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The Magdalene Gates.

COMMENT from the Development Director

Dear Member,

The new academic year is well under way as I write and our freshers have already experienced the icy rain and wind Cambridge is so well known for. As memories of garden parties fade, the 'Green Man' pictured on the front cover vividly illustrates the autumnal feel of the College gardens. The 'Green Man' by Bevis Sale (younger son of Arthur Sale) was one of the College's Millennium Projects and is situated in the Fellows' Garden on Monk's Walk, at the opposite end to the statue of Mary Magdalene.

The students, Fellows and visitors to Magdalene have been greeted this term by the refurbished brickwork and the mellow cream stone of the restored frontage of the College on Magdalene Street. The gates dating back to 1585 have also been repaired and look as splendid as they must have done in the 16th century. More about this important renovation work can be found opposite.

Our work in connecting our Members to Magdalene continues and a great number of you joined us for events in College, in London, and elsewhere, greeting the Master in a host of different venues. The warm welcome we receive wherever we go is testament to the affection many of you have for Magdalene. One of our alumni, Barbara Yu Fa (1995), hosted a mini 'Magdalene Open Day' for aspiring undergraduates at her home in Singapore; Meng Han Kuok (1997) arranged a dinner for more than 20 alumni in Singapore despite not being able to attend himself; David Thompson (1972) held a luncheon for dozens of Magdalene Members at his home in Shropshire and Henry Pang (1986) organised a wonderful dinner for around 40 Magdalene men and women in Hong Kong. We are grateful to them for their invaluable assistance and to all of you who took the time to attend these occasions, thank you.

Details of all future events can be found on our website at www.magdalene.cambridge.com and on the back page of this publication. Over 2000 Members and their guests attended one of our events during the last academic year and I hope you might be persuaded to join us during the coming year!

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A FACELIFT FOR MAGDALENE

BY STEVEN MORRIS (2007), SENIOR BURSAR

The buildings forming the main entrance to the College and facing directly onto Magdalene Street have been subject to modifications over the centuries and yet they maintain their original fifteenth and sixteenth century architectural feel, with the gates themselves dating from 1585.

No significant restoration works on this principal element of the College's estate has taken place for fifty years when during 1964–1965 the chimney stacks were removed, new window frames were added and major re-pointing of the masonry was undertaken, supervised by the architect S E Dykes Bower. Since then the brick façade and stone window surrounds have steadily become dirty and suffered from erosion. Likewise, the oak gates looked weary and were beginning to show serious signs of weather damage, particularly towards the lower level, and the hinges were starting to fail.

Entering the College on a daily basis meant that the need to undertake some important restorative works pricked one's conscience regularly and thus a two-year plan to rectify the decades of wear and tear was devised. The first phase, which was carried out this past summer, involved the temporary removal of the gates and transportation to a local joinery firm's workshop. A local stonemason was commissioned to clean carefully and repair the brick and stone façade. This led to the temporary closure of the section of the pavement running along the length of the College façade as it was necessary to scaffold the building throughout the project. The extent of weathering to the lower parts of the gates was worse than first expected but the gates were carefully



Top left clockwise: awaiting restoration; the hand carved stone sections of the window frame; the College restored; the façade clad in scaffold during the facelift.

repaired by expert hand-carving of the new timber sections, and the bricks and stonework were slowly and thoroughly cleaned using great care and a specialist machine hired by the stonemason. In addition, new sections of stone were also hand-carved at the stonemason's workshop.

It was difficult to imagine and indeed a concern as to what the final results might be but we are delighted to report

they have surpassed expectations as the façade once more looks a proud and beautiful part of the College and the gates are again a handsome feature with their neo-classical stone surround.

Looking ahead, phase two of the project will involve the extensive restoration, and where necessary, replacement of the stone plinth that runs the length of the façade at ground level and is planned for summer 2015.

FELLOWS' NEWS

New Official Fellows



WALID KHALED PhD is a Lecturer in Cancer Biology at the Department of Pharmacology. Following his

PhD with Prof. Christine Watson, Department of Pathology, Cambridge, he was awarded a Junior Research Fellowship at King's College (2008–2012). In 2009 he joined the Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute to work with Dr. Pentao Liu. During his postdoctoral research he worked on the connection between cell fate regulation and breast cancer development. In 2014, Walid was awarded the prestigious Cancer Research UK (CRUK) Career Establishment Award. This 6-year award will allow Dr. Khaled to identify and study the cellular and molecular characteristics of breast cancer heterogeneity with the aim of developing novel therapeutic targets.

ARI ERCOLE PhD is a Consultant Anaesthetist and Neurointensivist at the Neurosciences Critical Care Unit,

Addenbrooke's Hospital. Clinically, his main interest is in the acute critical care of polytrauma and in particular, severe neurotrauma patients. He also has a background in prehospital immediate care and retrieval medicine. Before medicine, Ari studied Natural Sciences and obtained his PhD studying low dimensional magnetic structures at the Cavendish Laboratory. His research interests include applications of computing, statistical and mathematical modelling techniques to critical illness.



ALEKSANDR KOGAN PhD is a University Lecturer in the Department of Psychology

and is the director of the Cambridge Prosociality and Well-being Laboratory. Alex's research interests are broadly centered on the biological, contextual, cultural, and experiential forces that shape human kindness and well-being. Having studied at Berkeley, then the University of Hong Kong, he

went on to a post-doctoral fellowship at the University of Toronto before joining the Cambridge Department of Psychology in 2012. Alex's work has been featured in numerous media outlets, including BBC, Time, CNN, and Discovery Magazine.

Junior Research Fellows

YIXIN WAN has been elected a Junior Research Fellow in Applied Mathematics. **HANNAH MALONE** has been elected to a Lumley Junior Research Fellowship. **JAN SBIERSKI** has been elected to a Thomas Nevile Research Fellowship in Mathematics. **FRANCISCO BELTRÁN** is the first Deakin Junior Research Fellow in Economics.

Our new *Bye Fellows* this year are **SAM BAYLISS** who is a PhD student in the Optoelectronics Group at the Cavendish Laboratory and **OLIVIA MACLEOD**, a third-year PhD student in the Department of Biochemistry. The new *Teaching Bye-Fellows* are **MARIA UBIALI**, an Italian postdoc in the High Energy Physics group at the Department of Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics jointly with the Cavendish Laboratory and **ANNJA NEUMANN**, a research associate of the *Schnitzler Digital Edition Project* at the Department of German and Dutch.

Parnell Fellow

JANE OHLMEYER is Erasmus Smith's Professor of Modern History, the founding Vice President for Global Relations at Trinity College, Dublin and a Member of the Royal Irish Academy. She is an expert on the New British and Atlantic Histories and has published 11 books on a number of themes in early modern Irish and British history. She will be giving her Parnell Lecture this term on Monday 17th November at 5.15pm in Cripps Auditorium. All are welcome.

Professor James Raven: 'Bookscape'

In this book, Professor James Raven offers fresh perspectives on the early modern and eighteenth-century book trade in London. He uses a range of new illustrative and topographical evidence to reconstruct the communities of printers, publishers and booksellers, their working practices and the changes brought to different neighbourhoods. The book is an extension to his Panizzi lectures given at the British Library in 2010 (the Master will be giving the Panizzis in 2016). Lavishly illustrated with maps and prints and watercolour sketches, the book

moves bibliographical history to new encounters with historical ideas of place, space and memory.



FIFTY YEARS AND COUNTING...



Celebration lunch for Dr Reynolds and Professor Field.

DR PETER REYNOLDS and **PROFESSOR JOHN FIELD** celebrated their 50th anniversaries as Fellows on 1st October 2014. They were both pre-elected to the Fellowship from 1 October 1964; Dr P E Reynolds, formerly Bye-Fellow, into an Official Fellowship, having been appointed a University Demonstrator in the Faculty of Biology B (Biochemistry) and Dr J E Field, of Downing College, into a Research Fellowship in Physics.

They have both made enormous contributions to the College during the past fifty years as well as reaching international recognition for their important work in their respective fields. Dr Reynolds' research area is the molecular basis of antibiotic action and antimicrobial chemotherapy; he had close links with the Pasteur Institute in Paris and was

awarded his ScD in 2001. Professor Field holds an Honorary Doctorate from Lulea University of Technology where there is a 'John Field Laboratory' which opened last year. His work centers on the properties of diamond deformation, fracture of materials and very fast photography, leading to an OBE in 1987, a professorial chair and to a Fellowship of the Royal Society in 1994.

Both served as Directors of Studies; Dr Reynolds on the Biological side of the Natural Sciences Tripos and Professor Field on the Physical Sciences side. Peter Reynolds served as Tutor for an exceptionally long stint for 27 years from 1974 to 2001 and also as Senior Tutor from 1979 to 1984. John Field was the Tutor for Graduates for 13 years from 1974 to 1987.

This year, we welcome two Yip Visiting Fellows to the College

XIANG-DONG DING (Yip Chinese Fellow) will be arriving at the end of December. Prof. Ding is a Professor in the State Key Laboratory for Mechanical Behavior of Materials, Xi'an Jiaotong University, Xi'an, China. He lists his current research areas as 'Martensitic transformation in shape memory alloys: atomistic simulations and experiments', 'Interplay of martensitic transformation and plasticity in metal materials', and 'Deformation behaviour of metal and multi-layer thin film at meso- and nano-scale'. He will also have a base in the Dept. of Earth Sciences while he is in Cambridge.

MARTIN LAIRD (Yip American Fellow) will join us for the Lent Term. Martin is Professor of Early Christian Studies at Villanova University, Pennsylvania. His work in progress includes 'The wound of awe: the return of contemplation to theology', 'Faith and knowledge in Gregory of Nyssa's homilies on the Song of Songs' and 'An ocean of light: contemplation and the ethics of silence'.

Both these Fellowships have been generously endowed by Professor George Yip (1966).

MAGDALENE IN AMERICA

TEA AND EMPATHY: THE MASTER'S VISIT TO ANOTHER CAMBRIDGE

BY ROBERT CHARTENER (1982)

The Master left the springtime beauty of Cambridge in early April to visit another Cambridge, in Massachusetts, where heavy snow had closed the airports just a few days earlier.

Despite the chilly weather, he was given a warm welcome by several groups during a busy and varied week. Dr Williams planned his trip around the 2014 Tanner Lectures on Human Values, which he delivered to packed audiences at Harvard University. Entitled 'The Paradoxes of Empathy', his lectures took issue with the popular concept famously declared in 1992 by then-presidential candidate Bill Clinton: 'I feel your pain'. Dr Williams cogently argued that shared feeling alone cannot solve the world's problems and that empathy is grounded in humility; furthermore, empathy is a skill or habit rather than an innate neurological capability. The lectures and a subsequent seminar were enthusiastically received, and videos are posted on Harvard's website.

The Master's comments struck a decidedly lighter note at two alumni events held across the Charles River in Boston. The first was a drinks reception at the Consul General's residence on historic Beacon Hill. HM Consul General in Boston, Susie Kitchens, who was an undergraduate at Oxford, issued the generous invitation and coped well with the invasion of her house by 70 thirsty Cantabrigians. The second was a Magdalene dinner at the Somerset Club, graciously hosted by Alastair Adam (1990). The Master spoke at both events, providing news about the College and encouraging alumni involvement on the American side of the Pond.

At the Beacon Hill gatherings, the Master was especially pleased to welcome Emma Rothschild, who is both a Professor of History at Harvard and an Honorary Professor of History and Economics at the University of Cambridge. Significantly, she is a Fellow of Magdalene and Director of the Joint Centre for History and Economics, which is an important research organisation based at Magdalene, King's, and Harvard.

Although the Joint Centre for History and Economics established a formal academic arrangement between Magdalene and Harvard in 1991, the institutions' historical connections stretch back nearly 400 years. Harvard College was named for an early benefactor, John Harvard (Emmanuel, 1631), but Henry Dunster, who came up to Magdalene in 1627, is generally regarded as Harvard College's true founder and served as its first president. Dunster House was named for him, and it features a Magdalene shield – vastly larger than any in College – which adorns the pediment facing the Charles River.

The Master visited Dunster House for lunch and then tea with Dr Roger Porter, who is a professor of business and government at Harvard as well as Master of Dunster House, and with Ann Porter, who is House Co-Master. A highlight of the visit, which was arranged with the assistance of Harvard administrator Roger Cheever (1967), was a viewing of two tracery stones that were part of First Court in Henry Dunster's time. These were a gift of the Master and Fellows of Magdalene when Dunster House was built in 1930 and have been on prominent display ever since. Coincidentally, the President of the College at the time of the gift was A.S. Ramsey, whose son Michael (1922) sat on the Chair of St Augustine 30 years before the current Master.

It was appropriate that one of Dr Williams' first trips overseas as Master was to Massachusetts, where Henry Dunster and other Magdalene men played prominent roles in its early days as a British colony. Those of us currently resident near this other Cambridge enjoyed welcoming the Master in April and look forward to his return.

BUILDING ON A SOLID FOUNDATION

Magdalene College's foundation dates back to 1428, but the *Magdalene College Foundation* is of considerably more recent origin, tracing its beginning to 2012. Following its incorporation as a not-for-profit company, it has completed its first year of operation with gratifying results for the College.

The Foundation evolved from Magdalene in America, which was formed under articles adopted in 2003 'to strengthen bonds of friendship and support between Magdalene College and its members who are resident in North America'. MAM, as it has been commonly called, sponsored dozens of dinners, drinks receptions, and lectures in the US and Canada during the ensuing decade, reconnecting over 250 alumni and their spouses with the College and with one another while sparing them the inconvenience of transatlantic travel (which became the burden of Masters and Fellows who committed the time and energy to attend the various gatherings).

A common topic at those events was the College's need for new sources of financial support, particularly as a consequence of changes in educational funding in the UK. In response to both the needs of the College and the desires of alumni to help, the MAM board investigated the possibility of establishing a new charity to enable and encourage US residents to make tax-efficient contributions to Magdalene.

With the support of the College, several alumni volunteers formulated plans to establish the Magdalene College Foundation. Because legal work had to be done, Curtin Winsor III (1986) generously donated the funds to cover all of the initial costs; sadly, Curt died at the end of 2012 and barely saw the fruits of his beneficence. The Foundation applied to the US Internal Revenue Service for tax-exempt status, and it officially became a '501(c)(3) charity' in May 2013.

The benefits provided by the Magdalene College Foundation are numerous:

- Contributions by US taxpayers are generally tax-deductible
- Donors may contribute cash or appreciated securities, and the Foundation can also accept donations by credit card on its website, www.magdalenecollegefoundation.org



The Master and Robert Chartener on the day of his admission as a Fellow Commoner, 9th October 2014.

- Because the Foundation is run by alumni volunteers, its operating costs are extremely low
- Separate donations and the College's development budget cover the Foundation's modest costs, which means that 100 percent of all gifts benefit the College

The founding members of the Magdalene College Foundation's board of directors are Robert Chartener (1982), Geoffrey Craddock (1977), Jason Hafler (2006), Graham Walker (1982), and William Wilson (1982). They manage its affairs and authorise grants to the College.

Since the establishment of the Magdalene College Foundation was announced at the 22nd Annual New York Dinner last November, it has received over 50 donations and sent grants of \$2,125,000 to the College. Thanks to the generosity of Magdalene's supporters in the US, the Magdalene College Foundation is off to a splendid start, and its directors look forward to its continued success.

COASTAL FLOODS

BY DR TOM SPENCER (1973)

What a winter it was in the British Isles last year: giant waves and catastrophic sea flooding seen along southern and western coasts; the persistent inundation of the Somerset Levels; and the flooding of the Severn, Thames and other rivers in southern England in the wettest winter since 1776. The sequence of 12 major storms that ran through until the middle of February 2014 kicked off with a major storm surge on the east coast of England on 5 December 2013 – the night our Honorary Fellow Nelson Mandela passed away. Here Dr Tom Spencer, Magdalene's Director of Studies in Geography, and Director of the Cambridge Coastal Research Unit, describes that event and what we have learnt from it.

What is a storm surge and why is the east coast vulnerable to surges?

Storm surges result from high winds pushing up the sea surface as they blow the water towards the coast, with a further effect from a rise in the sea surface under low atmospheric pressure. This 'bulge' then moves south with the tide. The southern North Sea is particularly vulnerable to storm surges as the water depths are shallow and winds blowing from north to south funnel water into the narrowing basin towards the Straits of Dover. In extreme cases, surges can raise water levels by more than 2m over predicted tidal water levels.

How common are surges like the December surge?

We have known about surges for a long time. Indeed, Samuel Pepys' diary entry for 7th December 1663 reads '*There was last night the greatest tide that ever was remembered in England to have*

been in this river all Whitehall having been drowned'. But catastrophic coastal flooding like that described by Pepys is a danger only when the surge peak coincides with high spring tides. And the presence/absence of onshore winds to drive large waves ashore can be critical too. The combination of all these elements is far less common. I remember as a graduate student surveying the breaks in the coastal dunes and new gravel 'washovers' created by the storm surge of January 1978 and lecturing to my second year students in November 2007 I said "by the end of this lecture we will know if we have a major coastal flood on our hands" – but it turned out to be a 'near-miss'. The benchmark in modern times has been taken as the storm surge of 31 January to 1 February 1953, arguably, in terms of loss of life (>2000 deaths across the UK and The Netherlands), the most devastating natural disaster to affect western Europe during the past 100 years.

What do we know about the 1953 event and how similar was it to December 2013?

If you study the weather charts, the 2013 and the 1953 events look similar; both were characterised by a deep low pressure system that came down the long axis of the North Sea. In 1953, the gale force winds blew for several days ahead of the surge and over a long distance. This produced large waves, probably close to 8m high off the Norfolk coast. The 2013 event was more short-lived and went through more quickly; the maximum wave height recorded offshore from North Norfolk was 3.8 m. But it was still a big event, with higher water levels than in 1953 on the Lincolnshire and North Norfolk coasts.

But what's different is the loss of life ... why so large in 1953 and not now?

Many of the coastal defences were strengthened and raised after 1953. But also there have been major



Breaching of the Blakeney – Weybourne barrier and flooding of the freshwater marshes, Salthouse, North Norfolk coast.



Flooding of the Blakeney Freshes.

advances in storm surge modelling and forecasting since 1953 and in putting in place proper early warning systems and crisis management plans, including evacuation plans. In December 2013, the Environment Agency, which was given such a hard time over the flooding of the Somerset levels, performed magnificently with the local emergency services in East Anglia. Together they implemented not only a highly effective warning and evacuation plan on the night of the surge but also followed this up with considerable assistance to flooded communities in the clean-up phase after the surge.

Where does your work come in?

From the day after the surge, and right through Christmas and New Year, our group (Cambridge and Birkbeck, London University) was out measuring the maximum height of the surge along the East Anglian coast, looking for the height of debris lines, erosional marks in earthen banks and water marks on buildings (and in some cases on vehicle windscreens...). Initially, we concentrated on surveys along the North Norfolk coast, between Holme-next-the-Sea and Salthouse, but we have measurements all the way

from the southern side of the Humber estuary to the northern margin of the Thames estuary, a distance of 450km. We made measurements with a satellite based navigation system which, if we could get an internet signal (and sometimes it was a big if...), established heights and positions to a resolution of less than 50 mm, and often less than 20 mm. We also tried to compare the 2013 flood level with markers of the height of the 1953 flood, mainly recorded on pubs and churches.

Why did you do this?

Storm surge forecasting provides general, regional estimates of the likely timing and height of surge water levels. Widely spaced tide gauges in sheltered port locations provide a record of the passage of the surge. But these regional surge characteristics, and particularly the wave conditions and the reach of the waves – or ‘wave run-up’ – can be quite heavily modified by the local coastal landscape. The North Norfolk coast, for example, is characterised by barrier islands, coastal spits, tidal inlets, saltmarshes and mudflats. We found considerable differences in maximum surge heights – often approaching 2m – between very

exposed sites and sheltered locations. This points to a much higher local variation in the degree to which waves, surge water level, and tide combine under such conditions than is commonly assumed. At some sites this was the critical difference between a business, or a home, or a major road being flooded or not flooded.

Where do you go from here?

We are now working with storm surge modellers at the UK Met Office, the National Sea Level Facility in Liverpool and the Environment Agency to better understand how the coastal landscape modifies surges of different heights and with waves from different directions. This research also has a European dimension: in our project EU RISC-KIT we are working towards producing a near-real time smartphone app for coastal flood warnings while in EU-FAST we are using satellite technology to assess the degree to which natural shoreline features such as saltmarshes and mudflats act to reduce the impact of storm surge waves on the shore. All this is directed towards ensuring that we are better prepared for when the next ‘big flood’ strikes, as strike it will.

ANNUAL DONORS' REPORT 2014

FROM THE MASTER

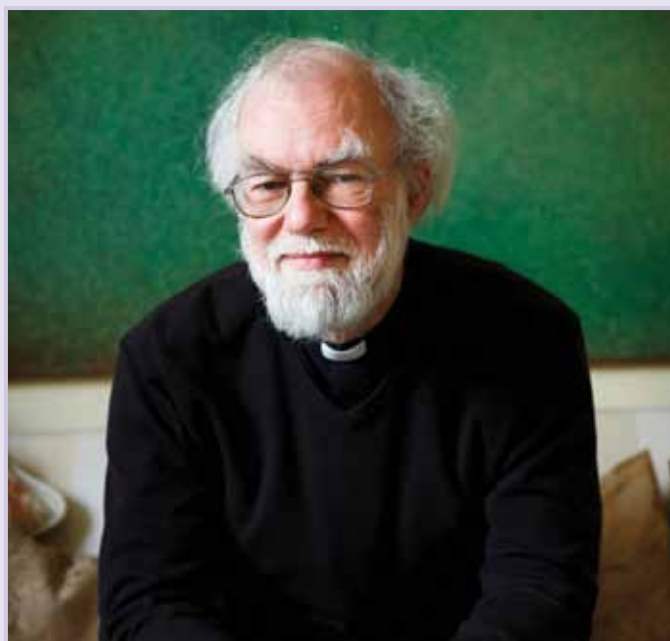
Once again, this report gives me an opportunity to express our thanks directly and publicly to all whose generosity continues to enhance the life of our College. Our priority remains student support, and we are happy to say that levels of giving directed to this goal are as impressive as ever.

We must also recognise the significance of some extremely generous legacy pledges, which will secure and improve our teaching resources for years to come.

At the moment, having secured a first-class architectural design for the proposed new College Library, we are seeing through the complicated business of planning application, with the hope of launching an appeal next year; and the other important project just coming on to the radar is the re-endowment at a better level of our Mandela Scholarships, in memory of our most globally distinguished Honorary Fellow. We intend to offer these to students from right across Africa; and we are looking to co-operate with the University in raising the funding for a Chair in African Archaeology, also in memory of Nelson Mandela – a very important flagship project of collaboration between College and University at this level.

The work of the Centre for History and Economics, in which we join forces with Harvard, has attracted very large-scale financial support, and we are confident that the future of this significant transcontinental link is secure.

I am personally constantly impressed by the hard work and imagination of our Alumni and Development team; thanks to them and to all of you, our record in terms of donations is unprecedentedly high and its rate of growth compares most favourably with many wealthier colleges – indeed, it outstrips some. With this new level of professionalism on the one hand and generosity on the other, we feel in College that we are in a particularly promising era. Continuing work to brighten and improve our physical fabric (including the



Photograph by Paul Rogers

street frontage and the gardens) is an outward and visible symbol of a steady improvement also in our academic performance as a college.

Altogether, this seems to be a creative time for Magdalene. Its continuing capacity to inspire lasting loyalty in its alumni and friends across the world means that we can look forward with lively expectation; and we are delighted and thankful not only that you support us so well and faithfully, but also that you are willing to visit and join in the life of the community in so many ways. This welcome will always be here. Thank you all.

GIVING TO THE COLLEGE

We received donations totalling £2,093,906 from our Members and Friends during the financial year 2013–14. Thank you. We are most grateful to you for your continued generosity which has a real impact on the College.

STUDENT SUPPORT

We were again able to award full bursaries worth £4,500 per year to every eligible (based on means-testing) Fresher coming to Magdalene. We also awarded dozens of smaller bursaries on a sliding scale enabling recipients to focus on their studies free from financial worries. Your gifts to the Student Hardship Fund make a real difference to the lives of many of our students who experience unexpected financial difficulties whilst they are here.

TEACHING AND RESEARCH

The supervision system, the cornerstone of a Cambridge education, is expensive. With your help, we are able to continue to offer supervisions and support the tutorial system for your successors, our current students. The provision of a significant number of Junior Research Fellowships, including the newest one recently endowed in honour of Brian Deakin, ensures that Magdalene continues to thrive academically.

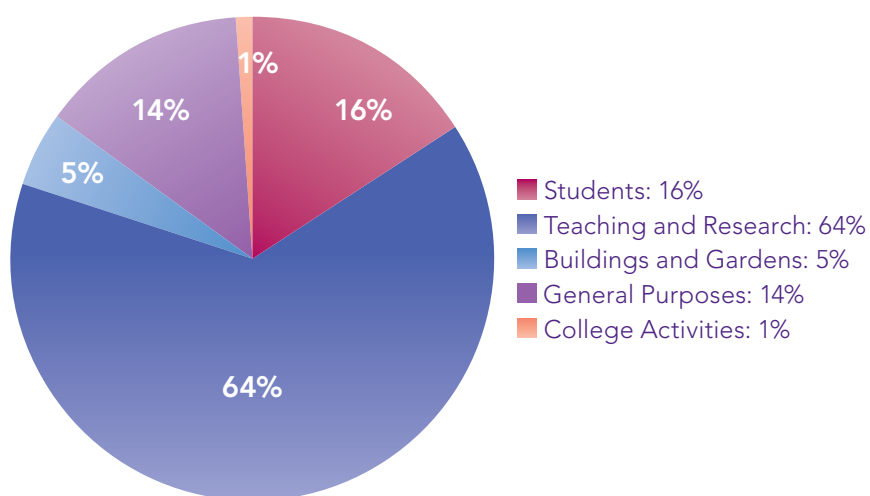
BUILDINGS AND GARDENS

Building the new kitchen, renovating student rooms, restoring the façade of First Court, maintaining the College gardens – all these projects are supported by your donations.

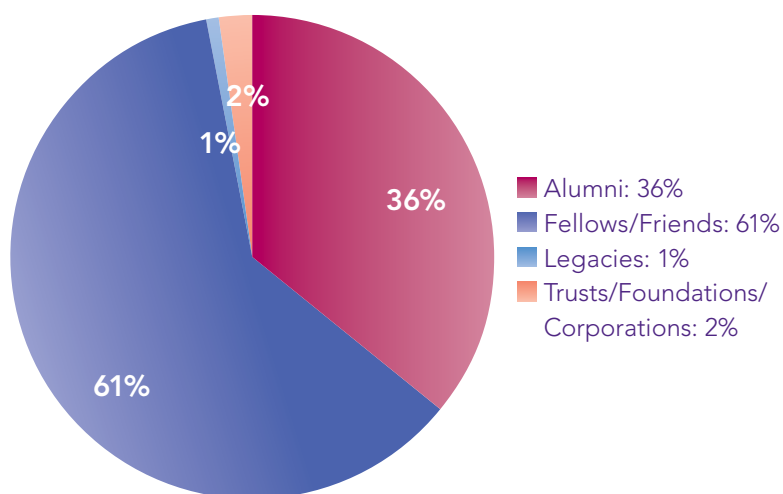
COLLEGE ACTIVITIES

With your help, the College continues to provide opportunities for our students to participate in a wealth of sporting clubs and a wide variety of societies, allowing for sporting and cultural success as well as academic achievement.

Total donations received during the financial year (2013–14)



Breakdown by source of donation

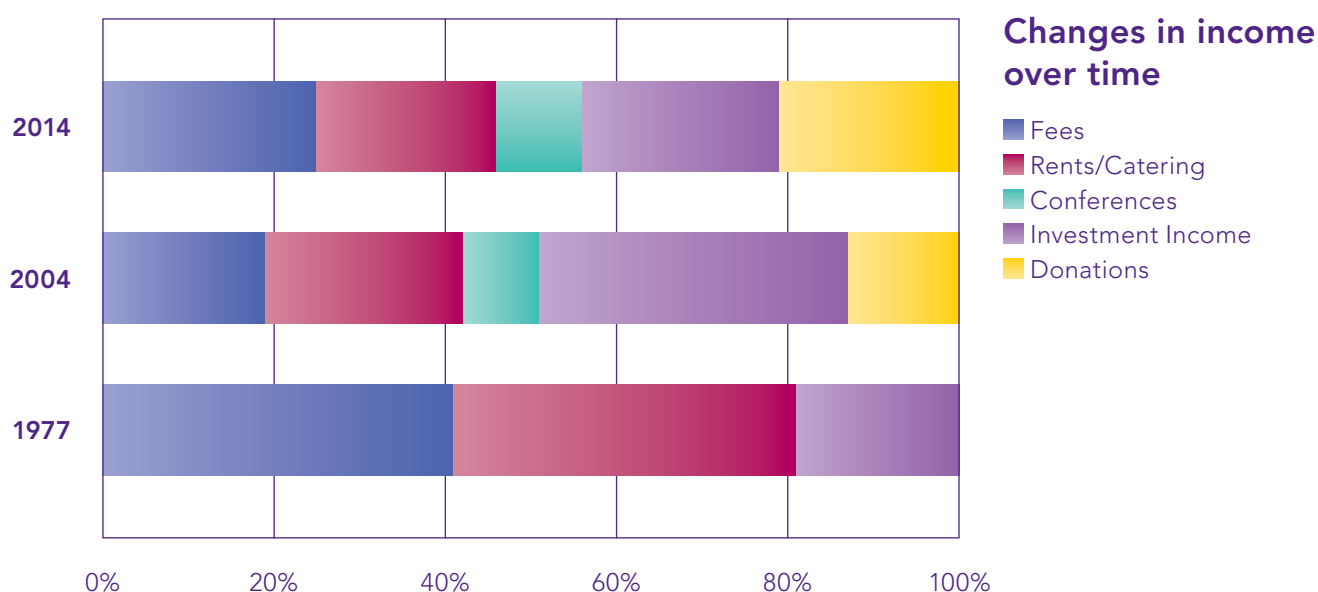


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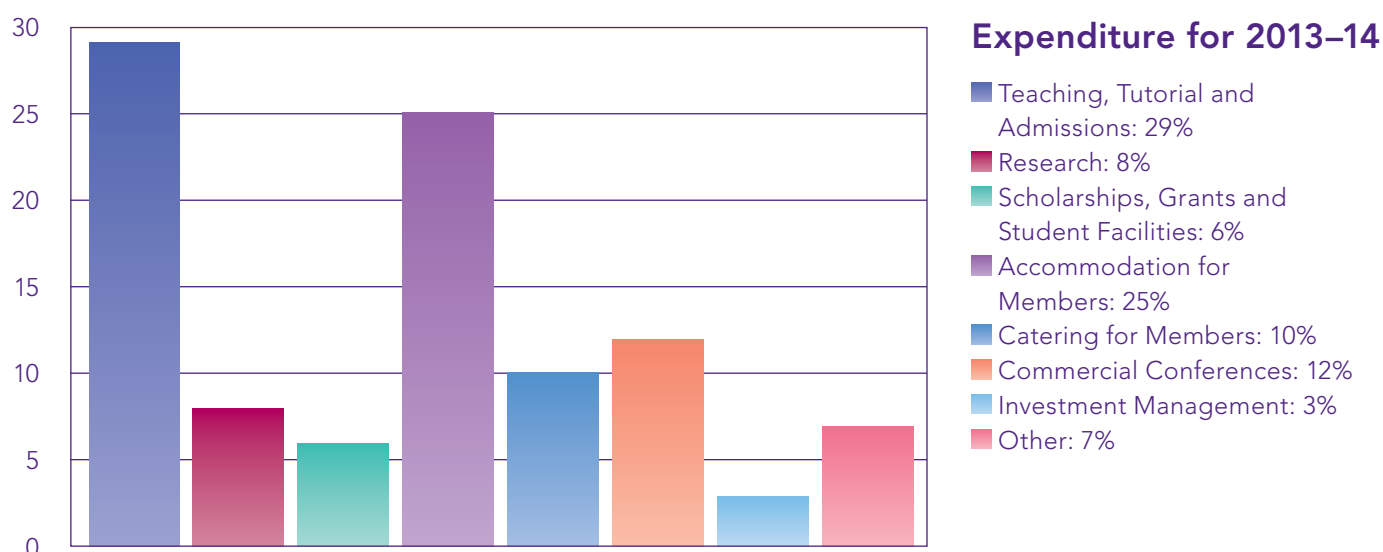
COLLEGE FINANCES

The primary sources of income for Magdalene are tuition fees, rents and catering charges, and income from conferences as well as your donations, which have grown to make a remarkable difference to the College's income.

Along with the income from the College's accumulated endowment and your donations, Magdalene uses these revenues to fund the cost of the supervision system, to provide subsidised accommodation and catering to its junior members and to maintain and develop its buildings and facilities.



TOTAL DONATIONS RECEIVED IN 2013–14: £2,093,906



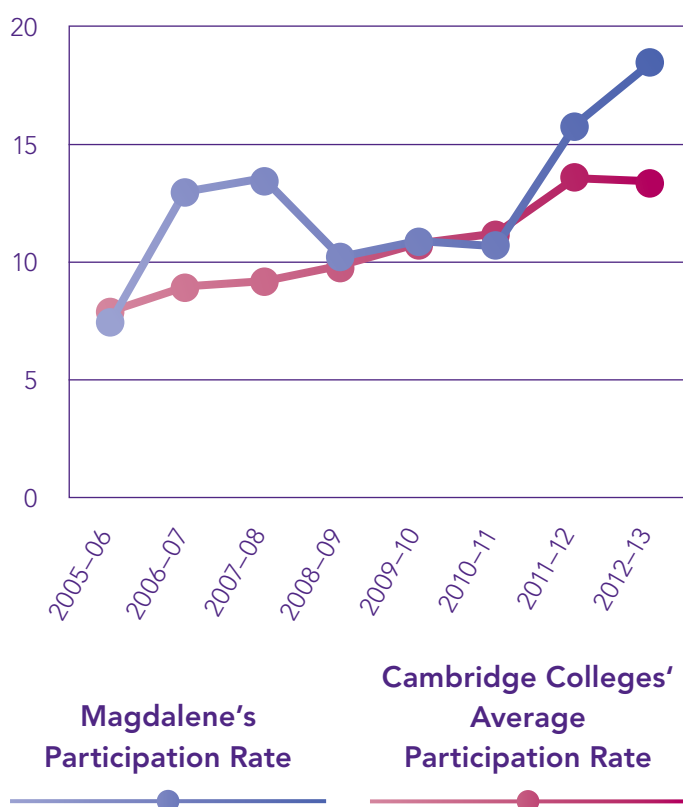
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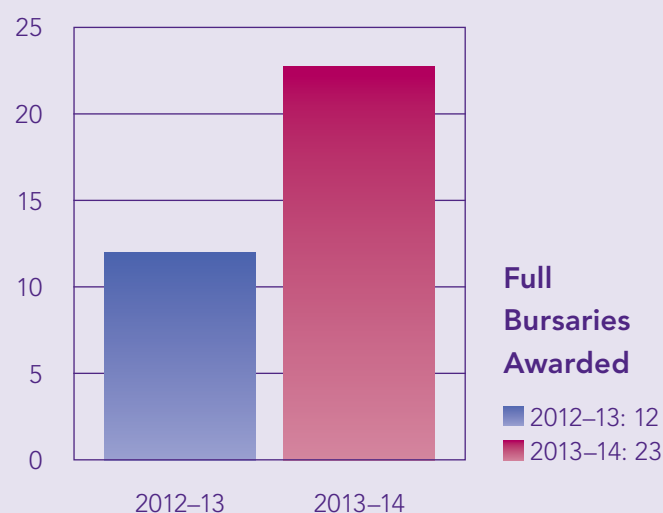
Our Participation Rate during 2013–14 (the number of contactable alumni who give in any single year).

PARTICIPATION RATES SINCE 2005



STUDENT BURSARIES AT MAGDALENE

Having initially awarded 12 enhanced bursaries in 2012–13, we are delighted that due to your continued support for this worthy cause, the College was able to almost double the number of full bursaries worth £4,500 per year during 2013–14. Our first cohort of bursary recipients will graduate in June 2015 and we are most grateful to all of our donors for making this scheme possible.



A LETTER OF THANKS

WHAT A DIFFERENCE A BURSARY MAKES...

My first year studying Classics at Magdalene has been an incredible experience. From the very first day of Freshers' Week to the end of May Week – I have loved every minute of my study here and cannot wait to start my second year and begin the official 3-year Classics course.

Studying my chosen subject with no previous Latin proved to be very challenging, yet hugely rewarding and enjoyable. Classics, including Ancient History, Archaeology, Linguistics and Literature, among others, has been stimulating and challenging and has reinforced my love for the subject which I am lucky enough to study here at Magdalene at the University of Cambridge.

Life in College has been a particular highlight during my short time at Cambridge so far. Magdalene is a wonderful College, full of extremely friendly people and beautiful grounds and buildings. I felt instantly at home upon arrival and subsequently made many friends as well as joining a range of enjoyable College societies. I feel immensely lucky to be studying at Magdalene, which leads me to the huge generosity of the bursary scheme and of those who support it.

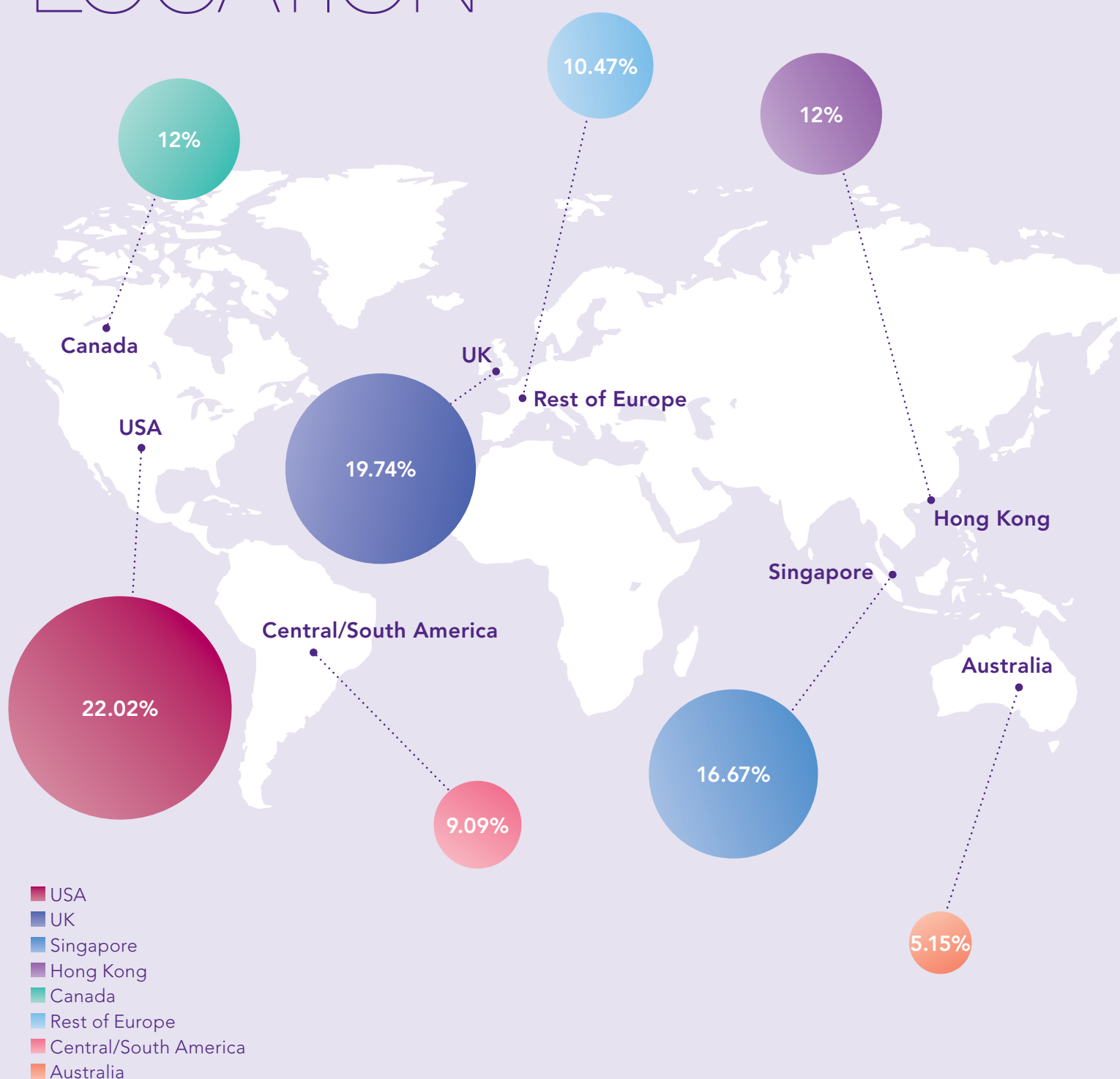
I would like to take this opportunity to thank my patron and all those who generously give to the bursary scheme. Coming from a relatively humble background and one parent family, I was very worried about the costs of attending university, especially a university such as Cambridge. Indeed, money became one of my biggest concerns upon arrival and throughout first term. With the expenses of being away from home as well as the necessary purchase of books, gown and a laptop, my financial situation caused a large amount of stress for not just myself but my mother and family too. However, at the beginning of my second term, I received a letter outlining the unbelievable generosity of the bursary scheme and my specific patron. As a result of this colossal kindness, my financial situation changed dramatically from being a constant worry, continually micromanaging my expenses

and overdrafts to one where all cause for such concern was alleviated and allowed me to fully enjoy my course and worry about the more pressing issues of a student – namely exams! I cannot express in words just how grateful I am (as well as my family) and most notably my mother is. She, like me, has been overwhelmed by the extreme kindness and generosity of those who support the scheme and is enormously grateful. This bursary has allowed me as well as my mother to park financial worries and focus on my studies and supporting my sisters and family respectively.

The specific uses of my bursary have included: enjoying frequent meals at the College canteen, which I particularly enjoy for the social as well as the nutritional value(!); the buying of various books, including the set texts, which are compulsory – without the bursary these expensive purchases would have placed a big strain on my budget; allowing me to attend a May Ball – I attended Newham June Event and enjoyed it profusely – I needed to purchase a full dinner suit, as I did not own one, which was very expensive (as expected) and would not have been possible without the bursary. I also plan to use the bursary money to take a trip to Italy and explore key Classical lands next year, which will contribute immeasurably to my studies. Again, this will only be made possible by the bursary scheme.

I cannot thank Magdalene who runs this scheme, the University and particularly my patron enough. This extremely kind generosity has completely transformed my time at Cambridge and allowed me to experience so much more than would have been possible without it. My family, particularly my mother, and I send our warmest gratitude and many thanks.

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A VIEW FROM ASIA: THE NEW NORMAL

BY MANU BHASKARAN (1977)

Six years have passed since the collapse of Lehman Brothers, which triggered the recent global financial crisis, and the US economy is shifting gears to higher growth only now while US monetary policy is set to normalise. However, given the legacy of the global crisis and other changes since the crisis, the global economy will not return to what was normal pre-crisis; it will be a different world, a 'new normal'.

So, what will the 'new normal' look like for Asian economies in this new phase of the global economy, in terms of their economic growth experience and the opportunities and challenges they will face? The legacy of challenges resulting from the global crisis include the increase of public debt levels across the developed world while private debt remains high and will have to be brought down. In other words, deleveraging – cutting back on spending to pay down debts – will continue to exert a drag on growth in the US, Europe and Japan for some time to come.

The global crisis and ensuing sovereign debt crisis in Europe also exposed structural weaknesses in Europe, precipitating a push for reforms to bring social welfare spending in line with the governments' financing ability as well as to improve economic efficiency and competitiveness. These reforms have been implemented slowly because of their unpopularity and it will take a while before deregulation and privatisation succeed in boosting growth and competitiveness.

There has also been considerable wealth destruction as real estate and other asset prices collapsed during the crisis while many large businesses folded as well. In fact, the data shows that the middle 20% of households in the US lost about 35% of their wealth between 2005 and 2011. The average American now has to save more in order to rebuild his capacity to fund his retirement or children's education. A higher household savings rate than the current 5% to 6% will be needed and that means slower consumer spending growth for a while. There will be similar issues in Europe as generous pension and other welfare payments are cut back.

In addition, financial regulators across the world have begun a series of reforms to ensure that a crisis on the same scale will not recur. Over the coming few years, we will see significant increases in capitalisation requirements for financial institutions and tougher rules on a range of other matters such as risk management, fair treatment of customers and reporting requirements. All these regulations will increase costs as well and force the financial institutions to cut back on some activities such as proprietary trading. Financial sector growth will slow down and, in some cases, a process of 'de-financialisation' could occur whereby the share of the finance sector in a country's economy could edge downwards.

Finally, some analysts also worry that the prolonged period of ultra-low interest rates and super-easy liquidity around the world may have created new imbalances which, over time, could cause new financial stresses or even another crisis. This may be somewhat speculative, but the argument has some merit. We have already seen real estate prices escalate across the world in response to easy liquidity while equity and bond valuations are also stretched. At the same time, household or corporate debt levels have soared in many emerging economies. If these are the visible imbalances, it would not be surprising if there are other imbalances lurking in the shadows that could erupt in future. Such a risk is all the more a concern because there has not been the kind of root and branch reforms of the international financial architecture that can reduce the instability inherent in the global financial system. Nothing has been done to reduce the volatile capital flows that are



so destabilising to emerging markets. Nor has enough action been taken to ensure better coordination of monetary policies so that the spillover from the monetary action of large countries does not harm smaller emerging economies.

However, beyond the impact of the global crisis the global system has changed in that the Chinese economy is rebalancing: the population is ageing and the size of the workforce is beginning to decline. At the same time, the government is pushing reforms to reduce dependence on investment and exports for growth whilst also liberalising the financial sector, opening up the capital account and making it easier for migrants to move to urban centres. Over time, these reforms will significantly transform China's economy.

The shale revolution is expanding the supply of oil and gas while a burst of innovation in renewable energy, especially solar power, is transforming the energy sector. It will only be a matter of time before the US allows exports of its oil and gas. The net effect will be to bring oil prices down.

A slew of new technologies – smart mobile and cloud computing, 3D printing and advanced manufacturing services as well as biotechnological advances – are about to reach take-off. These will spur a burst of further innovation and investment and help to re-energise economic growth.

The structure of competitiveness is changing in ways that challenge Asia. Mexico is engaging in wide-ranging reforms that will make it a more formidable competitor for Asian economies. Other large emerging economies such as Peru and Poland are beginning to enjoy the benefits of sustained efforts to improve competitiveness. At the same time, the US economy has, through wage restraint, bottom-up re-engineering and the shale revolution, become so much more competitive that some manufacturing activities are being

relocated back from Asia to the US. Unit labour costs are also falling in some of the crisis-hit European economies such as Spain and Ireland, bringing new investment to these economies. It is not surprising then to hear news of a large electronics manufacturer shifting its operations from Singapore to Ireland.

The major currency realignments of the past few years are also having an impact beyond just competitiveness. Global imbalances – large external deficits in the US versus massive surpluses in China, other Asian countries and Germany – have diminished substantially.

Finally, it is all too evident that geopolitical risks have escalated significantly. Russia and the West are engaged in what is likely to be a prolonged contest for influence in Europe while in Asia, a more assertive China has prompted its neighbours to seek new alliances and step up defence spending. The Middle East is undergoing its most extensive political crisis in decades, threatening oil supplies.

The implications of all these changes are that the new normal will not be bad, but not much fun either!

The outlook for Asia will be reasonably good but it will not experience supercharged economic growth. There will be a starker pattern of winners and losers – those countries that adjust and adapt effectively to greater competition and the unpredictable changes that new technologies bring will be the winners. There will be considerable financial volatility, with a chance of further financial shocks in an unreformed international financial system. Welcome to the new normal.

A full version of this article first appeared in the Malaysia/Singapore financial weekly, The Edge, on 27 September 2014.

COLLEGE NEWS

THE COLLEGE CHOIR TOUR

Anyone who has organised a choir tour will know how treacherous the waters can be. Venues must be booked, concerts organised and music learned, and it only takes a particularly ill-fated wind to blow you devastatingly off-course. Happily, with our trusty Director of Music (Jonathan Hellyer-Jones) at the helm, it was, at the risk of a particularly tortured metaphor, plain sailing from the get-go. We set out on the Eurostar at an ungodly hour of the morning, but once our singers were assembled, Belgium-bound and coffee-clad there was relatively little to dampen our high spirits. The day after arriving, we performed for morning Eucharist at the elegant Sint Pauluskerk in Gent. It is easy to grow accustomed to the relatively dry chapel-acoustic of College evensong, and so the glorious, booming sound that Sint Pauluskerk offered was a pleasant surprise for us. We used it to have an enthusiastic rehearsal after the concert. We performed a concert in Brussels Cathedral the following day, although on the three-hour bus



The choir.

journey from Gent we sometimes felt that fate had conspired against us (we were making the best of an irritating public-transport strike). Both the Brussels Cathedral and the St Baaf's Cathedral concerts attracted appreciative audiences, and the choir sang beautifully – so much so, in fact, that the real result was a pair of very emotional organ scholars. We are all extremely grateful to all who made the

tour possible – as an opportunity for young musicians it is unparalleled, and is the highlight of the year for us and our singers.

If you would like to hear the fruit of our efforts in chapel, do come to our concert of Christmas carols on the 8th of December at St Olave's in London.

Rafi Colman, 2012, Senior Organ Scholar

NEWS FROM THE JCR

Two terms of JCR responsibilities have seemingly flown by for the 2014 committee, and unbelievably we already find ourselves planning the elections that will decide our successors. However, in the nine months that have elapsed since we were introduced to our roles, the committee has worked hard to continue all of Magdalene's great traditions whilst also initiating some exciting changes.

Principally, we have continued the great work of the previous committees: hosting 'JCR Superhall' dinners, helping to organise the room ballot, providing students with 'Week 5 Welfare Food Packs', offering Pilates on Sunday mornings during exam term, organising regular events (including a

terrific JCR Garden Party) and running the College BOPs (the fancy dress parties that bookend Michaelmas and Lent term).

However, we have also introduced a number of new initiatives. Our Welfare Officer, Hermione Cox, has introduced a Wednesday Night 'Coffee and Cake Break' for those working late in the library; Elise Larkin, our Access Officer, initiated a 'Magdalene Ambassador Scheme', establishing a stronger base of student access volunteers and allowing students to take greater ownership of access initiatives; whilst our Green and Ethical Officer, Rosie Adamson, hosted a very successful inaugural Fair-trade Formal. Together with the MCR and the Maintenance

OPEN DAY IN SINGAPORE

In August, our alumna Barbara Fa Yu (1995) and her husband Yen How Tai organised and hosted a 'Magdalene College Open Day Event' at their home in Singapore.



The Master, Lord Williams, and the Senior Tutor, Dr Stuart Martin, attended the event to give the Singapore pupils their insights into life at Magdalene College and to discuss admission related matters. We were delighted that two of our current Singaporean undergraduate students, Ms Yiwei Lu (2013) and Ms Jessica Lim (2013), both studying Law, took the time to be there and share their first hand experiences of College life. The young people present certainly made the most of the unique opportunity to get a glimpse of the wonderful environment offered by Magdalene. We are most grateful to Barbara and Yen for assisting the College to raise the profile of the College in Singapore among potential applicants in this way.

The very best five to ten students from a number of highly regarded local and international high schools in Singapore participated in the event to learn more about Magdalene and Cambridge University in general in a cosy and intimate setting. The schools participating were:

1. Raffles Institution
2. Hwa Chong Institution
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5. Anglo-Chinese School (Independent)
6. Tanglin Trust School
7. Singapore American School



James Heaven.

Department, we also established plans for an exciting renovation of the Weight's Gym in the Lutyen's building that took place over the Summer Vacation. However, the

most significant development in JCR business has been the introduction of a Women's Political Officer. At the beginning of the Lent term a referendum was passed that saw the introduction of an elected Women's Political Officer on the Welfare Sub-committee, with separate responsibilities to the Female Welfare Officer. Vicky Salt won the subsequent election, and has since worked alongside the Welfare Officer on a new Sexual Harassment Policy, the introduction of Student Consent Workshops and plans for a number of discussion groups during Michaelmas term.

Thanks to an outstanding committee, we have enjoyed a successful first two terms, and have many more plans ready to implement in Michaelmas of the coming academic year.

James Heaven (2012), JCR President

COLLEGE NEWS

SIR CHRISTOPHER WRAY

BY ALEC SAMUELS (1949)

Christopher Wray was born in Yorkshire in 1522. Apparently there was some doubt about his parentage, raised by Lord Campbell that he was his father's son "by a wench in a belfry", but this is discredited.



Painting of Christopher Wray.

He may have attended Buckingham/Magdalene but there is no record of admission or residence. What is certain is that in later life he showed remarkable commitment to Magdalene. In 1545 he joined Lincoln's Inn and in 1550 was called to the Bar, becoming a Bencher in 1553, Reader in 1562, and Treasurer in 1565. He was an MP for various constituencies 1553–1571, in the final year becoming Speaker. The charters, liberties and privileges of the University of Cambridge were confirmed by Queen Elizabeth I largely due to his influence.

In 1572 Wray was appointed a judge, and in 1574 Chief Justice and knighted. He held the office for 18 years. As Chief Justice he presided over many state trials, mostly for conspiracy for treason to dethrone or to assassinate Queen Elizabeth I, such as Edward Campion in 1581, Babington in 1586, Queen Mary of Scots in 1586, and St Philip Howard in 1589. Queen Mary was an embarrassment as a prisoner, as she would have been

if released; and assassination and poisoning were seen as un-English. Following the conviction, Queen Elizabeth signed the warrant for execution, which was carried out, causing embarrassment to Elizabeth. Wray rather discredibly managed to lay the sole blame upon Secretary Davison with indiscreet zeal for allowing the warrant to take its course without ensuring that Elizabeth was given the opportunity to revoke it if she might so wish. Wray was said to be "indifferent" to religion, though he was strongly anti-Catholic and strongly disliked the puritans. He believed in the absolute power of the sovereign.

Wray was certainly respected for his demeanour, courtesy, patience, learning and skill. He was an example of what can be done in life by energy and fair character without shining abilities. Being much involved in state trials at a time when the Queen and indeed the nation were threatened from outside, he made little contribution to jurisprudence, although he did help to fashion the modern law of contract.

The College is much indebted to Wray. Taking pity on the poverty of the College, he proved himself a most generous benefactor, paying for a dozen rooms and the street frontage and the gatehouse, and endowing fellowships and scholarships. Indeed it was said that but for his generosity the College might not have survived the 1580s. At his death in 1592 he left legacies to the College. His portrait hangs in the Hall. There is a monument to him in the Church of St Michael, Glentworth, Lincolnshire.



**Alec Samuels (1949–1952),
formerly Reader in Law in the
University of Southampton**

THE MAGDALENE FESTIVAL OF SOUND

The Triennial Festival will take place from October 2014 to the end of the academic year 2015. The theme of this year's Festival is Sound. The Festival Directors, Jane Hughes and Silke Mentchen, would like to encourage you to come and to bring guests if you wish. After most events, there will be a drinks reception open to all and we warmly welcome Members wishing to attend to do so.

Here is the programme for the remainder of Michaelmas term and for Lent term:

27th November Cripps Court, 5pm LECTURE III

"Mathematics and Music: Deep Connections" with Professor Michael McIntyre

4th December Benson Hall, 5pm CONVERSATION V

"Sound in the Animal World" with Professor Karen McComb, Professor Tim Clutton-Brock

15th January Cripps Court, 5pm PERFORMANCE I

"In the Dark", Theatre performance in the dark, on the topic of Sound

22nd January Cripps Court, 5pm CONVERSATION VI

"Music and Performance" with Thomas Meinecke and Richard Earney



29th January Cripps Court, 5pm LECTURE IV

"Feeling Music" with Dame Evelyn Glennie

31 January Cripps Court 11am – 4pm CONVERSATION VII AND PERFORMANCE III

"The Sound of English Poetry": a Symposium. Readings and Talks, chaired by Dr Jane Hughes. Speakers include the award winning poet, Matthew Francis. Lunch included. Please note that pre-booking is required for this event

5th February Benson Hall, 5pm PERFORMANCE III

Concert, Readings and Celebration of Samuel Pepys's Life in Music. Please note that pre-booking is required for this event

12th February Benson Hall, 5pm CONVERSATION VIII

"Dialects of Birds and Humans" with Dr Mari Jones, Professor Horst Simon, Professor Silke Kipper, Silke Mentchen

19th February Cripps Court, 5pm CONVERSATION IX

"The Harmony of the Spheres" discussion chaired by Professor Eamon Duffy

26th February Cripps Court, 5pm LECTURE IV

"Zang Tumb Tumb! The Sounds of Approaching War" with Professor Christopher Clark, chaired by Dr Gareth Atkins

5th March Cripps Court, 5pm CONVERSATION X

"Engineering and the Psychology of Noise" with Dr Anurag Agarwal, Professor Stephen Stansfeld, Professor Holger Babinsky (Chair)

7th March Cripps Court, 2pm PERFORMANCE IV

Poetry Reading chaired by Neil Wenborn. Followed by afternoon tea and a chance to meet the readers informally

13th March Benson Hall, 5pm PERFORMANCE V

Recital with Ensemble Unterwegs: Winterreise

Please consult the College website www.magd.cam.ac.uk/festival-of-sound-2014-2015/ for updated information.

Non-Resident Members' Nights

These dining nights were introduced by Professor Sir John Gurdon and Mr Michael Keall some years ago to offer non-resident Members (NRMs) the opportunity to return with a small group of friends to exercise their MA Dining Rights. A number of Fellows, including Sir John, Mr Keall, Professor Grubb, Mrs Marsh and Mrs Lloyd, are on hand to host pre-dinner drinks in the Peckard Room and entertain Members during the evening. The format was changed slightly to allow the first four Members booking in for dinner to bring one guest each to dine for a small charge. These evenings have

become very popular and we now offer three guest nights each term, some on Fridays and others on Saturdays.

Details of these occasions can be found on the website www.magdalenecambridge.com by first clicking on the 'Events & Reunions' tab and then on the 'NRM Nights' tab. We also publish the dates on the back of every issue of Magdalene Matters and in the termly E-Matters which is sent to all of our Members whom we are able to contact by email.

The remaining dates for the current academic year are as follows:

24 January 2015	6 March 2015	23 May 2015
6 February 2015	25 April 2015	5 June 2015

Forthcoming Events

28 NOVEMBER 2014

Magdalene Dinner in the House of Lords

8 DECEMBER 2014

Magdalene College Choir Carol Concert in London

17 JANUARY 2015

Medical Society Dinner at Magdalene

28 FEBRUARY 2015

Magdalene Cardiff Dinner

2 MARCH 2015

The Investec Lecture at Magdalene. In 2015 this will be delivered by Kasper Holten (Director of Opera at the Royal Opera House) and is open to all Members and their guests.

14 MARCH 2015

Magdalene Law Association Dinner

8–12 APRIL 2015

Visit to the West Coast of the USA
Magdalene San Francisco Dinner
Magdalene Seattle Dinner

Please email events@magd.cam.ac.uk to register your interest in any of the above events.

18 APRIL 2015

Magdalene Members' Dinner (formerly the Association Dinner)

16 MAY 2015

MA Day. Invitations will be sent to Members who matriculated in 2008

6 JUNE 2015

Buckingham Society Luncheon

28 JUNE 2015

Family Day for all Members and their families

27 SEPTEMBER 2015

Annual Donors' Day. Invitations will be sent to everyone who made a gift to the College during the last financial year

Please note that other events may be added to this list. Always check our College website www.magdalenecambridge.com on the 'Events' pages and read the updated listings in *Magdalene E-Matters*.

Reunions

Reunions in 2015

FRIDAY 27 MARCH 2015

Dinner for those who matriculated in 1967–1970

SATURDAY 2 MAY 2015

Lunch for those who matriculated up to 1957

FRIDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2015

Dinner for those who matriculated in 1971–1973

FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2015

Dinner for those who matriculated in 1974–1976

Reunions in 2016

FRIDAY 8 APRIL 2016

Dinner for those who matriculated in 2005–2007

SATURDAY 7 MAY 2016

Lunch for those who matriculated in 1958–1962

FRIDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2016

Dinner for those who matriculated in 1977–1979

FRIDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2016

Dinner for those who matriculated in 1980–1982



MA Day 2014.

Invitations for Reunions will be sent out 3 months in advance. Please note that the programme for dinners usually begins at 4.30pm with tea and coffee in the Senior Combination Room. There will be an opportunity to visit the Pepys Library before dinner and to attend Evensong in Chapel. Pre-dinner drinks will be served in the Cripps Gallery at 7.15pm or Pepys' Cloisters, with dinner being served in Hall from 8pm.

Those who matriculated in 2008 will be invited to take their MA in person or in absentia in 2015.