



THE WHEEL

IN THIS ISSUE:

MANGROVES IN MADAGASCAR
THE RICHARD EDIS TRAVEL AWARD
A LIFE IN THE PORTERS' LODGE





Photograph by Quentin Stafford-Fraser

The Master's Welcome

At the time of writing, it's been eight months since I was admitted as the 39th Master of St Catharine's College. It's hard to believe that nearly a whole academic year has passed already, but now that my family and I have moved into the newly renovated Lodge (more on that on pages 8 and 9), the College is very much starting to feel like home. Our Miniature Schnauzer Toby already has his own fan club and my bee hives are in the process of being relocated. No promises yet on St Catharine's honey being available to purchase from the Porters' Lodge however.

In my time so far there have been many exciting stories involving Members from every part of our College community, from our Fellow Dr Jenni Sidey (2016) making it to the final stages of the Canadian Space Agency's attempt to appoint two new astronauts, to our athlete Rebecca Moore (2011) breaking records in university athletics events in the USA. Our Fellows have also continued to participate in research and scholarship of the highest order, with Dr William Sutherland (2008) being named in the Thomson Reuters Highly Cited Researchers of 2016 list, and Professor Ron Martin (1974) winning the Best Paper Award 2016 for "Spatially Rebalancing the Economy: The Challenge for Regional Theory". Even our College ducks made it into the local press.

We also had a record number of undergraduate applicants to the College for the 2017/18 academic year, further cementing St Catharine's reputation as one of the most appealing Colleges to future students of the University. Congratulations to our Admissions Team for the efforts they've put in to making this happen.

Beyond the College gate I thoroughly enjoyed embarking on my first visit to the Asia-Pacific region in February, visiting alumni in Singapore, Kuala Lumpur and Hong Kong, and I am very much looking forward to meeting many of you at our future events, including our first ever event in Vancouver in September. It is always wonderful to hear the anecdotes and recollections of St Catharine's from those who experienced it long before I did, and as our international reputation and communities continue to grow, we hope to host many more of these events in the future.

I hope you enjoy this edition of *The Wheel*, and if you have any stories of your own, do please get in touch with us. We always enjoy hearing from our members.

PROFESSOR SIR MARK WELLAND



News Highlights



The College Library loaned a thirteenth-century manuscript to the Diocesan Museum in Paderborn, Germany, for their exhibition devoted to the “wonders” of Rome.

Our manuscript narrates a visit to Rome by an Englishman, Master Gregory, who may have been sent to the city as a delegate of Thomas à Becket, the Archbishop of Canterbury. It is the most extensive description of Rome’s classical ruins known from medieval times; ours is the only surviving manuscript copy, and is still in its original binding.

While in Paderborn, the College Librarian, **Colin Higgins**, collaborated with the Diocesan Museum and Archives on the

digitization of the manuscript. The digitized version will be available on the College website in due course.

A team of researchers from St Catharine’s helped to curate an exhibition at the Fitzwilliam Museum, “Madonnas and Miracles”, which exposed a hidden world of religious devotion in the Italian Renaissance home.

The exhibition, which ran until the 4th June, was made possible thanks to a 2013 ERC Grant. St Catharine’s Fellow **Dr Abigail Brundin (2000)**, postdoctoral associate **Dr Marco Faini (2014)** and PhD candidate **Katie Tycz (2013)** were all key members of the team who put the exhibition together, and the five pieces of music that accompanied the exhibition were recorded at St Catharine’s by the internationally acclaimed early music vocal ensemble, The Clerks, directed by the College’s Director of Music, **Dr Edward Wickham (2003)**.

St Catharine’s Fellow **Professor William Sutherland (2008)** was listed in the Thomson Reuters Highly Cited Researchers of 2016 list. The list represents some of the world’s most influential minds in science and the social sciences as determined by a citation analysis of Web of Science data.

The data used in the analysis and selection of the researchers came from Essential Science Indicators (ESI), 2004–2014, which then included 128,887 Highly Cited Papers. Professor Sutherland was one of 31 Cambridge researchers listed.

The 2nd St Catharine’s Graduate Symposium took place on February 18. The theme for this year’s event was “Hope for the Future”, and speakers covered a range of subjects including the environment, technology, politics, the arts, conservation and the humanities.

Keynote speakers included BBC Environment and Energy Analyst **Roger Harrabin (1973)**, BBC Correspondent **Nick Higham (1972)**, St Catharine’s Emeritus Reader in American History **Dr John Thompson (1971)** and Fellow **Dr Jenni Sidey (2016)**, who lectures in Internal Combustion Engines and gave a talk entitled “How to Play with Fire”.

OUR RESPONSIBILITIES TO YOU AND YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION

The St Catharine’s College community stretches to all reaches of the globe, as you will see in this issue of The Wheel. Being able to keep in touch with our Members and friends, wherever they may be, is vital in sustaining that lifelong relationship that one has with their College. There are many ways that the College may be in touch with our Members and friends, and for different purposes including invitations to events, requests for financial support, and sending publications such as The Wheel and the St Catharine’s Magazine. All of these activities are of great importance to the future of the College.

St Catharine’s College, and the University as a whole, take the responsibility of looking after your personal data very seriously. You can read the College’s current Alumni Data Protection Statement at <http://www.caths.cam.ac.uk/about-us/college-documents/data-protection/alumni> and if you have any questions please feel welcome to contact us at data.protection@caths.cam.ac.uk.

YOU MIGHT HAVE MISSED

- Our staff member Iris Perez Alfonso filmed the annual St Catharine’s duck walk, which was then shared by the local press, reaching an audience of thousands!
- St Catharine’s hosted the YMCA’s Sleep Easy event, where people slept out at our Sports Ground to raise funds to support YMCA accommodation services.



- We welcomed Ramsden the Bear to the College. We have a feeling you’ll be seeing more of him in the future.

Global St Catharine's



A St Catharine's in Toronto event for Alumni in Eastern **Canada** took place on May 19

Professor Nick Morrell (2013) hosted an international consortium on the genetics of rare cardiovascular diseases in Washington DC, **USA** in May



An exhibition featuring a thirteenth century manuscript on loan from St Catharine's opened in Paderborn, **Germany**, on March 31

Dr Jenni Sidey is in the selection process to be an astronaut for the **Canadian** Space Agency



A St Catharine's Alumni dinner and talk by Professor Sir Chris Clark (1990) was hosted in New York, **USA** on May 17

In April Dr Hazem Kandil (2012) gave a lecture entitled "Blood, Folly, and Sandcastles: The 1967 War" at Harvard University, Boston, **USA**

Fellow Dr Miranda Griffin (2007) gave a lecture on "Melusine's Prayer: Manuscripts and Medieval Assemblages" at the University of St Louis, **USA**

In May Dr Jeff Dalley (2007) gave a lecture in San Diego, **USA** at the annual meeting of the Society for Biological Psychiatry

Professor Bill Sutherland (2008) travelled to the **Galapagos Islands** to attend the Charles Darwin Research Station Board Meeting



Mangroves in Madagascar



We all know about the deforestation of the Amazon rainforest, the vulnerable status of the polar bear, and the decline in health of the Great Barrier Reef. But how much do we know about the threats faced by mangrove forests and the effects this can have on the coastal communities that depend on them? Dr Ivan Scales (2008), St Catharine's College Fellow and Sir Harvey McGrath Lecturer in Geography, is the person to ask.

Dr Scales' research focuses on the relationship between poverty, rural livelihoods, and natural resources in sub-Saharan Africa. He has worked in Madagascar since 2001 and has also carried out fieldwork in Cameroon, French Guiana, The Gambia, and Senegal. His most recent work, together with St Catharine's alumnus **Daniel Friess (2005)**, now at the National University of Singapore, looks at the role that mangroves play in supporting fishing communities in a remote part of southwest Madagascar. In 2015, a grant from the Royal Geographical Society supported their fieldwork and gave a Malagasy student, Jose Njara Ranaivoson, the opportunity to join the team and gain valuable research experience. Jose is now undertaking a PhD

at the Université de La Réunion, where he is using satellite remote sensing to estimate mangrove productivity.

"Compared to rainforests, mangroves are not as attractive to the press. They're muddy and smelly," jokes Dr Scales over coffee as we discuss his different projects. "But they play a hugely important role in the lives of coastal communities in Africa. For example, research I carried out in The Gambia with St Catharine's graduate student **Jacqui Lau (2013)** showed that mangroves are particularly important to women, who collect and sell oysters that grow on mangrove roots. This additional income allows them to send their children to school. However, some men in the same villages cut mangrove trees down and sell them as firewood. It can make for some tense gender divisions."

When it comes to Madagascar's mangroves, Dr Scales' enthusiasm and knowledge are considerable. He tells me how they are coming under growing pressure. Coastal regions are experiencing significant in-migration, as increasingly unpredictable rainfall forces farmers and pastoralists to leave inland areas and seek new livelihoods. In some parts of the island, mangroves are

being cut down and turned into charcoal to supply towns and cities with cooking fuel. Rural economies are undergoing profound social, economic, and environmental change. Even the most remote coastal communities are now connected to national and global commodity chains. On his latest trip Dr Scales found that the tiny fishing village he was staying in, eight hours drive from the nearest town, exports octopus to Japan, seaweed to Malaysia, and sea cucumber to China. New sources of income can place added pressure on mangroves. For example, wealthier households are now paying to improve their houses with 'sokay', a local type of lime render made by burning sea shells in kilns made of mangrove wood.

"Our project is looking at both the ecological and socio-economic dimensions of mangrove use. We have satellite images of the mangroves to assess changes in mangrove forest structure and cover. We spent a month knee-deep in mud counting and measuring mangrove trees, saplings, and seedlings to allow us to calculate biomass and tree harvesting rates. We are also collecting household data on mangrove use, as well as information on migration. When we eventually put this all together, we will



be able to get an idea of the sustainability of different activities. How quickly are people moving into the area? How much of the mangroves are they using and what for? Are the mangroves regenerating?"

But this is not the only African project Dr Scales is working on. Around 1,000 miles away, he is also collaborating with St Catharine's PhD student **Natasha Watts (2010)** on a project involving maize farmers in Tanzania. Together, they are looking at the rise in Social Impact Investing – where companies are looking to invest with the intention to generate social and environmental impact alongside a financial return – and tracking how the funds go from investor to a charity or NGO, then on to the farmer.

The Green Revolution of the 1960s saw increased agricultural production worldwide. However, for a variety of political and environmental reasons, the new crops and technologies did not take hold in Africa. Now with this new stream of investment, Dr Scales and Natasha are looking at how these new financial models are interacting with indigenous farming systems and institutions, and the resulting impact this will have on the local communities.

Speaking about her work, Natasha said "My research investigates recent investments in African agriculture that intend to produce positive social impacts as well as financial returns, and are presented as a means of financing a new green revolution for Africa. I am looking at a case study in Tanzania that links up a British private equity organisation, international donors, an American farmer services company, and Tanzanian smallholder farmers. I spent nine months in Tanzania learning the Kiswahili language and conducting research with smallholder farmers and industry stakeholders. This fieldwork was made possible by the generous support of St Catharine's College, as well as the Cambridge Geography Department and the Economic and Social Research Council. Guided by Dr Scales' expertise of exploring human-environment interactions in diverse international contexts I am now investigating contradictions within this social impact investing model, and the unexpected outcomes that can arise when an abstract financial model drawn up in an American boardroom meets the messy realities of farmer livelihoods in rural Tanzania. I have been studying at St Catharine's for seven years, including my undergraduate degree, masters, and PhD, and have

received funding from the college for four trips to Tanzania. This funding along with Dr Scales' encouragement to pursue my international research ambitions were major factors in my decision to stay to pursue my postgraduate studies at St Catharine's. I am lucky to work in an environment that nurtures diverse research interests crossing academic and national borders."

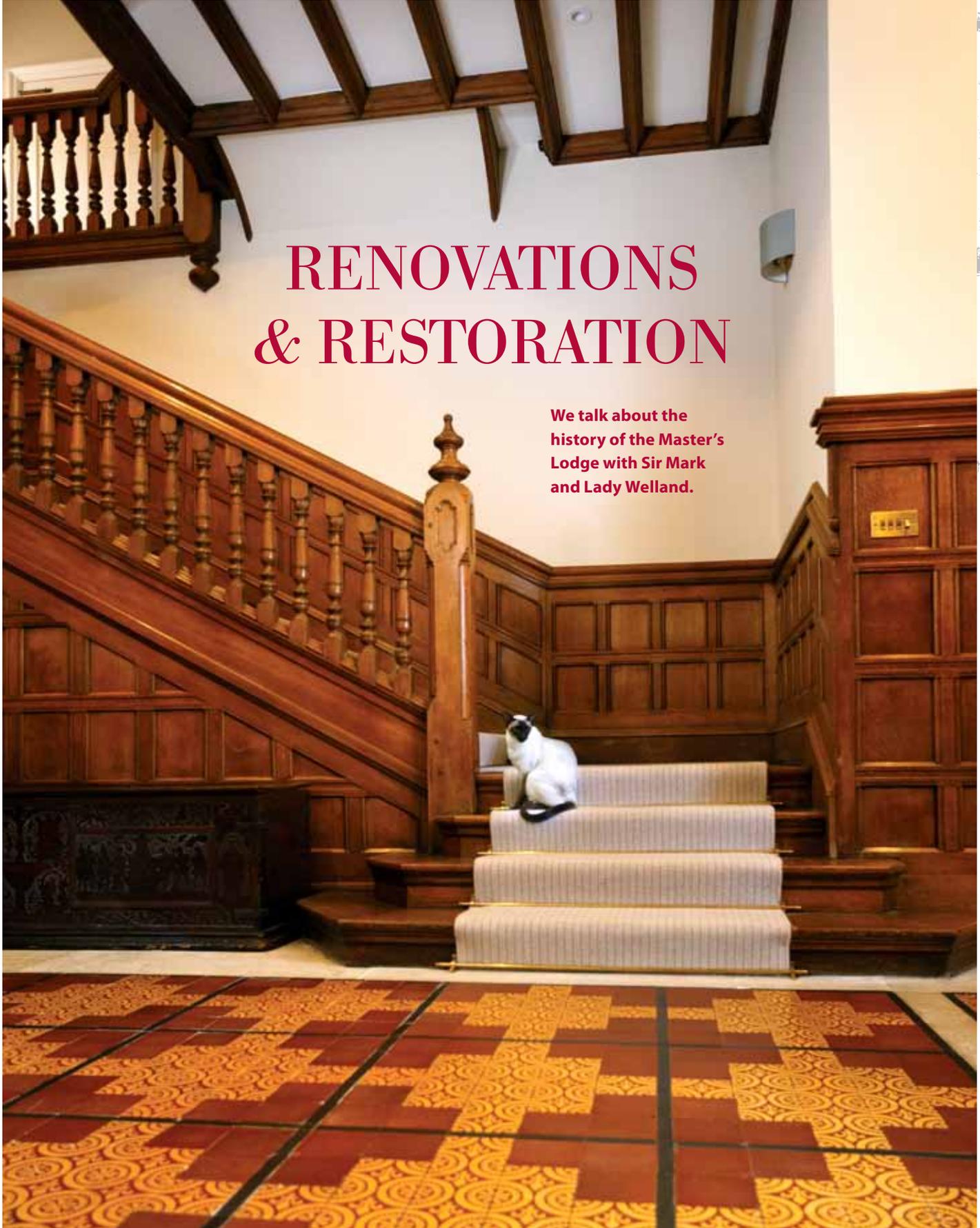
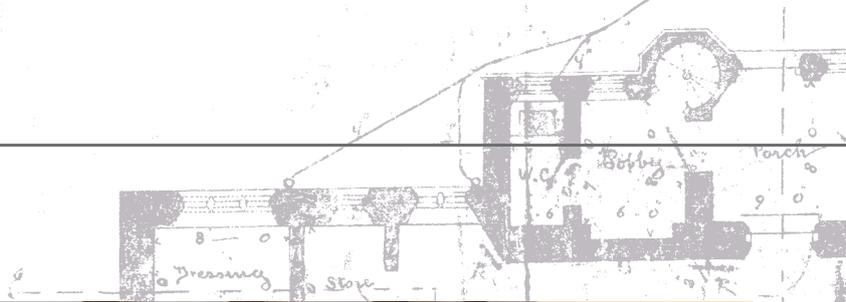
When I ask Dr Scales how his future work is looking, his plans are ambitious. As well as ensuring that his work is policy relevant – assisting, for example, with a project to advise Madagascar's president on environmental policy – it seems that Madagascar may just be a starting point. Dr Scales is developing new field sites in sub-Saharan Africa, Micronesia, Melanesia and Polynesia for comparative work, which will allow him to gain a global perspective on how mangroves support rural livelihoods and the emerging threats to these important ecosystems. With all in this in mind, perhaps we should be paying the mangroves as much attention as we do to the "prettier" causes. Their potential decline could be more important than we realise.



Dr Ivan Scales



Natasha Watts



RENOVATIONS & RESTORATION

We talk about the
history of the Master's
Lodge with Sir Mark
and Lady Welland.

Photograph by Quentin Safford-Fraser



Photograph by Quentin Stafford-Fraser

“When we pulled up the carpet, we found all of these tiles underneath. Some were a bit damaged and cracked and we weren’t able to save them all, but most of them have come up so well. And you see the Fleur de Lys? They were all pointing in one direction, except for a group of them that were pointing every which way!”

We’re standing in the entrance hall to the Master’s Lodge, with Professor Sir Mark Welland, his wife Lady Welland, and their Miniature Schnauzer Toby. As their daughter and her friend bound up and down the stairs, we’re gazing down at tiles which are nearly 150 years old and speculating as to what could have caused a number of them to end up in such disarray – we’re assuming nothing more sinister than hastiness. The Grade II listed building is currently nearing the end of a major renovation project, which has taken six months to complete.

It’s not hard to understand why the Lodge needed some attention. Work first began in 1875 under the watchful eye of the prolific Cambridge architect William Milner Fawcett, who was also responsible for constructing Hughes Hall’s Margaret Wileman Building and the original Cavendish Laboratory on Free School Lane. Heavily influenced by Sawston Hall, the exterior of the Lodge is of red brick and the interior is decorated with dark wooden panelling, some of which is said to have come from the seventeenth century College Buttery.

The history of the building of the Master’s Lodge is not without controversy. Many saw it as a bad use of the site, and wastefully expensive – it cost roughly £9,000, perhaps £1,000,000 today. This

figure does not take into account the cost of acquiring the site and the loss of income from the lodging houses that were pulled down. However, there is no denying that the building is beautiful, with its stained glass, wide staircase, and large bay windows looking towards Queens’ College.

During its 140 years, there have been plans to turn the current Lodge into a library, but this never came to fruition and in recent years, the Lodge was used by both Fellows and the Conference team of the College. Broken down into different sections as it was for some time, it would have been unrecognisable to Charles Robinson, who was Master when the Lodge was built. When it comes to its occupants, it has not had children living on site for some years. However, during the recent renovations a safe was found. When it was finally opened, instead of items of financial worth, it was found to be full of children’s drawings.

So now that the renovation is almost complete, the Master’s Lodge has been brought back to resemble its original incarnation, with some of the portraits that were first hung in 1875 returning to its walls. And as for those tiles, here’s hoping that they can weather the footfall of a busy family and Toby the Miniature Schnauzer.



REFLECTIONS:
*A life in the
Porters' Lodge*

"Because of technology, they don't need us as much as they used to."

When asking Head Porter **Dom Mulcrone** how St Catharine's has changed in the 25 years he has been part of the P'lodge, we thought he might talk about how the buildings have developed, or the different Masters he'd known. Instead, he immediately thought about how his relationships with students have shifted since he started working for the College in 1991.

"Before, they used to come to us for everything. Every time they got a phone call we would put a message on the board and they would come and check it. And you could always tell those who were away from home for the first time. They would check for messages 24 times a day. But now everything happens online."

It's hard to believe that at the time of writing, Dom is only a few months away from retiring. When he first applied for the role of Porter at St Catharine's after 22 years in the Royal Air Force, Dom was turned down. At 43, he was considered too young for the position. However, a few weeks later he received a phone call, asking if he would take the role after all. Apparently, his predecessor lasted a day. Dom never asked why.

When speaking with Dom, his fondness for St Catharine's is clear, but the conversation always returns to the people he's met and worked with. "I must have seen around 3,500 students come and go. The problem is I remember faces but not names." When asked if any alumni stand out, he smiles. "Only if they've done something they shouldn't have done."

Events at St Catharine's have also been a big part of Dom's time at the College, from the conference guest who couldn't understand why they weren't allowed to sit in the middle of Main Court, to the ducklings that were born in a flower pot. And of course we can't forget his star turn as Father Christmas every year, where he has been responsible for handing out gifts to children of staff, students and Fellows. Does he have anyone in particular in mind to take over? "I've offered my services on a retainer!"

Other St Catharine's Porters have some way to go if they want to match Dom's 25 years. When we end by asking him what he'll miss most about the College, he doesn't hesitate. "Every day was different. I never knew what to expect. But mostly I'm going to miss seeing the students when they come back to visit with their families." We suspect the feeling will be mutual.



Photograph by Quentin Stafford-Fraser

Reading Beyond Research

History Fellows Professor Hans van de Ven (1988) and Dr Tim Rogan (2013) have set up a reading group, and they have great plans to expand it...

'What about getting together and reading some books just for the sake of it?'

The idea came up in a conversation between a couple of history Fellows over lunch two years ago. In the middle of a busy term, we were lamenting how little time there is in modern academia for two things for which an academic college is ostensibly made: reading beyond research specialisms, and getting to know some of the outstanding PhD students in history currently at work in the College, such as **Ghassan Moazzin (2008)**, whose research focuses on German banks in China, and **Josh Gibson (2013)**, who works on the Chartist movement.

We decided to get a group of Fellows and graduate students together to make those two things happen. The Fellows-graduates reading group is now in its second year.

The group convenes five times during the academic year to discuss a book we all agreed worth reading and with tea and cake provided. In 2017/8 we are planning to expand the group further to involve interested alumni.

When we began meeting in 2015, we asked members to nominate a book from within their own field of research for the group to read. The result was a forum in which we read books such as David Lewis, *God's Crucible* on Islam in the making of Europe and Mark Elliott, *The Manchu Way* about the Manchuness of the Qing Dynasty in China. This break was refreshing and energising. But was reading specialist titles the best use of the group's time and energy?

Over the summer of 2016 we came up with a new plan: instead of reading 'cutting edge' studies in specific fields, we would set a reading list for the group which took us back to some classic works of modern history. Bearing in mind both the College's rich traditions of historical scholarship and the mix of expertise among the contemporary Fellowship and graduate

student body, we soon settled on: 'Global History in an American Century'.

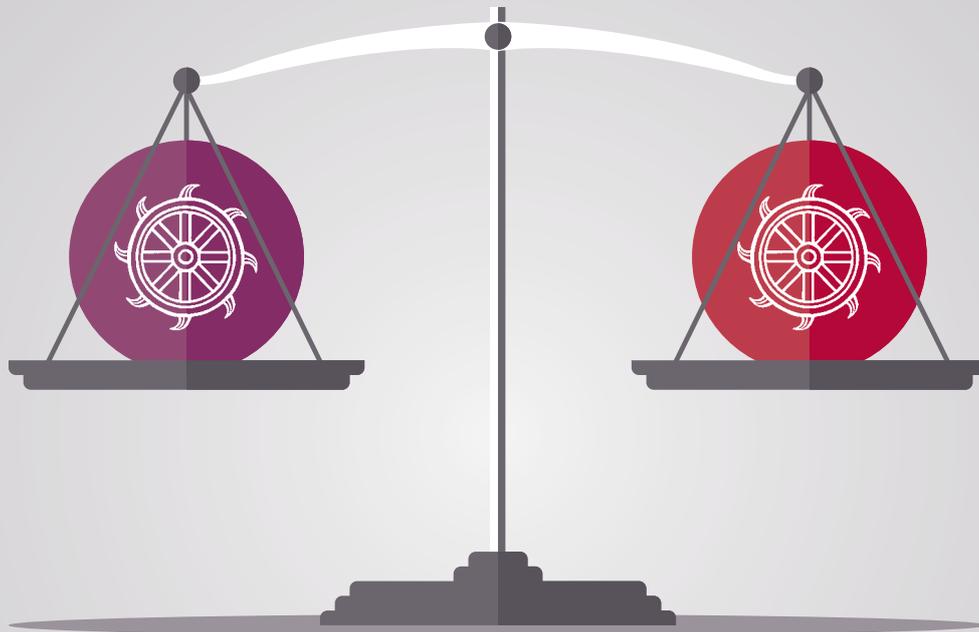
This year we have been reading Eric Hobsbawm's four-book 'trilogy' on modern Europe.

In 2017–8 and 2018–9 we will tackle two further three-volume studies of modern civilisations: Joseph Levenson's *Confucian China and Its Modern Fate* (1958), and then Marshall Hodgson's *The Venture of Islam* (1974). What these books have in common is in part that each ventures an interpretation of world history from various locales amidst the unfolding American century. As well as allowing us to see how the profession of history developed in the twentieth-century, reading these books now helps us to think about the future. How might the history of the modern world be rewritten in response to major geopolitical reorientations – the end of the short American century, the supposed rise of China, and the resurgence of Islam as an expansionist world faith – in the twenty-first century?

In the next academic year we are proposing to open our discussions up to the College's alumni. Our term-time meetings will be open only to Fellows and graduate students. But alumni in history and cognate disciplines will be invited to follow the same course of readings, and then to join us for discussion and dinner in Cambridge on Sunday 5th November and then in London in the summer of 2018.

Your participation will help us as historians: it will let us understand better how history is read and reckoned with beyond the academy. But above all, it will offer a pleasant and hopefully interesting way for us all, Fellows and alumni, to engage with each other and so sustain the wider community of St Catharine's.

To register your interest in attending the November event, or in sponsoring the event in summer 2018, please contact alumni@caths.cam.ac.uk.



Mind the Gap

We've all heard the analogy of the swan that looks graceful on the water, but is paddling away beneath the surface. It's a useful one to consider when discussing the finances of St Catharine's.

The Cambridge student experience is an increasingly expensive one to deliver, and expectations continue to rise. Although we aim to financially break even in our regular College activities from year to year, we also have to direct resources towards constantly improving and investing in the service that we provide to our community of students and Fellows, while at the same time planning for the long term to assure our College in perpetuity. This is a delicate balancing act.

The College has a number of sources of income: student fees and accommodation, conference business, investment income, and donations from our Members and

friends. Student accommodation, tuition and research account for about three quarters of College expenditure, but deliver only half of our income. Although tuition fees for undergraduates have risen sharply, the College does not see all of this income and spends much more on educating students than it receives. Income from the College's Endowment (i.e., its investments in property, shares, etc.) offsets some of these costs, but at the moment fills only just over half of the gap.

The College has a strong conferencing business across both catering and accommodation, which generates income from our facilities when they would otherwise be a drain on resources during the vacation periods. The building of the McGrath Centre, which was made possible by donations from Members and friends of the College, has been essential in allowing us to continue to grow this external business.

We also persist with our endeavours to ensure good cost management throughout the College's operations.

Taking into account gifts which were not for a specific project, the College has broken even over the period 2010-16. However, without these, the College would not have been able to balance the books, which is not a sustainable position. Using donations to bridge the gap also means that they cannot be directed elsewhere to improving the College experience and ensuring we remain competitive enough to attract the very best students and Fellows.

Donations to increase the Endowment are therefore important to the long-term stability of the College. Ultimately, they enable the College to meet the costs of its current range of activities as well as allowing us to look towards the future and consider how we can continue to invest and evolve to meet the needs of our community.

THE IMPACT OF THE ANNUAL FUND

As the Bursar details on page 12, the generosity of Members and friends is of vital importance to St Catharine's. Many Members choose to support the College with a donation to the Annual Fund. By providing bursaries and scholarships for undergraduates and graduates, supporting student athletes and College clubs and societies, and funding improvements to accommodation and facilities including the Library and Chapel, the Annual Fund benefits all students. In doing so, it also supports the College's commitment to attract the best applicants, regardless of financial means, and to provide students with a wealth of opportunities during their time here, whatever their interests.



"By speaking to dozens of alumni I learnt that the interests, friendships and skills developed here continue for a lifetime and go on to make profoundly positive contributions to society. Raising donations for the Annual Fund demonstrates the College's commitment to its greatest investments: its students."

FRED KRATT (2013, GEOGRAPHY)

The College is grateful to everyone who has donated to the Annual Fund over the past year. If you would like to add your support, please get in touch with **Mr Guy Lawrenson**, Senior Development Officer:

Telephone: +44 (0)1223 338334

Email: giving@caths.cam.ac.uk

www.caths.cam.ac.uk/annual-fund

THE ANNUAL FUND IN NUMBERS

The Annual Fund can make a huge difference to the student experience at St Catharine's.

792

Donors have made a gift in 2016–17 (to date)

1,645

Donors have made a gift since the Annual Fund's launch

2009

The year in which the Annual Fund was launched

254

Donors have made a gift to the Annual Fund in each of the past five years

600+

The number of Members our Campaign team spoke to

£20

The monthly donation needed to provide for an Annual Fund Sports Bursary

£10,000

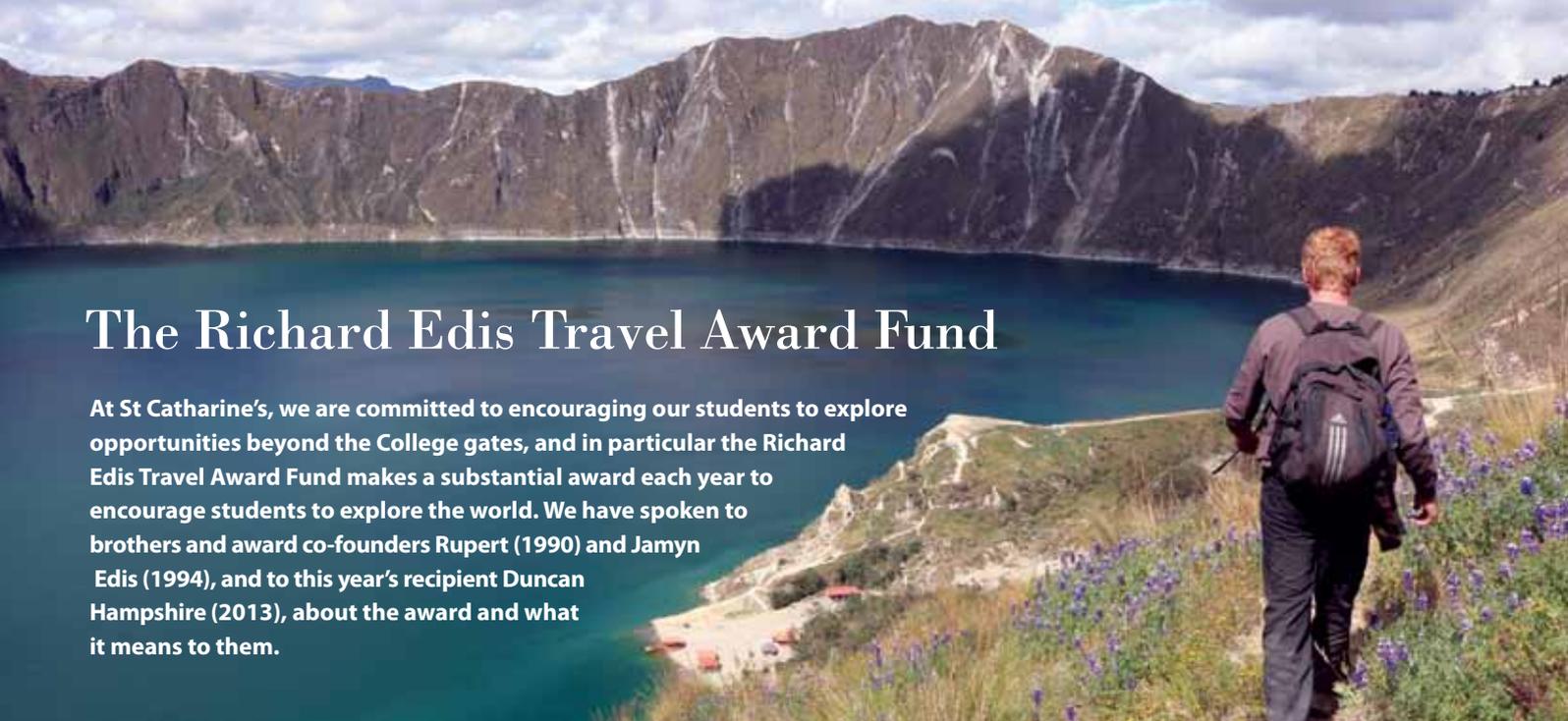
The value of an Annual Fund MPhil or PhD Scholarship

113

Undergraduate Entrance Bursaries provided by the College in 2016–17, supported by the annual fund

The money you donate can be used in a number of ways, from sport to accommodation.

THANK YOU again to everyone who spoke to our callers and made the campaign such a success.



The Richard Edis Travel Award Fund

At St Catharine's, we are committed to encouraging our students to explore opportunities beyond the College gates, and in particular the Richard Edis Travel Award Fund makes a substantial award each year to encourage students to explore the world. We have spoken to brothers and award co-founders Rupert (1990) and Jamyn Edis (1994), and to this year's recipient Duncan Hampshire (2013), about the award and what it means to them.

Rupert and Jamyn Edis:

Our father Richard Edis read History at St Catharine's, matriculating in 1962. After St Catharine's he joined the Foreign Office, working across the world in spheres like international diplomacy, disarmament and counter-terrorism. His greatest achievement was an instrumental role as British Ambassador in the peace process in Mozambique 1992–4, which brought a savage sixteen year civil war to an end. Sadly the effort involved with this contributed to a breakdown in his health, which resulted in his early death at 58. We set this award up in his memory, as a wonderful father and devotee of the College.

His experiences in the Foreign Office encouraged a love of travel and adventure in both of us, and we were privileged to follow him in due course to St Catharine's. This also gave us the freedom to travel widely in the long vacation periods. We feel that when young and resilient, and filled with the intellectual curiosity of University, especially one as remarkable as Cambridge – that this is a formative time when a kaleidoscope of experiences, such as adventurous travel, should be sought out. Soon enough, careers, family, and other commitments intervene.

We were therefore determined to support students at St Catharine's through the Richard Edis Travel Award Fund, since we were fortunate to receive some financial help from the Foreign Office during University vacations. It is a legacy to celebrate the life of our father and reflect his and our love of the College, but it is also there to inspire current students to get out and explore what the world has to offer between terms. Internships can wait! The Fund gives a substantial grant to one student per annum, and our aim is to increase the fund so it can support two each year.

Duncan Hampshire:

I spent the summer of 2016 travelling around South America, which wouldn't have been possible without the support of the Richard Edis Travel Award Fund.

After flying from London, my trip started from Bogota, Colombia ending in Santiago de Chile over a period of 3 months. Particular highlights included visiting the bombed-out mansion of the famed drug-lord Pablo Escobar near Guatapé, the beautiful hiking and scenery in the coffee region surrounding Salento, the plunging volcanic landscapes of the northern highlands in Ecuador, a five-day trek through the mountains of Peru, and taking in the magnificent Salar de Uyuni and bizarre rock formations in the Bolivian desert.

Travelling mostly by bus, and staying in hostels, I was thrilled to meet so many like-minded travellers who were equally keen to discover what South America had to offer, and I was also very engaged by conversing and learning from the local people. Having conversations with them opened me up to their way of living, learning what was important to them and what they enjoyed. The alternation between democracy and militarism to be found across the continent provides a fascinating backdrop to the lives of everyday modern people. It is apparent that, although much of the political problems are very raw for people, the new generations prefer to move on than to confront them. I am sure that Richard would have had a lot to say about these recent political conflicts.

I hope that the understanding I gained about the different countries I visited will prove useful; the trip was certainly very beneficial to my spoken Spanish! I can only thank the Richard Edis Travel Award Fund again for making this remarkable trip possible.

The Richard Edis Travel Award Fund makes a substantial award each year to encourage students to explore the world beyond Cambridge. In addition, each year the College makes a significant number of travel awards to our students enabling them to undertake both work related to their academic studies as well as for personal development. To find out more please contact alumni@caths.cam.ac.uk.

SOCIETY NEWS

All alumni of St Catharine's are members of the St Catharine's College Society. Almost 95 years since we were founded in 1923, and with Professor Sir John Baker QC (1971; Honorary Fellow 2012) as our current president, we are still run by alumni volunteers and the Society thrives. With some 8,000 members, 11 branches throughout the UK and Ireland, and contacts worldwide, we organise events for alumni, provide grants for students in need, and keep everyone in touch, especially via our website. Do register if you haven't done so: www.society.caths.cam.ac.uk/register.

Events: We normally hold over two dozen events in the UK each year – see www.society.caths.cam.ac.uk/events.

Members and guests are welcome at all branch events, both in the UK and internationally, and should particularly look out for those in neighbouring branches. Our grand Annual Reunion in College is on 23–24 September. Details are on the flyer inside this magazine.

Grants to students: last year the Society awarded £1,400 to support music and theatrical activities, £2,350 for work experience, £500 to subsidise a Boat Club training camp, and a total of £5,365 to 68 students to help with sports costs. We also work with the Careers Society, JCR and MCR to encourage closer ties between alumni and students wherever possible. The many donations given by our Members go towards our work in helping students, and continue to be grateful for your generosity. If you could like to contribute, please contact our Treasurer, Dr John Little (1972; Fellow, 1980) at 01223 338357 or society.treasurer@caths.cam.ac.uk.

Read more: in November you receive the annual St Catharine's Magazine, published by the Society, which contains both College and alumni news from the previous academic year. Full copies from 1927 onwards are also available on our website.

David Peace (1966; Fellow Commoner, 2014) Secretary, St Catharine's College Society



2nd Place Photo in the Annual St Catharine's Photography Competition by Daniel Garlick (2014)

RECENT ALUMNI EVENTS

Ten Years on (2006)

Flying in on a snowy evening from Luxembourg, it seemed difficult to believe that it had been ten years since we matriculated at Catz. Walking through the centre of Cambridge very little appeared to have changed.

Yet for us a lot has changed. We are now all the proud possessors of BA CANTABs and even Masters degrees. Coming back to Catz and tucking in to the familiar but bizarrely named cuisine, time seemed to melt away and we felt like first years in College.

Dinner was followed by rather too much port in the Senior Common Room. During this time, we caught up with our old friends and even visited the much improved Catz bar. All too soon it was time to venture out into the snow again. I was very sorry not to be returning to the twinkling lights of my old room (Hobson's 11), but pleased to see that the Catz camaraderie certainly still lives on.

Apricot Wilson (2006)

St Catharine's in New York and Toronto
Professor Sir Chris Clark (1990), Fellow of St Catharine's and Regius Professor of History at the University of Cambridge, recently gave a lecture at an event in New York. His talk, "Visions of Power in History", brought

together his thoughts on the wide-ranging topic of power, which will be the basis of a future book.

Sir Chris and I then hosted a private St Catharine's dinner at the Penn Club. St Catharine's is grateful to Michael (1982) and Elaine George for sponsoring this event, and for their continuing generosity to the College.

In Canada, we were pleased to welcome a good number of our Members to the St Catharine's dinner at the University of Toronto Faculty Club, the first event for the reinvigorated St Catharine's group in eastern Canada. We are grateful to the volunteers from the Toronto group, Nick Tunnacliffe (1961) and Colin Steel (1964), for their efforts, as well as to Henry Auster (1960) for his assistance with the venue.

Particularly memorable for me were the anecdotes and recollections of St Catharine's given by those present, which brought the evening alive. I was pleased to have the opportunity to speak about the College today, and about the increasing international activity made possible by our volunteer-led groups.

Deborah Loveluck (2007, Fellow & Director of Development)

SPORTS RESULTS

Rugby: In December, captained by St Catharine's **Daniel Dass (2014)** and with **Henry King (2015)** also on the team, the men won the Rugby Varsity Match 23–18. **Emma Pierce (2016)** was on the women's team, who narrowly lost 3–0. The women's rugby team did however win Cuppers.

Rowing: In the May Bumps, W3 achieved super blades (+6), but sadly M1 were bumped every day and were awarded spoons (-4). The rest of the results were M2 (+3), M3 (-1), M4 (-3), W1 (-1), W2 (+3).

Athletics: In the Varsity Match in May, **Rebecca Moore (2011)** won the 5000m, **Annabelle Bates (2012)** won the High Jump and **Chloe Billingham (2016)** won the Pole Vault. **Priya Crosby (2010)** came 2nd in the 2000m Steeplechase. All four also competed in the Harvard-Yale vs. Cambridge-Oxford Transatlantic Series.

Sailing: St Catharine's students **Tim Gratton (2013)**, **Duncan Hampshire (2013)**, **Fiona Tait (2015)**, **Jem Lawson (2015)** and **Thomas Maher (2016)** all competed in the BUSA Team Racing Finals, with our teams coming in 2nd, 3rd and 4th.

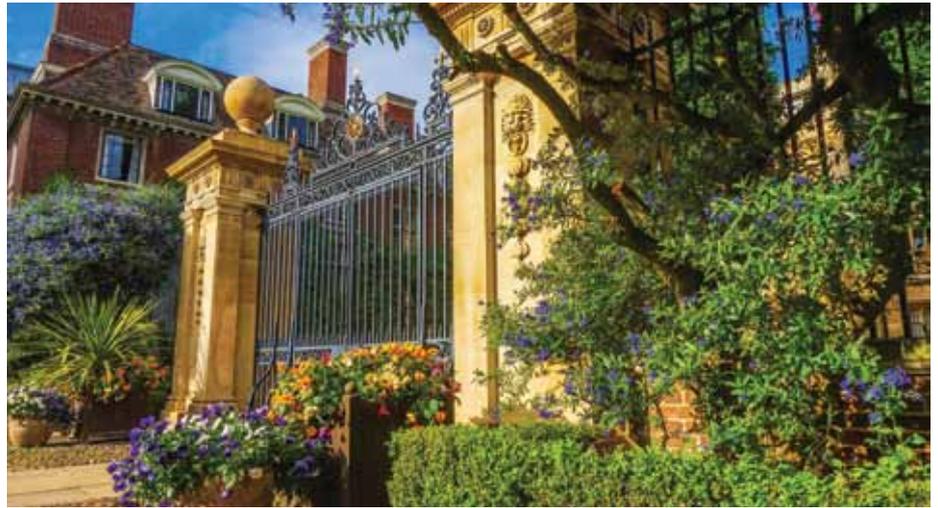
Football: As Captain, **Jonny Crease (2013)** led the Cambridge University Association Football Club's Second Team (the Falcons) to victory in both BUCS and the Varsity Match.

Cycling: **Tom Simpson (2014)** as Mountain Bike Captain for the Cambridge University Cycling Club led the entire Cambridge Men's team (including 6 St Catharine's riders) home to victory.

Hockey: St Catharine's was well represented in the Varsity Match, and the season culminated in both the women's and mixed teams winning Cuppers.



The women's rugby team celebrate their success in Cuppers



1st Place Photo in the Annual St Catharine's Photography Competition by Chris Watts (2016)

UPCOMING EVENTS

2017

SATURDAY 9 SEPTEMBER
St Catharine's in San Francisco

MONDAY 11 SEPTEMBER
St Catharine's in Vancouver

SATURDAY 16 SEPTEMBER
Members' Reunion 1975–78

SATURDAY 22 – SUNDAY 23 SEPTEMBER
College Society Annual Reunion
and Dinner

SATURDAY 14 OCTOBER
Natural Sciences Reunion

SUNDAY 5 NOVEMBER
History Reading Group discussion
and dinner

SATURDAY 2 DECEMBER
Woodlark Society Luncheon

2018

FRIDAY 9 FEBRUARY
Ten Years On 2007

SATURDAY 24 MARCH
Members' Reunion 1979–81

SATURDAY 15 SEPTEMBER
Members' Reunion 1985–87

FIND US ONLINE



www.caths.cam.ac.uk



[www.facebook.com/
stcatharines.cambridge](https://www.facebook.com/stcatharines.cambridge)



[www.twitter.com/
cat_z_cambridge](https://www.twitter.com/cat_z_cambridge)



[www.instagram.com/
stcatharinescollege](https://www.instagram.com/stcatharinescollege)

CONTACT INFORMATION

ST CATHARINE'S COLLEGE
Trumpington Street
Cambridge CB2 1RL
+44 (0) 1223 338300
Registered Charity No 1137463

ALUMNI AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICE
+44 (0) 1223 338337
alumni@caths.cam.ac.uk

THE NEWSLETTER 2017

EDITOR
Lauren Thomas
comms@caths.cam.ac.uk

DESIGN & PRINT MANAGEMENT
H2 Associates (Cambridge)

COVER IMAGE
Photograph of Sir Mark and Lady Welland at
the entrance to the Master's Lodge, taken
by Quentin Stafford-Fraser



St Catharine's College
Cambridge