



WHEEL

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Welcome (and farewell)

PROFESSOR SIR MARK WELLAND (2016),
MASTER

As reported in previous editions of *The Wheel*, the 'Our College, Our Future' strategic plan allowed us to understand how we could meaningfully develop St Catharine's and ensure that we are able to offer the very best Cambridge experience for our students, whilst providing an environment in which our Fellows and staff could continue to flourish.

The fundraising campaign that followed – one of the most successful in collegiate Cambridge – enabled us to complete virtually all of the priorities identified in 2019. This was only made possible by the extraordinary generosity of our alumni and friends – thank you so much to everyone who has given in support of our campaign. I am also grateful for the advice and support of our Campaign Advisory Board, chaired by Tina Patel (1989, Mathematics) and William Paul (1992, Modern & Medieval Languages).

On the completion of the Central Spaces building project last August, I reflected on the fact that the rejuvenated Island site was a realisation of the vision of 'Our College, Our Future', with students, Fellows and staff coming together to guide and inspire the project's design and delivery. It encapsulates how the St Catharine's spirit of togetherness and cooperation can be harnessed to realise something truly special. I hope you will take up invitations to return for reunions and other events so you can see our elegant and accessible new facilities for yourself.



Miriam Escofet

For me, the completion of our Central Spaces project has certainly been a very positive change and I am confident it will benefit the College for generations to come. But equally important for me is the over-riding comfort and satisfaction that St Catharine's – its students, Fellows, alumni and staff – is an incredibly effective and supportive community, as is obvious from this issue of *The Wheel*. I look forward to my final months at St Catharine's safe in the knowledge that Sir John Benger (1979, English), as the 40th Master, will have much to enjoy when his term of office begins in October 2023.

Thank you again for your support during my tenure. It has been a privilege to serve as the 39th Master.



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FRONT COVER: Professor Sir Mark Welland (2016) and Lady Lyn Welland (2020) with their dog, Toby, and the new portrait of the Master by Miriam Escofet. Read more on page 3. (Photo credit: Keith Heppell, Cambridge Independent)

College news

Central Spaces open with a bang

On 5 October, we celebrated the completion of the Central Spaces major building project. A special event was held for representatives of the College's student body, staff and Fellowship as well as donors who have given generously to fund this important project. Alumnus Sir Ian McKellen (1958, English; Honorary Fellow 1982) used some pyrotechnic wizardry to conjure a blazing doorway, which he then walked through – once the flames subsided – to mark the opening of these elegant and accessible new facilities. Find out more about the opening event at caths.cam.ac.uk/opening.



Martin Bond, A Cambridge Diary



Dawson Court

In March, the College's Governing Body officially named one of our courts in recognition of the extraordinary support shown by Peter (1974, Natural Sciences; Honorary Fellow 2019) and Christina (2016; Honorary Fellow 2019) Dawson. St Catharine's has earned a reputation for leading the way in student welfare provision in Cambridge, thanks to the Dawsons' philanthropy, advice, time and encouragement. The Island site on Trumpington Street now comprises three courts: Sherlock Court to the south, Main Court in the centre and, now, Dawson Court to the north (formerly known as Chapel Court). Read our announcement at caths.cam.ac.uk/dawson-court.

Boat Race victories

Also in March, five St Catharine's students rowed in Cambridge University Boat Club's clean sweep against Oxford, including Matt Edge (2018, Natural Sciences; now a Chemistry PhD student) who was the first rower across the finish line in the Men's Boat Race. Television coverage of the races also paid tribute to alumnus Tim Senior (1993, Economics), Chair of The Boat Race Company Ltd., who sadly died earlier this year. Read our full report at caths.cam.ac.uk/boat-races-2023.



Picture perfect

It is traditional for the College to commission a portrait of each Master to honour their contributions, but our portrait of Professor Sir Mark Welland (2016) featured on the cover breaks with tradition as it is the first to include a Master's family. Award-winning artist Miriam Escofet achieved an astounding level of detail and vibrancy in her painting, which now hangs in the new Hall. Read Miriam's thoughts on the process and watch video clips offering us a glimpse into her studio at caths.cam.ac.uk/portrait.



Celebrating our 550th anniversary

St Catharine's turns 550 on 25 November 2023 and to celebrate we are incorporating this important milestone in many of our events and activities. We encourage all members of the College community to get involved – whether that's reflecting on our historical inheritance, celebrating our present-day interests and achievements, or safeguarding what makes St Catharine's so special for the benefit of future generations.

The beginning of these celebrations were signalled in January 2023 with a special light show in Main Court (pictured above) which coincided with a Gala Dinner for members of the College's 1473 Foundation (donors who have made gifts of more than £50,000).

Read on to find out about our 550th anniversary lecture series and articles on the College website that take inspiration from events in 1473 or the number 550 in order to showcase the research interests of the College community.

Further information about how the College intends to mark St Catharine's Day 2023 will be released later this year.

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YEARS
1473-2023



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1473–2023: A brief personal reflection

**PROFESSOR SIR JOHN BAKER (1971;
HONORARY FELLOW 2012)**



I have been a Fellow for 52 years, nearly ten per cent of the College's existence. I suppose every generation (except the very first) has felt, as I do, that they are part of the same College which was there before them. I recall Professor Steers (1916, Geography; Fellow 1925) telling me that when he came up there were only six in his year, and about the same number of Fellows; his Tutor had been a Fellow since the 1870s. That seems a remote world in some ways, but the people were like us and we could easily converse with them if they returned. Our line of matriculation is continuous, and the Fellowship has a quasi-apostolic succession sealed with a medieval oath and a corporeal induction, linking us all lineally with the little hall founded in 1473. Like natural organisms, a college becomes wiser in many ways as it grows older, and may increase in prosperity, but with advancing years it may also lose some of its earlier clarity and cohesion. On the other hand, it is never short of new goals and aspirations. Unlike natural organisms it regenerates itself and is not subject to mortal death. It is agreeable to think of it as a great family, comprising not only the living but also the departed and the as yet unborn. I hope the younger alumni and Fellows of today will feel the same way in 2073.

Lecture series

St Catharine's is hosting a series of free public lectures in the McGrath Centre that we hope will continue to be well attended by students, staff, Fellows and alumni. Visit caths.cam.ac.uk/550-lectures to watch the lectures at your leisure.

In February, we were delighted to welcome Professor Sir Magdi Habib Yacoub OM FRS for a special Addenbrooke Lecture. He spoke on 'Equity in healthcare delivery from theory to practice' and shared how his foundation is ensuring more equitable access to healthcare in Egypt.



Left-right: Prof. Sir Mark Welland (2016), Prof. Sir Magdi Yacoub, Prof. Michael Nicholson (2018) and Prof. Stefan Marciniak (2011)



Professor Julian Allwood

In May, Professor Julian Allwood (2018), our Dudley Robinson Professorial Fellow in Engineering, gave a special lecture on environmental sustainability. He discussed why climate mitigation and other good societal goals aren't happening and how the College community could be involved in novel approaches to making good things happen.



Professor Francesca Trivellato

Two further lectures are scheduled for Michaelmas term. The Bayly Lecture will be given on 24 November by Professor Francesca Trivellato, the Andrew W. Mellon Professor of Early Modern European History at the Institute for Advanced Study. Further information and sign up details are available at caths.cam.ac.uk/550-Bayly. There will also be a Henn Lecture, the date and speaker for which will be announced shortly.

Article series

To showcase the world-class research conducted by students and Fellows of St Catharine's, a special series of online articles is being published during 2023. The first two articles give a flavour of what to expect.

Dr Sophie Koudmani (2021), astronomer and Bowring Junior Research Fellow, was interviewed about the 550th anniversary of the birth of Copernicus and the advances achieved by scientists since 1473. She reflected, "It's exciting to think that our ability to observe astronomical objects is only going to get better thanks to the latest generation of telescopes launched into outer space." Read the interview in full at caths.cam.ac.uk/copernicus.

Dr Christa Lundberg (2022), Dame Jean Thomas Junior Research Fellow, has studied the University of Paris during the early modern period so our interview explored the events of 1473 in higher education and the context in which St Catharine's was founded. While the University of Paris was established 323 years before St Catharine's, Dr Lundberg urged us to "look deeper" at the "shared religious motivations for founding both institutions". Read the article at caths.cam.ac.uk/university-life.

Keep up-to-date with the article series and other College news at caths.cam.ac.uk/news.

Reinventing the wheel? Not this time...

When publicity for our 550th anniversary began, Steven Dyke (1972, Geography) got in touch to say, "The emblem reminded me of the commemorative medallion I have, which was produced for the quincentenary." Sure enough, the plaster pattern used to create medallions in 1973 is almost identical to the branding created by a local digital designer 50 years later.



A new Catherine for St Catharine's

St Catharine's is delighted to welcome Catherine Twilley FRSA (2023) as the College's new Development Director. Catherine joins the College with a strong track record in Cambridge fellowship and alumni engagement. Here she shares some of her journey so far.

I first came to Cambridge in 1989 to read for a BA in Classics at St John's College. While I perhaps didn't appreciate it at the time, looking back at the supervisions I had with the people who were writing the books in my subject was an incredible privilege and something that I recognise as the cornerstone of a Cambridge education; something that sets it apart from most other universities. I also relished the opportunities for other activities, such as rowing, Rag (a student society which raises money for charity), and swimming (I even went to a trial session for women's rugby, but it wasn't for me!), and I benefitted hugely from the book grants and travel grants, enabling me to explore my interests in the classical world more fully. Most of all, perhaps, I made lifelong friends. It is for all of these reasons that my career has been in a field where I can help future generations of young people to experience these same opportunities.

My work in development has taken me from St John's (where I established the Development Office, known as the Johnian Office to reflect the fact that we were there to engage with all members of College), to Christ's (where I was Fellow and Development Director from 2008 to 2023) and now to St Catharine's.

St Catharine's has a reputation in Cambridge for being a friendly College, and I can attest to this: everyone I have met so far has been extremely welcoming. As well as getting to know staff and Fellows, I have been fortunate to meet a number of alumni in Cambridge and London, and I recently travelled to Hong Kong and Singapore to meet members and friends of the College further afield. I have been very impressed by our current students, some of whom I saw in action at a Q&A session for a visiting school. Our current students are the best ambassadors for us, and they are impressive young people, combining their academic studies with participation in a whole range of other activities.



I joined in April as Development Director-elect, and am grateful to my predecessor in the role, Mrs Deborah Loveluck, for her advice and support in the month before her retirement. The Alumni and Development Office team has also given me a great deal of advice and support as I get to know a new College. I have been pleased to see the tangible results of the support given over the last few years, particularly in terms of the Central Spaces building project, and the creation of an excellent wellbeing team. I am looking forward to getting to know alumni and friends over the coming years and encouraging further engagement with this wonderful College, building on foundations already laid, to help ensure that St Catharine's remains an exceptional place with an exceptional community.

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Alumni & Development News

Giving Day and Student Support Fund

A total of 558 staff, Fellows, alumni, parents and friends generously gave during the College's first ever Giving Day in November 2022, which raised over £455,000 towards a new Student Support Fund. This Fund will provide bursaries for students, support widening participation projects, and enable us to expand our important health and wellbeing initiatives.

The St Catharine's Student Support Fund is an important legacy of the 'Our College, Our Future' campaign, which is now drawing to its close. We are delighted that the campaign, launched in 2019, is approaching its target of £65 million. This incredible generosity will strengthen and sustain the St Catharine's community for generations to come.

Calling alumni and friends...

We have a fantastic group of current students who are looking forward to speaking with alumni during this year's Telephone Campaign in September, and we hope that many of you will enjoy this opportunity to hear from them about life at St Catharine's.

The aim is to generate funds that sustain day-to-day College activities, and provide a regular stream of reliable income that our community can depend on in the future.

Any support you can give will help St Catharine's to weather financial challenges ahead and boost the flexibility of the support that we can offer our students while they pursue brilliance without barriers.

Meet one of our callers



NAME: Ammie Vudathu

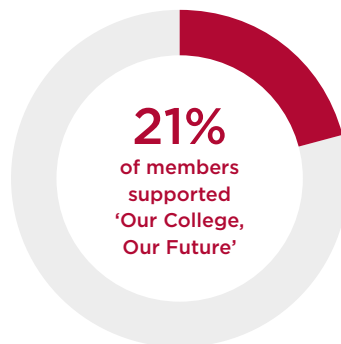
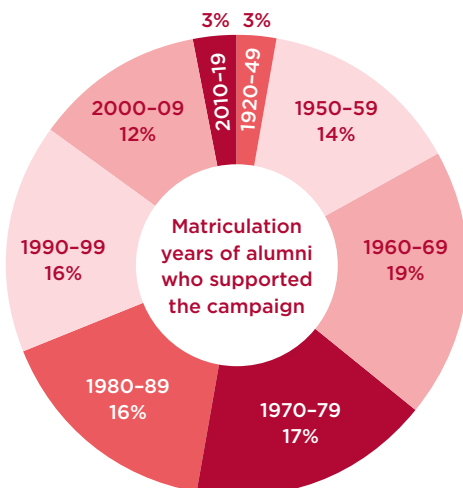
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ROLES: JCR President (2021-22), founding member of Brown Girl Link Up

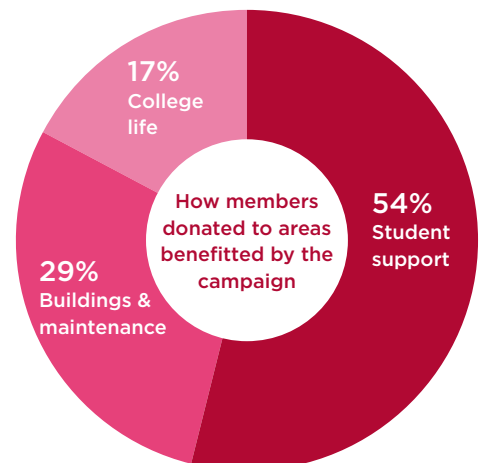
"I was eager to join the Telephone Campaign as I have had such positive experiences talking to Catz alumni over the past year, for example at the Central Spaces opening. Catz has been such a welcoming and friendly community and I have realised how that support spans across cohorts, so I am excited to talk to those who have come before us, to hear about their experiences and to give them a taste of Catz life as it is now!"

Our College, Our Future

CAMPAIGN SUPPORT* INSIGHTS



*Support is defined as a donation to the 'Our College, Our Future' Campaign (figures correct as of March 2023)



Catz People: At the forefront of high-profile events

St Catharine's takes great pride in how our alumni forge careers and serve communities around the world. Three alumni were recognised for their service in the New Year Honours list. We interviewed them about the high-profile events in which they were involved last year.



Sir John Benger (1979, English) was knighted for services to Parliament, having been Clerk of the House of Commons since 2019. He was involved in planning and deploying Operation Marquee in September 2022, the parliamentary aspects of the arrangements for the demise of the monarch. We are delighted that Sir John will be our next Master (caths.cam.ac.uk/new-master).



Rosanna Machado (1994, Economics) has worked in the events industry for over 20 years. Rosanna was CEO of The Platinum Jubilee Pageant held on 5 June 2022, involving over 10,000 people from across the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth. She was appointed Lieutenant of the Royal Victorian Order for services to the Platinum Jubilee of Her Late Majesty The Queen.



Ian Metcalfe (1977, Law) is a qualified solicitor who retired from Wragge & Co in 2014. Ian was Chair of Commonwealth Games England (CGE), on the Board of the Organising Committee (OC) for the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games and on the Commonwealth Games Federation Executive Board. He was awarded an OBE for services to Sport.

HOW DID YOU SUPPORT PREPARATIONS FOR THE EVENT?

JB: Preparations for Operation Marquee were extensive and drew upon many people in both Houses of Parliament, although it seemed unimaginable for many of us that the Queen would one day no longer be in our lives. All my recent predecessors were involved over the years and it became one of my duties in 2019. When news of Her Majesty's death emerged on 8 September 2022, my role related to the organisation and timing of tributes by MPs in the Chamber, integrating these into the meeting of the Accession Council and a service of prayer and reflection in St Paul's.

RM: The Jubilee Pageant was organised by a bespoke, self-funded company that raised £13 million to support a procession through central London. For 15 months leading up to the event, I ran the company, recruited a team, oversaw all aspects of creativity, operations and delivery, and liaised with the Royal Household and the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS). I was also determined to make a positive impact on the communities we worked with, from projects in schools to running green workshops.

IM: CGE bid to host the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham after the original host city withdrew in 2017. As



Getty Images

Ian at the Birmingham 2022 Opening Ceremony

a proud Brummie, I was thrilled to be involved from the first day of the bid to the last day of delivery. As a non-executive director of the OC, I was a “critical friend” to the executives for the world’s second most complex sporting event (after the Olympics). Local knowledge came in handy too, from videoing the athletes’ village near my house when lockdown prevented others visiting, to advising on the best routes across Birmingham. My focus at CGE was on preparing and managing Team England’s participation in the Games.

WHAT MEMORIES STAND OUT DURING THE EVENT?

RM: I was in the control room to monitor the Pageant’s progress and was on call in case of any major operational issues. I remember we only ran 5 minutes late, which was amazing as we never rehearsed in full! It was incredible to watch performers from across the UK and Commonwealth create something so magical.

IM: The exceptional Opening and Closing Ceremonies stand out for me – no Brummie will forget Ozzy Osborne closing the Games by screaming, “Birmingham forever!” My time was mostly dedicated to Team England duties and seeing 25 of our 26 sports, including all the para sports, in 19 different venues. I had the privilege of helping to host six

different members of the Royal Family, including Princess Charlotte at her first official engagement without either of her siblings present.

JB: The public may recall queues progressing smoothly through Westminster Hall during the Lying-in-State period, but twice-daily briefing meetings involving dozens of staff from many departments underpinned these complex arrangements. One moment I felt privileged to witness was the arrival of the coffin into Westminster Hall. It was borne by members of the Queen’s Company Grenadier Guards, accompanied by the choir of the Chapel Royal singing Psalm 139, “Oh Lord, thou hast searched me out and known me”, counterpointing the rhythmic march of boots on the floor of the hall.

WHAT FEEDBACK STOOD OUT MOST TO YOU?

IM: Andy Bull in the *Guardian* summed up the experience best in his article ‘It’s a Brum Ting – how did the Host City do?’: “At best, it felt like a glimpse of Britain as it ought to be in the 21st century – open, busy, witty, creative, colourful and multi-cultural, alive to all sides of its history but not in thrall to any of it.”

JB: I lost count of the tributes paid to my colleagues by His Majesty the King, parliamentarians, the media and the wider public. The enormous efforts of the Royal Household, military personnel, police and the Government are also deserving of praise. I can’t remember an occasion when people were so willing to work together and so supportive; doing justice to the memory of the Queen was a sustaining motivation.

RM: I was delighted with feedback about the positive impact of the Pageant in terms of revitalising our creative industries in the wake of COVID-19, bringing communities together, building capacity and creating a joyful event. This legacy exceeded my expectations and is a credit to my whole team, who worked tirelessly throughout.



Andrew Parsons/No 10 Downing Street

The carnival segment of the procession during the Jubilee Pageant



UK Parliament/ Jessica Taylor

HM The Queen’s coffin in Westminster Hall

Tunku centenary celebrations

DR LIANA CHUA (2021), FELLOW & DIRECTOR OF THE TUNKU ABDUL RAHMAN FUND

St Catharine's has been proud to celebrate 100 years since Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra Al-Haj (1922, Law; Honorary Fellow 1960), the first Prime Minister of Malaysia, joined the College.

The College is now home to an incredible range of scholars from Malaysia in part thanks to the Tunku Abdul Rahman Fund, which was established by the Government of Malaysia and St Catharine's in 2003.

As Tunku Abdul Rahman University Assistant Professor in Malay World Studies, it was important for me that our centenary programme didn't only commemorate the Tunku's life and work – it also celebrated the College's long and cherished connections with Malaysia, our talented Malaysian alumni and our lively community of Malaysian students in the present day.

In October 2022, a research showcase brought together four Malaysian students at various stages of their PhD journeys to present their research to the wider College community. I was particularly pleased by the insightful questions and encouragement from the floor, and everyone's appetite for the Malaysian cakes on offer.

I was delighted when Muhammad Suhail, a PhD Candidate in History and Prince of Wales Student at Trinity College, agreed to speak at St Catharine's in November 2022. His lecture on Tunku Abdul Rahman and



Dr Chua (third from left) with three of our Malaysian PhD students

the decolonisation of the global order recast the Tunku as a 'worldmaker'. Suhail encouraged us to examine the Tunku's efforts to reformat national and international relations during and after the struggle for Malayan self-determination, the isolation of apartheid South Africa and the establishment of an international pan-Islamic organisation.

In March 2023, we had the tremendous honour of welcoming Distinguished Professor Datuk Dr Shamsul Amri Baharuddin from Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) to St Catharine's. Professor Shamsul is one of the country's pre-eminent social scientists and head of UKM's new Global Malaysian Studies Network. It was fitting that he spoke on social cohesion in Malaysia as this was a cause close to the Tunku's heart and remains a hot topic today. Read more at caths.cam.ac.uk/Professor-Shamsul-AB.

CHAN SHUN WEN is the latest Malaysian student to benefit from a Tunku scholarship, and joined St Catharine's in 2022 to begin a History PhD:



"My time here at Catz has been illuminating and I know the friendships I've made here will last a

lifetime! For my PhD, I'm delving into the roles and actions of British commercial institutions like Unilever and Barings Bank in China during the Second Sino-Japanese War. I will be looking closely at the intelligence and strategies these companies used to mitigate challenges posed by factors such as the fall of Shanghai in November 1937, the legitimacy and sustainability of the Kuomintang government, the rise of the American firms in China, and even the sanctions of the British government that threatened their very existence and longevity."

The Tunku Scholarship has supported an incredible range of research, and served as vital bridge between Cambridge and Malaysia – one that's grown stronger every year. Meet Tunku Scholars past and present at caths.cam.ac.uk/research/tunku.



Inventing the wheel

PROFESSOR RICHARD DANCE (1997), FELLOW & PRAELECTOR

The wheel of St Catharine of Alexandria has been a familiar symbol of our College community since its foundation on St Catharine's Day 1473. As the College's spokes-person (if you'll pardon the pun ...) for English etymology, I'm sometimes asked about the history of the word 'wheel'. And in fact it's a fascinating example of language change and interconnection.

Wheels are, of course, a very old invention, and the same word has been used to describe them right through the recorded history of English. 550 years ago, wheel wouldn't have looked very different to the word we use today — even if, in a period when English spelling wasn't fully standardised, it was as likely to be written whele or wheele. But some of its earlier medieval forms look (and would have sounded) much stranger to us. Consider this passage from a 13th-century account of the life of St Catharine, which describes the shape of the wheel we know from the Catz crest:

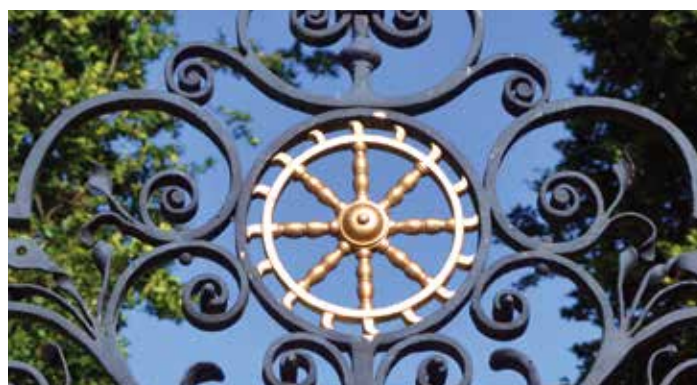
hat ... 3arkin fowr *hweoles*; ant let burh driuen þrefter þe spaken ant te uelien wið irnene gadien

('command ... to be prepared four *wheels*; and after that cause the spokes and the felloes to be pierced with iron spikes')

Felloes, incidentally, is an old word for the curved pieces of wood that made up the outer rim of a wheel, and has

nothing to do with *Fellows* — who originally (in Old Norse, the language of the Vikings) were *feelayers*, people who contributed goods jointly to some enterprise. Although I've sometimes thought it's a fitting coincidence that wheels have felloes.

Before the Norman Conquest, we find a range of Old English spellings for our *wheel* word, including *hweogol* and *hweowol* — as in the ninth-century description of a *wænes hweowol* or 'a wain's [i.e. wagon's] wheel'. If we apply the techniques of comparative philology, these earliest English forms give us the vital clue that English *wheel* (and its Germanic cousins like Dutch *wiel*, Swedish *hjul*) descends from the same prehistoric ancestor (reconstructed as **kwekwlo-*) that produced related words in the wider Indo-European family of languages like Sanskrit *cakrá-* 'circle, wheel' and Greek *kúklos* 'circle', which ultimately shares a root too with Greek *pólos* 'axis'. And of course these words are, in turn, the sources of some familiar lexical items also borrowed by English: *chakra*, *cycle* and *pole*. As we etymologists like to say: what goes around, comes around.



Binky Nixon

Society news

JOANNA REEVES (1988, HISTORY & MML),
CHAIR, ST CATHARINE'S COLLEGE
ALUMNI SOCIETY

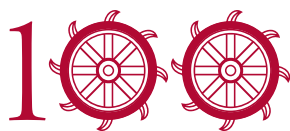
On 6 October 1923, the inaugural meeting of the St Catharine's College Society was held at the Imperial Hotel, Russell Square in London. The Society (now renamed the St Catharine's College Alumni Society) will take great pleasure in celebrating its centenary on 6 October this year with a magnificent dinner at London's Middle Temple.

We will also be marking our centenary with some wonderful commemorative items such as scarves, cufflinks and a ladies' wrap, all adorned with our centenary logo (pictured). These items and more will be unveiled on our soon-to-be launched new Alumni Society website; and will be available to buy at our Alumni Society Day 2023 on 23 September.

As our Society President for the lion's share of our centenary year (that is, 6 October 2023 – 6 October 2024) is



Former President Lilian Greenwood MP (1984, SPS) with current President Ben Miller (1985, Physics)



St Catharine's College
Alumni Society
Founded in 1923

the leading composer Nigel Hess (1971, Music; Honorary Fellow 2016), there will also be a musical element to our celebrations. More will be revealed in due course.

Our Annual Dinner in September 2022 was one of the very first events to be held in the newly rebuilt Hall and all who attended enjoyed the fresh yet traditional, intimate yet grand surroundings. Our current President, Ben Miller (1985, Physics), received the Presidential seal from outgoing President and long-serving committee member Dr John Little (1972, Materials; Fellow 1980); and addressed us with a speech that was both touching and hilarious.

All alumni of St Catharine's College are members of the Alumni Society. The Society is a social organisation, governed and run by alumni themselves. It is distinct from the College but works closely with it to maintain a lifelong alumni community. The Society organises events for members, centrally and through regional branches; provides grants for students; and compiles the annual *St Catharine's Magazine* in collaboration with the College. College sets the Wheel in motion; the Alumni Society helps keep it rolling ever onwards.

Upcoming events

Please save the date for these College and Society events. For further information on events for Members, visit caths.cam.ac.uk/events.

20 July 2023

Catch-up General Admission Dinner (2020 Graduands)

9 September 2023

Members' Reunion (1997-99)

23 September 2023

Alumni Society Annual Reunion and Dinner

6 October 2023

Alumni Society Centenary Dinner (London)

5 November 2023

All Souls Luminaria Service

9 February 2024

Ten Years On (2013)

16 March 2024

Woodlark Society Luncheon for legators

6 April 2024

Members' Reunion (1976-79)

7 September 2024

Members' Reunion (2000-02)



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