Saturday 4 April 2009: **St Catharine’s Members’ Reunion Dinner.** We would like to invite all St Catharine’s Members who matriculated between 1964 and 1967 back to College for a Reunion Dinner.


Saturday 9 May 2009: **South West Branch Annual Lunch.** Abode Hotel, Cathedral Yard, Exeter; partners warmly welcomed.

Friday 15 May 2009: **Catz + 10.** Those who matriculated in 1999 are invited to take up their dining rights and join friends for Formal Hall.

Tuesday 9 June 2009: **St Catharine’s Business Club Luncheon.** Wragge & Co, Holborn 12.30 – 2.30pm.

Friday 12 June 2009: **May Week Concert.** Further details available nearer the time.

Saturday 13 June: **Garden Party for Benefactors, Woodlarkians and Members who matriculated between 1952 and 1956.**

Saturday 13 June: **May Bumps Pimm’s Marquee on the banks of the river Cam.** Please find a booking form inside the back cover of this newsletter.

Saturday 27 June: **St Catharine’s Members’ Reunion Dinner.** We would like to invite all St Catharine’s Members who matriculated between 1981 and 1983 back to College for a Reunion Dinner.

Saturday 4 July 2009: **London Group Henley Garden Party.** Further details available nearer the time.

Saturday 29 August: **East Anglia Society Branch Summer Outing to Glen Miller Festival, Twinwood Airfield, Beds.**

Saturday 26 September: **Society Annual Dinner and AGM.** Please find more details and a booking form overleaf.

*Michaelmas Term (date to be confirmed):* **Womens’ Dinner.** A dinner to celebrate the 30th anniversary of women being admitted to St Catharine’s.

Saturday 5 December: **East Anglia Society Branch Wine Tasting.** Professor Ron Martin will host a tasting in College.

For more information on any of these events, contact the Alumni & Development Office on 01223 748164.
The two issues of the Catharine Wheel punctuate the year nicely between the annual appearances of the more substantial Society Magazine, and provide the College with an opportunity to keep in touch with Members worldwide. The Wheel also marks the passage of time and allows us to take stock of our progress; I think we are moving in a forward direction.

Fortunately we were already committed to fundraising before the economic downturn that has probably affected all College endowments. The ‘St Catharine's Campaign’ – the College’s first major fundraising exercise – was officially launched at the inaugural dinner of the 1473 Foundation for major benefactors and others on 24 January; this followed a ‘silent phase’ for the last 18 months or so during which £5.7m (towards a target of £30m) was raised through the generosity of Members. The launch event – which was preceded in the afternoon by a well-attended and lively lecture by Professor Chris Clark – was much enjoyed by all present. We continue to rely on your support through the Campaign; times will be difficult but, having survived some very tricky times in our 536-year history, we remain optimistic and look to the longer term. There is a danger that in the current financial climate donor participation at St Catharine’s will fall below last year’s already very low rate (for colleges) of less than 5% of Members, but we keep our fingers crossed and welcome all contributions, large and small. Elsewhere in the Wheel you can read more about how to contribute.

What else are we doing? I have written in the Magazine about our proposed building projects, for which – inter alia – we are actively fundraising. Building work is well under way on the essential new graduate housing block in Russell Street (see the Senior Bursar’s article), and we are seriously planning for the start of the College Centre project (more of which in a future issue), and planning how best to manage the inevitable disruption to life on the Island, that will ensue, at least for a limited period.

Other than that, life goes on as busily as ever for students, Fellows and staff. Music, sport etc. continue to flourish alongside the usual academic activities. Those of you able to watch the Varsity Match in December will have shared our pride in seeing both Chris Lewis (again!) and Charlie Rees on the Light Blue team, which lost a 33–29 thriller.

We have just reached the halfway point in the academic year. Last week snow transformed Main Court for a few days, with even an occasional blue sky to raise our spirits. And Spring must be just around the corner.

Jean Thomas, February 2008
St Catharine’s Campaign

On 24 January 2009 over 100 Members, Fellows and guests attended the inauguration of the 1473 Foundation at which St Catharine’s Campaign was officially launched by the Master, Professor Dame Jean Thomas.

St Catharine’s wishes to build on its history of benefaction and the College’s magnificent achievements to date, in order to secure a prosperous future for the College. We want to ensure that the College continues to flourish by anticipating and meeting its needs and challenges in ever-changing circumstances. The reality of declining government support means that the cost of providing unparalleled education is putting St Catharine’s under increasing financial pressures. So once again we look to our supporters and those who share our affection and vision for St Catharine’s to help us create a secure future for the College.

We have set ourselves a goal of £30 million for this Campaign, covering the three core areas of greatest importance to the College.

Endowment
Endowment is the College’s capital fund which provides a permanent source of income. Amongst other things, it plays a key role in maintaining performance, by bridging the gap between the true cost of a Cambridge education and the State’s and students’ contributions. In recent years we have been fortunate to enjoy high returns on our investments. However, this is unlikely to be sustainable and increased fundraising will be necessary to enable us to continue our current levels of spending on the core educational mission. We need to add at least another £15 million to our existing endowment of £40 million.

Teaching
Responsibility for teaching is shared between the University and the colleges. In recent years the established system has come under pressure from increasing demands on University Teaching Officers, particularly in administration and for research productivity. This has meant that colleges have to invest increasingly in their own teaching staff, as it is now recognised that the supervision system cannot be fully met by those University Teaching Officers who are also Fellows of the College.

Buildings
We have an urgent need to provide
more accommodation for our graduate students and, to that end, have embarked on a project of transforming the existing accommodation at Russell Street (see the Senior Bursar’s report elsewhere in this newsletter).

On the Island Site, we wish to realise the College’s dream to create a much-needed auditorium and multi-purpose public rooms for the entire College community. The new building will also house the new JCR and bar/party room.

You can find more information about the Campaign and how to support us on our website (www.caths.cam.ac.uk/alumni) or by contacting the Alumni & Development Office.

Annual Fund

In addition to our major project-orientated fundraising via the St Catharine’s Campaign, the College is also looking to raise money for immediate support for important areas of student life, thus reducing the pressure on its modest Endowment.

‘Major gifts from the wealthy’ is a common misconception of philanthropy. An aggregation of a large number of relatively small donations makes a real difference in areas such as hardship and teaching, as well as other significant areas of collegiate life (sport, arts, the Chapel and music, for example). We anticipate that the St Catharine’s Annual Fund will provide an opportunity for a considerable number of Members to jointly make a significant impact. The key feature of an annual fund is that the funds raised are disbursed in the same year which creates an immediate benefit effect for the students.

A telephone fundraising campaign will be the crucial element of our effort to raise money for the Annual Fund. Moreover, it will allow us to build more meaningful relationships with Members of St Catharine’s, as well as giving them an opportunity to chat to current students. As you are reading these lines, some of you are about to receive a call from one of our current students. We do hope that you will enjoy the conversation and support the Annual Fund thus demonstrating a commitment to the College in a most valuable way.

We will report on the outcome in more detail in the next issue of the Catharine Wheel. In the mean time, if you wish to learn more about this year’s goals or support the Annual Fund please visit our website (www.caths.cam.ac.uk/alumni) or contact Dr Maša Amatt in the Alumni & Development Office at mm294@cam.ac.uk.
24 January 2009 became a landmark for St Catharine’s as it was the day when the College launched a major fundraising campaign and the 1473 Foundation. Here follows a brief account by one of the attendees, His Honour Dr Colin Kolbert (1956), President of the St Catharine’s College Society:

‘The outstanding event so far in my Presidential year has been the launch of the 1473 Foundation and its Inaugural Dinner on Saturday 24 January 2009. The proceedings began in the afternoon with a brilliant Guest Lecture by Professor Chris Clark. From the recesses of my schoolboy brain I could never have imagined that the classic subject “What were the causes of the First World War?” (though that was not the title of the lecture) could have been so enthralling and so entertaining. There was an exhibition from the Archives, beautifully laid out and including Robert Woodlark’s original gift which began it for all of us: it was quite humbling to see it. The Chaplain conducted a fine Evensong in which not only was the Choir in excellent voice, but some of us made our first acquaintance with the Girls’ Choir, recently founded by Dr Edward Wickham.

‘The main business began with a brief but auspicious speech in the SCR by the Master in which she formally launched the St Catharine’s Campaign by announcing that over £5.7 million had already been raised and inaugurated the 1473 Foundation by inviting our most generous benefactors to sign the Foundation Book, which they did to great applause and much rejoicing. A excellent and most convivial Dinner in Hall ended with a speech by Sir Geoffrey Pattie (1956) with his famed wit and lightness of touch. The whole occasion, of course, was masterminded by
1473 Foundation

The 1473 Foundation is a society of benefactors to the College. It enables us to recognise philanthropy at St Catharine’s and honour our benefactors in their lifetime. It creates a special bond between them and the College as well as providing an opportunity for the College to expand its circle of supporters and celebrate the generosity of those who share our vision.

The invitation to membership is extended to those who, by their generosity, have shown an affection and concern for the College and all it represents, enabling the work of more than five centuries to continue to flourish. The Governing Body confers membership of the 1473 Foundation to those benefactors from whom the College has gratefully received over £50,000.

Deborah Loveluck and her ever-cheerful staff: congratulations to them seem somehow inadequate to express thanks for the faultless planning and execution of a memorable event.

‘It was a privilege to be present on such a joyous and significant occasion, one which we all hope will prove to be truly significant in the history of our College.’
Archival Exhibition

As part of the 1473 Foundation Dinner events on Saturday 24 January a display of original documents, books and silver was laid on in the afternoon for guests to view. The theme of the exhibition was ‘benefaction’, which the Oxford English Dictionary defines as ‘The bestowal of money for a charitable purpose; a grant, gift, bounty, endowment.’ The exhibition sought to highlight some of the major benefactors to the College over the centuries.

Beginning with the College’s original benefactor, founder Dr Robert Woodlark, the exhibition put some of the oldest documents in the College archive on display. These included Woodlark’s Memorial Nigrum, in which he outlined his vision for the new college. The College’s royal charter of incorporation was also on display, bearing the great seal of Edward IV in a green wax pendant on red and blue laces. It was not until 16 August 1475 that St Catharine’s achieved corporate status; two years after Woodlark founded the College.

Another major benefactor celebrated in the exhibition was Thomas Sherlock, Master of the College from 1714 to 1719 and also Vice-Chancellor of the University from 1714–5. Perhaps Sherlock’s greatest gift to the College were his books, and one was on display – an early printed copy from 1500 of the Venerable Bede’s Ecclesiastical History of the English People, which also contains Sherlock’s bookplate showing his arms as Bishop of London.

John Addenbrooke, Fellow of the College and Bursar in 1709, was another major benefactor, giving a number of books and his medical chest to the College. On display was a book from his collection: Opticks: or, A treatise of the reflections, refractions, inflections and colours of light by Sir Isaac Newton, and Addenbrooke’s entry in the Order Book dated 1 November 1709 noting that he was chosen as Bursar for the coming year. Addenbrooke also left money to found a hospital and it is this that has made him famous. The hospital was built on Trumpington Street, on the site now occupied by the Judge Business School. It moved to its current site in 1976, but still retains the name ‘Addenbrooke’s’.

Other Members of the College recalled in the exhibition were Thomas Cartwright and John Claypole, whose donations helped to create scholarships, and Matthew Scrivener, who left money for the founding or erecting of a new chapel, as well as giving
land to the College. Several rare books were on display, including one from the collection of Thomas Neale, whose books came to the College in September 1705.

This was the first major exhibition put on by the College for several years and it is hoped that archival exhibitions will become a regular part of events organised by the Alumni & Development Office for Members. With the appointment of a part-time archivist the College now has the capacity to put on such exhibitions as well as to work on enquiries sent in by Members and the public about the College archives. The archivist is happy to receive enquiries via email at archivist@caths.cam.ac.uk.
At St Catharine’s we are keen to build on the popular luncheon club which was founded by Guy Beringer (1973, Fellow Commoner 2008), and hosted by him for 14 years. Guy is now stepping down from this role and has handed the baton over to the College. To maintain the tradition we are launching The St Catharine’s Luncheon Club.

The Luncheon Club will meet three times a year at venues in the City and West End; we hope to announce the dates each year well in advance to give you notice for your diaries. The Club is open to all Members of St Catharine’s.

The first meeting will be on Tuesday 9 June at Wragge and Co (3 Waterhouse Square, 142 Holborn, London EC1N 2SW) by kind permission of Ian Metcalf (1977). There will be a buffet lunch and the event will run between 12.30 and 2.30pm. There is no fee for Club membership, but in order to cover the cost of the event we will ask you to pay £20 per head.

The object of the Club is simply to give Members of the College an informal opportunity to become acquainted with others who are in working in London and further afield, and for networking to further business interests and strengthen ties with St Catharine’s.
Russell Street Development

For ten years the Russell Street accommodation has been popular with the College’s graduate students for its central location (between the Island Site and the railway station, and close to departments, shops and bars) and ensuite facilities. Competition among Colleges for the best graduate students is strong and the availability of accommodation is often a competitive advantage, especially with students coming to Cambridge for the first time. The recent growth in the College’s graduate-student body and the surrender last summer of some rather unsatisfactory rented rooms made us decide to expand the site from 46 bedrooms to 70, including an extra Fellow’s flat. We would have gone further if the planners had allowed it!

The vision is of a complete courtyard, retaining a mixed lawn and paved central area, with enlarged and more secure cycle parking and unified access control. The new accommodation varies from one-and-a-half storey flats to the three-storey maximum height of the current building.

Work began in September and is currently on schedule for completion in time for start of next academic year, despite this winter’s unexpected blizzards in Cambridge! Local architects 5th Studio, led by Oliver Smith (1976), identified a wood-composite internal construction method which has delivered a very rapid assembly of the basic structure in a more environmentally friendly manner than conventional concrete or block construction, and has also reduced noise on the site. The skeleton of the building is now ready for internal fitting and completion over the summer.

The scheme is initially funded from the long-term loan mentioned in the Bursar’s report in the 2008 issue of the Society Magazine, but the intention is to refinance the costs from donations (hopefully from both Members and charitable trusts) in due course. The first Members’ donation was received just before Christmas – thank you very much indeed!
A Festival of Choral Music, 11–19 April 2009

As part of the University’s 800th anniversary celebrations, a number of college choirs are collaborating in a unique festival. Cambridge Cantat 800 is a week-long celebration of the University’s rich and diverse tradition of choral music. The Festival is the brainchild of St Catharine’s own Director of Music, Dr Edward Wickham, and St Catharine’s Choir will be taking part in the showcase event of the Festival, a special evensong from Ely Cathedral featuring six college choirs, to be broadcast live on Radio 3 on Wednesday 15 April. The College will also be hosting an organ recital by St Catharine’s Member Andrew Reid (currently organist and choirmaster at Peterborough Cathedral) on Thursday 16 April.

The Festival is not simply about celebration. Part of its ambition is to develop closer relationships with local schools, and use the rich musical resources of the colleges to enrich music-making in the community. Again, St Catharine’s is taking a lead, with a collaborative project at Netherhall School which will culminate in the production of a new opera by senior organ scholar Ben Cox on the theme of St Catharine’s martyrdom. Watch this space for further information.

Other highlights in the week include a special concert in the Senate House (the first time in living memory that the building has been used for musical performance), a Come and Sing event with John Rutter, and throughout the week a series of atmospheric late-night liturgies at various locations. For full details, please visit www.800.cam.ac.uk/events/12.
107 Members attended the Dinner in 2008. Happily we received some very positive feedback from quite a number of them. Many said they enjoyed it ‘very much’. So we hope that affirmation, and the programme we have arranged for this year, will both attract those Members to return again in September and many others to come who perhaps have not been in recent years.

No doubt some of you will come back to the College this year on other occasions, such as the invitation dinners being arranged by the Alumni and Development Office. These offer you an opportunity to meet up with your contemporaries, but the Society Reunion has the attraction of offering you the chance to meet others too, both older and younger. I hope you will be tempted.

On the cost side please note that the cost of B&B in the College is the same as last year, although increases in College costs (food 10%, energy 55%) have meant a 7% increase in the cost of the Dinner. However, this does, at the same time, reflect a 10% discount on the standard price for College functions, when arranged by Members and staff. We will do all we can to provide a top quality meal – and wines too, of course!

Remember, all accommodation in College is in single rooms. Early booking will give you priority for one of the en suite rooms.

Partners again invited
As you know, last year for the first time, partners were able to come to the Dinner. Fifty did so. Some were enthusiastic about this initiative. Others were not. On the one hand inviting partners is seen as a clear sign that the Society is moving with the times by being more inclusive and reflecting the gender mix as it has developed within the College over the last thirty years. On the other, the Dinner is seen as an opportunity for Members to reaffirm, nourish and celebrate their shared sense of belonging to and affection for the College – an experience which is diminished by the presence of partners.

Although both these contrasting views are evident amongst members of the Society Committee, it has been decided that a firm decision could not be made on the basis of the experience of last year alone. So we have agreed to welcome partners again this year. We will then decide how to proceed thereafter. Naturally, we assume that Members and partners will wish to sit together – unless, that is, you indicate otherwise.

Special invitation
We are hoping for a strong representation from those who matriculated in years ending in ‘9’ (i.e. 1939, 1949, 1959 etc). It is a unique opportunity particularly for you to return to Cambridge in the year when the University is celebrating its 800th anniversary. If you are a ‘9’ year matriculand why not make an occasion of it and arrange to come with some of your old friends?

Book soon
Early booking is a great help, particularly to Jo Robinson in the Alumni Office who handles all arrangements and queries. She can be contacted by email at jsr46@cam.ac.uk or by telephone on 01223 748164.
Society Reunion programme

Saturday

12 noon: Committee meeting (SCR)

3pm: Choral and Instrumental Concert (Chapel)

4pm: Tea (Hall)

4.30pm: Annual Meeting (Ramsden Room)
NB Nomination of Officers and Committee Members to the Secretary by 14 September

5.45pm: Choir Practice (Please inform Jo Robinson (jsr46@cam.ac.uk) in the Alumni Office by 14 September if you would like to join the Choir.)

6.30pm: Evensong (Chapel)

7.15pm: Drinks (SCR)

7.45pm: Dinner (Hall). Dress code: Dinner jacket, dark suit or ladies equivalent

10.15pm: South Side Jazz Band (Bar)

Throughout Saturday afternoon there will an exhibition of materials from College Archives on display in the OCR.

Sunday

Morning: Breakfast in Hall

8.30am – 9.15am: Holy Communion in Chapel

10.15am – 11.15am: Branch Officers’ Meeting in the Alex Jacobson Room

12.30pm – 1.30pm: Buffet Lunch in Hall
May Bumps Pimm’s Marquee

We are delighted that we are again able to offer an afternoon by the river with our Pimm’s Marquee on Saturday 13 June 2009. Tickets are £15 per person, which will include Pimm’s and strawberries. To book, please complete the application form or book online at www.catzevents.com before 1 June (but please note this is a numbers-restricted event and early booking is advisable).

We hope to see as many of you there – rowers and non-boaties alike.

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I/We should like to book:

- tickets for the Bumps marquee (£15pp)
- a car parking space (£5)

Please return this form (cheques to ‘St Catharine’s College’) to the Alumni & Development Office, St Catharine’s College, Cambridge CB2 1RL, enclosing an SAE if a receipt is required.
The Society Reunion 2009 will be held on the weekend of 26 September. To book a place, please fill in the form below, then send it (cheques to ‘St Catharine’s College’) to the Alumni & Development Office, St Catharine’s College, Cambridge CB2 1RL, enclosing an SAE if a receipt is required. Online booking is available at www.societydinner.catzevents.com.

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- [ ] single room(s) and breakfast for Friday night (£26.50pp)
- [ ] single room(s) and breakfast for Saturday night (£26.50pp)
- [ ] place(s) for Sunday buffet lunch (£12.30pp)

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We are unable to accommodate Members in specific rooms. A limited number of rooms on the ground floor are available for the less mobile; if you would like a ground floor room please tick here [ ]. For more information on events taking place throughout the University Alumni Weekend, see www.foundation.cam.ac.uk.