Welcome

PROFESSOR SIR MARK WELLAND (2016), MASTER

St Catharine’s has been at the heart of Cambridge for nearly 550 years and in that time has weathered some difficult challenges. In this context, I am enormously proud of how much we have achieved together this year and how we continued to preserve our connections and sense of community.

Since the end of Lent Term, our day-to-day lives have been disrupted by the global scale of the public health emergency caused by Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). With kindness and co-operation, St Catharine’s was able to respond collectively and collegiately, to meet the tsunami of problems that beset our community. A special report (pp 8–9) pays tribute to the teamwork, sensitivity and sacrifice across the College, as well as the tremendous contributions made by Fellows and alumni on the frontline treating infections. Here, I want also to pay testament to the resilience of our staff who have worked unrelentingly to deliver timely and effective solutions.

Meanwhile, we needed to respond to the pandemic quickly, we also held steadfast to our academic principles of excellence. The growing reputation of St Catharine’s as an exceptional College, with world-class teaching and research led by our Fellowship (pp 6–7), is further demonstrated by our recent news headlines (p 3).

The strategic plan called ‘Our College, Our Future’ sets out our major priorities alongside our core values, such as our focus on welfare, diversity and inclusivity. This year, the College embraced opportunities to celebrate 40 years of co-education with wide-ranging Catz40 activities (p 13). What’s more, the arrival of our new Welfare Officer (p 18) encouraged us to think more about our wellbeing, with improved resources and support for students, staff and Fellows.

I have always been firmly committed to enhancing our environment so the College can realise its full potential, but this year has reminded us all that dealing with the problems of today does not mean that we sacrifice our plans for the future. The delivery of ‘Our College, Our Future’ is essential if we are going to be able to honour this commitment. The first year of the strategy and its accompanying campaign got off to the most extraordinary start. A number of key milestones have already been achieved, thanks to the generosity of our donors (pp 14–24), enabling us to make great strides towards funding the redevelopment of our buildings and central spaces (pp 4–5).

This edition of The Wheel captures how we are all custodians of the past, responsible owners of the present and architects of the next phase of St Catharine’s burgeoning place in the University of Cambridge.

Thank you to everyone in our community who contributed to a momentous year and for your continued support in helping us move forward in the current situation.
Fellows spark debate on climate change
This year, Fellow Commoner The Rt Hon the Lord Browne of Ladyton (2019) and Fellow Professor Julian Allwood (2018) advanced the public debate on climate change and carbon emissions targets. In November, Professor Allwood led a consortium of academic experts called UK FiRES in publishing Absolute Zero, a report challenging a reliance on breakthrough technologies to achieve zero emissions by 2050.

In February, Lord Browne brought the Absolute Zero report to the attention of the House of Lords by initiating a debate on technological and lifestyle efforts both to address climate change and to meet the UK's 2050 net zero carbon emissions target. In addition, both Fellows raised awareness of the report’s findings across a number of leading media outlets, including BBC Radio 4 and the Financial Times. Find out more and read their contributions at www.caths.cam.ac.uk/AbsoluteZero.

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From Main Court to Mission Control
On 10 January, Fellow Dr Jenni Sidey (2016) was among the first class of astronaut candidates to graduate under the Artemis programme run by the United States’ National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). As one of two Canadian Space Agency participants completing basic training, she is now eligible to be selected to fly in space, including assignments to the International Space Station and missions to the Moon or Mars. Read more about Dr Sidey’s graduation at www.caths.cam.ac.uk/CatztoCosmos.

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Welcoming our first Harding Scholars
In October, the first Harding Distinguished Postgraduate Scholars were welcomed by the Master, the University’s Vice-Chancellor and David Harding (1979). The David and Claudia Harding Foundation is generously funding the studies of 23 postgraduates in 2019. We are delighted that St Catharine’s is now home to five of them.

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This new scholarship programme helps us to attract the most talented students, from any discipline and from the UK and around the world. Claire Guimond (2019), Timothy Welsh (2019), Nadene Dermody (2019), Marc Gotthardt (2019) and Hannah Lucey (2018) joined St Catharine’s as PhD students after completing earlier studies in Australia, Canada, Germany, Ireland, Scotland and the USA. Selection for the next intake of postgraduates is already underway and we look forward to welcoming further scholars to the College very soon.

> The early black students in the 1914 matriculation photograph have been rediscovered
Remodelling our central spaces will complete an important chapter of the College’s story that began with the building of the McGrath Centre. Relying entirely on Members’ donations, the College is proud of this highly attractive space, as many of you have commented when returning for reunions.

After months of consultation and discussion, we are delighted to announce that the designs by architects Gort Scott were submitted for planning permission at the end of Lent Term in 2020. For the first time, we will benefit from direct access between existing buildings, with designs that are both functional and attractive (see Figure 1). A new ‘Garden Room’, located in the area at the side of the current Hall, will offer a bright and beautiful new space in which we all can relax and meet up, while also connecting the bar, McGrath Centre and the JCR. This atrium will provide a route directly from Chapel Court to the servery and from there into the Hall, as well as a staircase and lift to go down to the basement gym and music rooms, and up to the OCR, the Sherlock Library and student accommodation. Step-free access will open up all of the ground floor, including the Chapel, with lift access to the other floors.

Careful consideration has been given to protecting and showcasing our heritage. We look forward to the new atrium revealing centuries-old brickwork from the old Hall (now the SCR), while a staircase and landing will run alongside the old bricks on the exterior of the Sherlock

In our strategy document – ‘Our College, Our Future’ – we identified a pressing need to renovate, modernise and integrate facilities at the heart of St Catharine’s. We know from our Members’ memories that lifelong learning takes place and transformative, enduring friendships are made within our walls. Attractive, functional and enjoyable spaces enhance the experience of Members and visitors, from prospective students to visiting academics.
“I am delighted to contribute to this visionary and long overdue overhaul of the College’s central space which should take St Catharine’s into the second half of this century with pride.”

A major donor

Successful completion of this matched funding challenge will enable the College to complete the remodelling of our central spaces. If you are able to give to the College to support this important project, please contact Deborah Loveluck, Director of Development (development.director@caths.cam.ac.uk).

Recognising your support
Donors who give £10,000+ can choose to have their name listed alphabetically on the main donor board or, if they specifically want their gift to be in memory of Dr Sydney Smith, their name can be listed alphabetically on the donor board for this room instead.

The Sydney Smith Room

Dr Sydney Smith (1929), a Fellow of St Catharine’s until 1988, is remembered fondly by many Members.

As part of the central spaces project, the College will create a new private dining room for our Members to enjoy and state-of-the-art facilities to help us attract leading conferences.

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Library to provide a more fitting entrance to this attractive and historically important room (see Figure 2). Echoing the design of the old Hall, a light-filled gallery will overlook diners to provide space for small exhibitions and for the choir to sing at special events.

Our rare books collection will be housed in a purpose-built store, complete with a new reading room for students, Fellows and visiting scholars. In addition, the atrium will present an opportunity to display a selection of these hitherto-hidden rare books.

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Gift matching
Raising funds for our central spaces is an immediate priority for the Master and the Director of Development. Peter (1974) and Christina (2016) Dawson have given a substantial lead gift of £4 million and established a matched funding challenge of equivalent value, to encourage others to support this vital project. Until December 2021, all gifts received for the project will be matched on a pound-for-pound basis, up to a maximum of £4 million.

“Figure 2: An artist’s impression of the view from the new second floor landing at the entrance to the Sherlock Library, with the new atrium in the foreground and Chapel Court outside in the distance.”

“Figure 3: An artist’s impression of the new Hall at nighttime, with the lantern above and a gallery at the far end.”
The Master, Official Fellows and Professorial Fellows of St Catharine’s make up the Governing Body and are College trustees. They undertake all the important pedagogical, research, pastoral and senior administrative work of the College. The Governing Body runs the College through its various officers and committees, with many Fellows providing significant time and expertise to ensure its smooth operation, both for our community today and to ensure our College is well positioned for generations to come.

Around 60 in number, the size of the Fellowship has remained steady for at least the last quarter century. Historically, certain Colleges would focus on particular subject specialisms. Since the 1950s, Colleges such as St Catharine’s have taught the full range of undergraduate subjects. Our Fellowship size in part reflects this, with Fellows directing studies in each subject.

For the purposes of our statutes, there are three types of College Fellowship: Official (currently 47), Professorial (currently 16), and Research (currently 3). Professorial Fellows hold professorships in the University, while Official Fellows typically either hold lectureships or readerships in the University or are employed by the College in academic and/or senior administrative posts. Less than half of our Fellows (28) are salaried by the College, with the other Fellows salaried by the University.

The Governing Body also elects Emeritus Fellows, Honorary Fellows and Fellow Commoners. Emeritus Fellows are former long-serving Official or Professorial Fellows, while Honorary Fellows are chosen for their academic or other distinction. Among our Honorary Fellows are former Masters; former Official, Professorial and Research Fellows; and distinguished alumni. Fellow Commoners are chosen for their significant voluntary contributions to the life of the College and the majority of these individuals are alumni.

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**Your Fellowship**

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Advanced tools and models help us better understand and further predict the trend of these crucial economic figures. For example, an increase in the minimum wage could support those who are currently working for low earnings, but equally, it could lead to higher unemployment, reducing the potential gain. The development of the sharing economy could also have a profound impact on local land use and land price.

I share the role of Director of Studies in Economics with other Fellows and I supervise Macroeconomics, Labour and Public Economics. It is a gratifying process, and I enjoy the supervisions and teaching a lot. Since all our students are intelligent and sharp, our discussions span the debate on labour income taxation and capital taxation, to long-run economic growth and short-run policymaker inconsistency. I prefer to call it an opportunity to learn together, rather than teaching.

In addition to serving on various College committees and the Governing Body, I support our undergraduates as a Tutor, which gives me the unique opportunity to celebrate their happiness and share their sorrows. I really appreciate all the events and stories I hear at the various tutorial meetings. I think that is the most valuable part of College life, because Catz is not just a workplace, but a treasure chest full of gems, from the past to the present and the future.

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**DR RIVER CHEN (2017)**

I joined St Catharine’s College Fellowship as the Bevil Mabey College Lecturer in Economics, having received my BA from Peking University and MPhil and PhD in Economics from the University of Cambridge. I have enjoyed the life at Catz very much, especially the opportunities for conversation with all the Members of the College.

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Many pharmaceutical companies, in recent years, have walked away from the mental health sector, claiming that developing drugs for mental illness is too hard, too risky, and too expensive. Consequently, in many cases, treatment options for mental illness rely on drugs licensed well over 50 years ago, a disheartening prospect that only worsens if one considers the blunt classification methods used presently to diagnose depression, schizophrenia and other mental disorders.

Arguably, the only way to improve our understanding of mental illness, and to treat it effectively, is to accept that mental illness is rooted in the structure of the brain, the intricacies of its neural networks and chemicals, and - most importantly of all - the rich and often reciprocal connections that the brain makes with the body.

As a neuroscientist, I look for explanations grounded in brain biology – with particular interests in understanding the biological mechanisms of endophenotypes (or traits) linked to mental illness, including impulsiveness, anxiety, cognitive biases, memory and attentional impairment. This approach has the potential to help us discover novel mechanisms and much-needed treatment approaches. My research uses ultra-high-field magnetic resonance imaging of the brain, coupled with techniques to explore how the environment (e.g. stress) influences the genome and, consequently, behaviour and cognition.

Since arriving at Catz, I have had the immense pleasure of teaching neuroscience to dozens of students – hopefully, inspiring some of them to consider a career in academic research. In addition to my departmental responsibilities (I am Rosalie Canney Professor of Behavioural Neuroscience), I am also the College’s Director of Studies in Neuroscience and Psychology (Part II).

In my spare time, I am the Editor-in-Chief of Brain and Neuroscience Advances, the flagship journal of the British Neuroscience Association.

Another research interest that has become quite salient is the basis on which we attribute knowledge to companies. I was prompted to write about this topic after a controversial decision in 2009 of the House of Lords on the attribution to a company of a fraud conducted by its director and sole shareholder. The recent collapse of the Serious Fraud Office’s prosecution of Barclays and its senior executives for actions taken to stabilise the bank’s position during the financial crisis has shown that shortcomings in the law on corporate criminal liability that I identified in my article are still present.

My portfolio as Pro-Vice-Chancellor has two distinct parts: institutional and international relations.

My longstanding research interest has been the institutional design of financial regulation: from the establishment of the UK’s Financial Services Authority at the end of the 1990s through to its break-up in the early 2010s, and the evolution of the European regulatory landscape. It has been fascinating to contribute to parliamentary inquiries on these topics, as specialist adviser or expert witness.

My interest in how countries defer to each other’s legal and regulatory systems in order more effectively to regulate global financial markets predates Brexit. I was among the first to write about how ‘equivalence’ would (or would not) work as an effective basis for future UK-EU financial services activity.
The widespread disruption caused by Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) is not unprecedented, as reflected in a recent online article by Professor Sir John Baker (1970): ‘Cambridge, alas, has not been unacquainted with epidemics over the centuries.’ Since it was founded in 1473, the College’s response to local, national and international events not only sustained our community through the centuries, but also benefited wider society through our unflinching commitment to advancing education, religion, learning and research.

Our continued sense of community and wider purpose has been obvious from the immediate response of our students, alumni, staff and Fellows to COVID-19. These early contributions are too numerous to pay tribute to in full and no doubt new activities will emerge to keep up with the spread of the virus. However, we can all take pride and comfort in the different ways everyone played a part during the first months of the pandemic.

The St Catharine’s community responds to the outbreak of COVID-19

The response in College

Prioritising the safety and wellbeing of our community at all times, the College’s response was spearheaded by a dedicated team of staff and Fellows, led by the Bursar and reporting to the Governing Body. As part of these efforts, our new and outgoing Senior Tutors worked together to ensure continuity: Dr Miranda Griffin (2007) was Senior Tutor until 31 March and Dr Holly Canuto (2020) was closely involved long before she started as Senior Tutor on 1 April.

At the outset, our students were supported if they needed to self-isolate in College during March and April. Medical, pastoral and academic support was provided by the College Nurse, the Senior Tutor and the tutorial team, our Porters and others. Many students also kindly volunteered to help their friends as designated ‘self-isolation supporters’.

In anticipation of sudden disruption across the UK, all students who were able to left Cambridge at the end of Lent Term and, with much regret, were advised that they would not be returning for the remainder of the academic year. Faculties and departments soon made plans for teaching remotely and alternative methods of assessment in the Easter Term.

Financial assistance and welfare support (see page 18) were made available by the College, and dedicated website pages were set-up with links to official sources of advice and up-to-date information. In addition, the JCR and MCR Committees adapted their activities to support students, wherever they were in the world.

Importantly, the College committed to support the small group of students who were unable to leave Cambridge.

The College strictly followed official government guidance about gatherings, taking steps to ensure the safety of our alumni and other guests. As part of these measures, alumni events and reunions were postponed or cancelled, regrettably sometimes with little notice when social distancing and lockdown were first introduced.

While significantly reduced income is expected from student accommodation and conferences, the College is paying as normal all staff with a permanent or fixed-term contract of employment, and maintaining financial resilience so that future generations of students do not suffer as a result of COVID-19. Furloughing staff as part of the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme and other measures will help the College manage these commitments.

The response of our medics and scientists

The immediate impact of COVID-19 was felt acutely by frontline health services, including Addenbrooke’s Hospital. In response, 11 of our final year medical students graduated in April, allowing them to seek early registration with the General Medical Council and start working as doctors alongside Fellows and alumni in the NHS.

Fellows have been caring for patients with COVID-19 and identifying treatments that could help save lives. Professor Stefan Marciniak (2011) explained, “Professor Nick Morrell (2013) and I are both respiratory consultants and medical professors. We temporarily closed our research labs and returned to the wards at Addenbrooke’s to lead the treatment of patients alongside colleagues from infectious diseases and the intensive care unit. I am also working on clinical trials to find treatments for COVID-19.”
Professor James Moon (1989) has been among our alumni involved in the NHS response to COVID-19. As part of the Barts/QMUL and UCLH/UCL COVID research strategy group and Head of Research at London’s Nightingale Hospital, his work focused on healthcare workers: “We are creating a biorepository of data and blood samples from our staff before, during and after exposure to the disease. This will generate over 50,000 samples that will be shared with the UK’s leading research groups to try to deliver answers to some of the most pressing questions.”

Away from the frontline, Fellows working on COVID-19 research projects were granted special permission to progress work. Director of Studies in Biochemistry Dr Mari Kilkenny (2016) commented, “I am using a combination of protein expression, interaction and structural techniques to investigate the molecular mechanisms by which the virus may modulate the body’s immune/inflammatory response. There is an enormous amount of research being conducted around the world, and it feels good to be contributing to that, even if only in very small part.”

Pharmacologist Professor Anthony Davenport (1995) has been part of a group of researchers investigating the biology of an enzyme called ACE-2 (Angiotensin Converting Enzyme-2). The virus responsible for COVID-19 exploits ACE-2 to enter cells, so the group aims to screen existing medicines and investigational agents that may inhibit entry by the virus. As an executive member of the International Union of Pharmacology, he is also supporting international action to identify drug targets through the Guide to Pharmacology and co-authored ‘A rational roadmap for SARS-CoV-2/COVID-19 pharmacotherapeutic research and development.’

Led by Professor William Sutherland (2008) and funded by The David and Claudia Harding Foundation, the Biosecurity Research Initiative at St Catharine’s (BioRISC) published research identifying 275 ways to reduce the spread of the virus, which attracted considerable media interest. The Master explained, “There is much in their research that will assist the UK Government in making decisions as to how we move out of lockdown at the appropriate moment.”

Video became a powerful educational tool in the response to COVID-19. Director of Studies in Physiology Dr Matthew Mason (2001) disseminated educational videos for clinicians from other specialisms who might be co-opted to work on respiratory wards, while alumnus and GP Dr Jamie Parker (1999) appeared on radio and television after producing musical videos about staying at home.

Ultimately, a broad range of scientific disciplines were involved in the response: for example, postgraduate engineers Lorena Gordillo Dagallier (2017) and Cihat Cengiz (2017) helped design an open-source ventilator for use in low- and middle-income countries.

The response from other Fellows
The wider Fellowship has predominantly focused on the education and welfare of our community. However, COVID-19 triggered and exacerbated a host of social, political and economic issues, which some of our Fellows stepped forward to help address. Professor Sir Chris Clark (1990) hosted a new podcast series that explored past and present experiences of epidemics, while Dr Simon Taylor (2009) discussed the impact of the public health emergency on the financial sector on his ongoing economics blog. Additionally, Dr Katharine Dell (1996) published a theological response in the Church Times and The Rev’d Ally Barrett (2019) wrote a moving hymn as the pandemic continued during Easter.4,5

As Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Institutional and International Relations, Professor Ellis Ferran (1980) led the response across the University as teams adapted to different ways of working. In new guidance on remote working, she wrote, ‘The main thing I would ask you to do is to look after yourself, your loved ones and colleagues.’ This is a sentiment that the College wishes to extend to all students, alumni, staff and Fellows in these uncertain and challenging times.

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A day in the life
Outreach at St Catharine’s

KATHRYN SINGLETON, SCHOOLS LIAISON OFFICER

As part of the College’s outreach strategy, a busy schedule of events runs throughout the year to encourage young people to consider a future at university. At busy times of the year, I can interact with as many as 700 young people a month.

During 2019–20, we hosted residential programmes, subject masterclasses, a Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) access day, visits from The Access Project and The Brilliant Club, and school visit days. The school visit days involve groups of pupils in Years 10, 11 and 12 (14–17 year olds). While each visit can vary substantially, I was keen to share a typical day with readers of The Wheel.

A typical visit day for Year 10 and 11 pupils

10:30 Arrival at St Catharine’s College:
Travelling to Cambridge can be logistically and financially difficult. St Catharine’s supports schools with travel costs so no school is deterred from joining our events.

10:50 A presentation on higher education and the University of Cambridge: I use this presentation to share insights on the higher education landscape and course options, as well as breaking down the affordability and accessibility of going to university.

11:30 Enter our Student Ambassadors:
A question and answer session lets our visitors hear from our fantastic student helpers, the Catz Ambassadors. This year, we had over 50 new volunteers. I also pass out Post-it Notes so sensitive questions, such as ‘Do you get homesick?’, can be asked anonymously. Hearing the Catz Ambassadors being open about their backgrounds and experiences helps to normalise the idea of university. The session ends with College tours led by our Catz Ambassadors when they chat about life at St Catharine’s.

12:15 Lunchtime: The school pupils and teachers receive free lunches in Hall. In recent months, portraits hung on the walls have been of female Fellows, sparking discussions about which Fellows teach their favourite subjects and dispelling misconceptions frequently held by pupils and teachers alike.

12:15 Academic taster session: A taster lecture or seminar delivered by a Fellow, and aimed at a school-age audience, enables young people to experience university-style teaching by a leading academic, learn about a supra-curricular topic and aspire to higher education.

14:00 Post-16 subject choices and university applications: This session provides visitors with the understanding needed for informed post-16 choices. Visiting teachers often comment that this session is incredibly useful: demanding workloads mean they struggle to dedicate time during school timetables to provide in-depth guidance.

14:45 Evaluation and departure:
We use post-event questionnaires to assess whether our activities make a difference to the aspirations, knowledge and confidence of young people. Below are just a few of the responses that we’ve received:

“Without exception the students all got a lot from the day and one student that I spoke to said that it was the most inspiring school trip that they had ever taken part in.” Teacher, North Yorkshire

“I really enjoyed the day – it was such an amazing opportunity to be able to look around the college, and learn about the different courses and activities on offer at Cambridge.” Year 10 pupil, Suffolk

“The taster lectures, tour and student ambassador Q&As, the trip really gave the students a real sense of what studying at a top university might be like!” The Access Project
On 12 January 2020, the St Catharine's College flag flew for the first time at the South Pole. It took months of preparation and a team effort for the flag to reach its destination.

Catz alumni have already trekked to the summit of Everest and the North Pole. I was privileged to walk the last degree to the North Pole in 2004 with Alan Chambers MBE, the UK's foremost living polar explorer who had achieved the same feat with Rupert Edis (1990) in 2003.

In 2018, Alan started building a team to walk the last degree to the South Pole, to raise funds to treat and cure brain tumours in children. Our crew of 11 included ex-marine Wayne Hoyle and Lewis Moody, who is best known as a former England rugby captain, although The Lewis Moody Foundation now raises millions for research into paediatric brain cancer. We were grateful for the support of the CRIS Cancer Foundation, an innovative cancer charity dedicated to funding research in centres across Europe, which brought firepower and European breadth to our sponsorship and fundraising.

Our dual challenge was to reach not only the Pole but also, most importantly, our fundraising targets. The long story cut short is that we raised more than £400,000 and got to the Pole.

We hiked 115km, 250,000 steps, pulling 75kg pulks, in temperatures of -20°C to -45°C and katabatic winds approaching 35 knots. During the first nine days, our crew suffered altitude sickness, chronic blisters and snow blindness, but we also drew closer in trust and friendship. Every day was different: some severe with much suffering, some simply beautiful beyond words, most were both. Throughout, we were fortunate to have strong leadership and all-in teamwork.

On the fifth day, a tsunami of dark fog stretched across the entire horizon. We stopped immediately and began preparing defences: walls of packed snow around our tents, surrounded by trenches, surrounded by further walls. As this wall of cloud closed in, a sonic boom shook our camp together with a wind gust that partially collapsed our defences. This was an Antarctic “earthquake” caused by a glacier dropping slightly from its base with the summer meltwaters.

On our penultimate day, one of the team experienced acute hypothermia, necessitating an emergency stop and call in to base camp to organise transport and rescue. We were just seven hours walk from the Pole. Once our friend was safe, we marched that last stretch, taking in Antarctica’s beauty and bleakness.
We love hearing your favourite memories and where St Catharine’s has taken you since graduation. To gather these together, alumni are invited to submit their memories online at www.caths.cam.ac.uk/CatzMemories, to be published and shared with our community.

BERNARD ROBERTSON (1962)
I have no doubt that my time at Cambridge was the greatest factor in whatever success I’ve enjoyed in my life.

I entered St Catharine’s as a shy youth of very modest means and with little life experience, and I emerged in 1965 as a fairly confident young man with almost unlimited opportunities. The courses were stimulating and challenging, and I was privileged to be tutored by the legendary Dudley ‘Freddie’ Robinson (1948).

College life meant that many of my friends were not engineers. In 1963, two geographers, an English student and I drove an old Land Rover to Egypt during the long vacation.

Outside lectures and study, I taught driving and ran training camps for local youth in the Officers’ Training Corps. All of these activities were encouraged and enabled by the College.

I then joined the British subsidiary of Chrysler Corporation, who immediately sent me to the USA. I spent my entire career with Chrysler, and retired as Senior VP of Engineering and General Manager of Jeep and Truck Operations in 2003.

For many of us – particularly as we become ‘fourth-quartilers’ as one of my closest friends, Jon Lewis (1962), puts it – planned giving is the greatest and ultimately last opportunity we have to make a difference. I encourage anyone who has benefited from this unsurpassed educational experience and witnessed the prestige that their degree seems to bestow anywhere in the world, to join me in making a legacy gift to St Catharine’s, to help ensure the continued vitality and growth of this remarkable institution.

OLIVIA PINKNEY QPM (1988)
At St Catharine’s, I felt myself surrounded by people who were excelling at whatever they did. The work was very hard: I needed Martin West (1987) to get me through that first term! However, the ‘good stretch’ on all fronts of academic, cultural, sports and social life was immense.

I learnt so much and have used almost all of that learning so far in life. The maths itself now appears very baffling indeed, but the skills it developed in me have stood me in excellent stead in policing. As Chief Constable of Hampshire Constabulary, I am solving problems every day!

I joined the police force straight after graduation. At one point recently, there were three Catz alumni as chief officers in UK policing! I was encouraged by Professor Handy (1960), who saw the rigour of maths as benefiting public services, so I dipped my toe in.

I have not looked back: I believe policing is at the heart of a healthy society and am fiercely proud of UK policing, the people I serve alongside and my own constabulary, which I have had the privilege to lead since 2016. We work with social complexity, are here to find people who need our help and to be brilliant at giving it, and enable communities to keep themselves safe from crime. It is a vocation and one I love.
Highlights from Catz40

“A busy calendar of events was organised under the ‘Catz40’ banner and the College is enormously grateful to all organisers and attendees for their support. Catz today is wholly committed to pursuing academic excellence, equality of opportunity and a proactive approach that encourages participation by all under-represented groups, promotes an inclusive culture and values diversity.”

Dr Miranda Griffin (2007), Senior Tutor

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Start as we meant to go on, a very special Catz40 dinner was held in November (as reported here by Issy Bunce). Student societies hosted celebratory events, including the Veterinary Medicine Society Dinner with Professor Dame Parveen Kumar and Professor Elizabeth Murchison, and alumnae – Kirsty Bashforth (1988), Meenal Devani (1994) and Jenny Boateng (2007) – speaking at the Economics Society dinner. The International Women’s Day Dinner in March was also a notable highlight, with Stephanie Burras CBE (1985) reminding members of their potential to impact wider society individually and collectively.

Catz40 was present in Chapel throughout the year, with The Rev’d Ally Barrett (2019) arranging for Sunday Evensongs to feature alumnae, Fellows and other women connected with the College. There was even a Catz40 Kellaway Concert and our Girls’ Choir and College Choir performed at a showcase of female composers.

Other activities ranged from a film screening, a talk with Dr Joanna Barnard (2006) and a presentation from Claire Darwin (1998) on her career in law and the BBC equal pay case. Meanwhile, St Catharine’s College Society held networking events for women in politics, business and publishing, superbly organised by Kate Cox (1990) to recognise the considerable achievements of our alumnae.

It has been great that so many alumni, students, staff and Fellows were able to come together for this special anniversary year.

Catz40 dinner: an appetite for celebration

ISSY BUNCE (2018, JCR WOMEN’S & NON-BINARY OFFICER 2019–20)

Ahead of the dinner, I organised a group of students to meet women who matriculated in 1979 in the OCR for tea and biscuits. It was lovely to start the celebrations by bonding over similar, fun memories of Sherlock Court and learn where Catz has taken these women.

During the drinks reception, guests discussed co-education and the role of people like Dr John Thompson (1971). CatzForte, a female and non-binary a capella choir set-up to perform that night, provided a link between students past and present who had participated in music at Catz. An excellent dinner featured hilarious and enlightening speeches by Dr Miranda Griffin (2007) and Dr Joanne Harris (1982), alongside remarks from Frey Kalus (2016) and myself.

I took away an overall sense that Catz40 represented very recent history. Separated by only 40 years, our experiences were so similar and our differences so few. I hope work will continue to ensure Catz is a truly representative institution and that we can learn from Catz40 about the value of being ahead of the curve.

Women first became undergraduate Members in 1979 amid growing recognition of the value of men and women studying and working together. In 1974, Fellows Dr John Thompson (1971) and Professor Sir Graeme Davies (1967) proposed a motion to admit women, which was implemented over the next five years thanks to the support of the Fellowship. As a result, the College community modernised, becoming more reflective of the wider world.
THANKS TO YOU
The impact of giving to St Catharine’s in 2019–20

Professor Sir Mark Welland (2016), Master, and Deborah Loveluck (2007), Fellow & Director of Development

We are delighted to present the College’s annual donors’ report, which offers a snapshot of the many ways in which your time, advice, and funds, given so graciously in the last 12 months have helped St Catharine’s.

Our alumni take up leading roles in all walks of life, and by supporting the outstanding education we provide to the most able students, regardless of wealth or background, you are investing in the future of the world’s economy, arts, healthcare, science, and much more.

In January 2019, we launched our largest ever philanthropy campaign to raise £65 million for strategic projects, as laid out in the document called ‘Our College, Our Future’. You have responded with extraordinary generosity. Thanks to you, by the end of March 2020, we had raised £48 million. Gifts have come in from members aged 20 to 95, living in 22 countries across the world.

On behalf of the St Catharine’s community, we want to convey our huge gratitude to everyone who has donated to the College.

We very much hope that we can welcome you back to College in the not too distant future and thank you in person.

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The ‘Our College, Our Future’ Campaign

£48 Million in Gifts and Pledges Towards our £65 Million Target

Our campaign priorities:
- A world-class education in a supportive environment that promotes aspiration, diversity and welfare.
- A selective, planned renewal of buildings and spaces.
- To develop our people to best serve our College community.
- To expand the College’s revenue base, build our endowment and manage our investments prudently, to maximise support for our students.

Giving to St Catharine’s in 2019–20
All figures cover 1 May 2019 to 30 April 2020

£11,602,967 in Donations Received
£2,197,541 in Further Pledges
813 Donors Made a Regular Gift

1,075 People Living in 22 Countries Donated
Our Youngest Donor was 20 Years Old and Our Oldest Donor was 95 Years Old

Alumni Donors Spanned 75 Matriculation Years
Donors for 5+ Consecutive Years: 619
Donors for 10+ Consecutive Years: 248

A Total of £193,574 was Donated by Individual Donations of £500 and Less
Celebrating your impact over the past year

Thanks to you, many St Catharine’s students are able to access vital bursary funding. Your gifts this year will also mean we are able to offer hardship funding to students who are particularly affected by the disruption associated with COVID-19.

In an era of student loans and mounting student debt, your donations help to ease the financial burden of studying at university. Many Members will recall the time when it was free to study at university. Many of you are giving back in recognition of this privilege and out of a desire to enable today’s students to have an unfettered experience of all that St Catharine’s College, and the University more broadly, has to offer.

Brilliance without barriers

261 students have received financial support in the year to date

The total value of these awards is £515,912

72 students have received travel grants this year to date

28 students are receiving MPhil/PhD bursaries/scholarships

124 undergraduate entrance bursaries have been awarded in 2019-20 (28% of all undergraduates)

Bratton Bursary for MPhil

NAOMI LEFROY (2016)

The Bratton Bursary has supported me this year as I broadened my knowledge through research of the polar regions. Without this fund, my year of study would not have been financially viable. So far, I have written a literature review discussing the utility of satellite remote sensing in transforming our understanding of ice stream dynamics. My dissertation will draw these themes together to consider how the surface hydrology of ice shelves fringing the Antarctic Ice Sheet can affect their stability in a warming climate.

My MPhil is based at the Scott Polar Research Institute in Cambridge. I feel so privileged to be able to work in an Institute that has such a rich heritage of polar research and exploration, alongside other people who are passionate about understanding Earth’s cryosphere and communicating its importance. I volunteer at the Institute’s open day and the Polar Museum’s night-time experience to engage the public with the museum’s research. I would like to extend my sincerest thanks for the support that the College and Bratton Bursary has provided.

Benefiting from the undergraduate bursary

CAIUS LEE (2018)

Going to university from a low-income background can be daunting financially, especially in expensive cities such as Cambridge. As a young person pursuing a music career, Cambridge is one of the finest universities I could attend: the perfect combination of an academic Music degree with the resources and opportunities available to develop practical musicianship at conservatoire level. This award has enabled me to attend concerts and masterclasses by professional and student-led ensembles. I have never attended more concerts in my life, and this award has proved invaluable in purchasing tickets to experience the vibrant, musical city of Cambridge.

My College bursary helped fund my participation in College sports, allowing me to make friends and develop my sports skills. The cost previously put me off joining the College’s football club, but this bursary enabled me to join and I am now captain of the second team. I have lived the ups and downs of a football season, and have loved the chance to share the team camaraderie again.
Travel bursary recipient
CLOVER GODSAL (2016)

I was the lucky recipient of a Richard Edis Travel Fund grant, which I used to attend the College of Fine Art in Cairo for a year abroad as part of my Arabic and Middle Eastern Studies degree. This opportunity combined my two passions: Arabic and art. The art school is unique; it is the oldest modern, figurative art school in the Middle East and the birthplace of Modern Egyptian art. Every Egyptian artist you can think of either taught or studied there. In addition, the most famous and influential visual Egyptian artists teach part-time here.

My year group consisted of 250 Egyptians and me. All the teaching is done in Arabic. My weekly timetable included drawing, drawing with colour, sculpture, graphic drawing, the principles of design, history of culture, anatomy, Spanish and human rights.

The college is located on an island called Zamalek in the middle of the Nile. Over 3,000 students charge in and out of the former Ottoman palace where the college is now located. I was affectionately called the ‘agnabia’, which is Egyptian Arabic for foreign female, and I enjoyed a degree of celebrity and attention, which is exciting and flattering and a far cry from my anonymity at school. It was an extraordinary and life-changing experience, a dream come true.

Since returning to St Catharine’s, I have set up the Life Drawing Society, generously funded by His Honour Alan Pardoe QC (1961).

SPONSORS

The Annual Fund facilitates participation in sport at both a College and University level.

Mountain biking
FIN ALLEN (2012)

I feel very lucky to have received significant support for my sporting endeavours during my time at St Catharine’s. I have represented the University in mountain biking since my second year of undergraduate studies (2013), including contributing to three Varsity wins and earning my Half Blue at the National Cross-Country Championships last year.

Now a postgraduate chemist, I was fortunate to attend the Thetford Winter Series mountain biking competition earlier this year: in a competitive field I was very happy to place third in the series overall.

All of this wouldn’t have been possible without the generous support of the College, which has helped cover race entries, travel to events, and race costs. I’m extremely grateful for these opportunities, and would encourage other students to take advantage of them!

Sailing
BETHAN MATTHEW (2017)

I am so grateful to receive a sports bursary. It has allowed me to compete in the University’s first team for sailing for the past two years. This is a mixed team of six people, including three of us from Catz. We were ranked as the top university team going into the BUCS finals this year. The finals were set to happen at the end of the Easter vacation at Grafham Water, with Cambridge hosting the 170-competitor event. I was disappointed the races were cancelled as a result of COVID-19, as we placed second last year.

Sailing is an incredibly expensive sport: we travel to venues across the country each weekend to compete against the top university and alumni teams in the country. I would not be able to continue to compete at this high level without the College’s support.

I’m extremely grateful for these opportunities, and would encourage other students to take advantage of them!
The Library contains a collection of approximately 65 manuscripts – that is, handwritten books – dating from between the late 12th to the mid-19th centuries. They are our most intriguing objects, but their scholarly value has long been underappreciated. Eighteen were described in 1925 by the bibliographer and Provost of King’s College, M R James, and published that year by Cambridge University Press. Unfortunately, these descriptions are of varying quality, length and accuracy. Inexplicably, James overlooked two of our Western manuscripts and ignored our four Islamic ones. And he did not, because he could not, provide details of the more than 30 manuscripts owned by Henry John Chaytor (Librarian 1921–33, Master 1933–46), bequeathed to the College in 1961. No more recent catalogue has been compiled. The only modern descriptions of these manuscripts are my own, created for internal library use. Outside a small circle of librarians and book historians, most of our manuscripts are entirely unknown. The development of a complete descriptive catalogue of the manuscripts at St Catharine’s will enable us to address this.

INVESTING IN OUTREACH

St Catharine’s is committed to widening participation in higher education – supporting candidates who might not otherwise apply to the College and encouraging young people to pursue their ambitions. Your gifts fund this important work and many students volunteer their services, alongside Fellows and staff, to support this endeavour. We will be introducing new activities to reach candidates in ways that comply with social distancing and other public health measures.

Representing Catz as a student ambassador

Before an Oxbridge roadshow team came into my school in 2017, I had never heard of St Catharine’s and no-one in my school had mentioned Oxbridge applications. We spent the morning with a dynamic mishmash of Brasenose (Oxford) and Catz students – a group of enthusiastic, funny students – who debunked Oxbridge ‘myths’ and assured us that life at Oxford and Cambridge extends far beyond its daunting academic reputation. In the personal statement workshop that followed, we were given invaluable advice. This experience demystified the process and turned the abstract idea of Oxbridge into something attainable.

Interested, but still a little unsure, I attended an MML ‘taster day’ at Catz. The thrill of getting the train from York on my own was seconded only by the fascinating talks and the obvious passion of the academics. I left a very rainy Cambridge with not only a clearer idea of what studying MML at Cambridge would entail.

By the time the roadshow visited my school again, it was nearly the UCAS deadline. I was feeling relatively downbeat about my application. After an interview workshop with a Catz third year English student, however, I ended up changing my personal statement and based my EPQ (Extended Project Qualification) on our intriguing discussion that day.

Fast-forward three years and I’ve twice been a student ambassador for the same roadshow. It’s with a great sense of pride that I travelled hundreds of miles in a matter of days, visiting as many schools as daylight allowed. Coming from an area and a comprehensive school that remain under-represented at Cambridge, the chance to inspire someone to take the leap of faith is all the more important to me. If it wasn’t for the College’s outreach programme, I wouldn’t be in the position I am today. I will always be grateful for the door it opened for me.

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Much of the pastoral care in College is possible thanks to generous donations. Our strategic plan outlined an aim to build on this service and further promote mental health and wellbeing throughout our community. A generous donation by Peter (1974) and Christina (2016) Dawson has enabled the College to appoint me as its first Welfare Officer from January 2020. I’m delighted to share some insights from my first few months.

‘Welfare’ can feel like such a broad term, something that is hard to pin down. At St Catharine’s, it greets you as you enter and pass the Porters’ Lodge; you find welfare in Hall as friends check in with each other over lunch; in the Library as students work alongside each other, encouraging friends to keep going. It is very clear how welfare is woven into the fabric of life at Catz.

Welfare provision at St Catharine’s is even more important when you look at mental health trends. The Mental Health Foundation reports that one in four people will experience mental health problems in their lifetime, 75% of which are established by 24 years of age. The start of university can be a period of great change, leaving students vulnerable to previous or emerging struggles. Being able to tap into support in College helps ease the transition away from home, and students have a place to share their anxieties and worries before they become overwhelming.

There was already a lot of work underway before I started, thanks to the College prioritising the welfare of its community. As a result, my role involves bringing together these existing resources, ensuring we are meeting the needs of the community, exploring new initiatives and providing consistency for students who require more intensive support.

In the world of welfare professionals, there is often talk about students ‘slipping through the cracks’. I help join up the dots, so that our whole community has effective, well-coordinated support in place. As part of this, I work closely with the Senior Tutor, College Nurse and Chaplain, and with the small team of counsellors that students have access to through the Senior Tutor’s Counselling Fund. This is a vital resource, as our students can see counsellors at short notice (often within a week of being referred) and can work with them for as long as they need.

COVID-19 presents a challenge to the College’s welfare provision. How do we maintain the supportive links that we established during this academic year or identify students who are struggling, while we are a temporarily dispersed community? The Rev’d Ally Barrett (2019), our Chaplain, and I have developed an online welfare hub to offer support: www.caths.cam.ac.uk/students/welfarehub.

Whilst 2020 has been disrupted, our commitment to provide a welcoming, encouraging and effective welfare provision remains firm.
Write our College’s future into your will

Since its foundation, legacy gifts have been instrumental to the success of St Catharine’s, with each generation of students benefiting from the generosity of those who came before them. Bequests remain hugely important to the College today and we thank all those choosing to uphold the College’s future.

LAST YEAR WE RECEIVED £85,590 IN LEGACY GIFTS.

Many bequests received by the College:
• Come from modest estates; and
• Can attract favourable tax treatment.

Can you join their number?
• We are grateful to the known 261 St Catharine’s College legators.
• We invite you to take part.

The Woodlark Society:
• Recognises legators, within their lifetimes; and
• Holds annual gatherings in College allowing Members to see first-hand the many ways supporters’ donations are put to good use.

IN THE YEARS TO COME, LEGACY GIFTS WILL CONTINUE TO:
• Support talented students by breaking down financial barriers to higher education;
• Secure the future of the supervision system;
• Protect the key features of College life such as the Library, Chapel and sport;
• Continue to invest in our facilities; and
• Support the research work of our Fellows.

Please refer to our website or contact the Alumni and Development Office: +44 (0)1223 748165 or giving@caths.cam.ac.uk. It is always best to seek professional advice when making a will.

Elaine Ng (1984)

“My three years at St Catharine’s were a watershed in my life. Leaving a bequest for St Catharine’s is my way of thanking the College for that personal transformation and a way to pass it on to future generations.”

Volunteering: a gift of time

Sharing time and advice with students and other alumni can be inspirational for them and immensely rewarding for you.

Supporting St Catharine’s in this way is appreciated greatly. There are numerous ways in which alumni help both individuals and the College as a whole. We wish to express our gratitude to everyone who has supported students and the College in so many ways over the past year.

Mentoring
Some 300 alumni have now registered to mentor students (and other alumni) through CatzConnect. Thank you to you all. If you would like to make use of CatzConnect’s networking and mentoring services, visit www.caths.aluminate.net.

Student events
Thank you to those Members who have returned to College to speak with and meet students, and others who have hosted events for student societies throughout the year. Among the highlights are the events organised as part of Catz40, reported on page 13.

Alumni events

How you can help
If you would like to inform and inspire students, contact the Alumni and Development Office at alumni.office@caths.cam.ac.uk.
Donors in 2019–20

We are grateful to everyone who donated over the past year. Here, we recognise those who donated between 1 May 2019 and 30 April 2020. Also listed are all members of the Woodlark Society who have chosen to support St Catharine’s with a gift in their will. Donors are listed by year of matriculation.

Every effort has been made to ensure that the list is accurate and complete, and we apologise for any errors or omissions. We will be happy to publish corrections in our next list of supporters; please advise us by contacting giving@caths.cam.ac.uk or calling +44 (0)1223 338337.

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*Highest participation rate of the 2010s*

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Your help will make this happen. You may want to improve the buildings and spaces that make St Catharine’s a welcoming home for students. You may want to remove the financial obstacles faced by many students. Or you may want to enable students to take part in extra-curricular activities. Gifts can be made as one-offs or regular donations through all the regular giving channels. A donation form is included with this publication and further information is available on our campaign site https://campaign.caths.cam.ac.uk/make-your-gift.

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Recognising your support

Every gift is valued. All donors are thanked and included in our annual list of benefactors, unless they prefer to be omitted. Donors of £100 and more are invited, with a guest, to the annual benefactors’ garden party (ordinarily held in June). There are also further ways in which certain donors and donations are acknowledged.

• **THE MARY RAMSDEN CIRCLE**
  recognises generous and loyal donors who take a leading role in the future development and success of St Catharine’s. Membership is available to those who support the College with annual donations of £1,000 or more.

• **THE WOODLARK SOCIETY**: A gift in your will can be a personal and powerful way to support St Catharine’s. The Woodlark Society recognises, in their lifetime, those who choose to support the College in this way. Members receive tailored communications and an annual lunch in College.

• **1473 FOUNDATION**: Established in 2009, this is a circle of Members and friends who have, through their extraordinary generosity, affirmed their support for the College’s mission. Donors whose lifetime giving is £50,000 are invited to join.

• **DONATIONS OF £10,000 AND ABOVE TO CENTRAL SPACES**: Donors of £10,000+ to this project will be invited to have their support recorded on a donor board that will adorn the new entrance to Hall. Alternatively, donors may direct their support to the new private dining room named in memory of Fellow Dr Sydney Smith (1929), and their support will be recognised on a separate donor board.

Matched funding for gifts to central spaces

Peter (1974) and Christina (2016) Dawson have given a substantial lead gift and established a £4 million matched funding challenge to encourage others to support this project. Until December 2021, all gifts received for the project will be matched on a pound-for-pound basis, up to a maximum of £4 million. Successful completion of this matched funding challenge will enable us to complete the remodelling of our central spaces.

First time donors

To encourage more people to donate in support of Cambridge students, David (1979) and Claudia Harding have established a fund that could double the value of donations. The Harding Challenge is part of the Hardings’ £100 million gift to collegiate Cambridge’s student support initiative, announced in February 2019. First-time donors who give to a College student support initiative – such as bursaries, sport or music – will unlock an equal amount from the Harding Challenge fund. This matched sum will be directed to students in greatest need across Cambridge.

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Contact us

Please get in touch with the Alumni and Development Office if you would like to discuss your support: +44 (0)1223 338337 or giving@caths.cam.ac.uk. You can also visit the Our College, Our Future campaign site: https://campaign.caths.cam.ac.uk.
On 14 June 2019, SCCBC christened a new boat in traditional fashion with celebratory fizz and an afternoon tea party at the Boathouse. The new boat, a WinTech International 8+, is a gift from and named in honour of Sandy Robinson (1960), in fond tribute to his rowing days on the Cam. In the five terms in which he competed for the College (Lent Bumps were cancelled in 1963 due to the ‘big freeze’), Sandy was awarded oars four times. Sandy recalls ‘the stupendous achievement’ in May 1961 of the first four St Catharine’s boats being awarded their oars. In May 1963, his eight was fourteenth on the river and got into Division One for the first time. We hope the new boat will pass on this good fortune to the next generation of St Catharine’s rowers.

1473 Gala

DEBORAH LOVELUCK (2007), FELLOW & DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

It is always with pride that we welcome donors and celebrate the progress achieved thanks to their support. Now in its twelfth year, the 1473 Foundation is a circle of Members and friends who have, through the strength of their generosity, affirmed their commitment to the College’s mission. The event is fully sponsored each year by a 1473 member and this year we thank Gill and John Harvey CBE (1954) for their generosity. As membership of this group grows, the familial atmosphere seems to grow too, as described by 1473 member, Matthew Collins (1979):

“As ever, there was a wonderful atmosphere at the 1473 Gala, which has firmly established itself as the place to see old friends, and make new ones from around the wider St Catharine’s family. It was a fitting way to say farewell to the old Hall, and exciting to think that the 2021 Gaia will take place in wonderful new surroundings.”

This year, four new signees attended the evening: Rupert Edis (1990), Dr Colin Kolbert (1956), Nicholas Longhurst (1990) and Ben Loomes (1995). It is my pleasure to thank them for their superb support.

HALFWAY HALL

JACK STEBBING (2018, JCR PRESIDENT 2019–20)

What better way to celebrate the mid-point in our time at Catz than with a formal with the whole year group! It was a wonderful evening held in memory of Miss Kate Smith, sister of the late Dr Sydney Smith (1929). Thanks to the generous donation of our sponsors, it was accessible for absolutely everyone in the second year – without any worry about the financial strain that the cost of a ticket might otherwise have induced.

The Kellaway recital beforehand included some thrilling music by Catz students, and afterwards all the second years assembled for the pre-drinks reception in the McGrath Centre. The meal was delightful – I opted for the vegetarian option, which began with butternut squash velouté, followed by the main course of red onion and squash pithivier with chive and caper crushed potato cake, and chocolate and orange tart for pudding. Generosity with the College’s 1473 wine was also very welcome, and the McGrath Centre was packed afterwards for cheese and port, with everyone milling around and chatting.

Looking back, it was a lovely opportunity to come together, enjoy a fabulous meal and celebrate our time so far at Catz!
Event reports continued

1988-90 reunion attendees

1988-90 REUNION
JOANNA REEVES (1988)

The College’s Alumni and Development Office twigged that the returners for the 2019 reunion were a sociable cohort when their table-planning software crashed under the sheer weight of friendship requirements sent back with our enthusiastic acceptances. The year-groups who matriculated in 1988-90 were evidently outstandingly gregarious, just as many of us remember.

It really was a huge pleasure to return to College in the spectacular September sunshine last year. As friendly as ever, St Catharine’s welcomed us back with a warmth that matched the glorious weather.

Three decades had passed since we came up to College but the years fell away as we recognised old friends. People change very little in ways that matter, it turns out.

For some it was a first opportunity to experience the beautiful new McGrath Centre. College has not stood still since ‘our day’. Just like our year-group, College may have changed a little to look at but its heart and soul remains the reassuringly the same. And long may that continue.

TEN YEARS ON (2009)
WALTER MAIR (2009)

Reunions present a marker of time. They bring back fond memories, reconnect us with old friends and make us evaluate our path. Most importantly, they let us practice rusty dance moves when a great evening concludes with a visit to Spoons.

As I write this during a period of social distancing, it is comforting to remember the joy of sharing a meal and an evening together. Not just in quarantine, but always, I find it reassuring to know a place of community exists for us to connect with. Ten Years On was an evening that had all the components of a great Cambridge dinner: pre-drinks, grace, speeches, food and wine, a visit to our College Bar, and of course Spoons.

Thanks are due to the staff for catering, to the Alumni and Development Office for co-ordinating and inviting alumni, and to College for hosting. Our next reunion will most likely be in 2026 – I hope to stay connected with College and my year group between now and then.

Upcoming events

Many of you will have been looking forward to participating in the College’s usual calendar of alumni activities, be it in Cambridge, or elsewhere. Following government advice, all events have been postponed until the start of 2021 and we are continuing to review when it will be possible to safely resume events for St Catharine’s alumni and their guests.

As soon as we are able, we will send out invitations (usually a few months in advance, by email where possible) and update our online calendar at www.caths.cam.ac.uk/alumni-friends/events. For further information, please contact alumni.office@caths.cam.ac.uk.

2021
SATURDAY 23 JANUARY
1473 Foundation Gala

FRIDAY 12 FEBRUARY
Ten Years On Reunion (2010)

SATURDAY 27 MARCH
Members’ Reunion 1963-66

SATURDAY 11 SEPTEMBER
Members’ Reunion 1991-93

Walter Mair (right) at the Ten Years On reunion

FOOTBALL: The men’s team beat Peterhouse, Trinity and Girton, winning the Plate final on penalties.

HOCKEY: Harry Leng (2017), on the men’s first team, and Lydia Michaelides (2015), with the women’s third team, were victorious in Varsity hockey. Kirsten Meehan (2018) played for the women’s second team, and Harry Cox (2018) and Mark Roberts (2018) played in the men’s third team.

KARATE: Christoph Hess (2019), Putu Agus Khorisantono (2018) and Matthew Penner (2019) represented Cambridge University Karate Club this year, including the continuation of their 14-year winning streak against Oxford.

LACROSSE: Freya Wooding (2017), President of Cambridge University Women’s Lacrosse Club, earned a Blue in the Varsity match this year. Phoebe Jackson (2018) played in goal for the second Women’s Lacrosse team and received colours.

ROWING: Four novice-heavy crews showed grit and determination during Lent Bumps, retaining their place or only dropping a couple of places. With May Bumps cancelled, our crews are working to maintain fitness and team spirit alike in the coming months.

SAILING: The University’s first team included Milo Gill-Taylor (2018), Olivia Jacklin (2019) and Bethan Matthew (2017). They were ranked as the top team although the BUCS finals were sadly cancelled due to COVID-19.

SQUASH: Edward Wheeler (2019) played third position in the University’s first team against Oxford, for which he was awarded a Blue.

Society news

John Wells (1976), Chair, St Catharine’s College Society

The St Catharine’s College Society, of which all alumni of the College are members, 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. Founded in 1923, the Society continues to thrive with over 8,000 members. The Society organises events for members, provides grants for students and compiles the annual Magazine.

EVENTS: We held over 30 events in the UK last year with about 1,000 attendees. Our Annual Reunion in College for members and their guests is planned for 19–20 September, but this is subject to the evolving COVID-19 situation. We will update members by email with further information as the picture becomes clearer.

GRANTS TO STUDENTS: Last year the Society awarded in excess of £8,000 in the form of more than 40 student grants in sport, music, performing arts, club travel and internships. These grants are funded from our historic reserves since we don’t actively fundraise for the Society itself.

MAGAZINE: In November, members will 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 available in a fascinating archive on our website (www.society.caths.cam.ac.uk/home).

In memoriam:
Dr Glen Cavaliero (1965)

Dr Paul Hartle (1971), Emeritus Fellow

Glen not only loved the Lake District, but knew it intimately and was quietly proud of having mastered all its peaks, the ‘Wainwright Fells’. Silver How is a lesser Fell near Grasmere, the walk to which, recalled in Glen’s evocatively precise language of ‘perfect sound’, passes Allan Bank, Wordsworth’s sometime home. In his Poems On the Naming of Places: II. To Joanna, Glen’s predecessor poet also celebrates ‘the tall Steep of Silver-How’.

Silver How

Among the bracken gulleys
like a leaf, my shadow
floats across the gleaming moor. The wind
narrows to a funnel where the lane goes down,
and whispers in the junipers. The walls
compress and limbs assert themselves. The stroke
of clock and stick provide
the quietness of perfect sound.

Reproduced in memory of Dr Cavaliero (1927–2019), with the kind permission of his estate.