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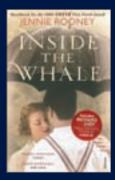
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# Alumni News

## Jennie Rooney



Jennie Rooney (BA 2001) is the author of the highly acclaimed debut novel *Inside the Whale*, published by Chatto & Windus in 2008. The novel weaves between the memories of its two narrators, Michael Royston, a former Morse code operator, and the recently widowed Stevie Sandford, telling the story of their Second World War romance. *Inside the Whale* was shortlisted for the 2008 COSTA First

Novel Award, and was chosen as the *Daily Mail's* Richard & Judy New Writers Book of the Month for January 2009. The novel has been praised both for its vivid evocation of wartime London, and the poignant humour of its narrative.

After graduating with a degree in history, Jennie taught English in France before returning to London to work as a lawyer, writing her novel in her lunch breaks. We wish her every success in her next literary project.

# Johnians around the world

In the last edition of the *Johnian News*, you may have read about our plans to create a global Johnian Network. We are very pleased to announce that we already have four volunteers:

Australia: Nick Gifford (BA 1977)

New Zealand: Julian Astbury (BA 1961)

Hong Kong: Max Parry (BA 2005)

#### Singapore: Patrick Kho (BA 1988)

Our volunteers are planning their first events – if you would like to be put in contact, please let the Development Office know. We look forward to reports of Johnian gatherings throughout the world in future editions of the *Johnian News*.

If you would like to get involved with the global Johnian network, please contact Helen Morgan, h.morgan@joh.cam.ac.uk or 01223 330721. 🛞

## Varsity Match 2008



Following the success of the 2007 event, it was a delight to be able to offer tickets to attend the 127th Varsity Match to all Johnians who played rugby.

One hundred and seventy-two College members joined the Master, Professor Christopher Dobson, for lunch in the Beaumont Room, in the Six Nations Suite, which was very kindly hosted again by Mr Francis Baron OBE (BA 1967), Chief Executive of the Rugby Football Union.

The Master spoke briefly before the meal to express his pleasure in seeing so many Johnians reunited for such a wonderful event. A special tribute was paid to Sir Wilfred Robinson (BA 1940) who was the oldest Johnian in attendance. The Master also informed attendees that a remarkable total of eleven Johnians had played in the U21s match earlier that day.

Two Johnians played in the fast-paced Varisty Match: Sandy Reid and Scott Maclennan. By the end of the first half the score put Oxford soundly ahead (25-10).

Within minutes of returning to the field for the second half, the Cambridge team, seemingly revived, began to turn the match around. With five minutes to time the score stood at 33-29 to Oxford.

When the whistle finally blew Oxford claimed their first Varsity Match victory since 2004, and while Cambridge supporters were understandably disappointed, no one could begrudge Oxford the result after such a fierce and exciting match. Following the match Johnians returned to the Beaumont Room for afternoon tea and a chance to discuss the score.

Our thanks to all those who attended for making it such a memorable day and to Francis Baron for facilitating and hosting once again.

We hope to see you all on 10 December 2009!

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# Alumni News

## Martin Hofman



Martin Hofman (BA 1982) and his wife, Deborah, have left the City behind to live their dream in the Peak District. In March 2007 the couple took over Wheeldon Trees Farm – a seventeenth-century farmhouse nestling in twelve acres of pastureland, with eight

holiday cottages – with the plan of creating an all-year-round destination, renovated to exacting environmental standards. The farm has earned a Peak District Environmental Quality Mark and is accredited by the Green Tourism Business Scheme.

Ground source heat pumps collect heat from the surrounding ground to supply the cottages with domestic hot water and heat for the floors and radiators. One of the cottages comprises single-floor accommodation, fully accessible to wheelchairs and equipped with two easy access shower rooms; it also provides stunning views down the valley. Johnians can enjoy a 10% discount simply by mentioning the Bridge of Sighs! You can find out more by visiting www.wheeldontreesfarm.co.uk, or by phoning 01298 83219.

# **Cambridge** celebrates its 800th birthday!



2009 sees the 800th birthday of the University of Cambridge. As part of the festivities, a special book, *The University of Cambridge: an 800th Anniversary Portrait,* has been commissioned to celebrate the rich history of this institution. Published by Third Millennium, publishers of *St John's College: Excellence and Diversity,* this commemorative work features

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recollections from a broad range of Cambridge alumni,

staff and current students. The book studies topics as diverse as the beauty of University buildings, and the contribution of its alumni to the arts, sport and its spiritual life! There are a number of contributions from Johnians and the book is illustrated throughout in full colour.

Copies may be ordered from Third Millennium on 020 7336 0144 or online from www.tmiltd.com.

For more information on the University's exciting plans for this year, visit www.800.cam.ac.uk.

## Jonathan Bielby

Jonathan Bielby, Director of Music at Wakefield Cathedral, is to receive the honorary award of Fellow of the Royal School of Church Music. Each year the RSCM Council confers Fellowships on those who have made a distinguished contribution to music and worship at an international level. Jonathan is England's longest-serving cathedral organist, having held his position at Wakefield since 1970. Since there is no choir school attached to the cathedral, he has worked tirelessly to maintain and enhance the musical tradition at Wakefield. Amongst his former choristers are John Scott (BA 1977), currently Organist and Director of Music at St Thomas Fifth Avenue, New York, and David Hill (BA 1979), former Organist and Director of Music at St John's, and current Chief Conductor of the BBC Singers.



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## **Professor** Peter Hennessy

Professor Peter Hennessy (BA 1969), Attlee Professor of Contemporary British History at Queen Mary, University of London, was

awarded the 2008 Lifetime Achievement Award by the *Times Higher Education*. Professor Hennessy was commended for his 'outstanding and unique achievement in bringing Whitehall and academia together to their mutual benefit over a period of many years ... an inspiration to all those students fortunate enough to have been taught by him'.

Professor Hennessey worked as a journalist after graduating from St John's, before returning in 1990 to undertake a PhD. He is the co-founder of the Institute for Contemporary British History and the author of several works on modern British history.

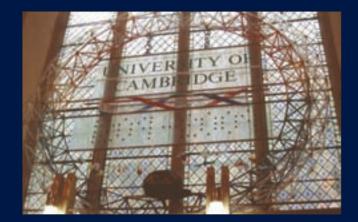
## **Rebecca** Roberts

Rebecca Roberts (BA 2008) won a Commendation in the RIBA President's Medals Students Awards for her design of a dining hall for the 2012 Olympic Village. Following the Olympics, the dining hall would be converted into four schools. Rebecca was recognized for her work, which addresses 'themes of sustainability and potentiality'. The prestigious RIBA Awards recognize the talents of young architects and are awarded annually.

Rebecca also received First Prize in the KPF / AF Student Travel Awards, organized by The Architecture Foundation. This prize recognizes students who show 'outstanding insight into the possibilities of public space'.

## The Cambridge Wheel and Cambridge Minds

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In celebration of the 800 anniversary of Cambridge University, over eight-hundred local children have collaborated in a special project recently unveiled at Michaelhouse. The enterprise was sponsored by the St John's College Schools Project, under the directorship of Professor Harry Marsh, and the University. The St John's College Schools Project also managed the design and the co-ordination of this initiative.

Each of the twenty-three schools in the Cambridge region participated in a technology day, during which they completed their contribution. The Cambridge Wheel is a celebration of the great achievements made by the University throughout its history; for example, the outer wheel is based on the geometry of the Mathematical Bridge at Queens' College. The Wheel also houses tributes to 'Cambridge Minds' including the Johnians, Thomas Clarkson, William Wilberforce and Maurice Wilkes.

The Project was established in 2000 with the aim of offering support to improve the teaching of mathematics, science and technology for all schools in the Cambridge region. The aim is to draw on the wealth of scientific and mathematical resources in the University of Cambridge to develop a support system for schools and teachers in the region.

All Johnians are welcome to drop by and see the pupils' work throughout this summer. Michaelhouse is situated on Trinity Street in Cambridge – please check their website for opening times: www.michaelhouse.org.uk.

For further information on the St John's College Schools Project, please contact Kirstie Jarvis on 01223 337716.

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## Dr John Morton



Dr John Morton (BA 2002) received the Cavendish Medal for the Physical Sciences category at the SET for BRITAIN 2009 awards March 2009. SET for BRITAIN aims to promote, support and honour Britain's earlycareer research scientists such as engineers and technologists; such researchers are a vital asset and investment for the UK. It is hoped that winners of this prize will go on

to become future scientific and technological leaders in their fields.

Dr Morton works with the Quantum Spin Dynamics group at Oxford University. Currently, his research focuses on developing a scalable quantum computer whose qubits are based on the electron spins of molecules. More specifically, Dr Morton's prizewinning poster, 'Solid state quantum memory using nuclear spins in silicon', outlined the recent discovery that specially developed silicon molecules could be used to store information for just under two seconds. Before this breakthrough, the longest scientists could store quantum information in a molecule for was less than onetenth of a second. Such research could ultimately affect the way computers store and manipulate data.

Dr Morton is currently a Junior Research Fellow at St John's College, Oxford.

# College News

## Clare Laight



After six hugely enjoyable years at St John's, I took the very difficult decision to move on from St John's and Cambridge. I live in the heart of the Suffolk countryside and, whilst this has many advantages, a close proximity to Cambridge is not one of these, hence the reason for my decision.

In six years I have been incredibly fortunate to get involved in a variety of work, which has been both challenging and rewarding. I have also been given the opportunity to travel around the UK and overseas meeting many Johnians along the way, who I shall miss enormously. During this time I have also worked with many talented and brilliant people, who, for me, made every journey into work worthwhile.

As for St John's itself, it is a very special and beautiful place and I can fully appreciate why people want to return year after year. I am delighted that Helen Morgan has taken over as Head of Alumni Relations and I wish her lots of luck in her new role. I also wish the College and the Development Office every success in the Campaign and hope that Johnians will continue with their magnificent support. I am leaving to pursue a freelance career in Suffolk and will be getting married later this year. I imagine that the latter will keep me most busy and I'm sure that my experience of organizing Johnian events will prove useful for the planning!



## Professor Sir Richard Friend

Professor Sir Richard Friend, Fellow of St John's and Cavendish Professor of Physics, was jointly awarded the King Faisal International Prize for Science. Sir

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Richard was recognised for his pioneering research into semiconductor polymer devices and their commercial applications.

Sir Richard has published extensively and has received numerous awards for his work, including the first Pierre-Gilles de Gennes Prize for Science and Industry in 2008.

## Cripps Building



Whether you love it or hate it, the Cripps Building is here to stay. It has been Grade II\* listed by the government on the recommendation of the English Heritage.

Designed by Philip Powell and Hidalgo Moya in the 1960s, the building is regarded as a landmark in late twentiethcentury architecture. The construction was funded by the generosity of the Cripps Foundation to accommodate growing student numbers. The listing is the latest in a string of awards notched up by the Cripps Building, including a RIBA award in 1967.

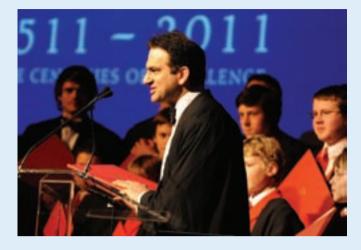
## Lady Margaret Boat Club History: Volume 3 1957-1982



The third volume has now been published. Members who pre-ordered have been sent copies direct from the printer. Johnians who wish to purchase a copy may do so at a cost of £15 plus £5 postage and packaging. Please contact the Development Office, 01223 338700, for further information. The book may also be collected

from the Development Office. This third volume contains 460 pages plus 32 photographs and is in the style of the earlier volumes. In addition to the year by year chronicle, it includes the following chapters: Profiles of LMBC oars and coaches: Johnian Boat Clubs, The Lady Margaret Association: Names from the Past, LMBC Quotes and Anecdotes: LMBC and the First Light Weight Boat Race: The New Court Clock: and the Maggie.

## St John's in the USA



The St John's College Campaign was launched in the US in March 2009. Over one hundred Johnians and guests gathered at Gotham Hall, New York City, joining the Master, Professor Christopher Dobson, and his wife, Dr Mary Dobson. Other College representatives enjoyed catching up with US alumni over cocktails and dinner.

Attendees were treated to a special performance by the Choir of St John's College, under the direction of Andrew Nethsingha (BA 1990). The Choir, who were touring the US at the time, made the evening truly memorable.

The Master thanked guests for attending and their continued support of 'the greatest College of the greatest University in the world'. He also drew on the strong links that St John's enjoys with North America; Johnians were among the first European settlers in the US! Professor and Dr Dobson also enjoyed meeting Johnians at a reunion dinner in Canada. More than fifty alumni and guests came to a dinner at the University Club in Toronto, many of whom travelled a considerable distance to attend. The Master and his wife very much enjoyed meeting such a broad age span of Johnians, with a sixty-five year gap in matriculations between two attendees!







## The Choir online

The Choir of St John's College has launched a new website, www.sjcchoir.co.uk. The website features comprehensive information about the Choir and its activities and is updated regularly.

Through the website the Choir now offers weekly webcasts of its services. The Choir is the first of its kind to offer this service, making its performances accessible to followers across the globe. The Dean of Chapel, the Revd Duncan Dormor, said: 'In launching this service, our intention is simple: to provide the very best the Anglican Choral tradition can offer, free at the touch of a button to anyone, anywhere in the world. With these new weekly services we will be able to bring the distinctive sound of the Choir "at home" in its Chapel to new audiences and old friends.'

The site also features news about Chapel services, forthcoming tours and concerts in Cambridge and beyond.

## Missing Johnians

We have lost touch with Johnians from the following selection of years; they are listed under their year of University matriculation. If you have any information as to their whereabouts, we would be grateful if you would contact the Development Office at development@joh.cam.ac.uk or by phone on 01223 338700. Please note that we believe all details are correct at the time of going to press.

#### 1959

Dr Graeme Maxwell Philip Dr James Michael Hirons Dr Iulian Michael Whitty Dr Roland Annan Carson Mr Anthony Robert Wildman Mr Barry John Richards Mr Bernet George Hammel Mr Christopher John Gatty Mr Christopher Rowland Hill Mr Colin Richard Eric Titlev Mr Derek John Hudson Mr Donald David Burgess Mr Fric Charles Bush Mr Eric Gantry Moore Mr Gerhart Arnold Rindauer Mr Gordon Browning Kennedy Mr Graham Allen White Mr Ian Martin Argyle Mr Ira Gorman Deitrick Mr James Meyrick Swainson Mr John Claxton Mr John Alexander Wurr Mr John Alfred Cubitt Knights Mr Jonathan Appleyard Mr Keith John Henley Mr Kevin John Rogers Mr Michael Frederick Shavlor Mr Michael Hugo Proctor Mr Michael John Gavin Mr Michel Alfred Eugène Boulmer Mr Muhammad Abdus Sattar Mr Peter William Walters

Mr Robert William Carter Mr Samuel Emmanuel Clement Baingana

Mr Saul Herbert Sternberg Mr Terence Bradley Mr Thomas Antony Hugh Tyler Mr Trevor Gwatkin Walker Mr Vivian Keith Diver

#### 1960

Dr Brian James Austin Dr David John Marshall Dr Edward Julian Carlton Smith Dr John Stewart Dr Peter Randell Dr Pieter Albert Arriens Dr Trevor Ailwyn Byer Emeritus Professor Ronald John Sandeman Mr Albert Steven Pergam Mr Bernard Francis Allen Mr Billie Roger Sutton Mr Brian John Lambert Mr Christopher Martin Reeves Hennessy Mr Clayton Rees Heycock Mr Colin Marston Mr Colin Gordon Webster Moss Mr David Downton Croft Mr David Edwin Hargreaves Mr David Howard Gee Mr David Michael Austin Mr Denis Priest Mr Donald Lawrie King Mr George Hall Kirby

Mr John Hetherington McMunn Mr John Leslie Palmer Mr John Philip Baker Mr John Richard Jackson Mr Keith Sanderson Mr Kishori Lal Jain Mr Martin Ellis Miller Mr Martin Jonathan Graham Cox Mr Michael Henry Ellis Larcombe Mr Neil Matheson Macdonald Mr Paul Haydn Etherington Mr Paul Laszlo Zador Mr Rhodri Jonathan Humphrey Vaughan Phillips Mr Theodor Manfred Wegner Mr Thomas Francis Gleeson Mr Timothy James Burnley Webb Mr Victor James Denman Baston Mr William Russell Bollow

Mr James Redmond

#### 1961

Dr Donovan William Abbott Dr Irshadullah Khan Dr John Keith Hart Dr Paul Christopher Wraight Mr Aeneas Ranald Euan MacDonell Mr Alan Richard Townend Mr Allan Michael Deller Mr Andrew Terence Spurling Mr Bruce Waldo Jackson Mr Colin George May Mr Colin Richmond Flight Mr Courtney Kemp St George Skeffrey Mr David Brown Hutchins Mr Dudley Ellis Baines Mr George Benjamin Jones Mr George Frederic Stewart Spears Mr Jean-Yves Sayn Mr Johan Wilhelm Hendrick Kalsbeek Mr John Brian Murphy Mr John David Whitman Mr John James O'Reilly Mr John Roderick Shaw Mr John Stephen Maxwell Mr Kenneth Michael Rowe Mr Kohei Yamashita Mr Lawrence Christopher Williams Mr Martin Richard Spiers Mr Michael Charles Holt Mr Michael Edward Naish Mr Nicholas Lafitte Mr Peter Davidson Wallace Mr Peter Frank Mason Mr Peter Richard Bazley Mr Philip Andrew Lewis Mr Pierre Cloete Haarhoff Mr Piers Edward Wallace McMullan Mr Richard Hugh Buckingham Mr Richard James Ruane Mr Robert Veltman Mr Robert Anthony Chatwin Mr Robert Michael Dean

Mr Richard Iveagh Guinness

Mr Roy Edward Peacock Mr Titus Maurice Othieno

#### 1962

Dr Graham Little Dr Jack Richard Stauder Dr John Osborne Dr Michael John Price Dr Roderic David Thomas Dr Ronald William Thomas Wilkins Dr Samuel Adrian Marshall Dr Trevor Philip Toube Mr Alan James Simpson Mr Anthony Ratcliffe Mr Anthony James Longrigg Mr Beverley Stuart Michael Horne Mr Brian George Cope Mr Christopher Robert West Mr David Durrell Thoday Mr David John Odanga Mr David Rigg Thomason Mr Eric Alfred Trudgill Mr Ernst Friedrich Burkhard Spiecker Mr Fernand Elise Etienne Vantomme Mr Francis Edward Tollervey Mr Frank Jorweth Parkin Mr Geoffrey William Wynn Mr George Wilson Mr Giorgio La Malfa Mr Ian Cansfield Cansfield Mr Ian Humbert Arthure Garton Mr James Wallace Hitching Mr John Dobson Mr John David Harkness Mr John David Moore Mr John David Morrison Hardie Mr John Graham Rule Mr John William Turley Mr Jonathan Charles Thompson Mr Katumba Crispin Mishack Nyalugwe Mr Kevin John Hanson Mr Michael George Laskey Mr Michael John Rowe Mr Naravanaswami Panchapagesan Mr Patrick Barnabas Edward Gilbert Hopkins Mr Paul Kipkorir Boit Mr Paul Munro Walker Mr Peter Michael Seeviour Mr Richard Kingslake

- Mr Richard John Cliffe Gilson Mr Richard Thomas Emery
- Mr Roger John Sullivan

#### 1963

Dr Alistair Macintosh Wilson Dr Arthur Vincent Trifari Dr Clive John Christie Dr Denham Clive Gibbons Dr Elmar Arthold Stuhler Dr Jeremy Hugh Keenan Dr John Robert Watson Dr Lewis Charles Ingram Dr Robert Montague Leaney Dr Terence William Hegarty Mr Agwu Awa Okpanku Mr Alexander Richard Munro Mr Andrew Baster Mr Anthony Philip Austin Mr Charles Michael Birnie Davidson Mr Christopher Eric Paul Martin Mr Clive Lawrence George Bell Mr Clyde Murray Hunter Mr David Gorddard Mr David John Brassington Mr David Leslie Richardson Mr Donald Ross Watson Mr Geoffrey Martin Kane Evans Mr Howard Rea Angus Mr Hugh Anderson Scott **McClelland** Mr Ian White Mr lames Francis Storr Mr James Robert Raimes Mr James Stephen Weiskopf Mr Joab Henry Onyango Omino Mr John Colin Prince Mr John Gordon Young Mr John Harland Arrowsmith Mr Malcolm Bruce Bowen Mr Maxwell Pearson Mr Norman Whalley Mr Patrick Shaw Gilkes Mr Paul Graeme Inglis Mr Peniame Davule Nagasima Mr Peter Michael Reynolds Hill Mr Raphael Ssebuggwawo Mr Raymond Stuart Elmitt Mr Richard John Clarke Mr Richard Rea Hunter Mr Robert KumpfAplington Mr Robert William Steeds Mr Stephen Tanner Mr Timothy John Riggs Mr Walter Stephen Geoffrey Oosthuizen

#### 1964

Dr Duncan Gordon Sinclair Dr Jeremy Seymour Eades Dr John Skinner Dr John Andrew Frederick Scott Dr Robert Stephen Phillips

Mr Alan McNeile Morton Mr Antony Denis Joss Mr Atfon Fatinifau Varea Mr Avi Kishon Mr Christopher Turberville Mr David Meredith Mr David Robert Strong Mr Don Earl Saliers Mr Duncan Neill Robinson Mr Eric Paul Kibuka Mr Frederick Richard Willey Mr Gerald Howard Bold Mr Indrei Stephen Pilkington Ratiu Mr Isaac Widuczynski Mr James Fairgrieve Dorward Mr James Hannington Lutaya Kaganda Mr James Purcell Cleveland Croal Mr James Yuill McLeod Mr Jan Witold Kwiatkowski Mr Jeremy Norman John Dyer Mr John Sinclair Mr John Michael Watts Mr John William Adams Mr Ionathan Daniel Nichol Mr Keith Burton Lewis Mr Krishnaswamy Venkataraman Mr Louis French Reichardt Mr Michael Alan Pickard Mr Norman John Wilson Mr Paul Davey Mr Peter Lassman Mr Richard Anthony Brand Mr Richard John Babb Mr Roger Nicholas Nunn Mr Sathasivam Subramanian Mr Sergio Alceo Speroni Mr Stephen Cornell Rankin Mr Stewart Sinclair Mr Thomas Richard Welberry Mr Victor Joseph Joseph

Mr Abdul Razak

#### 1965

Dr David Cowlishaw Dr Glyn Robert John Hockey Dr Rafael Sentandreu Ramon Dr Roland Hunt Mr Abdel Gader Mansour Mr Alan Corney Mr Alan Mynett Mr Alan Stuart Maguire Mr Angel Lopez Soler Mr Antony Michael Goddard Mr Brian Antony Heatley Mr Christopher Martin Coles Mr David Staton Mr David John Williams

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#### 1966

Dr Michael John Chevalier Asher Dr Michael Robert Christie Mr Andrew Curtin Page Mr Anthony Mark Henderson-Begg Mr Arthur Christopher Pine Mr Bruce Atkinson Marshall Mr Christopher Dundas Towers Mr Christopher Harry Bayliss Mr Christopher Martin Bailey Mr Colin Anthony Alfred Mr Cvril Enweze Mr David Joseph Kwidini Mr David Webb Stevenson Mr Erich Loflin Cluxton Mr Ernst-August Marius Schmidt Mr Geoffrey Dean Mr Geoffrey James Carter Mr Geoffrey Kenneth Cobb Mr Geoffrey Michael Norris Mr Gordon Kenworthy Mr Graham John Wells Mr Howell Morgan Richards

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#### 1967

Dr David Hoadley Dr David William Holmes Dr Trevor Ian Brav Mr Alan Melville Parkinson Mr Anatoli Ivanovich Fedorenko Mr Andrew Shaddock Mr Andrew Victor Pickford Mr Christopher John Edwards Mr Christopher Lindsay Edwards Mr Denis Hon Mr Douglas Cameron Henderson Mr Edmund Stephen Cook Mr Edric Martin Shaw Mr Edward Alan Irwin Mr Francis William Pearson Mr Giles Nicholas Barraclough Mr Guy Stephen Markland Mr Hugh Robert Epstein Mr Iain Harford Owen Miller Mr Ian Michael Hering Mr James William Fitzpatrick Mr Jean Mobarak Mr John O'Keeffe Mr John Kenneth Sligo Mr John Michael Taylor Mr John Neil Sugden Mr Makoto Nagai Mr Martin Nicholas Jenkinson Mr Michael Thomas Sheringham Mr Muzaffar Mahmood Qurashi Mr Nigel Hedley Watmough Mr Peter Frank Cox

Mr Peter John Anderson Mr Peter Leslie Briggs Mr Peter Nicholas Wratten Mr Philip Sheung Ho Cheung Mr Rodney John England Mr Rupert Douglas Lane Mr Stephen James Cameron Stewart Mr Tobias Brooke Le Mesurier Holland Mr Trevor Austin Davis Mr William Sherrill Jacobs

#### 1968

Dr Edward Fleetwood Dr Ewan Hamilton Klein Dr Robert John Eason Hon Mr Justice Ebun Anthony Thomas Mr Anthony PaulBeauchamp Mr Bernard William Kenneth Whalev Mr Christopher John Jones Mr David John Habakkuk Mr Edward Francis Kelley Mr Frantisék Otakar Kubásek Mr Gareth Johns Okell Mr Ian Charles Coleman Mr John Richard Cowan Mr Jonathan Roger Heal Mr Lawrence Anthony Walsh Mr Nicholas David Piers Wood Mr Padmanabhan Subramanian Mr Patrick Richard Dehany Scott Mr Paul Anthony Andrew Mr Peter Leslie Trinder Mr Peter William Herron Mr Richard Thomas Mr Robert Andrew Stevens Mr Robert Henry Binns Mr Robert Hugh Shedden Moser Mr Stephen Richard Westbrook Mr Walpolage Kumaradasa Perera Mr William Edward Morris Mr William Peter Moreton Professor David Michael Shama

#### 1969

Dr Adrian Colven Pearce Dr Alan Gordon Dr Madjid Daneshyar Dr Marvin Lee Will Mr Adrian Nicholas Salter Mr Alan Thomas Graham Mr Alastair John Stuart Shaw Mr Andrew Martin Leake Mr Andrew Thomas Neame Mr Brian David Rhodes Mr Christopher Anthony Charles Harding-Edgar Mr Christopher George Chowney Mr David Geoffrey Burton Mr David Philmar Edwards Mr Donald Hope Shaw Mr Donald Peter Barber Mr Edgard de Jesus Gonzalez Mr Eric Lawton Mr Eric George Haywood Mr Eric William Hutchison Mr Frederick Howard Morgan Mr Jeremy James Bannister Mr John Adrian Evans Mr Michael John Harrison Mr Michael John Watson Mr Paul Christopher Aston Mr Paul Samuel Milford Abbott Mr Peter James Thomas Morrill Mr Peter John Richards Mr Peter Vaughan Wallis Mr Richard William Oswald Edge

Mr Robert Lewis Wilson Mr Robert Sandford John Garland Mr Roger Alan Lawford Mr Roger Ian Snowdon Mr Timothy Neill Mr Timothy Arthur Bolderston Mr William John White

#### 1970

Dr Francis John Wright Dr John Maelor Davies Dr Kenneth Neville Wynne Dr Michael Jonathan O'Doherty Dr Michael Robert Smith Dr Paul Robert Shorter Mr Andrew Duncan McPhail Mr Andrew John Wright Mr Christopher Raymond Lloyd Mr Clifford William Howse Mr David Charles Donnan Mr David John Greenwood Mr David Lionel Lane Mr David Monk Winch Mr Graham Edward Smith Mr Ian Douglas Cox Mr James Kingan Wilson Mr John Purdon Mr John David Gillespie Mr Keith Freeman Mr Kenneth Moray Jones

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#### 1972

Dr Michael William Frazer Wood Mr Alan David Marter Mr Alan John Bishop Mr Christopher Leonard Rich Mr Christopher Mark Chaplin Mr Christopher Peter Smith Mr David Beswick Mr David Randall Case Mr Derek North Carstens Mr Eddy Chicka Ndekwu Mr Gerard Peter Lepage Mr Guillermo Armando Cardenas v Vazguez Mr Howard Graham Moody Mr Ingolf Ulrich Dalferth Mr James Andrew Charles Smith Mr John Christopher Patrick Muir Mr John Leigh Mills Mr John Robert Morris Mr John Walter Miller Mr Jonathan Richard William Dutton Mr Kenneth Hughes Mr Kiyomi Kawaguchi Mr Michael James Grist Mr Michael John Turner Mr Michael John Patrick Seltman Mr Paul Michael Slater Mr Peter Hamilton Flack Mr Peter Joseph Webb Mr Philip Mark Beart Mr Robert Allan Corlett Mr Robert Matthew Duncan Cooper Mr Robin Haigh Mr Sarath Kumara Jayakody Mr Stephen John Maxfield Mr Trevor John Downing The Revd Dr Harold Herbert

Paul Dressler

#### 1973

Dr Christopher Nello Crozier Dr John Philip Morgan Dr Mohammad Reza Javdan Dr Sundaresan Asokan Mr Andrew Mark Wilson Mr Anthony Peter Luscombe Mr Christoffel Petrus Pauw Mr Colin Humphry Bruce Jack Mr David Jeremy Stevenson Mr Douglas Henderson Bain Reid Mr Edward Graham Medley Mr Eric-Paul (Vlado) Tabet Mr Frederick James Allen Mr George Mungo Carstairs Mr Gerrit van der Kooij Mr Graeme Thomas Fairley Mr Harry Grevile Rayner Mr Hylton Barnes Mr John Richard Date Mr John Roland Reader Mr Josep-Maria Terricabras Mr Keith George Caulkin Mr Kenneth Willoughby Thompson Mr Kurt Wolfgang Back Mr Mark Wayne Hutchinson Mr Morris Windsor Mr Paul John Biyand Mr Peter Charles Vincent-Jones Mr Po-Lien Chen Mr Richard Griffith Thomas Mr Robert Roy Buckley Mr Samuel Alexander Surgenor Mr Steven John Hall Mr Terence Ellison Mr Timothy Charles Jacobsen Mr Trevor Leese

Mr William Thomson Branston

#### 1974

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Mr Yohannes Gebrehiwet

#### 1975

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Mr Wilfrid James Swansborough Mr William Robert Liston

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Dr James Robert Elliott Dr Kok Wee Ong Dr Michael James Betterton Dr William James Allen Mr Alexander Michael Lawson Mr Charles James Michael Salter Mr Christopher Holme Mr Christopher Holme Mr Christopher Wearing Mr Christopher Vearing Mr Christopher John McGuffie Mr David Ian Ross Urquhart Mr Hamish Alasdair Bullough Mr Jean-Jacques Luciez Mr John Bernard Windsor Pleydell

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## Elliot Ross: TEACH A GIRL TEACH THE WORLD

In Tanzania, many more girls than boys miss out on secondary education.



Elliot Ross is currently reading English at St John's. Elliot was a finalist for the amateur prize in *The Guardian* International Development Journalism Competition 2008. The competition seeks to raise awareness of issues in the developing world and is sponsored by the Department for International Development

(DfID). Elliot travelled to Tanzania with Cambridge charity Camfed to research the following article, which was first featured in *The Guardian*.

When the villagers in Kilolo decided to build their secondary school on top of a hill, they must have hoped to instil optimism and ambition into the sons and daughters they would send there. Thrust high into the vast blue Tanzanian sky, the view from the playground is a pure panorama across miles of acacia-clad hillsides. For now, though, the six pupils patiently waiting to tell me about their club are most concerned with keeping warm, shivering inside thick, green sweaters that don't quite keep out the chilly wind. As I am about to discover, the Tuseme Club is no ordinary school society. Its achievements are unimaginably significant for the pupils and their community. 'Tuseme' means 'speak out!' in Kiswahili. It is a best-practice model for enabling female empowerment and gender awareness and is already having a radical, transformative impact throughout Africa.

World leaders aim to have equal numbers of boys and girls in secondary schools by 2015. In Tanzania this balance has

almost been achieved at Form One, yet by the time you get to A-levels only 41% of the class are girls. Somewhere in between, girls are being prevented from going to school. Much of this is down to poverty, with many families unable to pay school fees or supplementary costs such as stationery or uniforms.

But while poverty is important, it is prevailing gender prejudices that make such a family decide to educate their son rather than their daughter. The same prejudices make it harder for girls to excel once they are in the classroom.

Professor Penina Mlama is the executive director of Camfed (the Campaign for Female Education) in Tanzania, and creator of Tuseme. 'Believe you me,' she points her finger straight at me, 'these girls, these Tuseme girls, are not going to allow anybody to trample on their lives. I have seen these girls and they are being transformed.'

Tuseme is about helping children, teachers and parents to see gender discrimination, think about its effects and do something about it. It works like this. Two facilitators visit the school and work through a series of topics with 100 girls and boys. The pupils identify the things that make their education more difficult and drill down in these issues to find their root cause. Oliva, 17, was taken aback by the programme's capacity to encourage female participation. 'It was amazing. Girls who normally just sit silently at the back were getting up and telling us exactly what their problems are,' she says.

Each Tuseme group creates an action plan to tackle the problems and devises songs, dances and sketches that explore the key issues. These are performed in front of an excited, inquisitive audience of teachers, parents, pupils and village authorities. Oliva told me why these simple performances are so effective. 'You dramatise some of the way adults are really treating children and then you ask the adults if what you have depicted is true.'

Most striking about the action plan written up by Oliva's rural cohort is that their top four concerns are specific to girls: childhood pregnancy, gender discrimination within the classroom, the lack of a girls' counselling room and the overloading of girls with chores at home and at school. The very same issues are raised by both the Gender Unit of

Tanzania's Education Ministry and the UK's Department for International Development, each with their millennium development goal thinking caps firmly on.

Top of the list is teenage pregnancy. This is symptomatic of a wider discrimination against women especially prevalent in rural areas. Many Tanzanian schoolgirls are very vulnerable to predatory men – and not just leering adolescents. Male teachers and even relatives can pose a threat, often promising school fees or uniform as bait for sexual acquiescence.

Mlama has been fighting gender discrimination all her life. 'We have this huge problem of people thinking that women and girls are there basically as sexual objects, for the pleasure of men,' she says. What makes this so much worse, according to Mlama, is that many girls are socially conditioned to accept this role, leaving them prone to sexual exploitation in a Amazed by its effectiveness, fourteen African governments, including Tanzania's, hope to include Tuseme in their education plans. Through the issues it addresses and the results it has produced, Tuseme shows that at its best, development can be about enabling some of the world's most vulnerable people to redefine and reassert themselves.

Supporting the Tuseme programme is an innovative part of Camfed's work promoting girls' education across the region. Empowering a Tanzanian secondary schoolgirl is one thing, but she needs to be at secondary school in the first place. Camfed provides bursaries to the girls who are most vulnerable to dropout through an airtight structure of experienced volunteers from local education authorities. Staying at school means a girl is far less likely to be nudged into an early marriage or, worse, travel to Dar es Salaam to become one of many domestic servants or 'house-girls'. Such jobs are notorious for their



country where HIV / Aids is endemic; and fostering an acceptance among parents, teachers and pupils of both sexes that education is for boys rather than girls.

Tuseme is Mlama's ingenious strategy to equip girls with the confidence to resist this repression. In 2007 five girls left Oliva's secondary school due to pregnancy and several others are believed to have risked backstreet abortions. Since Tuseme began earlier this year, no such incidents have been reported.

Yet just as important as empowering the girls is informing the boys. Mlama recalls an extreme case of male guilt arising from Tuseme participation. One teacher came to me after a workshop. He said 'Where have you been? You should have done this thing many years ago. If I had gone through this twenty-nine years ago it would have saved so many girls so much of the pain that I have inflicted upon them. Please go and do this to every school!'

miserable pay and conditions and for seeing young girls return to their village poorer, pregnant and HIV-positive.

The millennium development goals can appear hopelessly optimistic. Too big, too soon, too difficult. Oliva might well agree, but she will still be taking action. 'There are some problems we want to completely eliminate now, like pregnancy. Others we can only start on.' Her Tuseme group has decided to make that start with gender awareness workshops in their villages. Impressed, I ask who will lead these – a parent, a teacher, someone from Camfed? 'No,' says Oliva. 'We are going to do it.'

As part of the University's 800th Anniversary celebrations, the Cambridge charity Camfed has been nominated as its Charity of the Year. Camfed's work centres on the education and empowerment of young women in Africa. For further information, visit uk.camfed.org. ۲

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# Student New

## CUSU elections



Two St John's students will serve as CUSU officers 2009/10.

**Tom Chigbo** (above left) was elected the next President of CUSU (Cambridge University Students' Union). Tom is currently in his third year at St John's studying Geography, and served as JCR President 2008/9. He was also a student caller during St John's first Telethon last year.

**Amiya Bhatia** was also elected to a sabbatical post. Amiya, who is reading for a degree in Social and Political Sciences at St John's, becomes Welfare and Graduate Officer. She also served on the JCR and has been actively involved in student life at St John's.

Both have been chosen by the Cambridge student body to serve for one year. Tom and Amiya take up these challenging positions later this year. We wish them every success.

## The Pudding Club

The Pudding Club is a new politics society for St John's, bringing together two great British traditions: pudding and politics. Our aim is to raise the level of debate in Cambridge by bringing the people with the ideas that matter into a forum for discussion by Johnian students, the people whose ideas will matter tomorrow.

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We have already had a number of successful events this academic year, including a party in the Junior Combination Room to mark the American Presidential Election and a very successful debate on the subject 'Is party politics strangling British democracy?'

If you are an old Johnian who thinks they would be able to help us bring more thought-provoking debate on important issues, please get in contact with Niroshan Kumar (nk327@cam.ac.uk) or Andrew Wheelhouse (agw35@cam.ac.uk.)

### St John's College Red Boys

The men's rugby team has had another fantastic season and secured their fifth succesive Cuppers victory by Easter. Building on the success of last year, when they won the League and Cup for the fourth consecutive year, the team secured their ninth successive League trophy by February. Several of the players have received University call-ups as well as players representing the LX Club and U21 squad throughout the season. St John's men continue to go from strength to strength and we wish them all the <u>best for next s</u>eason.

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# May Ball

Every year St John's College May Ball creates a buzz of excitement that spreads throughout the College – guessing the theme, buying ball gowns and applying for tickets have become annual traditions within St John's and the night itself is an experience never to be forgotten. However, as time moves on and new generations of students come to the College, who will remember the May Balls of the past? Eventually, the creativity and inspiration of each May Ball will be successively lost, remaining only in the memory of those who attended.

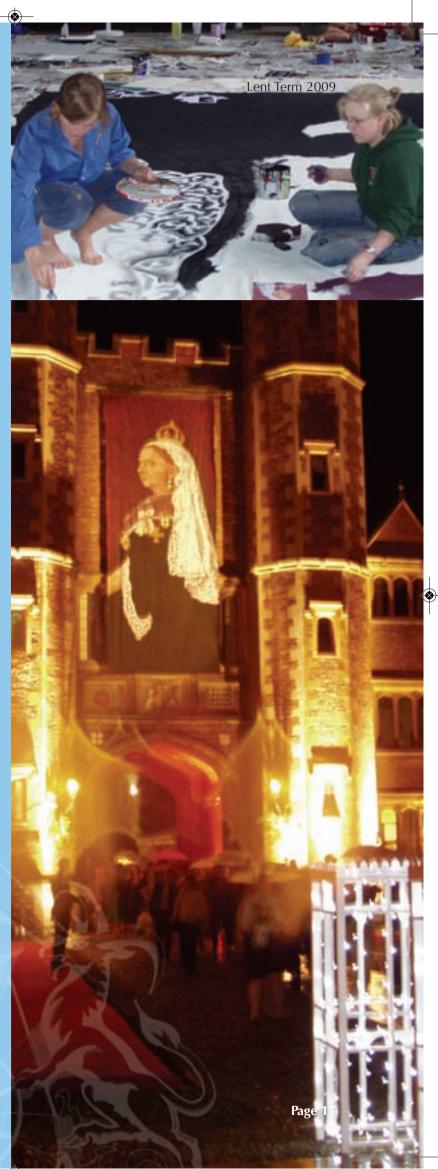
It is for this reason that the President and Junior Treasurer of St John's College May Ball 2009 are moving to expand the May Ball archive, which is held in the Old Library. All that currently remains of over a century of St John's May Balls is a discontinuous and partial collection of material. We do not wish for this Johnian tradition to be forgotten and would like to collect other historical material to enrich and update the archive.

The material we wish to collect falls into two categories. Firstly, generic material related to the Ball including posters, programmes, wristbands, tickets and committee or survivors' photographs; also personal memories or photographs (copies or originals) of the College during the Ball. Secondly, information relating to the planning of the May Ball, which may still be held by ex-committee members, including complete or partial committee lists, meeting minutes, financial statements and other documentation.

If you would like more information, or are interested in donating material to the archive, please contact Alex Wilshaw by email (aw386@cam.ac.uk) or by post (Mr Alex Wilshaw, St John's College, Cambridge, CB2 1TP).

We would be very grateful if you would get in touch before donating items; it is particularly important to avoid duplication of material and we do not wish to deprive Johnians of their memorabilia unnecessarily.

Thank you. 🛞



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## Naomi Herbert and Katie Birkwood: COME OVER TO THE



Members of the public learn to illuminate during the Cambridge Festival of Ideas

Professor Sir Fred Hoyle FRS (1915-2001), c. 1968

As many of you will know, the Library of St John's is an excellent resource for undergraduates pursuing their studies, or some peace and quiet, but have you seen its other side?

Scholars from around the world benefit from special collections housed in the beautiful, seventeenth-century Old Library, and – through a growing range of outreach projects – this treasure is enjoyed by the wider community.

Primary schools work on fascinating special collections material such as *Hocus Pocus Junior* (a 1638 compendium of magic tricks), and public activities during Open Cambridge and the Festival of Ideas have proved popular. Two further projects are described...

### Fred Hoyle Project

Over 180 people visited the Old Library in November 2008 for the first 'Hoyle Day'. An exhibition of the papers of astronomer Sir Fred Hoyle (Fellow and Honorary Fellow, 1939-2001) and a talk about his scientific legacy, given by Dr Carolin Crawford, were enthusiastically received. The Heritage Lottery funded project benefits from the support of Fred Hoyle's children and grandchildren, and we were pleased that many members of the family came to the Hoyle Day.

In March the Old Library welcomed visitors again for 'Into Deepest Space', an event in the Cambridge Science Festival. An exhibition in the Old Library focused on Hoyle's science-fiction writing and, throughout the day, visitors produced illustrations for Hoyle's novel Ossian's Ride.

The next Hoyle Day, on Saturday 17 October 2009, will launch the Library exhibition; 'The Way to the Stars'. Astronomical instruments once used in the old College observatory will be displayed alongside

# **OLD SIDE**



Primary school students marvel over Hocus Pocus Junior (Courtesy of MLA East of England)

medieval manuscripts and the papers of College astronomers including John Herschel, John Couch Adams and Fred Hoyle.

All members of the public, and especially Johnians, are welcome at Hoyle Project events. See www.joh.cam.ac.uk/library/special collections/hoyle, or contact Katie Birkwood, the Hoyle Project Associate (01223 339362, kib21@cam.ac.uk) for more details or to sign up to the mailing list.

### Why be curious?

The Library has recently held 'Curious People', a mini-conference for gifted and talented secondary school students that tackled this question. Peter Fuchs (BA 1963) agreed to share his knowledge of travel and exploration, and it was funded by the ESRC Festival of Social Sciences. The students engaged with material relating to the history of exploration from the special collections, including Captain Cook's account of his

# Library Exhibitions

The exhibitions are held in the Working Library Exhibition Area and are open to all Monday to Friday 9am-5pm.

#### 8-26 June 2009

#### **Cambridge Wooden Spoons Reunited**

In nineteenth-century Cambridge it became customary to award a large wooden spoon, made from a shovel or an oar, to the student placed last in the Mathematical Tripos. This exhibition, which marks the centenary of the award of the last wooden spoon, offers a unique opportunity to see five surviving Cambridge spoons – from Corpus, Emmanuel, Selwyn, and St John's – united together.

#### **Michaelmas 2009**

'The Way to the Stars': a History of College Astronomy An exhibition to mark the 150th anniversary of the removal of the instruments from the College observatory on the Shrewsbury Tower.

voyage to Australia, and Mercator's famous Atlas. The story was brought up-to-date with artefacts from Peter Fuchs' collection of archives belonging to his father, Sir Vivian Fuchs (1908-99, explorer, scientist and Honorary Fellow of St John's College).

The Old Library and its collections lend themselves to events such as this, which give young people a broader academic experience. 'Curious People' would not be possible, though, without the enthusiastic involvement of Peter Fuchs.

There is great scope for other Johnians to take part in similar projects. Get engaged in this exciting aspect of College life and share your own experience and expertise.

If you would like to know more or get involved, see www.joh.cam.ac.uk/library/library\_exhibitions or contact Naomi Herbert, the Librarian's Assistant (01223 338661, nsh27@cam.ac.uk).

# A Johnian legacy: The foundation of the Beaufort Society

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St John's has always been grateful for the generosity of those who have made a gift to the College in their will, the first and perhaps best known of whom is Lady Margaret Beaufort, through whose will the College was founded.

Giving through a will is often the easiest and most effective method of supporting St John's and since the College's foundation many Johnians and non-Johnians have donated to St John's in this way. The College received over £1.3 million from bequests in the first two months of 2009 alone.

As a way of saying thank you to those remembering St John's in their wills during their lifetimes, the College has established the Beaufort Society, named in honour of our foundress. Anyone making a legacy gift to St John's will be invited to join the Society, which holds its inaugural event in October 2009. Founder members of the Beaufort Society will enjoy drinks in the Master's Lodge, followed by lunch in Hall and a tour of the Old Library, and there will be an opportunity to meet Fellows and to hear the Gentleman of St John's perform over lunch. Professor Richard Perham, former Master of St John's and President of the Society, said, 'I am delighted that our great College has decided to honour those who wish to donate through a will. We are immensely grateful for and increasingly dependent on income from legacies, and it's wonderful to have the opportunity to thank in person those who have decided to give in this way.' ۲

For more information about membership of the Beaufort Society, or about making a gift to St John's in your will, please contact Sarah Westwood in the Development Office, St John's College, Cambridge, CB2 1TP. Email s.westwood@joh.cam.ac.uk, tel 01223 330724.

## Souvent me souvient: Noël Hedley Marshall CMG (1934–2008)

Noël Marshall (BA 1957, MA 1992) never forgot histime at St John's. He read Economics and Law and made the most of the opportunities that a Cambridge education offers. He was elected President of the Cambridge Union Society in 1957, and in the same year won the Sir Joseph Larmor Award, an honour given to St John's students who are considered to be the best all-rounders in their year. He wrote about the voyage and the feelings it evoked in the *Johnian News* of Michaelmas 2007: 'Just to stand on that historic strip of barren shore, wedged between cliff and offshore island, with the surf growling on both sides, was an emotional experience.' It was Mr Marshall's last voyage and an immense achievement, for which he won the Royal Cruising Club's Challenge Cup, its highest award.



Crossing Antarctic circle - Noël Marshall is third from left

Whilst at St John's Mr Marshall was inspired by the examples of polar explorers Colin Bertram, his Tutor, and James Wordie, then Master of the College, and in later life he followed in his heroes' footsteps. After a successful career in the diplomatic service enjoying senior postings in Europe and the Soviet block, in retirement Mr Marshall had time to enjoy his twin passions of sailing and exploration. After crewing for others for many years, he bought his own boat and named her Sadko, after the hero of a Russian folk tale who travels to magical lands. Mr Marshall circumnavigated the globe in Sadko between 1994 and 1997, winning numerous sailing awards, including the Challenge Cup and the Lacey trophy. In 2006, at the age of 72, he journeyed to the Antarctic Peninsula and to Elephant Island in a new Sadko, a thirteen-metre cutter. The voyage was in homage to James Wordie and the other survivors of Shackleton's 1916 expedition in the Endurance, and Mr Marshall took with him a bronze plaque in commemoration of their achievement.

Chilean memorial

The terms of the Antarctic Treaty prevented Mr Marshall from leaving the commemorative plaque *in situ*. It was photographed at Point Wild on the plinth of the Chilean Memorial to Captain Pardoe of the Cutter Yelcho, which rescued the Shackleton expedition survivors. The Furness Glacier provides an awe-inspiring backdrop to the photograph. The plaque will find a fitting home at St John's, where, in accordance with Mr Marshall's wishes, it will be displayed in the College Library.

Mr Marshall died of cancer in 2008, not long after his return from the Antarctic. At the end of his life he remembered his time at St John's and its formative influence, and made a generous provision of £500,000 in his will for the College. He will be remembered not only for his great generosity, but also for the example he gave of a courageous life, well-lived.

# Development News

## College Staff profiles



### Susan Mansfield

(Secretary to the Steward and Fellows) I came to work at St John's in August 1993, having spent a couple of years on the management team of SJC Innovation Centre. From the first day I walked into the College I felt at home (to be honest I

had never set foot inside any of the colleges until then); the vast layout and different styles of buildings of SJC are awe-inspiring. My position here is to organise College Dinners and Feasts, including Johnian Dinners, from the initial invitation list to menus and seating plans.

These can prove to be a challenge: you need to like jigsaw puzzles! I also oversee dining privileges and have spoken to many Johnians over the past few years! In the role of Fellows' Secretary over the years I have typed many books for some memorable people. Although I am now looking forward to retiring, a part of me wants to stay, as I enjoy my association with the older generations of Johnians. I am really looking forward to spending more time with the love of my life – my horses.



#### Fiona Colbert (Biographical Librarian)

I joined the College in 2001, having previously worked for the University Development Office for seven years. With responsibility for the biographical records of members of the College, from

the sixteenth century to the present day, my role is interesting and varied. I ensure that details of Johnians are accurate and up-to-date, drawing on information provided at admission, following progress through College, later lives and careers – I am always pleased to hear from Johnians who wish to update their details – and sadly receiving notifications of death. As well as gathering, recording and verifying information, I answer enquiries from a wide range of people including biographers, genealogists and academics. I love my job and feel very fortunate to work in this beautiful College, steeped in history, and feel proud to play my part in ensuring the lives of the people who have passed through its gates over nearly 500 years can be recorded for posterity.

## The St John's College Campaign: Aims and objectives

- Attracting the Best
- Furthering Academic Excellence
- Enhancing College Life
- Strengthening our Endowment

## Generous Johnians

Johnians may recall reading about the success of the College's first Telephone Campaign in the last issue of Johnian News. We are delighted by the support received for this initiative and we would like to thank everyone who took part for their generosity of time and spirit. It is hugely important for the College to be able to maintain a dialogue with the Johnian community as it helps us to keep you connected with each other and to improve on our broad range of alumni services. It also provides a valuable opportunity to keep you up-to-date with recent College developments - during the Campaign our twelve enthusiastic student callers gleaned feedback on College activities and received helpful offers of careers support. A final sum of £272,560 was also raised in pledges of support for the St John's College Campaign, totalling £545,120 with matched funding. This translated into over 300 Johnians making a gift to the College for the first time; a further 51 chose to renew their existing support. Gifts of all sizes were gratefully received and money raised was directed towards the four strategic Campaign aims.



This year's Telephone Campaign will take place 15-28 September and we are excited about the prospect of talking to more Johnians. We hope that you will take up the opportunity to support the Campaign in whatever shape or form you are able. If you would like to take part, or have any queries, please contact Stefanie Walters by telephone, on 01223 330723, or by email, s.walters@joh.cam.ac.uk.

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## Johnian Society Update

The Johnian Society has welcomed Sir David King as Vice-President for 2009 and Mr Stelios Elia and Mr John Wyn Owen as Ordinary Members of the Committee. A number of events have been lined up for 2009, including a Reception at the House of Lords (following the success of the one held last year) on 17 July and the Annual Golf Competition on 31 July. The Society also hosted a highly successful Evensong in Chapel on 6 March.

The AGM and Annual Dinner will take place on Saturday 12 September. The Dinner will be open to members of the Society, who may bring a guest. Sir Jack Beatson, President of the Society for 2009, will propose the toast to the College. Sir Jack is a former Fellow of the College and is a High Court Judge (Queen's Bench Division).

The Annual Lecture will also be held on that day and will be given by Mr Mike Clasper, whose career includes twenty-three years in international business with Procter and Gamble in the UK, Belgium and Holland, Chief Executive of BAA PLC, and more recently Chairmanship of HM Revenue & Customs and Which?. He will speak on 'corporate responsibility in today's world', drawing on his experience in the field, most notably as Chairman of the Market Place Impact Taskforce of Business in the Community from 2005 to 2007.

In response to demand, we shall also be holding a members-only Christmas Dinner on Saturday 19 December.

## Campaign website

Johnians can now keep track of the St John's College Campaign via our recently launched campaign webpages: www.joh.cam.ac.uk/johnian/campaign/

The site contains information about the major areas of the campaign and features regularly updated Campaign News.

College news and events information is always available on the College website: www.joh.cam.ac.uk.



## Dates for the Diary

#### June

- 13 May Bumps Party
- 18 Garden Party for Graduands
- 27 Johnian Dinner (up to 1949, 1969, 1970)

#### July

- 5 Johnian Family Day
- 17 Johnian Society Reception, House of Lords
- 23 Cambridge Summer Music Festival Concert
- 31 Larmor Award Dinner
- 31 Johnian Society Golf Competition

#### September

- 12 Johnian Society Day
- Oxford Reunion Dinner, St John's College, Oxford 15
- 15-28 Telethon 2009
- 50 Years Since Matriculation Dinner (1959) 19
- TBC GOLD, London

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- 25-27 University Alumni Weekend
- 26 Alumni Weekend Dinner, Wordsworth Room

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October

- TBC
- Beaufort Society Lunch (by invitation only)
- 21-31 Cambridge Festival of Ideas

#### November

- TBC Winfield Society Networking Event
- Not for profit careers talk 6
- 26 Edinburgh Reunion Dinner

#### December

- 3 London Christmas Drinks
- 5 Lunch for first-year students and families
- 10 Varsity Match
- 19 Johnian Society Dinner (members only)

#### **Dates for the Diary 2010**

- 10 April 25 Years Since Matriculation Dinner (1985)
- 18 September 50 Years Since Matriculation Dinner (1960)

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