked the works and ideas of C. P. Snow, the British general public as well.

What was he all about? From the mid-Twenties to the mid-Thirties in his publications and teaching and, with like-minded colleagues in the quarterly review *Scrutiny* which he founded in 1932, he set himself to shake up what he regarded as the outdated and inappropriate conventions governing English criticism, English studies and literary journalism. He promoted the work of powerful new writers (Eliot, Pound and Lawrence for example) whose influence was not then within the prevailing 'Georgian' ethos and who were not merely misunderstood but reviled; and to the need for a radical reevaluation of the English literary 'canon': to demote a number of over-rated writers and draw attention to others of whom the 20th century should be more aware: Donne, Pope, Crabbe, Blake, Gerard Manley Hopkins for example. All this was done with verve and eloquence but, as may be expected, was unwelcome to those whose livelihood and authority depended upon the status quo. His shake-up made enemies.

Meanwhile, in addition to becoming a University Lecturer within the English Faculty, he had been appointed Director of Studies in English and elected a Fellow at Downing. He persuaded the Governing Body to offer, independently of the groups of colleges in which they were customarily available, scholarships, exhibitions and places from an open annual examination of their own. As his reputation and his favourable results in Tripos were becoming known, schools were encouraged to enter promising pupils to Downing where, if successful, they could be sure of a place and being taught by Leavis himself. As successive alumni fanned out into the world, many entered teaching: many at schools, some in universities – especially abroad. Thus a small Leavisite cell was set up in my tiny country grammar school during the war by the recently graduated Ned Morley (the late **E. A. Morley 1938** – Ed). That was how three of us came to Downing. **Trevor Nunn (1959)** has told how he was introduced to Leavis's books as a sixth former and was much impressed. "I don't think anyone ever went to Downing by accident!"

The régime experienced by those reading English at Downing was probably more intensive than anything to be found in any other college. In my year we had, for example, a couple of weekly classes (as a year) with Leavis. Discussion was encouraged but it has to be admitted that most of the talking was by Leavis himself. We then had individual supervisions, one to one, with Harold Mason, newly arrived from Switzerland and a co-editor of *Scrutiny*. As a group we had weekly classes with **Ian Doyle (1942)** on Shakespeare and Middle English. And on Saturday mornings we were expected to turn up to Leavis's open classes on Practical Criticism and 'Dating' held in the lecture room at West Lodge. These were attended not only by all years of Downing men but by an increasing number of people from other colleges, with different people from time to time; that was the pattern.

In the Sixties the world was changing: new universities with new English departments; competition to 'be different.' A wide choice of competitive and trendy critical theory became current which tended, often in a neo-Marxist way, to view works of literature as pieces of evidence in political and social change, not as existing in their own right as offering ways in which individuals could gain wisdom in adjusting to the human situation.

When asked (often by philosophers) to explain the principles on which his judgements were based Leavis always refused, believing literature and criticism belonged to a discipline equally important, but different from, law, science or mathematics where propositions *could* be proved. For literature, as in our private lives, intuition and educated subjectivity were important: judgements, far from being dogmatic, were 'provisional,' to be adjusted by experience, argument and change.

This view is developed convincingly in some of his very late work and is one of the things arousing new interest; but his disillusion in the Sixties about the seeming dominance of science and technology in the world, and in Downing too, led to a disaffection. There were disagreements about the succession and he resigned his Honorary Fellowship. His portrait by Peter Greenham no longer hangs in the Hall but has been consigned to a little frequented corridor.

In opening the Downing Leavis Conference in 2009 the Master, in a happy way, hoped that the occasion might help repair the disaffection that occurred in the Sixties. He chaired the dinner on 17th March and it was widely felt appropriate that a gathering to take further the possibility of a Leavis Society had been held in Downing.

It was a delightfully congenial evening. **Howard Jacobson (1961)** addressed us: amusing, kind and perceptively expressive in describing how Leavis, especially in his reading of poetry, miraculously led one to an understanding. Many of those present had never met before, being from widely different years, yet all shared a common thread in their lives, not only from having their literary sensibilities awakened and developed at Downing but a lot of them, by having kept up with Leavis and Queenie, his highly competent and hospitable housewife, secretary, editor and wonderfully intelligent critic in her own right. The hum of recollection and affectionate anecdote filled the air!

*Patrick Harrison (1949)*

## THE LEONI DRAWINGS

Readers who remember the College's Fleet Room, located behind the SCR, in its earlier configuration as the Fellows' Parlour, will be familiar with Downing's fine set of drawings of 'Cardinals' by the early seventeenth-century artist Ottavio Leoni. These drawings have been in storage awaiting new hanging arrangements in the current Fleet Room, but recently came to prominence in an exhibition of works by Leoni in the Fitzwilliam Museum, where the Downing drawings spent several months on public display. The exhibition, together with the forthcoming rehangng of the drawings, provides an opportunity to consider what have long been cherished works in the College's small but diverse collection of art.

'The Cardinals' came to the College as part of the Graystone bequest, which forms the core of Downing's art collection. Sydney Wynn Graystone (1862-1924), a barrister and sometime High Sheriff of Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire, had been admitted to Downing as a Fellow Commoner in 1882. Married but without children, he left a substantial and generous bequest to the College subject to the life interest of his wife, who died in 1943. This bequest included a significant collection of art, part of an even more extensive collection which had been amassed by Graystone's father (out of wedlock), the wealthy draper Wynne Ellis. A portion of the Wynne Ellis collection passed to the National Gallery in 1876. As part of the residue of the collection, 'the Cardinals' would have been acquired by Wynne Ellis in his collecting activities of the early nineteenth century. It has not been possible to trace an earlier provenance, but there may well be further evidence relating to the London art market. Leoni drawings survive in quite large numbers, and are widely dispersed in a number of galleries and collections.

Ottavio Leoni (1578-1630) was an important artist of early Baroque Rome. Following in the footsteps of his father, a maker of medals, Leoni came to specialize in personal portraiture. Though Leoni achieved some success as an artist in oil - his surviving work shows the influence of Caravaggio, very widespread in Italian art of the period - his renown rested principally on his abilities as a portraitist. Leoni was expert in making portraits *alla macchia*, that is, done at great speed in the personal presence of the sitter. The aim was to capture the face and disposition of his subject with such accuracy that the drawing could serve as a model for further drawn copies, or an engraving. Leoni was also an engraver of exceptional talent, and in 1621 gained a papal privilege permitting him to publish portrait prints. His engravings include two formal series, of artists and writers (including Galileo), and he did many prints of contemporary ecclesiastics. In an age lacking photography but with rapidly developing printing technology, Leoni's work provided the most immediate means of providing an



accurate image of eminent personages, and both drawings and engravings circulated widely among the Italian elite. Leoni's drawings, therefore, have affinities with the sorts of formal record which print technology encouraged, such as the book frontispiece, and, in their particular immediacy, relate very pertinently to complex issues of selfhood and personal representation associated with the late Renaissance.

The 'Cardinals' are not in fact all cardinals, but include a pope, Urban VIII. Though all five drawings follow Leoni's usual media for ecclesiastical portraits, of black and red chalk, with touches of white, on turquoise paper, only those of the four cardinals bear the artist's typical inscriptions, a number and date by month. Whereas the cardinals belong to Leoni's extensive sequence of dated drawings, of which various series are known, that of Pope Urban VIII appears to have a different origin. Indeed, it bears a close relationship to Leoni's engraving of Urban VIII, published in 1625, and may represent a preparatory sketch for that engraving. The Downing drawing lacks the immediacy and detail of the four cardinals, and one can be less certain of its having been drawn from life; it could, alternatively, have been copied from an earlier drawing. Nevertheless, the Downing portrait is an important representation of Urban VIII, and bears comparison with a later Leoni drawing of him in the British Museum, dated 1625.

Collectively, the Downing drawings provide a cross-section of the powerful Italian noble families who dominated the papacy and upper echelons of the Catholic church in the period, and whose patronage provided Rome with the splendour of its Baroque churches and public spaces. Pope Urban VIII (1568-1644), born Maffeo Barberini, came from the wealthy Barberini family of Florence, whose rise within the church derived from the purchase of lucrative



Cardinal Alessandro Orsini  
by Ottavio Leoni

offices. Urban's papacy (1623-44) coincided with a period of religious and military conflict across Europe, in which his main success was to protect and extend Italian territory under papal control. He appointed a number of his male relatives as cardinals, and is otherwise known for his grand artistic patronage celebrating the papacy and the Barberini family. Much of the interior of St Peter's was transformed at the hands of Bernini, who also worked extensively on the Palazzo Barberini in Rome, which bears ceilings representing Urban's dynastic achievement.

The drawings of Cardinal Alessandro Orsini and Cardinal Pietro Maria Borghese



Cardinal Francesco Sforza  
by Ottavio Leoni

both date from 1624, and bear some similarities in the detailed and engaging treatment of two bearded young men, and right-sided three-quarter pose. Alessandro Orsini (1592–1626) descended from the Bracciano line of the long-standing Roman family of Orsini, and was created cardinal in 1615. A patron of Galileo, Alessandro received solicitations from the scientist to use his influence to allow discussion of Copernicus’s heliocentric model of the universe. Following charitable work in Ravenna in response to an epidemic, Alessandro adopted an ascetic life, dying only two years after Leoni’s portrait. Pietro Maria Borghese (1599–1642) was a representative of the powerful Borghese

family of Rome, whose rise had culminated in the papacy of Pope Paul V (1605–21), a cousin once-removed of Pietro Maria. The latter’s appointment as cardinal by Urban VIII in 1624 arose as a *quid pro quo* for the Borghese family, since Urban had been made cardinal under Paul V. Pietro Maria’s career thus continued the family’s influence alongside that of Cardinal Scipione Borghese (1577–1633), Paul V’s nephew and adoptive son, on whom Paul had lavished an array of offices. Paul had also overseen the construction of the Palazzo Borghese, the family seat in Rome. A famed collector of art, Scipione was responsible for building the Villa Borghese to house his collection.



Cardinal Andrea Baroni Peretti  
Montalto by Ottavio Leoni

The two remaining drawings depict older, bearded personages, Cardinal Francesco Sforza, dated March 1621, and a second individual dated June 1626; the title of the latter is difficult to decipher, but may read ‘Cardinal Bironi’, and has been plausibly interpreted as Cardinal Andrea Baroni Peretti Montalto. Francesco Sforza (1561–1624) was a member of the Sforza family who had held the dukedom of Milan in the fifteenth and early sixteenth centuries. Francesco pursued a military career alongside his religious posts, acting as captain general in the Spanish Netherlands. He enjoyed a long tenure as cardinal after his appointment in 1583,

participating in many papal elections. In 1520 he was appointed Cardinal-Bishop of Frascati. Andrea Baroni Peretti Montalto (1572–1629) descended from the Peretti family, who had risen from obscurity through the career of Felice Peretti di Montalto (1520–90), elected Pope Sixtus V in 1585. He was appointed cardinal in 1596, and Cardinal-Bishop of Albano in 1626. It is conceivable that the context for the two drawings may relate to the respective appointments of both cardinals to privileged bishoprics in the vicinity of Rome.

Taken together, the Downing drawings by Leoni transport the viewer to one of the high points in the power and opulence of the early modern papacy, a nepotistical world of ambition and intrigue, which also shaped many grand projects of artistic patronage and was formative in the making of modern Rome. Though more modest in conception, Leoni's own superlative techniques of representation were themselves a product of this environment, and provide unusually intimate access to this world. In perusing 'the Cardinals' we see Leoni's subjects not only as they were, but in the captured image by which they were more widely known to contemporaries.

David Pratt wishes to thank Mr Craig Hartley of the Fitzwilliam Museum for his initiative in organizing the Museum's exhibition on Leoni, and for providing much information on the drawings and their subjects upon which the above has drawn; and the College Archivist, Dr Kate Thompson, for assistance on the Graystone bequest.

An online version of the Museum's exhibition can be found at [www.fitzmuseum.cam.ac.uk/gallery/leoni/index.html](http://www.fitzmuseum.cam.ac.uk/gallery/leoni/index.html).

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## FOR THE RECORD

### HONOURS AND APPOINTMENTS

**Sir Angus Farquharson (formerly Miller) (1953)** K.C.V.O. 2010, O.B.E. 1995, retired as Lord Lieutenant of Aberdeenshire 2010.

**Dr Dai Roberts (1958)**, Chairman of Community Justice Interventions Wales, was awarded an M.B.E. in the Queen's Birthday Honours List 2011 for services to the community in North Wales.

**Bernard Eder (1972)** has been appointed a judge of the High Court of Justice in its Queen's Bench Division. He joins in the High Court in its Queen's Bench Division the Downing Lawyers, **Sir Richard McCombe (1971)** and **Sir David Lloyd Jones (1970)** and in its Chancery Division, **Sir Kim Lewison (1970)**.

Sir Bernard, as he now is, came up to Downing in 1972 from Haberdashers' Aske's School, Elstree to read Law. (The present writer knows Bernard very well; he was his Tutor and Director of Studies). That he did with conspicuous success for he took high firsts in both parts of the Law Tripos. Upon graduating B.A. in 1975, he was called to the Bar of England and Wales by Inner Temple, of which he is now a Bencher, became a pupil at an outstanding set of commercial chambers, then in the Temple and now in Lincoln's Inn Fields (it is still called Essex Court Chambers) of which he immediately thereafter became a tenant. He took silk (became Queen's Counsel) at a remarkably early age and became, probably, the leading 'silk' in shipping (his room in Chambers was and his room in the Royal Courts of Justice is adorned by splendid photographs and paintings of ships involved in cases in which he appeared). He has been Recorder of the High Court of Justice and also Visiting Professor at University College, London. He is also, it should be said, an expert skier and more than competent tennis player.

His kindness and help towards his juniors are almost legendary; no fewer than eight Members of the College are also tenants in Essex Court Chambers (and three of them are Queen's Counsel). All speak with grateful enthusiasm of the help and kindness which Bernard has bestowed upon them, as also does the present writer's daughter, herself a tenant in that same set of Chambers, though a graduate of Merton College, Oxford!

*John Hopkns*

It was announced as we went to press that **Sir Kim Lewison (1970)** has been appointed a Lord Justice of Appeal with effect from 4th October.

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**Martin Bishop (1982)** to Dr. Anna Casburn-Jones in August 2010 in Downing College chapel.

**Sir Angus Farquharson (formerly Miller) (1953)** in 1961.

**J.E.D. Maclaran (1953)** has recently celebrated his Golden Wedding Anniversary.

**Bryan Miles (1956)** to Shirley in 1967.

BIRTHS

**Sir Angus Farquharson (formerly Miller) (1953)** three children born 1962, 1964, 1967.

**Bryan Myles (1956)** two sons born in 1970 and 1973.

OBITUARIES

We receive notification of deaths of Members from a variety of sources. Some are accompanied by obituaries or eulogies from relatives or friends. Where we receive no such material and we find a published obituary we may use extracts from that with the publisher's permission which has never been withheld. There are some Members for whom we have only the basic facts sent to us by solicitors. Overall we try to include information which will be of interest to the contemporaries of the deceased as well as matters which may be of wider interest.

**Mark Hugh Tankerville Alford (1947)** died on 20th August 2010, aged 87. We are informed that Mark Hugh Tankerville Alford died, peacefully at home in Sumner, Christchurch, New Zealand. Formerly of Brockenhurst, Hampshire, he served in the Royal Navy during the war before coming up to read Russian at Downing. In 1970 he published the Russian-English scientific and technical dictionary. He is survived by his wife, Valerie and son Anthony.

**Professor Leslie Audus (1929)** died on 5th May 2011, aged 99.

The *Daily Telegraph* published the following obituary:

Professor Leslie Audus, who died on May 5 aged 99, was a botanist and world authority on the hormones that control plant growth; during the Second World War, while a PoW held by the Japanese in south-east Asia, he used his expertise to culture yeast and soya, thus saving the lives of many fellow inmates.



A self-portrait by Audus in his 'laboratory' at Jaarmarkt PoW camp, central Java, c. 1943

Leslie John Audus, an only child, was born on December 9 1911 at Isleham in the fens of Cambridgeshire, a part of the country for which he retained a deep affection for the rest of his life. Educated at Soham Grammar School, in 1929 he won a scholarship to Downing College, Cambridge. After completing his degree he carried out postgraduate work until 1935.

From Cambridge he progressed to University College, Cardiff, where he combined further research in plant physiology with teaching across a broad spectrum of plant science. Having joined the RAFVR in 1940, he trained in radar and in 1941 was posted to Malaya as a flight lieutenant.

In the brief interlude before fighting hit Malaya later that year, Audus used his free time to explore the rainforest in Johore with John Corner (later a renowned Cambridge botanist), who was then assistant director of the botanical gardens there.

Audus made himself popular by bringing with him a turntable, loudspeakers and a collection of records. On the fall of Singapore, the discs accompanied him as he escaped with his unit by ship to Jakarta. He even managed to hang on to them after being captured there by the Japanese, leaving them behind (with his initials scratched into the centre of each record) only after being sent to a camp on Haruku island.

Audus's book *Spice Island Slaves* (1996) records the horrors of this time. Prisoners were forced to work in blinding sunlight to build an airstrip from coral. As well as suffering regular beatings, they were badly afflicted by beriberi and malnutrition-induced conditions which affected their eyesight. Knowing of Audus's expertise, senior captive officers asked him to produce yeast to supply vitamins that were missing from the men's wretched diet.

Under conditions of extraordinary hardship, and with makeshift equipment, Audus had first produced yeast – with the help of Dutch fellow prisoners – at Jaarmarkt camp at Surabaya on Java. But when transferred to Haruku he faced a problem: maize grain, which had previously been used as a raw ingredient in the process, was not available.

Instead he isolated a mould fungus that, in addition to producing the needed vitamins, allowed him to manufacture an easily digestible protein by fermenting soya beans. These supplements, together with the building of a sea latrine that halted an outbreak of dysentery, helped reduce prisoner deaths from 334 in five months to just 52 in the last nine months before liberation.

On August 1 1945 Audus commanded the last party of six men out of the camp. Ironically, however, when he was taken to hospital it was discovered that he himself had already suffered irreversible retinal damage. Remarkably, he overcame this disability in his subsequent distinguished botanical career.

After the war he returned to plant physiology as a scientific officer with the Agricultural Research Council unit of soil metabolism at University College, Cardiff, focusing particularly on the action of phenoxyacetic acid herbicide. From there he moved to the Hildred Carlile Chair of Botany at Bedford College, University of London, which he held until retiring in 1979.

In 1953 he published *Plant Growth Substances*, which became the standard text on the subject for many years.

In 1964 he edited *The Biochemistry and Physiology of Herbicides*, which was still the main reference book on that subject when he retired. From 1965 to 1974 he edited the *Journal of Experimental Botany*.

Audus's research on plant growth regulators had an impact in the applied aspects of plant physiology, particularly in forestry, agriculture and horticulture. This led to numerous scientific visits overseas, and he gave advanced courses in some 15 major universities in the United States.

He was appointed visiting Professor of Botany at the University of California, Berkeley, in 1958; at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, in 1965; and was created a life member of the New York Academy of Sciences in 1953. Unusually for that time, he lectured extensively in the USSR and in Poland.

For all this, Audus never neglected his departmental or collegiate commitments. He was a fine teacher, and active in student affairs, both social and scientific. As head of department he was approachable and kindly. But the strength of character and tenacity that had brought him through the horrors of war meant that he did not flinch from expressing his views forcefully against injustice or political expediency.

His own considerable technical skill as an experimentalist also extended to his extramural interests. He enjoyed the construction and restoration of furniture, and built his own short-wave radio equipment at a time when it was the only medium that enabled him to maintain contact with former wartime comrades and fellow scientists in remote parts of the world.

Leslie Audus married, in 1938, Rowena Mabel Ferguson. She died in 1987, and he is survived by two daughters.

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**The Reverend John Edmund Baines (1941)** died on January 5th 2011.

Barry Jackson (1956) writes:

John Baines was born in Salisbury in 1922. He came to Downing from Bishop Wordsworth's School and matriculated in 1941. However his studies (initially in English with F R Leavis and then in History with R J White) were interrupted by military service in the RAF as an armourer. He graduated in 1947 and moved to London University where he gained a Bachelor of Divinity. After ordination his first ministry was in the Congregational (now the United Reform) Church. In 1959 he was ordained into the Church of England by the then Bishop of Wakefield, the Right Reverend John Ramsbotham and became Curate of St John's Church Penistone. His first parish as Vicar was St Thomas Batley and then, in 1969 he became the Vicar of All Saints Cawthorne where he remained until his retirement twenty years later. His retirement home was in the neighbouring village of Silkstone where he continued to help out with services.

Essentially, he was a quiet, scholarly, somewhat private person with a gentle well-developed sense of humour capable of surprising those who had not yet penetrated his initially reserved shell. At the entertainment for Cawthorne's harvest supper he took part in an acted version of "There's a hole in my bucket dear Lisa" and was Von Smallhausen in a spoof of 'Allo, 'Allo written by his church Treasurer. Similarly, the scholarly side of his nature was never paraded ostentatiously but, when a party of German students came to stay in the village,



he quietly applauded the short speech of welcome made by the Chairman of the Parish Council in the little German that he had picked up as a National Service army officer. Next day they attended church and must have been as amazed as the rest of the congregation to be greeted by the Vicar and have the first half of his sermon delivered to them in excellent German.

John Baines was a very proficient pianist and organist and, during his time at Downing, (before the chapel was built) he provided music for services in what was known as 'the Upper Room'. His quiet patience and scholarship served him well in the Barnsley Deanery, where he had responsibility for those laymen training to be readers. He is survived by his wife Grace (who is the daughter of an Anglican clergyman), his son Peter and daughter Mary.

This piece is written by Barry Jackson (1956) who was one of his Churchwardens from 1978 to 1989, sang next to him in the tenor section of the village Choral Society and taught his son and daughter History at Penistone Grammar School.

**Anthony Brooke Barton (1951)** died on 26th December 2010. He read English. We received the information from Alan Davies (1951).

**Gordon Myles Bird (1991)** died on 7th March 2011 from cancer. He read Engineering. We received the information from his father.

**Christopher Chapman (1948)** died on December 7th 2010.



His sister, Elsa, writes:

Christopher Ernest Harold Chapman was the third and last of three sons who followed their father to Downing – Dr E.H. Chapman (1905), G.M. Chapman (1929) and K.H. Chapman (1931). After leaving Exeter School he joined the Royal Artillery in 1947 and went to Oxford (Exeter College) for the academic part of his training and then to Northumberland and Kent for the practical part. He served in India, where he obtained his commission.

After serving in Sumatra he was demobbed in 1947 and then went to Downing where he studied Agriculture. He enjoyed being in the 2nd XI hockey team.

He received his degree in 1951 and this coincided with his father's retirement and the family moved to Dalwood, near Axminster, where he farmed 18 acres. He reared pigs (building his own pig homes), grew all his own crops successfully and also had poultry and built up a good trade in free range eggs.

In 1960 he married and took a job with Levers, supervising their reps in a large area of the Midlands and Welsh Borders. After leaving them he ran a house hunting agency for a while. Then he and his wife moved to Lyme Regis to be near an ailing father. This was when they started trading in books, first second hand and then new as well. Their final shop, called Serendip, figured in the film *The French Lieutenant's Woman* when the shop front was transformed to have a Victorian appearance and was quite a tourist attraction and so it remained until 2010. The film company paid a large sum of money to the town and a meeting was held as to how to use it. Christopher's suggestion of reforming the Town Band was adopted. He enjoyed playing the tuba with both Lyme Regis and Honiton Bands. In 1985 he opened a bookshop in Ilminster and this he continued to run until his death.

A Thanksgiving Service was held in St Mary's Church, Ilminster on February 17th, his 85th birthday, at which Lyme Regis Band played the hymns.

**Jagdish Chopra (1936)** died on 27th January 2011, aged 96.



His grandson, Karttik Chopra, writes:

Jagdish Chopra was born on August 25, 1914, in Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir State, the son of Colonel Sir Ram Nath Chopra and Lady Parmeshwari Chopra, and grandson of Lala Raghunath Das Chopra, Foreign Secretary to H.R.H. Maharaja Amar Singh and H.R.H. Maharaja Pratap Singh of Jammu and Kashmir State.

After his initial education in India, Jagdish came to Downing College where his brothers and father had studied before him, and completed his Tripos in Political Sciences in 1937 and his Bar-at-Law at Lincoln's Inn, London. He was a Cambridge Blue in Badminton and Tennis.

He returned to India and joined Burmah Shell Petroleum, with a distinguished and eventful career culminating in his position as Chief Executive of Burmah Shell India.

His marriage in 1940 to Bubbly Kocchar, daughter of a distinguished army officer endured 70 years of understanding and complete compatibility. They have two sons, two daughters, five grandchildren and one great grandson.

He was a gentleman of varied interests that included still and movie photography, golf, tennis, travel and writing and developed his love for western classical music at Downing College. His love for golf brought him sheer joy. He drew love and adulation from all those whose lives he touched, and was a compassionate and sensitive family man.

Jagdish passed away peacefully on January 27, 2011, at New Delhi.

**Adrian Barrington Clark (1962)** died in April 2010. He read Natural Sciences. We received the information from his wife, Deirdre.

**Christopher John Carey Cooke (1952)** died on 3rd December 2010 in Croydon, aged 78. He read Geography. We received the information from his godson, Robert Mitchell.

**John Dixon (1955)** died on 6th December 2010 after a long struggle with cancer. He read Geography.

**Ian Richard Charles Doney (1961)** died after a short illness on 11th January 2011 in hospital in New Zealand. He had been unwell for some years with heart problems following a heart bypass operation in 2004. We received the information from his friend, Robert May. Ged Keele (1961) writes:

Ian was an only child and his childhood was spent in the Devon village of Silverton, near Exeter. He was educated at Tiverton Grammar School. I first met Ian when we were freshmen in October 1961. We were in next door rooms on K block and we soon struck up a friendship. He was reading Chemistry and I was starting my medical training. We were both keen on sport and had played soccer at school. However, we wanted to widen our sporting interests and were not keen on joining the soccer club. When we discovered that there was a severe shortage of new talent we decided to join up and spent the next year playing alongside John Cleese in the first team. The following year there was a large intake of talented freshmen and we were both relegated to the second team. Ian also played badminton and squash regularly. Tony Evans remembers being particularly frustrated by the way he used his height and reach to great effect around the court. Other memories of our years in College included hours spent on the croquet lawn, marathon bridge sessions in smoke filled rooms and regular visits to the Fountain and other Cambridge haunts. Ian managed to complete the original King Street Run, but he had to consume three penalty pints and his tie was unusually well decorated as a result!

Ian graduated with a 2.2 and then decided to abandon chemistry, joining one of the major British computing companies, English Electric Leo Marconi. He started working on an early system for managing grocery distribution at Allied Supplies in North London. Barry Redfern and I had similar accommodation requirements so we joined forces with Ian and two others to set up a flat in Kilburn. Our landlord had refurbished a number of flats in our road and we spent three years of the swinging sixties leading a happy communal existence. Ian worked long hours at Allied Supplies, and often brought work home in the evening. This was well before the days of sophisticated

programming languages and his homework consisted of yards of paper print out in binary code. His task was to pore over hundreds of lines of 0s and 1s to work out where the day's errors in the computer run had occurred!

In 1967 the flat split up and life became more serious. Ian had met Diana, a teacher from New Zealand, who was working in England. They married in 1969 and moved out of London to Potters Bar, where their first two boys, Hugh and Hamish, were born. There had been various mergers in the computing industry, and ICL, the new company that emerged, had a branch in New Zealand. This opportunity seemed too good to miss, but the decision to emigrate could not be taken lightly because Ian's parents were concerned about losing their only son. After significant family discussion they decided to move to New Zealand in the early 70s, and settled in Wellington. Ian had been promoted to a Systems Analyst and began working on ICL projects in North Island, mainly for the NZ Post Office. During the early years in Wellington their third child, Roslyn, was born.

Sadly there were two misfortunes in the late 80s. ICL fell on hard times and was taken over by Fujitsu, a Japanese company, and his marriage to Diana broke down. Rather than lose his job in a branch closure, Ian chose to set up his own IT consultancy, joining forces with his new partner, Maria. During the 1990s he visited England on a number of occasions, ostensibly to do business in the UK. However, the reality was that these visits provided him with a significant opportunity to catch up with family and old friends. He was able to come over to the bicentennial Downing celebrations in 2000, and continued his UK visits until his health became worse in 2007. My wife, Rosemary, and I were determined to visit him in New Zealand and we included him in our world wide trip in early 2010. By that time he had moved north of Wellington to live in a retirement complex near Hugh and Hamish. He was much less mobile than when we had last seen him in England in 2007, but he was still able to reminisce about life in the 60s until the small hours. He seemed content with the limited outlook imposed by his physical limitations, and we maintained contact by phone, last speaking to him on Christmas morning, shortly before he fell ill.

Ian was courteous and considerate. He was methodical in his approach to life. When he came to stay we knew that our kitchen would remain tidy for the duration of his stay. In our family we now refer to a thorough tidy up after meals as "doing a Doney". He had a dry, somewhat quirky, sense of humour. In 1966 we drove up to Newcastle for a wedding and stopped in County Durham to fill up with petrol. Ian appeared to be having an animated conversation with the petrol pump attendant. When he got back in the car he exclaimed "I didn't understand a word of that - she could have sold me water for all I know".

Sometimes his humour revealed a capacity for a knight's move in thought. Later that weekend, as we watched the sleet beating against the windows of the house in Newcastle, he remarked wistfully "I wish I were a milk bottle". This stumped us completely. Finally, with a broad grin, he explained in his soft Devon burr "Urr - I could stand outside and not get cold!" We shall miss him.

He is survived by his three children, Hugh, Hamish and Roslyn and five grandchildren. His wife Diana predeceased him.

**John William Dunn (1953)** died in May 2010. This was briefly reported in the 2010 *Association Newsletter*. His wife, Elaine, has subsequently sent us the following obituary:

My husband, John William Dunn (1953) died in May 2010 after a short illness. He was an exceptional person, quietly spoken but intense in his passions for science, mathematics, astronomy and especially music. After Whitley Bay Grammar School his scholarship took him to Downing College in 1953 to read Physics and the years in Cambridge were pivotal in his life in many ways. It led to research at the University of Bristol Physics Department, where we met, and to Staffordshire Polytechnic (later Staffordshire University) where he switched to the then new subject of Computer Science, gaining an M.Sc. at that time.

He played the violin at school and in orchestras all his life and sang in choirs at every stage. It was at Downing that he was introduced to Baroque music and recorders, which became his solo instruments. Much later he gained an L.T.C.L. from Trinity College of Music in recorder performance. The beautiful spinet that he made was used in many concerts. He combined two of his interests into a research project of music printing software which is still being used. Building telescopes was another interest. Calling himself a skinflint astronomer, they usually included old Meccano gears as well as motors from discarded toys.

During our time in Stafford, our family grew up and he took great pride in them and later our four grandchildren. In the local music scene he will be greatly missed, having played for 40 years in the Stafford Sinfonia orchestra and in many chamber music groups and choirs. In November, he was remembered at a wonderful memorial concert held in the glorious setting of Ingestre Church where he had often performed.

**Dr Eric James Frankis (1967)** died on 22nd April 2011, aged 62. He read Natural Sciences. His friends Michael Gibbons (1961) and Peter Topp (1961) write:

Eric came up to Downing from Headlands School, Swindon on an Open Scholarship in Natural Sciences. He identified his home as Highworth,

Wiltshire and was rather pleased that nobody had heard of it. While it was clear that his priority was his studies, particularly in crystallography, he was also an enthusiastic follower of county cricket (he sometimes found his way to Fenners) and was passionate about the fortunes of Swindon Town FC. Although he had extensive knowledge of these sports he did not participate himself, preferring to relax with a good pint. As he approached his finals he said that his extraordinary county cricket mental database was a concern because it might limit his capacity for absorbing scientific material (a concern that recent research suggests might have had some validity?). Eric was always a congenial Member of College, enjoyed a wide circle of friends, attended chapel regularly, and notably combined a unique, homespun wit with his undoubted intelligence.

He enjoyed his undergraduate studies and stayed on for his Ph.D., studying an obscure mineral from an African volcano under the guidance of Dr Peter Gay. When another researcher unfortunately published first, and the relevant volcano erupted further, deeply burying the mineral, Eric clearly decided to complete his work quickly and moved on to embark on a quite different venture, i.e. a career in the City of London.

He secured what many of us perceived as his dream career – an investment analyst for a series of stockbroking firms with responsibility for the drinks industry, and whose duties invariably required visits to breweries at the time of their annual results, and of course sampling their products pursuing his professional duties. He was regarded as one of the leading analysts in the sector. Wherever he was, on holiday or not, he took great pains not to miss his FT.

He married Margaret Biggs in 1981 and they had two children, Robert and Catherine. In the last several years he suffered increasingly severely from Parkinson's disease and Maggie, who had cared for him so well, died in 2010; her loss must have been truly awful for him. His children, family and friends will remember him as a very intelligent man with great wit, and a series of interests – especially football, the railways and the brewing industry – which he pursued with a passion. A real character.

**Dr Richard William Gabriel (1953)** died on 24 July 2010 aged 74. He had been ill with a myeloma for two years and died peacefully in Gloucester Royal Hospital.

His wife, Frances, writes:

He came to Downing from Cheltenham College for pre-med studies and, while there, rowed in a College eight and learned to fly a glider. He completed his medical education at Barts Hospital, specialising in Anaesthetics and was for many years a Consultant Anaesthetist at the Luton and Dunstable Hospital

in Bedfordshire. After retirement he and his wife Frances moved back to Cheltenham in 2003, where he continued to enjoy driving his vintage Bugatti and playing the Square Piano he had lovingly restored.

**Father John Reginald Gilling (1943)** died on 28th March 2010 aged 84. We received the information from his executor, Carl Gilbey-Mckenzie. The *Times* published the following obituary:

John Gilling, known as Father John, was a remarkable priest and a delightful man who exercised great influence over undergraduates at Oxford and over his parish church in London.

John Reginald Gilling was born in 1925 in Chelmsford, where his father was the local bank manager. From Chelmsford Grammar School he went to St Edward's School, Oxford, which he loathed for its brutal and anti-intellectual atmosphere, but was fortunate to have an outstanding history teacher. Hence, in 1942, he went to Trinity Hall, Cambridge, but was quickly taken into the Army as a member of the Signals Regiment. Posted to India, he enjoyed the faded grandeur of the Raj and just avoided being sent to Burma when the Americans dropped the first atomic bomb. He returned to Cambridge, where he took his first degree in 1949. Transferring to Downing College, he began to work for his Ph.D. but was awarded an M.A., partly, he believed, because he did not get on with Nikolaus Pevsner who, he thought, never took much interest in his work.

From Cambridge he went to Cuddesdon College to prepare for ordination and was made deacon in 1955 and priest in 1956. He had two curacies, the first at Romford and the second at Little St Mary's, Cambridge, with Edward Maycock as his vicar, and in 1962 was appointed chaplain of Christ Church, Oxford, following the great scholar priest Eric Mascall.

In 1971 he was appointed vicar of St Mary's, Bourne Street, London, a church with a great Anglo-Catholic tradition. He followed a great, though somewhat stern priest, Donald Nicholson, who had not enjoyed his time there, and Gilling came as a breath of fresh air. Although he could be firm when necessary, his somewhat casual style, offbeat humour and keen sense of the ridiculous soon endeared him to the congregation, which increased greatly under his benign leadership.

His tolerance and positive thinking - "very good" was a typical phrase - and his scholarship and Oxbridge background attracted many. From 1979 to 1985 he was Area Dean of Westminster, St Margaret's, a post in which he performed well.

Gilling, a bachelor, retired in 1990 and went to live in Chichester, where he helped in various local churches. In 2008 his health began to fail and he moved to St Mary's Convent and Nursing Home in Chiswick, where he died.

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**Allan N Greenwood (1941)** died on 10th September 2010. He read Engineering. We received the information from Cambridge in America.

**Pieter Francis Gray (1948)** died in September 2010. He read Natural Sciences. We received the information from his daughter Katherine.



**John Hagen (1943)** died on 17th July 2010 aged 85. He read History. We received this information from his son, Mark. He was a former Headmaster of Bentham Grammar School and churchwarden of St Mary's Church, West Buckland, Wellington, Somerset. Throughout his life he maintained a strong interest in cricket and was a writer of theatre reviews for his local paper.

**Nicholas John Harper (1959)** died in November 2010 after a long illness. Nic Harper came up to Downing from Caterham to read Rural Estate Management, a department at that time equally known for its sporting and academic achievements. A man of many parts, a distinguished sportsman for his College and University, he represented both at Hockey and Cricket playing in the University second teams, the Crusaders and the Wanderers, and becoming a member of the sporting elite in the Hawks Club. After graduation he practiced in the landed profession as a Chartered Surveyor. Based in London for most of his career, he joined Langley Taylor LLP which he then built up from a small to a much larger firm. His practice was widespread throughout England, Wales and Scotland as a result of which he became a much respected member of the profession, helped no doubt by marrying his secretary at the outset. After retiring from Langley Taylor he continued on the Lord Chancellor's Panel of Agricultural Arbitrators.

Cricket, apart from Belinda his wife, was the love of his life, continuing to play at his usual high standard, principally as a batsman, for his local team in the Surrey League until his illness. A member of the MCC, he was an excellent host at test matches. Above all, Nic will be remembered for being a good and loved friend to all who knew him.

**Charles Peter Heanley (1955)** has died. He read Natural Sciences and Medicine.



**Peter Burke Hildreth (1949)** died on 25th February 2011, aged 82.



The following obituary is adapted, with permission, from the website of the Sports Journalists' Association, where a fuller version appears:

Peter Hildreth, the former Olympic hurdler who went on to be athletics correspondent for the *Sunday Telegraph* for more than 30 years, died peacefully in his sleep at his home in Farnham. He was 82.

Hildreth lived a full and successful life in various areas: a Cambridge history graduate, three-time member of Britain's Olympic teams as a high hurdler who won the bronze medal at the 1950 European championships, he worked in hospital administration and later estate agency, as well as writing on his sport for the *Sunday Telegraph* from its launch in 1961 until 1994.

Hildreth was a dogged anti-doping campaigner, something which was not without its set-backs, who also had the touch of an English eccentric.

When, two years ago, Hildreth appeared in the *Daily Mail* after being 'banned' from a Guildford department store for running *up* the down escalator – seeking to repeat a training feat of his youth as he approached his 80th birthday – his friends and colleagues allowed themselves a quiet chuckle and muttered “that is *so* Peter”.

Peter Hildreth was also one of the last links back to the *Chariots of Fire* era of British athletics, his father having competed at the 1924 Paris Olympics alongside Harold Abrahams and Eric Liddell.

Hildreth was born in Bedford on July 8, 1928. As his father worked in India, young Peter spent his formative years there.

Young Peter was sent back to England to complete his education at Ratcliffe College in Leicestershire, where he began his hurdling career before going up to Downing College, Cambridge, and National Service in the RAF in the immediate post-war years.

His international athletics breakthrough came in Brussels' Heysel Stadium 61 years ago, where on a sodden cinder track, he doggedly battled through the puddles for a bronze medal.

Appearances at the 1952, 1956 and 1960 Olympics all followed, and though he was a 110 metres hurdles semi-finallist in Melbourne and placed fourth at the 1958 Europeans, Hildreth never surpassed that 1950 bronze medal.

During his lengthy career, Hildreth five times ran 14.3sec to equal the British 110m hurdles record that had been set by his hero, Donald Findlay.



Hildreth in the 1950s

Hildreth's athletics career lasted well into his 30s. His competitive retirement saw him taking up reporting for the *Sunday Telegraph*, as well as sometime radio commentary for the BBC, getting out of his hospital bed to report on the 1500 metres between Seb Coe and Steve Ovett at the 1980 Moscow Olympics.

Hildreth would continue to cover athletics for the *Sunday Telegraph* until 1994, becoming something of a Quixotic figure in his conviction – based on his own experiences – that no modern era athlete was able to perform at the levels achieved without using banned performance-enhancing drugs. Some of the biggest names of British athletics remained steadfastly in Hildreth's sights.

The lawyers made sure that little of Hildreth's extensive research and meticulously kept files made it in to print, prompting him at one stage after retiring from the *Telegraph* to try to use his material as the basis for a work of fiction.

Hildreth always kept himself very fit, long into retirement never weighing more than 10st despite his 6ft height – his 'fighting weight' from his racing days. The 'escalator incident' was symptomatic of that, the exasperated manager of the department store declaring, "We have customers in their 70s who go down the escalator the right way and fall over. We really don't want him to hurt himself."

But this belated fame saw Hildreth win a special award from Richard Ingrams' *The Oldie* magazine, to his obvious delight.

Peter Hildreth is survived by two children, from his first marriage, and five grandchildren, and his second wife, Carole.

**John Kenneth Horton (1945)** died on 9th October 2007. He read Law. We received the information from his son.

**John Humble (1948)** has died.



The *Guardian* published the following obituary by Peter Starbuck:

My friend John Humble, who has died aged 85, and I shared a belief in management as a way of improving everyone's prosperity and material well-being. In 1966 he joined the management consultancy Urwick, Orr & Partners, which took up the 'management by objectives' approach that he advocated, with managers and employees all agreeing targets together. It caught on all over the world, and is still very influential. In 1977, he formed John Humble & Co, which both gave advice and worked jointly with company managers. His

books were translated into 20 languages. His last one, *Developing a Plan for the Planet*, written with Ian Chambers and published earlier this year, puts forward a business plan for sustainable living and examines humanity's impact on our planet, from the flint chip to the silicon chip.

Born in Manchester, John left school at 16 and began work as a bank clerk. In 1943 he joined the Royal Corps of Signals, and five years later embarked on a history degree at Downing College, Cambridge. Work for the Industrial Society led to a three-month bursary in the US, where he met the management expert Peter Drucker, who became a lifelong friend. They made training films and John took up Drucker's method of studying management.

John's desire to help people become better off went along with an unwaveringly egalitarian Christian belief. To help those suffering emotionally or spiritually, he set up a charity, the Humble Trust.

He had an unfailing sense of humour and was devoted to his family. His wife, Edna, died in 2002, and he is survived by his daughter, Sara, and grandchildren, Hannah and James.

This obituary appears on the Guardian website at <http://www.guardian.co.uk/theguardian/2011/apr/24/john-humble-obituary>.

**Jonathan Hutchinson (1963)** died on 18th February 2011 from Motor Neurone Disease. He read History.

**Dr William Richard Bevan Jones (1949)** died in 2007. He read Natural Sciences.

**Alexander Graham Mitchell (1942)** died in July 2010. He read Classics. The following is adapted from tributes at his memorial service at St Andrew's Church, Corbridge:

Alex was born in 1923 and brought up in Dulwich where he attended Dulwich College. He won an Exhibition to Downing College, where he arrived in January 1942. He completed two of his first year exams in two terms and was then called up. He served as a Navigator in Bomber Command and undertook a total of 32 operations beginning just after D-day and was awarded the D.F.M.. Further details of his wartime exploits are recorded in *Downing and the two World Wars*.

He returned to Downing in 1945, graduating in Classics in 1948. Following graduation he joined the Colonial Service working in Sudan, and during this period he met his wife Pamela on a boat in the Rhine. They were married at Dersingham Church in Norfolk. Service in the New Hebrides followed and finally the Turks and Cacos islands, where he served as their first Governor from 1973 to 1975.

Alex and Pamela had three girls, Jane, Lucy and Harriet. The family returned to the UK and Alex took a sabbatical, gaining an M.A. in Sustainable Development at Sussex University in 1976. A short period in the New Hebrides, now independent Vanuatu, followed writing their constitution. Back in the UK Alex completed his working life as Bursar to Dame Allan's Schools in Newcastle.

Alex was awarded a C.B.E. for a lifetime of service. He died at Charlotte Straker House in Corbridge.

All his life he had a passion for classical music and he was able to listen to his favourite works at Charlotte Straker House almost until the day he died.

**Andrew Morgan (1998)** As we were going to press we learned of the sad death of Andrew Morgan. Andrew read History and was the 1998 Year Representative.

**Michael Helsdon Murphy (1953)** died on 9th April 2011, in the Palliative Care Ward at Borders General Hospital in Melrose, Scotland, succumbing to inoperable lung cancer.

Born in England in 1935 but raised in Scotland, Michael was the first graduate of Dollar Academy to be accepted at Cambridge where he received a Bursary Scholarship to read languages and political science at Downing College. Because his father had not been able to master Latin to Oxbridge standards, he made sure that his only son would not fail, and Michael over time could read and/or speak French, Latin, German, Finnish, Norwegian and Arabic and, with his background, could read foreign newspapers in almost any language. His crossword prowess was such that he could do a *Times* puzzle in his head if he forgot a pen. As a birder, though not a twitcher, he remembered every bird he ever identified and could describe the exact location for every sighting, a parlour trick much admired by his colleagues, family, and friends at the Scottish Ornithologists' Club. In the last week of his illness, while listening to a journal he kept while on a trip more than ten years ago to the Galapagos, he remembered every island and added still more birds to those noted in the journal.

Poor eyesight kept him from being the pilot he wanted to be, but he was recruited by the Foreign Office to learn Finnish, since Finland in the late Forties-early Fifties was an important Cold War listening post, and with Arabic and Chinese, was one of the three most difficult languages for which the Foreign Office recruited the ablest students. In time, a military career attracted him and his wife, Primrose, who wanted more of a life for herself, not then possible in the confines of the Diplomatic Corps. Perhaps influenced by his father, Leslie Murphy, a Lieutenant Commander in the Royal Navy, Michael joined the Royal Army Educational Corps, primarily teaching International Relations, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel. Posted in the UK largely and able to settle in the

Salisbury Plain, he and his wife, Primrose, had two children, Brigid, Seamus, and now, a 6 year old grandson, Magnus, all of whom survive him.

An inveterate walker, in retirement he climbed more than 100 Munros in the Highlands, and more recently trod more than 1000 miles along the Borders' many Ways. He taught languages occasionally, including a stint in Saudi Arabia and another at an American university where he taught Latin to a Virgil standard, relying entirely on his recollection of boarding school Latin. During the American phase of his life with his second wife, Jane, he celebrated his 65th birthday by cycling the length of the Blue Ridge parkway in the Shenandoah Mountains. They went around the world aboard a container ship, visited every *département* in France and 47 of 50 US states, and travelled twice to New Zealand where he visited Alan Drummond, a Dollar Academy classmate he had not seen for 50 years. He and Jane twice circled America's Great Loop, an 8,000 mile, year long passage in a 42' trawler, *Swan Song*, around the eastern United States via the Intracoastal Waterway, Hudson River, Erie Canal, Great Lakes, Illinois River, Ohio River, and Tennessee River, finally joining the Tombigbee Waterway, debouching in the Gulf of Mexico at Mobile, Alabama, before returning to the home port of St. Petersburg, Florida and Manasota Key, enjoying the company of step children, Anne and Kate, and step grandchildren, Cal and Mae, and many American friends and relations.

Michael will be missed and remembered endearingly by his friends and family.

**Rear Admiral John Richard Danford Nunn (1980)** died on 22nd December 2009 at the age of 84. Whilst at Downing he studied for an M.Phil. in History.

**Prince Adekunle Oyenuga (1961)** died on 20th January 2005. Viv Harper (1961) has compiled the following obituary:

Adekunle went to school at Kings College, Lagos and came to Downing to read Archaeology and Anthropology, gaining a 2.2 at both Part 1 and Part 2.

Kunle, as he was known, was an athletics blue. A very good long jumper and triple jumper he competed against Oxford in 1962 and 1963 and won the long jump in 1963. He didn't compete in 1964 because of illness.

After taking his B.A. he returned home to Nigeria to work with the Nigerian Department of Antiquities, Jos Museum, as a Curator. The ethnic stresses of the Nigerian civil war in Northern Nigeria, 1967-1970, led him to take up the job of a lecturer in Archaeology with the University of Ife (now called Obafemi Awolowo University).

In 1970 he travelled to the USA to work on his doctorate at the University of California, Berkeley, but he did not complete it. He returned briefly to

England in 1973 before he again joined the Federal Civil Service of Nigeria in 1974. He served his Government for 24 years in a distinguished career that took him round the world. He worked in the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and was part of the first team of senior Civil Servants involved with the Operation Feed the Nation Project. He also worked in the Cabinet Office and the Presidency during his service with the Federal Government and was a member of the Board of the now defunct Nigerian Bank of Credit and Commerce.

During his stint with the Nigerian Federal Ministry of Industry, he was instrumental in helping the Federal Government to establish its first large fertilizer project ( National Fertilizer Company of Nigeria Limited) with M W Kellogg, a large US, Houston based international engineering and construction company. He also served on numerous special committees and was known widely for his honesty and integrity.

He retired from the Federal Civil Service as a Deputy Director in 1998 due to ill health, but continued to be active in his community and church. He died on 20th January 2005 and is buried at Mayfair Gardens Cemetery, Ibeju, Lagos, Nigeria. He had six children and six grandchildren.

We are very grateful to Peter Egom (1963) for advising us of Kunle's death and for providing the details of his life and career after Downing. Many thanks also to Jeff Bowen (1961) for his help on Kunle's time at Downing.

**William J Payne (1938)** died on 15th April 2011.

The following obituary appeared in the Cotswold Journal:

A Broadway biologist who travelled the world in his working life and was a pioneer in the world of research into tropical livestock, has died. William Payne died at home in Broadway, the village where he was born, on April 15, aged 93.

Known to many as Bill, his love of animals and nature began when he was a small boy living in Broadway. In his childhood he went rabbit hunting with his uncles and helped them to sell Vale of Evesham produce on Walsall market.

He attended Prince Henry's Grammar School in Evesham and won a Ministry of Agriculture scholarship to study biology and animal husbandry at Downing College, Cambridge, in 1938. Here Bill met Selma, a refugee from Nazi Germany, who would become his lifelong companion and they married in 1941.

Bill spent his working life improving livestock husbandry in the tropics. His seminal work *An Introduction to Animal Husbandry in the Tropics*, published in 1959 and still in print, is considered the most authoritative book on tropical domestic livestock.

In 1946 he was awarded a Ph.D. from Glasgow University and living on the west coast of Scotland left him with a love of Robert Burns' poetry and Scottish country dancing.

In 1949 Bill moved his family, now including two sons, to Fiji. Here he set about rectifying the lack of scientific research into tropical livestock. In Fiji his family grew by a further son and a daughter.

After Fiji, Bill lived and worked in the United States, Kenya and the Philippines. He returned to the UK in the 1970s, undertaking consultancy work on behalf of the United Nations and the World Bank.

In 1981 Bill achieved his ambition to settle back in Broadway. Here he became a trustee of the Lifford Hall, helping with fund-raising for restoration. His Broadway home, with its extensive garden, became the focus of family holidays and parties.

Bill died in his Broadway home, survived by Selma, his four children, ten grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

**Brian Collins Redwood (1946)** died on 22nd November 2010. He read History. We received the information from his wife.

**Professor Peter Robson O.B.E. (1951)** died on 10th January 2010. His wife



Anne has sent us the following obituary:

Professor Peter Robson, who has died, aged 79, was one of the world's leading authorities on III-V semiconductors.

Born in Bolton, Lancashire in 1930, his love of engineering was apparent from an early age. As a boy during the second World War he made crystal sets and, hiding under the bedclothes, listened through headphones to the unfolding dramas in the outside world. He later improved on the design of these devices by building a valve receiver and whilst a Scholarship boy at Bolton School he began an ambitious programme with a friend to construct a 6" telescope.

After leaving school, Peter worked at Metropolitan-Vickers, a large electrical company in Manchester, as a college apprentice. In many ways, the company was a mini-university, training apprentices from all over the world. But Peter had set his heart on going to Cambridge, even studying Latin in the evenings – Latin was a pre-requisite then for entry for all students. At the age of 21 he entered Cambridge as an Exhibitioner of Downing College and read Parts I and II of the Mechanical Engineering Tripos with a specialism in Electronics.

On graduation, Peter rejoined Metro-Vic, this time working on microwave problems in the Radiation Research Laboratory, which specialised in the development and production of linear electron accelerators for use in Physics

research and in treating cancer patients. The work was classified, so he was exempt from the two-year National Service, obligatory at that time. Here, also, he met his future wife Anne.

After three years in Manchester, Peter Robson moved to Sheffield University in 1957 as a young lecturer under Professor A L Cullen, who was renowned for his work on microwaves. He worked in Sheffield for almost a decade, followed by a sabbatical at the Hansen Labs, Stanford University, Palo Alto, California, during 1966–67, returning to England to a Readership at University College, London. In 1968, he was offered a chair at Sheffield University, which he accepted.

In California, Peter had seen the excellent facilities and opportunities offered by Stanford just prior to the emergence of Silicon Valley. He responded by building up in Sheffield specialist facilities for the study of compound III-V (e.g. GaAs etc) semi-conductors used for signal amplification for the generation of high frequencies and for the realisation of lasers. Commercial interest in this work was transformed by the advent of high-speed microwave and opto-electronic communications:- satellite dishes, mobile phones and the Internet have created a huge demand for the receipt of vast amounts of digital information, all requiring the high-channel capacity associated with Peter Robson's work.

In the 1970s, interest from the British university community was also growing and academic researchers needed access to specialist compound semi-conductors of the type being produced in Sheffield. The reputation of Peter Robson and his researchers in growing these crystals attracted funding from the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council to set up a national facility in 1978, with Professor Peter Robson as Director. This remarkable facility concentrated UK resources for the production of semi-conductors in a 'Centre of Excellence' to supply the needs of the academic research community. Very complex structures, some requiring over 100 individual layers, can be routinely supplied. The facility is still going strong and it has become the National Centre for III-V and Nano-technology.

The significance of Professor Peter Robson's work, backed by over 170 journal publications, numerous presentations to prestigious international conferences and by his services over the years to many Research Council committees and major DTI and MOD panels, in particular his important role relating to the monitoring of MOD Strategic Research Programmes, led to national and international recognition. He was made a Fellow of the I.E.E. and the American I.E.E.E. in the 1970s and of the Royal Academy of Engineering in 1983, when he was also awarded an O.B.E.. In 1987, he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society.

According to his colleagues, Peter Robson never lost his boyish enthusiasm for his subject. This passion for his work, and the long discussions which



accompanied it, are remembered by over 60 successful Ph.D. students from all over the world, and the numerous post-doctorates he taught and inspired.

Throughout his life, from schooldays onwards, he loved to walk and climb in the hills and mountains of the Lake District and Northern Scotland. He was a member of the Cambridge Mountaineering Club. He was also a keen gardener and he liked to listen to classical music, in particular to the music of Mozart.

Professor Peter Robson, who died on 10th January 2010 is survived by his wife Anne and daughter Fiona.

**Malcolm John Ruel (1948)** died on 14th April 2010.

David Matthews (1948) writes:

Malcolm died peacefully in his sleep, suffering from motor neurone disease (diagnosed in October), but his mental faculties remained unimpaired to the end. He had been born in Essex in 1927 but the family moved soon afterwards to South London. He won a scholarship to St. Dunstan's College in 1938 where I was a fellow student in the year above.

We became close friends while working on the 'unofficial' school magazine *Six* to which he contributed some brilliant linocuts, poems and stories during the years 1943, 44, and 45. In 1944 he sat the Downing English Scholarship and was awarded an Exhibition. After National Service he came up in 1948 to read English under Dr. Leavis but switched for Part II to Anthropology.

Malcolm went on to Oxford to study anthropology under Evans-Pritchard where he gained a B.Litt. and D.Phil. The thesis emerged from work in the Cameroons and was later published under the title *Leopards and Leaders* (1969) He worked extensively in Africa, especially with the Kuria in Kenya where he set up a charity primarily to help in the education of girls.

His first academic post was as a Lecturer (later Senior Lecturer) at Edinburgh University and then in the Department of Social Anthropology in Cambridge where he was a Fellow of Clare. Other publications included *Belief, Ritual & the Securing of Life: Reflexive Essays on a Bantu Religion* (1997).

He was devoted to his wife Ann, a GP, and to their three daughters and their families. He was highly regarded as a scholar and teacher and, indeed, as a human being. A colleague's tribute at the funeral celebration at Cambridge Crematorium concluded: "a gentle-man in every sense of the word".

**Robert Alan Russell (1937)** died on 23rd June 2011. He read Natural Sciences. We received this information as we were going to press.

**Anthony Ryder (1962)** died of cancer two years ago having retired as a teacher and moved back to Purley to be near his 100 year-old mother. He read English.

**Tony Selby (1959)** died of Motor Neurone Disease on 11th October 2010 at his home in France with Tricia Goldsmith, his partner for 20 years, by his side. Ian Calderbank, (1959) has compiled the following obituary, assisted by Tricia Goldsmith:

Tony was born in Lincolnshire on 14th September 1938 but moved at a young age to Derbyshire and liked to think of himself as a 'Derbyshire Man', being a great Derby County supporter. He was educated at Bemrose School, where he took up rowing and long distance running. Following National Service, during which he worked in the Radiography Department at Millbank Tower, London, he came up to Downing to read Natural Sciences. While at Downing he continued with his rowing, but at a 'fun' level, enjoyed athletics, completed the Boundary Run and played basketball for the College, gaining his colours.

Tony had a flare for telling amusing stories, enjoyed his beer, particularly Worthington E, and threw a mean but accurate arrow. He was a founder member of the TroGEs, a small group of college friends who met regularly. On going down Tony organised the first reunion of this group which has met annually since then.

On graduating in 1962 Tony first went to teach at King's School Worcester before taking up the challenge of starting up a new Physics Department at a school for severely physically disabled boys at Wokingham. In 1963, he married Elizabeth Davies and they had three children, Karen, Anna and John. Later he joined the staff at Stowe School where he was Head of Physics for some years until he retired in July 1993 to find more time to pursue his 'second career' of singing.

Tony had always had a serious interest in singing, having sung in his youth with the Derby Cathedral Choir, and over the years he performed regularly at concert level in opera and oratorio. He performed full operatic roles on stage in more than 40 operas and operettas and was a popular choice as a professional tenor hired to sing with many choirs in London, Buckingham and Oxford. This huge singing talent had remained hidden from his TroGE friends at their annual reunions until one day he gave us a sampling. We were all stunned by his beautiful voice and from then on this was one of the eagerly awaited moments of our annual get togethers.

In retirement, Tony became interested in rebuilding old properties. He started with thatched cottages in Buckinghamshire and finally had enormous pleasure in reconstructing an old farmhouse in Brittany where he and Tricia subsequently spent most of their time. At his funeral in France the closing moments were of Tony singing 'Nessun dorma' to rapturous applause with 'not a dry eye in the house'.

Tony will be greatly missed by his family and friends but he will be remembered well for his charm, intelligence and humility.

**James Seymour Spaight (1954)** passed away on 21st January 2011. He read Natural Sciences. We received the information from his daughter.

**Roy Sutton (1947)** died on 27th July 2010. He read Engineering. We received the information from his niece.

**Robert David Swift (1958)** died on 20th June 2011.

Chris Lowe (1958) writes:

Big Dave, as he was affectionately known to all his Downing friends, came up on a Major Scholarship from Chorley Grammar School to read Engineering in 1958. He proceeded to First Class honours in the Engineering Tripos.

In addition to being an extraordinarily bright scholar, Dave took a full part in College life, and especially in the second row of the College First XV. He was a founder member of the College Blackbird Club, and a powerhouse in the Blackbird ‘gentleman’s’ boat in the Lents and Mays.

Dick Morgan, a fellow Blackbird, records that the first time he met Dave was at the Long Road pavilion where Dave was enthusing about the length of the bath on his staircase, which was the first bath that he could stretch out in!

Like a number of his College friends, Dave met and married an Addenbrookes’ nurse, Elizabeth (Liz). They were married for 49 years.

After just a few years postgraduate engineering in the UK, they moved to Ontario, Canada, where Dave thoroughly enjoyed his working life as a structural engineer, finally serving for over 30 years with Byrne Engineering in Burlington.

Byrne’s largest project, designing and overseeing the re-construction of 36 bridges damaged and destroyed during WW2 on the island of Sulawesi in Indonesia, was funded by the Canadian Government and lasted for ten years in the 1970s. Dave was main designer and supervised the construction project manager. He later became the company President.

His leisure time from High School until May of this year was deeply involved with rugby football – as player, referee, coach, committee member and international instructor. Since retirement in 1998, he devoted a great deal of his time to golf, working at his local golf course on fairway maintenance, and working to improve his own game.

As Liz put it, “Having lived and coped with colon cancer for over six years, ‘it’ finally got the better of Dave on 20th June 2011, at Carpenter Hospice in Burlington”.

Big Dave is deeply mourned by Elizabeth and his family and by his pals.

**Harold Guy Wallington (1947)** died on 5th December 2010. He read Geography. We received the information from his wife.

### **Glynn Jones Scholarships for Business and Management Education**

Members of the Downing Association are reminded that they are eligible to apply for Glynn Jones Scholarships. These valuable scholarships are for those wishing to further their education for careers in the business and management fields. Any who have already embarked on such careers are welcome to apply if they consider that further education and training are likely to improve their career prospects. Typically, Scholarships have been awarded to help fund M.B.A. or equivalent courses in this country or abroad, but the awards are not restricted to such courses. Scholarships of up to £10,000 per annum, for courses of up to two years' duration, have been made in the recent past. Further information about the awards and application forms are available from the Tutorial and Admissions Office. (email: [senior-tutor@dow.cam.ac.uk](mailto:senior-tutor@dow.cam.ac.uk)).

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### **VISITING DOWNING**

People who have been undergraduates or graduates at Downing are now known as Members Out of Residence and are most welcome to visit Downing at any time when it is open. Limited parking is available and to make arrangements please telephone the Porter's Lodge on 01223 334800.

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While many of the older College rooms are not easy to access, those with mobility problems should note that both the Howard Building and the Howard Theatre are fully accessible at all levels to those in wheelchairs. The Hall, SCR and West Lodge public rooms may be reached by ramps from the Howard Court, and suitable bedroom accommodation is available in both Howard Lodge and Kenny A. It is possible to get to all these locations from the Porters' Lodge along made-up roads and paths, apart from a short (5m) stretch of gravel by the Howard Building. The Porters' Lodge has wheelchair access via a ramp to the rear of that building.

### **HIGH TABLE DINING RIGHTS**

Members Out of Residence in the categories below are welcome to dine at High Table twice per full term, the first occasion being free of charge. Appropriate gowns can be obtained on loan from the College on the evening, but you may wish to bring your own. You are eligible for dining rights if you have one of the following:

- Cambridge B.A. and 19 terms have passed since you matriculated at Cambridge.
- Cambridge M.A..
- Cambridge post-graduate degree or qualification and have reached the age of 24 years.

Charges are made on all occasions for wine taken.

Members may bring a guest (charged) with the Fellows Steward's permission.

For further information please telephone 01223 746709 or e-mail: [dining@dow.cam.ac.uk](mailto:dining@dow.cam.ac.uk)

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### NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

The **Master** and **Trevor Robbins** have been jointly awarded the prestigious American Psychological Association's Distinguished Scientific Contribution Award. They have collaborated for over 30 years. The recognition is particularly gratifying since it is rarely awarded to non-US psychologists.

**Peter Duffett-Smith** (Vice Master and Director of Studies in Physics) has published a new edition of his book on astronomical calculations using a pocket calculator. The book has now been in continuous publication since 1979, when it was written with tongue in cheek to justify tax relief on an expensive HP machine! It has widely sold around the world and has been translated into

several foreign languages. As no-one much uses pocket calculators these days, the emphasis has been altered slightly to include a spreadsheet program on a personal computer, and the title now reflects this: “*Practical Astronomy with your Calculator or Spreadsheet*” (fourth ed. CUP May 2011).

**Richard Stibbs** was delighted to be elected President of the College (a post last held by John Treherne in the 1980s) from October 2010. He was also appointed the Cambridge Governor of the Haberdashers’ Monmouth Schools. An appointment which recalls his rugby playing days in the 1950s when he regularly represented Bristol Grammar School against Monmouth School.

**Graham Virgo** has been on sabbatical leave since January. He has been writing a textbook on the Principles of Equity and Trusts to be published by OUP in 2012. He has delivered papers for the Chancery Bar Association, at the fifth Obligations Conference in Oxford and at a symposium on Landmark Cases in Equity at University College London. A second edition of “*What About Law? Studying Law at University*”, written with colleagues at the Faculty of Law, was launched at the Sixth Form Law Conference in Cambridge in March, followed by a book signing.

**David Wales** has an European Research Council Advanced Award, an EPSRC Programme Grant: “Simulation of Self-Assembly” and was chair of the inaugural European Science Foundation “Energy Landscapes” meeting.

**Ian James** gave a keynote lecture for “Concentrationary Imaginaries”, an international conference held at the University of Leeds in April 2011 as part of the AHRC Research Project, “Concentrationary Memories: the Politics of Representation 2007–2011”.

The principal event this year for **Ian Roberts** was successfully obtaining a European Research Council Advanced Grant for €2,500,000 for a project entitled Rethinking Comparative Syntax. The project runs for five years from June 1st, 2011, will employ three research assistants and provide a total of five Ph.D. studentships. He is seconded to the project for 40% of his time, and Professor Anders Holmberg of Newcastle University will have a 20% post in Cambridge.

In September 2010, his latest monograph (*Agreement and Head-Movement*) was published by MIT Press.

He spent November-December as a Visiting Professor at the Universidade Federal da Bahia, Salvador, Brazil, and in January was Professeur Visitant at the Université de Paris VII (Jussieux). In addition, he has given invited and plenary lectures in Beijing, Barcelona, Bilbao, Seoul, Seville, Tokyo and



Fukuoka. In June he gave an invited lecture at the 13th Diachronic Generative Syntax conference at the University of Pennsylvania.

He will take over as Chair of the Faculty of Modern and Medieval Languages from October 1st, and has been nominated President of the *Societas Europaea Linguistica* for 2012–13.

**Michael Bravo** is a Fellow of the College and a Senior Lecturer in Geography. His academic training began in electrical engineering before coming to Cambridge to do his doctorate in the History and Philosophy of Science. He has written extensively about the history of scientific voyages, travel writing, and the worldviews of the indigenous Inuit people of the Arctic. He is married to a publisher, Emma Bravo, who is Director of Publicity, Picador. They have three children.

**David Pratt** gave a paper on “Royal Bibliophily in Anglo-Saxon England” at a conference on From the Bibliophile Kings to the National Heritages at the Universidad Complutense, Madrid, in May 2010, and a paper on “King Alfred, Translation, and the Implications of Early Medieval Political Theorizing” at a workshop on Translating Political Thought in the Middle Ages at the University of Bergen in December. His piece “Written Law and the Communication of Authority in Tenth-Century England” has recently appeared in a volume edited by D. Rollason and others, *England and the Continent in the Tenth Century: Studies in honour of Wilhelm Levison (1876–1947)*.

**David Feldman** has been enjoying his year as President of the Society of Legal Scholars (the learned society for researchers and teachers of law in higher education in the United Kingdom and Ireland). It has been a particular pleasure to be able to bring the Society’s Annual Conference to Downing in September 2011, on the theme “Law in Politics, Politics in Law”. It is perhaps an even greater pleasure to be planning the marriage of his daughter Rebecca in College in August 2011. At the end of 2010 he resigned from his position as a Judge of the Constitutional Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina after more than eight fascinating and demanding years, in order to devote more time to research and teaching. In October 2010, he delivered one of the lectures in the prestigious Current Legal Problems series at UCL, on the subject of constitutionalism. In 2011, he gave written and oral evidence to the House of Lords Select Committee on the Constitution in connection with their inquiry into the process of constitutional reform, and served as Specialist Adviser to the parliamentary Joint Select Committee on the Draft Detention of Terrorist Suspects (Temporary Extension) Bills, as well as delivering a keynote address, “Comparative Reflections on Sovereignty and Constitutionalism”, at the 2011

W. G. Hart Workshop on Sovereignty in Question, at the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, London.

**Marcus Tomalin's** latest monograph, "*And he knew our language: Missionary Linguistics on the Northwest Pacific Coast*", was published in 2011. This book examines the linguistic studies produced by missionaries based on the Pacific Northwest Coast of North America (and particularly Haida Gwaii) during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. In addition, he has continued to explore the different kinds of linguistic theory that were prevalent during the Romantic Period, and, in particular, he has published various articles concerning British responses to the French language and its associated literature from 1750 to 1830.

Marcus was once again a member of the AGILE team which built speech technology systems for the annual Global Autonomous Language Exploitation (GALE) evaluation, helping to construct the Arabic systems. The AGILE team obtained the best results in the 2011 evaluation, and this work resulted in several publications.

As respite from academia, Marcus has given several lute recitals throughout the year, including a performance of 16th century French lute duets (with Anna Langley) in the Master's Lodge. He and Anna have also recorded various lute pieces in Downing chapel for a CD that will be on commercial release later in 2011.

**Natalia Mora-Sitja** continues to work on migration, labour markets, and wages, in nineteenth-century Catalonia. In December 2010, she gave a talk at a series of conferences organized by the Barcelona Historical Archive on "The first Catalan proletariat. Workforce and labour relations in the Barcelona calico-printing factories," which will be soon published in a collective volume on the calico-printing industry. She has also published a journal article on "The industrial proletariat: immigration, technological change and social inequality". In a foray into the twentieth-century, she contributed a chapter on family and the State in contemporary Spain in Quentin Skinner (ed.), *Families and States in Western Europe* (CUP, 2011).

**Bill O'Neill** has been elected as Fellow of the Institute of Physics, and a Fellow of the Laser Institute of America in recognition for his wide ranging contributions to the field of lasers and their applications. Bill continues his research in the field of high power laser technologies and has given keynote lectures at a number of laser conferences in the UK, Europe, South Africa, US and Japan. He has recently developed a solid state supersonic laser deposition technology and received

financial backing for a university spin-out company, Laser Fusion Technologies Ltd. Following his sabbatical in 2009/10, Bill has been busy acquiring further research investments and in April 2010 was awarded a EU Framework 7 grant from the European Green Car Initiative in which his team are developing new methods of manufacturing super magnets for the next generation of electric vehicle. Bill and his colleague Prof Shore (Cranfield University) have also been awarded a 5 year grant for an EPSRC Centre for Innovative Manufacturing in Ultra Precision Technologies in which they are researching the next generation of ultra precision manufacturing technologies and processes that will deliver production capabilities for future products such as polymer electronics, flexible displays, and point of care medical diagnostics.

**Amy Milton** is continuing her research into new treatments for post-traumatic stress disorder and drug addiction through the disruption of maladaptive memories. This year she was awarded, with Professors Barry Everitt and Trevor Robbins, a 5-year programme grant from the Medical Research Council to study the neurobiological basis of, and potential memory-disrupting treatments for, alcohol addiction. She was invited to speak at several conferences, including the International Neurobiological Symposium in Magdeburg, Germany, and the first Catalysis Conference, held in the Howard Theatre. She has also participated in numerous scientific outreach events, including the organisation of a “memory film festival” for the general public, in which the scientific issues raised by mainstream Hollywood films such as “Memento” were introduced and discussed by academic speakers. She will be getting married in September 2011.

**Jonathan Trevor** is Lecturer in Human Resources and Organizations at Cambridge Judge Business School, Co-Director of the Cambridge University Centre for International Human Resource Management, and Fellow and Director of Studies in Management Studies at Downing College, Cambridge.

Jonathan is an active researcher in the field of organizational theory, with a special interest in the links between strategy and organizational capabilities, change, human capital and remuneration. He visited the University of Virginia as the Downing College Visiting Fellow in October and November 2010, collaborating on a large scale project with faculty at the Darden Graduate School of Business.

He was the recipient of a Scholarly Research Award from the Academy of Management in 2010 for work performed in collaboration with faculty from INSEAD, Cornell, Ohio State and Tilburg Universities. More recently, he was awarded the 2011 faculty teaching excellence award. Recent publications (January 2011) include an academic monograph published by Palgrave Macmillan on remuneration strategies.

In addition to research and executive education, Jonathan speaks regularly at academic and practitioner events on issues relating to his research, including a three day thought leadership event held in Singapore in April 2011 supported by the Singapore Ministry of Manpower and the Economic Development Board, and attended by executives from Federal Express, Google, Procter & Gamble, Rolls Royce and various governmental agencies.

Jonathan lives in Trumpington, Cambridge, with his fiancée, Clara. They are due to marry in College in July.

**Ken McNamara** is Dean and Fellow in Earth Sciences. His main research continues to be looking at patterns and processes of evolution in 370 million-year-old trilobites from Western Australia. Recently his book, “*The Star-Crossed Stone*”, was published by the University of Chicago Press. This book looks at the evolution of our perception of the meaning of fossils, examined over 400,000 years of human history. He was recently appointed Director of the Sedgwick Museum of Earth Sciences.

**Subha Mukherji** joined as a Fellow in English in 2009, working with Cathy Phillips and Marcus Tomalin. She was educated in Calcutta, Oxford and Cambridge, and is a Lecturer at the Faculty of English. She has worked extensively on the relation between law and literature in the Renaissance, on interdisciplinarity more broadly, and on Renaissance drama. Her publications include *Law and Representation in Early Modern Drama* (Cambridge University Press, 2006) and (co-ed.) *Early Modern Tragicomedy* (Boydell and Brewer, 2007). This year, she has published “*Thinking on Thresholds: the Poetics of Transitive Spaces*” (Anthem Press, 2011), which she has edited and contributed to; and “Middleton and the Rule of Law”, in *Thomas Middleton in Context* (Cambridge University Press, 2011), ed. Suzanne Gossett. She has co-edited and contributed to a volume currently in press: “*Fictions of Knowledge: Fact, Evidence and Doubt*” (Palgrave Macmillan, 2011). Her current book-project examines the relation between literary form and the uses of doubt in early modern literature.

**Robert Harle** is a University Lecturer in the Computer Science department and joined the Fellowship in Michaelmas 2010, having previously read Natural Sciences as an undergraduate and Engineering as a postgraduate at Downing. His research interests are in location tracking and wireless sensor systems, particularly as applied to sports and healthcare. He has a growing interest in smartphone-based computing and has recently received funding from both the University and Google to continue his research.

He is also actively engaged in University outreach events and continues to learn the black art of lecturing. Outside teaching and research, he sits on the

University's Sports Syndicate and is the Senior Treasurer of the Cambridge University Athletic Club.

**Marta Morgado Correia** is a Fellow in Biological Natural Sciences. Marta first joined Downing in 2005 as a Ph.D. student in Medical Imaging, and later became a College Lecturer for Mathematical Biology. She joined the fellowship in October 2010.

She works at the MRC Cognition and Brain Sciences Unit, and has recently been appointed Head of Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Physics. She collaborates in several studies of human cognition, and is particularly interested in mathematical modelling for diffusion MRI and high resolution functional MRI.

**Paul Linden** rejoined the Fellowship as a Professorial Fellow in December 2010 after a 13 year absence in the US. Previously he had been a Fellow and Director of Studies in Mathematics since 1977. During his time in the US he was the Blasker Professor of Environmental Science and Engineering in the Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering at the University of California, San Diego. While there he served as the Department Chair, the Director of the Environment and Sustainability Initiative and was the founding director of the UCSD Sustainability Solutions Institute. During that time he was elected as a Fellow of the American Physical Society and the Royal Society. He is also a Fellow of the Royal Meteorological Society.

Paul has returned to the Department of Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics as the G.I. Taylor Professor of Fluid Mechanics. His research is concerned with the fluid mechanics of environmental flows in the oceans and atmosphere and with energy conservation in buildings. He is also interested in issues related to the impacts of climate change in different regions of the world.

**Dr Alicia Hinarejos** joined Downing in January 2011. She is a University Lecturer in Law and her primary areas of research lie in European Union law and comparative public law. Before coming to Cambridge, she was an Assistant Professor at McGill University (2009–11). She had previously been a British Academy Postdoctoral Fellow (Faculty of Law, University of Oxford) and a William Golding Junior Research Fellow (Brasenose College and Institute of European and Comparative Law, Oxford). During 2008–09, she was a Max Weber Visiting Fellow at the European University Institute. Dr Hinarejos holds a D.Phil. from Oxford, where she also received an M.Phil. and a M.Jur. in European and Comparative Law, both with distinction. She is a member of the Spanish Bar.

## COLLEGE CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

### THE GRIFFINS CLUB

Sandy Shanklin was elected President of the Club in January at the Annual Dinner, while Hattie Gibson and Phil Hughes were also appointed Secretary and Treasurer respectively. As you may already be aware, The Griffins Club is the prestigious Downing sporting society, which exists to promote participation and achievement in Downing sport. Downing has earned a strong sporting reputation through repeated success in many sports. Our aim is to maintain this and build on the achievements of previous years.

This year's Committee have made it a priority to increase the amount in the Griffins Endowment Fund, since intensity in accruing funds has died down in the last few years. Details of the Fund are shown below. However, at the present time, the interest from the Fund is not enough to finance the players sustainably. We hope Griffins of all ages will help us augment the Griffins Fund.

Another aim of our Committee is to encourage relations with Griffins Alumni, whether this be in increased use of the website ([thegriffinsclub.co.uk](http://thegriffinsclub.co.uk)), or in attendance at annual functions such as the Annual Dinner on the last Saturday in January or the Garden Party in mid-June. Having a strong alumni contingent at such events would endow the function with a sense of heritage and history and reinforce that a student should feel proud of the accolade of becoming a Griffin.

#### **Griffins Endowment Fund**

The Fund exists to support and encourage talented University sportspeople to play at a higher level than College, by providing them with financial support for kit, travel expenses and training costs. To support the Fund, cheques can be sent to the Development Office, Downing College, Cambridge, CB2 1DQ. Please make a note it is for The Griffins Fund. Otherwise, to set up a monthly or annual standing order or direct debit or make a one-off donation online, please go to: <http://www.downingcambridge.com/development/support-downing/make-a-donation>. In the section entitled "Please use my gift for the following," please enter 'The Griffins Fund'.

### ATHLETICS AND CROSS COUNTRY

Although the turnout from the Downing team has been small at the athletics competitions and cross-country races this year, there have been some outstanding performances. Downing runners shone in the Chris Brasher

College League (a series of races organised by CUH&H, the University Cross-Country Running Club). Polly Keen and Chris Bannon claimed the ladies' and men's individual titles respectively, winning several races on the way. Team wise, Downing took 3rd position in both men's and women's leagues. In Cuppers Cross-Country, the star of the show was Lucy Gossage winning the ladies' race.

Several Downing athletes also represented the university in the Cross-Country Varsity Match; Dan Sellman ran in the Men's 3rd team, Simon Gilbert captained the victorious Men's 4th team, Lucy Gossage and Polly Keen were in the Ladies' Blues Team (achieving Half-Blues) and Chris Bannon was in the Men's Blues Team (achieving a Full-Blue).

## BOAT CLUB

This year has been a very successful year for DCBC with only a few people having graduated the previous year. The beginning of the year saw 5 people going off to trial for university crews – Olli Lupton and Piran Tedbury with the Lightweights, Jamie Logie and Felix Wood with CUBC and Lizzie Polgreen with CUWBC as their President.

As the year began, we once again sent a Men's IV to the Head of the Charles in Boston, USA, comprising two of the trialling rowers along with Craig Sawyer, Sarah Smart and Rob Clarke. The crew placed 9th in the Collegiate Coxed Fours event, a brilliant result for the Club and College.

A large number of novices joined the Club and formed a successful novice squad, with the NM1 crew winning a shortened Fairbairns joint with Jesus. Unfortunately the ice on the river in early December caused the Senior Fairbairns races to be cancelled, a great shame for the Club as M1 looked to be able to defend a high starting position and W1 were favourite to take the win.

In January the Club headed to Banyoles in Spain, a return to the Training Camp location of previous years. We took 37 students and 3 coaches. It was a large success and brought on some very strong novices, particularly to fill the gaps vacated by those off Trialling during Lent Bumps. As it was, Downing was represented in the Women's Blue Boat, Men's Lightweight Boat (twice), Goldie and the CUBC Spair Pair.

In the Lent Bumps, both Men and Women sat 2nd at the start of the week. The Women were able to bump up to the Headship on the first day, bumping First and Third in less than a minute, and comfortably held the position throughout the week, remaining unbeaten in their new boat, the Alastair Nelson. Meanwhile, the Men were able to bump First and Third off Headship on Day 2, having rowed over behind them 8 times over the previous years. Unfortunately they were unable to hold off a very fast Causis crew on the last day and ended the week in second. The Women were also able to get a brilliant

result in the Women's Head of the River race allowing them to cement their position as the fastest College VIII. The Men also travelled to London for the Head of the River but, after a heavy collision under the first bridge caused damage to the boat and injury to one of the rowers, were unable to put in a repeat performance of the previous year.

Running up to Mays the Women won IM3 and College VIIIs at Bedford Regatta with the Men narrowly missing out on winning College VIIIs themselves. Approaching the Bumps the Women remained unbeaten this year. The Women again took the Headship on the first night, this time from Pembroke and confidently rowed over Head the following days, winning the first Women's May Headship for the Downing Women. Meanwhile the Men's first boat bumped up 3 over the first 3 days, bumping Jesus, Pembroke and First and Third. On the last day they chased Causis and although proving themselves quicker than the Headship crew were unable to capitalize and take the Headship, again leaving themselves second on the River at the end of the week. M2 also managed to go up 3, bumping First and Third II to take the 2nd boat Headship and leaving themselves as sandwich boat between the first and second divisions.

It has been a brilliant year for Downing rowing with two Women's Headships, a Second Boat Headship and the Men ending Second only to a great Causis crew. Thanks must be given to in particular Ian Watson, our Director of Rowing, and also all the support from College and the Segreants which we receive.

## CRICKET

Downing cricket had a better season than in previous years, progressing through the group stages of Cuppers, but unfortunately losing in the first knockout match.

## FOOTBALL

After a slow start to the season a strong campaign saw the men's first team finish a close second in Division 1 this year; unfortunately our Cuppers campaign was derailed by strong winds in only the second round on a weekend when the top 5 teams in Division 1 all fell to unexpected defeats. The second team achieved significant success this season – a strong cup run saw them lift the Shield for the first time in recent history and in the last game of the season, with a last minute goal, they snatched promotion finishing second in Division 4. A solid season for the third team saw them finish comfortably in mid-table in Division 6.

The women had a difficult season, without an experienced goalkeeper and more often than not fielding sides of only 9 or 10 players. They sadly will be relegated to Division 3 but some excellent fresher talent has emerged to watch out for next year.



## HOCKEY

Downing Ladies Hockey did well to build on last year's performance and finish 5th in division 1, with only a few points separating the top teams. They came up against fierce opposition in the form of Catz and John's as in previous years, but particularly came out strong against John's for what can only be described as our best game of the season. We had a large intake of new team members this year, all of whom have improved immensely and have been valuable members of the club. They were knocked out at the semi final stage of Cuppers. The new ladies' Captain is Heather Shakerchi, our top goal scorer for the season. Colours were awarded to Hattie O'Nions, Emily Heslop and Helen Picot for an outstanding season's performance.

After an unjust relegation from the top division last year, Downing men showed their prowess and skill by coming runners up in John's summer sixes. The men narrowly missed out promotion in Michaelmas and then reached the quarter final of Cuppers where they were knocked out by the winning Jesus team. Downing easily gained promotion in Lent with a healthy goal difference and a game in hand. At the annual hockey dinner the following awards were made: Most improved Player was Doug Phethean, Most valued player was Song Eng, Colours for Si Bourne, Ed Charlton and Paul Stanyon. James Hay has been a real asset to the team this year and his brilliant goalkeeping will have helped our goal difference no end! He will take over as Captain for the coming year. This year we will sadly be saying goodbye to James Bradley-Watson a quality player, inspirational Captain and general nice guy who will be missed within the club.

## MIXED LACROSSE

Downing mixed lacrosse has had a very successful season this year, missing out on promotion in Michaelmas by 2 points, and remaining undefeated through Lent term resulting in our deserved promotion to Division 1; a great way to end the season. Excellent play and team commitment allowed us to secure some big wins, notably 4-0 against CUVS and 6-0 against Sidney, where practice clearly paid off. We reached the quarter finals in Cuppers but lost a close and difficult game against Newnham, though we did extremely well considering our smaller and much less experienced team! Though our success this season would not have been possible without all members of the team and their hard work, College Colours were awarded to Robert Sparkes for his continued commitment and outstanding play, Lucy Gamble and Ronel Talker for exceptional improvement through the year and excellent match play. Now that we've reclaimed our place in the top division, I'm sure next year's team, captained by Sophie Thorpe, will be able to maintain it!

## RUGBY

DCRUFC maintained its record for the most consecutive years in the top division following a solid season, finally settling for third place. The season also saw John's spell of dominance at the top of the table come to an end. Downing struck the first blow to John's chances with a dogged 0–0 draw away on the first day of the season, a result which prompted talk of a title challenge. Unfortunately injuries and inconsistency played a large part in a string of poor results; it wasn't until the new year that the team really clicked – this coincided with a succession of high scoring wins, an encouraging sign of things to come next year under the stewardship of new Captain Steve Townend. Colours were awarded to Phil Hammersley, who showed consistency and sturdy ball-carrying in the loose all season, J-P Westgate, who has now scored on John's pitches twice for Downing, and Dan Addis, who will take up the Vice Captain role next year.

## SQUASH

The Squash team this year had regular coaching for the first time, which was reflected by big improvements in many of the guys' squash, notably James Hay who has showed constant improvement and enthusiasm since the start of the season. This year's results were a mixed bag, with some very strong teams in our pool. However we maintained our position in the top half of the 2nd division, and there were some real standout performances.

## DOWNING DANCE SOCIETY

Downing Dance Society is relatively new but it has been hugely popular over the past two years. The members meet weekly to learn a routine in various dance styles including, for example, Latin, Modern, Broadway, Irish, American Tap and Lindyhop. We learn bespoke choreography, social dancing and well-known routines which is the unique feature of this dance society. Expert dancers from a wide range of styles have been teaching taster classes tailored to the students' abilities whilst the Captain has been encouraging the development of good technique, strength and flexibility. This term the choreography of Bob Fosse was particularly popular and we look forward to the first opportunity to show off our talented dancers.

## DOWNING DRAMA SOCIETY

**President:** Alex Lass

**Treasurer:** Joel Halliday

**Technical Director:** Ben Sehovic

**Secretary:** Nick Skliar-Davies

The last two years have been fantastic for theatre at Downing. The state-of-the-art Howard Theatre was completed in late 2009. Made possible by another incredibly generous donation from Downing Alumnus Dr Alan Howard, the multi-million pound Theatre was designed by famed architects Quinlan and Francis Terry. It features an interior in the Neo-Classical idiom, evoking the vision of the College's original architect, William Wilkins. The Theatre is the most technologically and environmentally advanced theatre in Cambridge: boasting ground source heating and cooling together with a 'harvesting' system to collect rain-water for bathroom and catering use. The bespoke ruby-red leather seating has been specially made for us by the same Italian design studio that manufactures the interiors for Maserati and Lamborghini.

Since its opening in February 2010, The Howard Theatre has hosted a variety of other shows and performances including a Footlights' Smoker, Shakespeare's 'Much Ado About Nothing,' Webster's 'The Duchess of Malfi,' and Frayn's sparkling farce 'Donkeys' Years,' directed by Alex Lass in November 2010. For the show, Downing Art-Historian James Wedlake designed and built a fantastic set with the help of College buildings manager Richard Monument and a variety of stalwart assistants. The show was also entered into the 2011 National Student Drama Festival and was short-listed for inclusion in the Festival. Sadly it wasn't featured in the final selection, although two of the performers were singled out as outstanding and invited to attend the Festival as independent artists.

2010–2011 has been a triumphant year for theatre at College. May the wonderful space that is the Howard Theatre continue to be the heart of Downing's artistic life for many years to come.

### THE DANBY SOCIETY

The Danby Society, for all the Natural Scientists, Engineers, Mathematicians and Computer Scientists of Downing, has continued to go from strength to strength this year. We have had five very different talks to the Society, all of which were very well attended and enjoyed. We started the year with the first year's favourite lecturer Dr Peter Wothers, who was followed later on in the term by Dr Cath Green. Lent term saw Downing Fellows speaking at Danby with Dr Bill O'Neill and then the most popular talk of the year by the Master Dr Barry Everitt. And finally, in Easter term, a talk for the physicists from Dr Colm-Cille Caulfield.

As well as the talks we had many enjoyable social events starting with a Freshers' Meal to welcome all the new members of the Society. We also continued our tradition of a dinner with our Medic and Vet counterparts from Whitby with a very lovely evening. Our annual quiz and hustings was almost too well attended with many extra tables needing to appear as a huge amount

of the Society turned up. Here we elected our new committee to whom we handed over at the ever entertaining Annual Dinner at the start of Easter term.

Many thanks to the previous committee of Anna Herlihy, James Bradley-Watson, Steve John, Zara Goozee, Lily McManus and James McGinnigle. And good luck to the continued success of the society run by the new committee of Lily McManus, John Medley-Hallam, Zara Goozee, James Hay, Russell Wilson and Lewis Lea.

### MAITLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Maitland Society this year got off to an auspicious start in October, playing host to Downing's own Professor Richard Smith, who spoke on 'Social Security as an aid to economic development: the case of the English Poor Law c.1600–1834' at one of the most well-attended events the Society has ever had. This was followed in November by Dr. Colin Shindler's multi-media presentation on the notorious edition of the March of Time Series 'Inside Nazi Germany 1938'. Professor Chris Clark resumed Maitland activities in Lent with a paper that asked, 'Who rules Berlin? Adversarial politics in Europe and the road to the First World War'. In March Dr. David Starkey's talk on 'Marriage and Monarchy (dedicated to Kate and Wills)' necessitated a move to the new Howard Theatre to accommodate the extensive interest the event generated throughout the University as a whole.

The social aspects are also important to the Maitland Society, and this year did not disappoint. The field trip to Audley End House and Gardens was a great success, with the beautiful gardens, impressive house and glorious sunshine enjoyed by all. The Annual Dinner in Easter Term in customary historical fancy dress was as convivial as ever and a thoroughly enjoyable way to round off a great year.

The greatest success of Maitland this year, in my view, was the great expansion in membership and indeed the growing involvement of the members in all the Society's activities. The Maitland Society continues to go from strength to strength and will no doubt remain an important part of College life for years to come.

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