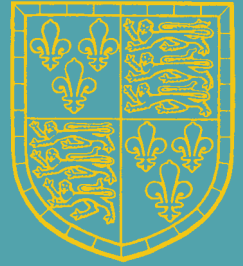
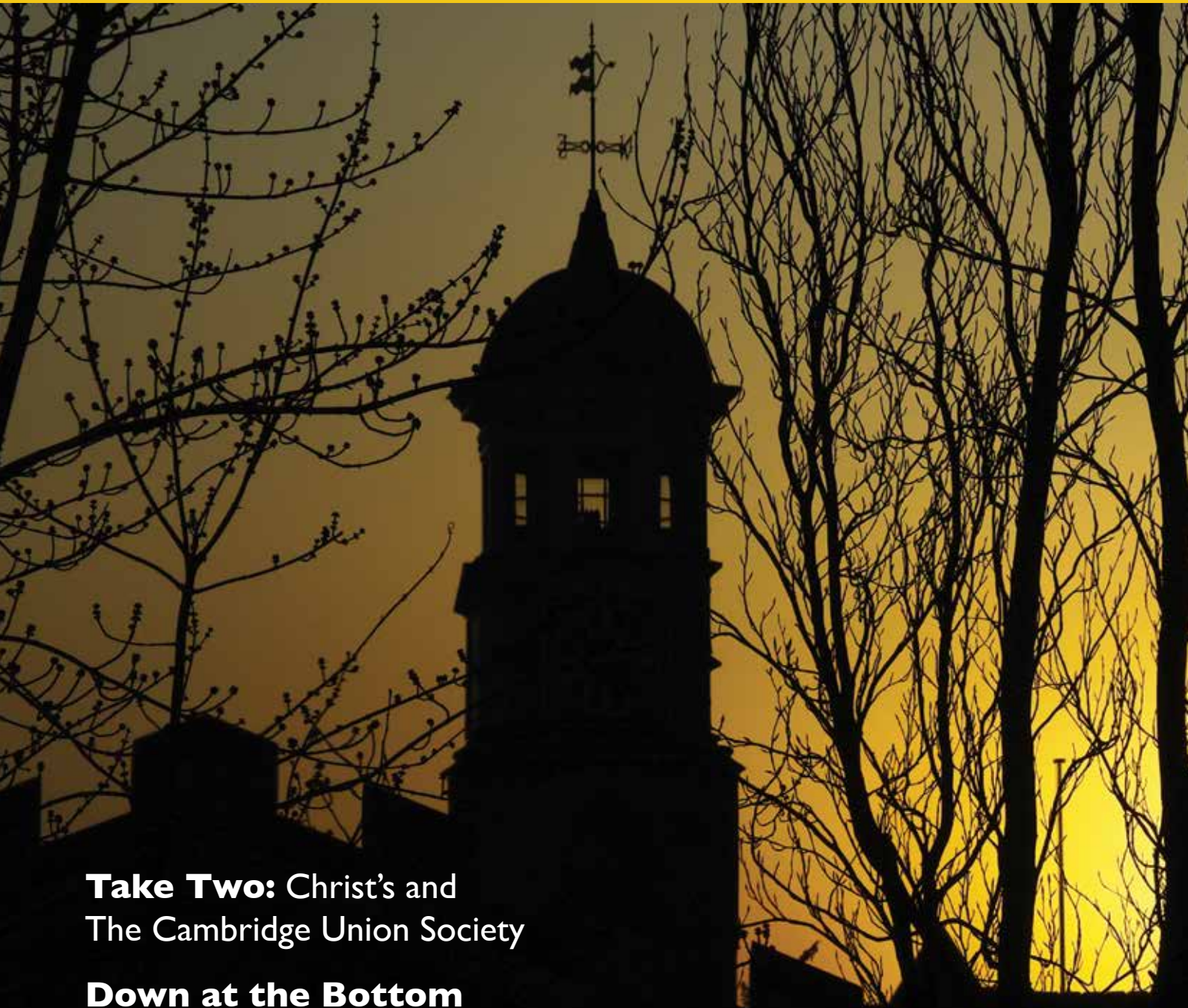


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From the Master

Welcome to this issue of *Pieces*.

We have a number of interesting articles to share with you in this edition of the newsletter. February marked the bicentenary of the Cambridge Union Society and in honour of this anniversary Charles Lysaght (m. 1962) and Oliver Jackson (m. 2012) talk about their time as members of the Union and the changes over the last 50 years.

Also in this edition Dr Geoffrey Ingham describes the exciting reconstruction under way in Third Court. The sunken garden will be transformed into an oasis for iris, with the aim to cultivate a globally recognised collection for both horticultural interest and, of course, general enjoyment.

We are delighted to have such a wide and varied programme of events over the coming months which can be found on the back page of this edition. These events provide plenty of opportunities for you to return to College and I hope you will be able to come and see us soon.

Professor Frank Kelly CBE FRS

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Fellows', Alumni and College News

The Master, **Professor Frank Kelly**, has been awarded the Alexander Graham Bell Medal of the IEEE for exceptional contributions to the advancement of communications sciences and engineering and "for creating principled mathematical foundations for the design and analysis of congestion control, routing, and blocking in modern communication networks." He will receive the award at a ceremony in the US in June.

Dr Yusuf Hamied (m. 1954) Honorary Fellow of the College and Chairman of Cipla Ltd, has been presented with the CHEMTECH Leadership and Excellence Award 2015. Dr Hamied also received the Economic Times Lifetime Achievement Award.

Christ's Lady Margaret Beaufort Fellow, **Simon Campbell**, became a Knight Bachelor for services to Chemistry in the Queen's New Year Honours List.

Congratulations to **Professor Quentin Skinner** (Honorary Fellow) who has received an Honorary Degree from the University of Copenhagen.



Professor Tony Hunter, Fellow 1968–1971 and 1973–1975, Director of the Salk Institute Cancer Center, has been awarded the 2014 Royal Medal of the Royal Society. The award was made for his discovery of tyrosine phosphorylation by src protein kinase that revolutionised our understanding of cellular signal transduction.



Dr David Thomas (Fellow) was awarded Best Oral Presentation prize for his work on "A Novel Gene Essential for Innate Immunity and the Generation of Reactive Oxygen Species" at the Academy of Medical Sciences Winter Meeting held in November 2014.

Professor Chris Abell (Fellow) has been appointed Pro-Vice-Chancellor from 1 January 2016 and will have a focus on research. Chris is a Professor of Biological Chemistry and most recently has been Director of Postdoctoral Affairs for the University.



Nick Codrington in Kyrgyzstan on Christmas Day 2014

Christ's Alumnus **Nick Codrington** (m. 2010) is nearing the end of an adventurous cycling expedition from London to Hong Kong with fellow Cambridge graduate Laurence Gribble (Trinity, m. 2010). The pair, who read Chinese together at Cambridge, left London on 10 July 2014 and aim to reach Hong Kong by March 2015, to raise money for Prostate Cancer UK. So far they have been held at gunpoint in Turkey and deported from Azerbaijan, but are well on their way to reach their goal of raising £15,000 for the charity. You can follow the progress of Nick and Laurence on their blog (journey-to-the-east.com).



Sarah Choi with Mrs Sally Blackham

Sarah Choi (m. 2012) was this year's winner of the Christ's College Musical Society Charles Blackham Memorial Recital Competition which was held in the College Chapel on Saturday 17 January. Sarah, a third year Medic, sang Humfrey 'A Hymne to God the Father', Handel 'If God be for us', Vivaldi 'Nulla in mundo pax' and Schumann 'Widmung'. Congratulations to all the students who took part in the competition.

Congratulations to the Christ's alumni who were honoured in the Queen's New Year Honours List:

Dr Martin Clayton (m. 1986) who is Head of Prints and Drawings, Royal Library, Windsor Castle, received an LVO.

Mr William Nicholson (m. 1967) received an OBE for services to Drama and Literature.

Dr Edward Perkins (m. 1993) formerly Communications Secretary to the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge and Prince Henry of Wales received an MVO.

Mr John Reece (m. 1980) received an MBE for services to Engineering, Manufacturing and Innovation.

Professor John Scarisbrick (m. 1948) received an OBE for services to vulnerable people.



Professor Bikash Sinha (m. 1964) has received a D. Sc. Honoris Causa from the Chancellor of Calcutta University. Professor Sinha is the former Director of the Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics in India.

An episode of the well-known television series *Great British Railway Journeys*, presented by Michael Portillo was recently aired on BBC2. The episode was partly filmed in Christ's and described the early life of Charles Darwin, featuring shots of the College Library and Darwin's rooms.



We are pleased to announce that the **College Choir** will be touring Singapore and New Zealand in the summer for three weeks to perform in churches and concert halls. The Choir will begin the tour on 28 June in Singapore, travelling to New Zealand on 2 July and flying back to the UK on 16 July. Each year the Choir benefits from generous help of those living locally, from organising venues to hosting members of the choir, without which the tours would not be possible. Anyone who wishes to do so this year can contact the choir's tour organisers, Max McGinley and Tom Mawson, at christchoir@gmail.com.



Catering Manager Kevin Keohane receiving the award

Congratulations go to **Christ's College Catering Department** who won a gold medal at the 2014 University of Cambridge Catering Manager's Committee (CMC) Environmental Awards. The environmental award helps to promote environmental and ethical awareness across the College catering departments, encouraging more sustainable and eco-friendly activities.

Congratulations to **Mr Gary Blaker** (m. 1988), **Mr Andreas Gledhill** (m. 1985) and **Mr Peter Turner** (m. 1981) who have been appointed Queen's Counsel.



Chris Rowlands

The **Men's Squash Club** has had a successful Michaelmas Term, with Christ's I undefeated, dominating their division and winning 94 points out of a possible 100. Christ's II also topped their division and both teams were promoted (Christ's I to Division 3 and Christ's II to Division 6).

The Michaelmas Leagues were a great success for both teams: Christ's I were undefeated, dominating their division and winning 94 points out of a possible 100 (while second place earned only 23 points); Christ's II won 3 matches out of 5 and also topped their division, earning 60 points out of 100 while those in second place earned only 33. Therefore, Christ's I were promoted from Division 4 to 3, and Christ's II from Division 7 to 6.



Four of the prizewinners at the presentation ceremony in College

The College recently held a **History Essay Prize Competition** which was open to all current Year 12 students. Entrants were asked to write an essay of no more than 2,500 words on a choice of four topics. We were delighted to receive 91 entries and the prizewinners were invited to Christ's during half-term to attend an Open Day for Prospective Students and to receive their prizes from Dr Andrew Spencer, Admissions Tutor. There were three winners: Joseph Selby from Brighton College, Madeleine Tomlin from Comberton VI Form College, Cambridge, and Alice Park from Oundle School. A further four students were awarded Runner up prizes.



We were delighted to learn that our youngest reader is Gabriel Loss, baby son of **Dr Danny Loss** (m. 2004).



Andrew McGregor

The **Boat Club** followed a successful Michaelmas Term, at the end of which the Women's 1st VIII won Fairbairns, with an excellent winter training camp at Lac d'Aiguebelette.

Congratulations to **Alasdair McNab** (m. 2013), **Duncan Scott** (m. 2012) and **Nick Parker** (m. 2011) who were awarded Todd-Salters Prizes. Duncan attended the Salters' Institute Annual Awards Ceremony in November where the keynote speaker was Lord Sainsbury of Turville, Chancellor of the University.

Duncan Scott (centre) with Chris Russell, the current Master of the Salters' Company, (left) and Lord Sainsbury (right)



Department of Energy and Climate Change 'Takeover Day'



Page Nyame-Satterthwaite (m. 2014) is a first year undergraduate reading Anglo-Saxon, Norse and Celtic at Christ's. Among the many opportunities on offer to students during their time at College are a variety of work placements and shadowing positions in various sectors. These provide students with valuable experience, and broadens their ambitions regarding potential career paths for the future. Page was lucky enough to be selected for a 'Takeover Day' at the Department of Energy and Climate Change and here she tells us all about it.

During the events of the first week of first year, there were many pieces of information and advice about the next three years at Christ's. One key point of emphasis was that the time would pass quickly and the announcement from the Master, Professor Frank Kelly, of the percentage of term that had already passed at the Matriculation dinner was a reminder of this. More striking than the fact that Cambridge time moves quickly was the amount of information about all the opportunities available to fill this time. From the very first day the countless offers of support from the College to help deepen degree interests and to explore new areas of interest made it seem like a very encouraging place to be, no matter how quickly the time passed.

It was with this spirit of encouragement that I took part in the 2014 'Takeover Day' organised by the Officer of the Children's Commissioner, in which a variety of organisations offer work shadow placements. Fortunately I was placed by the Cabinet Office in the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) and spent the day shadowing Stephen Lovegrove, Permanent Secretary at DECC. Meeting one-to-one with the Permanent Secretary is unusual for anyone within DECC itself, so I was very grateful to be offered this unique insight into a government department. From attending strategy meetings and working with the International Climate Change team on the 2050 Pathways model to discussing energy security and sitting in on a lunchtime mindfulness session, every aspect of the day was fascinating.

To someone who had just started at university, studying in a much more specialised way than before, it was intriguing to hear about the range of academic specialisms which had led everyone into working at DECC. It was

clear that in a department dealing with such a variety of topical issues, the variety of experience was ideal for the work. This was particularly interesting to experience first-hand in the light of the voluntary work I have been doing with the National Children's Bureau, a charity for which I have recently been elected to the board. After co-chairing a debate on the topic 'Is school preparing us for life?' last year at the House of Lords with Baroness Massey, I have been working with the charity on an initiative to improve careers guidance, which has highlighted the value of different experiences in preparation for the working world. Therefore, it was encouraging to see this demonstrated in such a high-profile working environment.

Spending the day at DECC allowed me to learn intensively about energy, climate change and the realities behind the titles in the civil service. Much like in my experiences at Christ's so far, I was encouraged to learn, ask questions and make the most of my time. I have since signed up with the Children's Commissioner as a 'Takeover Day' ambassador to promote the day and help other young people access this event.

Through opportunities in Christ's and beyond, I look forward to deepening my academic and wider understanding further in the remaining percentage of my time at Cambridge.



**Department
of Energy &
Climate Change**

Down at the Bottom of the Garden: Christ's College Worm Farm Project

Graduate Student Thomas Niven (m. 2014) has been working on an interesting initiative in the Fellows' Garden this year. Thomas, who is reading for a Masters of Philosophy in Engineering for Sustainable Development, has been researching the potential of creating and running a worm farm in the College in a move to further the eco-credentials of Christ's and increase the potential for recycling.

Here, Thomas introduces the project and his findings from his recent trial.

The Trial

Over the course of Michaelmas Term I conducted an experiment to see if a worm farm could be used to recycle organic kitchen waste at Christ's. The trial was conducted using available materials such as a medium sized crate, bricks and plastic sheeting. 1kg of composting worms were ordered from a UK company called "Wiggly Wiggles" who specialise in home wormerys and composting.

A typical worm farm usually works in a very simple manner. The worm farm is set up with 50% soil, 25% paper or cardboard and then 25% organic kitchen waste. The worms digest the top layer of organic matter, and over time, turn it into rich vermicompost and liquid fertilizer (worm tea). The idea is that organic kitchen waste from the College kitchen is used to create compost for the College gardens.

Findings

Once the worm farm had been set up, I started to regularly collect vegetable off cuts and used tea bags from the kitchen to feed to the worms. I started off depositing between one and two kilograms of organic matter a week, but soon realised the worms weren't digesting this quickly enough. This was because worms slow down dramatically in the winter months due to low temperatures.

It should also be noted that both the kitchen and garden staff have been very supportive of the project right from the beginning which has been extremely helpful and encouraging. Even if the worm farms cannot recycle all types of the organic



kitchen waste, they will still help to reduce the amount of waste the kitchen produces while providing free organic fertilizer for the College gardens.

Just as an interesting aside, Charles Darwin held a fascination for earthworms from an early age and actually



wrote a book titled *"The Formation of Vegetable Mould through the Action of Worms"*. The book actually sold faster than *"On the Origin of Species"* did when it first came out.

The goal of this project was to assess if a worm farm could function within Christ's College and if it could provide a suitable alternative to recycling the organic kitchen waste.

It could go a long way to improving the overall sustainability of the College and hopefully the value of investing in this idea is recognised going forward.

The Head Gardener reports that the worm farm trial was successful even though the size of the box and the positioning meant that the worms got very cold and did not function as well as they might. The Head Gardener has now ordered a manufactured worm farm.



Antarctic Adventures: Dr Gareth Rees' Research Trip

As well as being a Fellow of Christ's, I have been a member of staff at the Scott Polar Research Institute for many years. I study how the Arctic and Antarctic environments have changed and are changing, as a result of climate change and other factors. This involves a lot of work with computers but I often need to go 'into the field', to calibrate my methods and to check that the results are accurate. Until last year, all of my field work had been in the Arctic – usually the far north of Russia, but sometimes Svalbard. However, just last year I had the opportunity to make my first ever visit to the Antarctic. I have a new project, in collaboration with the British Antarctic Survey (BAS), to use satellite images to study... penguins! We are very interested to know where and how big the penguin colonies are in the Antarctic, and how they are changing as a result of climate change. In November last year I set off, with my PhD student, to study the 'optical properties of penguin guano' (you can translate that into plain English for yourselves!) using satellite information, on the tiny Antarctic island of Signy.

Signy Island is about 8000 miles south of the UK as the crow flies, part of the South Orkney group. We flew from Heathrow via Madrid and Santiago de Chile to Punta Arenas, at the very southern end of Chile. In Punta Arenas we boarded the RRS James Clark Ross, one of BAS's two ice-strengthened research ships. As well as my student and me there were about two dozen BAS scientists and support staff on board, as well as the ship's crew. After a few days to take on cargo and a million litres of fuel, we set sail for the Antarctic. These can be some of the wildest seas on earth, but they were fairly benign in mid-November 2014 and I only needed to take anti-seasickness pills once. In fact the sun shone quite often, and we watched albatrosses, giant petrels, and many birds that I couldn't identify, following the ship and skimming the waves. A fin whale sent up a spout of water somewhere in the distance. We saw our first iceberg at latitude 59 S. Four days after we set off from Punta Arenas we reached Signy Island.

The ship had to push her way through about a mile of sea ice to reach the island. She was far too big, and the cove far too shallow, for the James Clark Ross to tie up to the jetty on Signy, so transfers to the island were made in inflatable rubber boats. This is a cold, wet and potentially rather hazardous undertaking but eventually the seven of us, who were to be Signy's sole human inhabitants, were on shore.

We spent almost two months on Signy. It is very isolated. Although the nearest human beings are only 40 miles away, at an Argentine research base, in an emergency they would not be able to reach us. The nearest places with facilities like aircraft and doctors are 600 miles away. So we had to have everything we might need with us already. We did at least have internet access by a satellite link, which was good for very slow email connections and sometimes even good enough to make a phone call.

Signy is also very beautiful and I loved working there despite the difficulties of having to cross snow fields and ice caps to get to where the penguins were. Sometimes it was uncomfortably cold and it snowed several times. But the views were often breathtaking, and the wildlife was fascinating.

We were on Signy over Christmas. That was quite a strange experience, even though we did our best to make the day as Christmassy as possible. Homesickness came and went for me, but it was worst around Christmas. I then started to worry about whether we would make it back to the UK on time. We were due to be picked up by BAS's other ship in mid-January. But she was 1000 miles to the south at the time and stuck in some very heavy sea ice. Eventually she broke free of the ice, and a few days later reached the vicinity of Signy. The journey back north was really quite rough and it took us three days to reach the Falkland



Islands, where we had a couple of days to recover. The last touch of the exotic to what had been an experience-crammed two months was the flight home which was made courtesy of the RAF, flying from the base at Mount Pleasant to RAF Brize Norton in Oxfordshire.

It was an extraordinary new experience for me, despite my years of Arctic fieldwork, and scientifically hugely valuable. I am deeply grateful to BAS (and the RAF) for providing the logistical support that made it possible, and also to my colleagues and students in Christ's for putting up with my 10-week removal from college life at a busy time of year.

Dr Gareth Rees, Fellow



Third Court Christ's College: Redesign and Replanting

The sunken garden in Third Court has long been an attractive feature of the College; an area of formal seasonal planting that adds interest to the changing vistas over the court. The current planting was introduced in the late 1950s with the intention of creating an area of calm within the grounds, but since then the garden has undergone a series of *ad hoc* replanting initiatives that have not been particularly successful.

Over the past year the College Garden Committee has met to discuss the Honorary Garden Steward's designs for a reconstruction of the space. These plans will create a simple modern design influenced by traditional Japanese and Renaissance garden styles.

The first stage of the work began with the renewal of the two areas of planting along the Stevenson Building and the Master's Garden wall, with the clearance of the borders and replanting in a simplified, less cluttered and more formal manner.

In the garden itself, the *Cotoneaster* fringe on the garden boundary will be replaced by yew, eventually clipped into crisp irregular undulations in the Japanese *karikomi* style. 'Islands' of similarly clipped yew will be placed within the garden out of which will sprout five *Malus Trilobata* (Lebanese crab apple). The grass will be replaced by York stone chippings, to match the colour of the surrounding buildings, which will form both wide pathways and the surface through which a large and diverse collection of species and cultivar *Iris* will be planted to flower for at least nine months of the year. The Deputy Head Gardener, Lottie Collis, has joined the Iris Society and we intend to liaise with the Botanic Garden to compile a



Work beginning



Work in progress



Drawing of plans for Third Court

botanically significant collection, including rarities. For this new planting scheme, a selection of species will be chosen to extend the flowering season throughout the year and create an iris garden of both great horticultural interest and beauty. As the garden develops, other summer and autumn flowering bulbs might also be planted to add to this. The dark green background of yew will enhance the floral display more generally and a number of bench seats will be placed in the wide paths.

Geoffrey Ingham, Honorary Garden Steward



Third Court before work started

Take Two:

Christ's and the Cambridge Union Society



February 2015 marked the bicentennial anniversary of the Cambridge Union Society. Founded in 1815, it is not only one of the most famous societies at the University of Cambridge, it is also the oldest debating society in England – eight years older than the Oxford Union. Recent guest speakers include the Dalai Lama, Dame Judi Dench, and Sir John Major.

Charles Lysaght (m. 1962) was a graduate student in Economics and Law and President of the Union in the Easter Term 1964. He was the first President from Christ's since Paul Curtis-Bennett in 1949.



Charles can be seen in the middle front row with the rest of the Easter term committee of 1964 behind him. Other notable figures in the photograph include Auberon Vaughn, son of Evelyn Vaughn (front row, third from left), Sir Shane Leslie, author and cousin of Winston Churchill (front row, fourth from right) and Charles' predecessor as President Norman Lamont, former Chancellor of the Exchequer (back row, third from right)



Oliver Jackson (m. 2012) is a current student at Christ's reading Natural Sciences. Oliver was Speaker's Officer at the Union for two years, before becoming Webmaster.

Both Oliver and Charles attended the Bicentenary Dinner and Debate which launched the celebrations and which took place on Saturday 7 February. Here they discuss the Union, past and present, and their respective experiences of being involved in such an historic and distinguished society. They began their conversation by discussing the weekend's events.

Oliver: So did you enjoy the evening on Saturday?

Charles: Yes, I enjoyed meeting old friends and some more recent members of the Union. Gareth Weetman (m. 1995) a former President from Christ's made one of the better speeches at the debate held in the Union after we dined at St John's. The dinner at St John's brought back memories of a similar event in 1965 for the sesquicentenary when we were served 1815 Madeira. I sat next to Lord Todd, who had just become Master of Christ's.

Oliver: Yes, it's still important to build good links between the Union and the Colleges. The Union is now a registered

charity and the chair of the board is still usually a College Master. I was interested to hear Vince Cable talk about his time as President. What was your own time like?

Charles: Vince Cable was inaccurate in several of his recollections, notably a claim that he was President in the Easter Term 1964. In fact I was President in that term. I was successful in attracting good crowds which is always difficult in the Easter Term as exams loom up.

Oliver: Yes, that's extraordinary! Students aren't normally willing to leave their studies for Union events in exam term.

Charles: I had debates on abortion, public schools and the students' representative council, but the most popular one was on the motion: "You can't beat a bit of breedin'". I got the idea for this from a Night Porter at Christ's, Ken Bailey. There had been a Scholars' Feast, and I'd gone into the Lodge and commented to Ken that it had been a wonderful evening and that Lord Mountbatten had attended. "What a great man" he responded, "You can't beat a bit of breeding"!

Oliver: What a phrase! I can imagine that it was a very popular debate.

Charles: Yes, the debate was even recorded for French television. It attracted the largest attendance in the Easter Term for ten years.

Oliver: It's still an interesting challenge for the Union today – trying to get big turn outs. It's still pretty difficult, despite how many more ways we have to contact people today. The committee today is huge with about 50 members, as opposed to the four or five it was in your day.

Charles: I don't remember having committee meetings. I decided on the motions and speakers myself. Mr Elwood, the long-serving chief clerk, and his assistant, Mr Thompson, arranged everything.

Oliver: How many different positions were there in your time? Was it just President?

Charles: No, there was Vice-President and Secretary as well, as there is today, but I was unusual in that I jumped straight to President. Normally you worked your way up through the junior offices. Have you spoken much at the Union?

Oliver: Yes, I've done a few debates, mostly in my first year. I was definitely in the school of style over substance! Debating for entertainment if you like!

Charles: I think I was elected President because I was a fun speaker! When I was elected over Vince Cable by a margin of almost three to one, a fan of his wrote in *Varsity* "The Union prefers to be entertained rather than edified"!

Oliver: I suppose that's another thing that's changed – that in the 60s and 70s, the majority of speakers were students, is that right?

Charles: Oh yes, very much. You tended to have only one guest speaker on each side in a debate.

Oliver: Well, nowadays it's the opposite. We get five or six visiting speakers and only one student. People don't tend to come along to see the debates themselves with students who know comparatively little about the subject, but to hear names they recognise.

Charles: There was an element of that in my day as the house would just empty after the big names had spoken, and the students would then continue to debate almost until midnight when the Colleges closed their gates.

Oliver: Do you think it is a matter of luck and being in the right place at the right time when it comes to being elected to the committee?

Charles: Well, I don't know. The Conservative Association (CUCA) and the other political clubs were important in providing support to their members who ran for



office without having to be canvassed. Are you allowed to canvas now?

Oliver: Yes, we are.

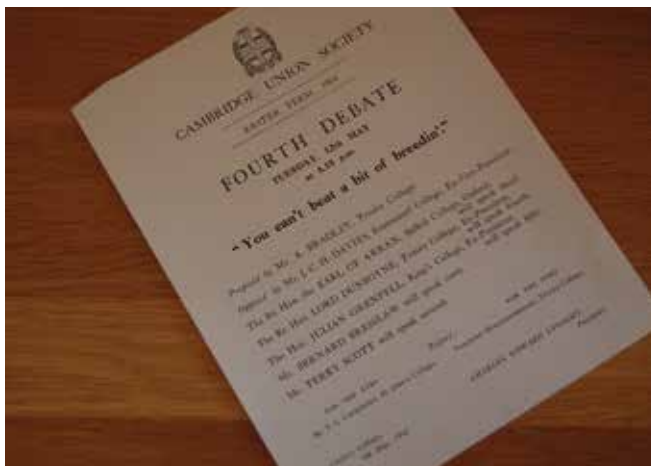
Charles: Well we weren't in our day and that played a big part.

Oliver: I had heard that and I'd often wondered how that would've worked!

Charles: It certainly gave an advantage to people from the political clubs as I learned when I ran for President against the Conservative Association's Norman Lamont in the term before I was elected.

Oliver: Yes, I think that's died off a bit now. Membership to these clubs is now relatively small and they don't tend to get involved in the Union so much anymore. Another change is that we also have so many more committee members to ask for advice once they have left. One Christ's past President John Laurence (m. 2006) now works in media and was a great help to me when I was Speaker's Officer. There is definitely a lasting connecting between Union-ites, and if you share a College in common it makes for an even stronger bond.





Charles: In my time a man called Royle was the only other Christ's person who was active. Since then I see that Christ's has provided six Presidents: Philip Heslop (1971), Gareth Weetman (1997), Susie Gledhill (1998), Jeremy Brier (2001), Jonathan Laurence (2010) and Les Davidson (2011). Sarah Daniel was Vice-President in 1990 but unusually did not go on to be President.

Oliver: The motion for the debate at the weekend was "This House isn't what it used to be" and of course one of the biggest changes has been the introduction of women.

Charles: When I came up, women, who made up less than 10% of the students overall, were ineligible for membership but were sometimes invited as a 'distinguished guest speaker'! In 1963, following a poll of members, they were admitted to full membership. One called Sheena Matheson, whom I had chosen to speak on the paper against the restrictive abortion laws, was elected to the committee at the end of my term. She was the first. I wonder where she is now.

Oliver: We were really impressed with the turn out on Saturday too. We invited around five hundred people and three hundred attended which really shows the strength of feeling people have for the Union.

Charles: Yes, it was a great gathering and well organised.

Oliver: It will be interesting to see what route the society goes down in the future. There's the ongoing battle of striking a balance between the big names and student speakers; there's funding and membership costs to think about – I wonder what it will be like in 20 years' time. The Union's outreach work for school debating is another really important thing for the future and I hope that continues.

Charles: Yes, despite all changes the Union is still clearly central to the University. Long may it remain so.

Christ's Calling

We are delighted to announce that this year's Telephone Campaign will take place from 16 to 29 March. Interviews for the student callers took place in January and we were delighted to have so much interest in joining the team. We have recruited an excellent group of committed and interested students who all share a genuine desire to do their bit for Christ's, and will also benefit from the opportunity to stay in College for two weeks over the Easter Vacation and carry on with their academic work.

This year's Telephone Campaign will be raising funds for the Student Support Fund which provides bursaries to undergraduates and graduate students. Last year Christ's

awarded over £600,000 in student support. The regular support of alumni making gifts to the Student Support Fund ensures that no student should face undue financial hardship as a result of their studies.

The Telephone Campaign plays an essential part in raising funds to support our students. Over the last 5 years, the annual Campaigns have raised more than £1m in gifts and pledges.

If you receive a call from a current student, do take the time to talk to them about their life at Christ's and your experiences at College and subsequently. They will be very much looking forward to speaking with you.





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For more information and to book a place at any of these events, please go to www.alumni.christs.cam.ac.uk

Saturday 28 March

MA Congregation

For Alumni who matriculated in 2008

Saturday 11 April

JCR Presidents Dinner

For former presidents of the JCR

Saturday 18 April

Hippolytans Sports Day and Alumni Dinner

Saturday 13 June

May Bumps Picnic

Saturday 20 June

Reunion Lunch

For those who matriculated in 1957, 1958, 1959, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969 and their guests

Saturday 27 June

Christ's College Association Dinner

Saturday 4 July

1985 30 year Anniversary Dinner

Sunday 12 July

Family Day and Summer Garden Party

Saturday 12 September

Reunion Dinner

For alumni who matriculated up to and including 1956

Saturday 26 September

Reunion Dinner

For alumni who matriculated between 1960 and 1965

Women's Rowing Makes College History in Lent Bumps



We are delighted to announce that Christ's Women's 1st VIII have taken Headship of Lent Bumps following a concerted, determined and focused effort over the four days. They first bumped Downing, then First and Third Trinity, followed by Emmanuel in order to take the Headship on the Friday and indisputably retain it on the Saturday.

This is a momentous achievement for rowing at Christ's: no Christ's crew has ever been Head of the Lent Bumps before, although the Men were Head of the Combined Bumps in 1833.

The celebrations by the side of the river and at the boathouse culminated with the traditional burning of a wooden boat, again an historic moment for the College. At the invitation of the Master, many students, Fellows, and supporters excitedly gathered around Third Court to watch this significant moment.

CCBC are now eagerly looking forward to next term's May Bumps and to reinforcing their authority on the river.