Welcome to the Spring 2008 edition of Petrean News. It’s been two years since the first issue was produced, and the circulation has doubled in that time. Thank you to everyone who has passed on an e-mail address, to enable us to send Petrean News to you: if you change your e-mail address, please be sure to let us know. We’ve received some wonderfully encouraging comments and praise for the publication, and we’ve tried to take account of as many of your comments as possible. On your suggestion, we have added new items, and this issue sees the first of the Head Gardener’s ‘seasonal tips’. Also this term, we’ve included numerous publications, but only one Petrean biography; so if you would like to share details of what you have been doing since you left Peterhouse, please send them to amm85@cam.ac.uk.

Our next major event is the Peterhouse Society’s annual Gathering. Let’s keep our fingers crossed that the weather is better than last year! Work is continuing on the William Stone Building. If we continue to progress ahead of schedule there may be an outside chance that the new en suite rooms will be available for this year’s Gathering. I hope you won’t be too disappointed if you do not get a room there. It will be worth the wait! The pictures below show one of the newly completed en suite rooms.
RECENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Telephone Campaign 2008

Once again, at the start of the New Year, the Development Office held its annual telephone campaign. As this was the fourth campaign, we had a lower number of Petreans to call than in previous years. However, it still proved immensely successful, with some members even ringing after the campaign to enquire why they hadn’t been contacted this year. Obviously it is difficult to speak to as many of you as we would like over the week’s campaigning, and if we failed to do so and you would like to talk to us, or make a donation, please contact us at develop@pet.cam.ac.uk. One particularly good piece of news for Peterhouse, and indeed for all charities, is that, following the Chancellor’s announcement that the basic rate of Income Tax would be reduced from 22% to 20% from April this year, he surprised us all by announcing that Gift Aided donations would still attract 22% tax reclamation for the next three years. So there is every reason to offer your support to Peterhouse now!

Vidushi Tekriwal (matric. 2005), pictured above, writes of her experience of this year’s campaign as follows: ‘I participated in the Peterhouse telephone campaign for the first time during this, my final year. A few of my friends had participated in the past, and said that they had enjoyed it. It seemed like a good opportunity to connect with a small part of the impressive history of the oldest college in Cambridge, as well as to give something back to Peterhouse by helping to raise money. Being on the cusp of a career in the City myself, I was curious about what other Petreans had gone on to achieve, and hoped that they might be able to offer me some career advice in the process.

The week started with a day of training, which was conducted professionally – and remarkably openly – by the campaign facilitators and the Peterhouse Development Office. The issues we discussed at this stage proved very useful later during the phone calls. The calls themselves were varied. I spoke to the full spectrum of ages, from people in their mid-20s to their mid-80s, and each gave me an interesting perspective of life after Peterhouse. Having done Maths for two years, I spoke to quite a few Maths graduates, many of whom had already established successful City careers, and were able to offer helpful pointers for me; I also spoke to a few people who had dedicated their life to some noble causes, and heard some fascinating stories. There were, of course, a few who were unreceptive to the entire idea, but these were all part of the experience.

The campaign was more tiring than I had expected, but also much more rewarding. When people did choose to make a pledge, it was almost like a personal compliment, and I had the satisfaction of knowing that I had contributed to my College in a tangible way. The support we received throughout was very good, both from our facilitators and from the Development Office. The Master and Lady Wilson joined us on the last evening for a champagne celebration, which was very much appreciated. I will be sorry to leave Peterhouse when I graduate later this year, but look forward to remaining a Petrean.’

Lent Bumps 2008 (article by Matthew Harris, matric. 2006, Boat Club Secretary)

The Lent Bumps took place between 26th February and 1st March. The 1st Men achieved their best Lents results for 12 years, bumping St Catharine’s, Wolfson and Caius II. The crew was disappointed to miss out on a bump on the first day of the competition, but thereafter their performance was impressive. A member of the crew commented: ‘We saved our most exciting day for last, as Caius II managed to hold us roughly on station as far as the Plough, where we dug
in hard and started to take distance off them. Eventually the bump was made about 150m short of the Railway Bridge.’

Two other crews took part in the Bumps: the 1st Women and the 2nd Men. Starting the week in the unenviable position of sandwich boat between Divisions 1 and 2, the 1st Women faced two gruelling row-overs and tough competition from King’s, Jesus II and LMBC II later in the week. The result, down three, does not reflect the quality of their rowing under pressure. Their tenacious performance on the final day was singled out for praise by the Master at the Lents Dinner. The 2nd Men started the week poorly, conceding bumps on the first two days, but mustered two strong row-overs later in the week despite crew illness problems.

The 1st Men were not able to relax after their success in Bumps: for the first time in five years, Peterhouse entered a crew in the Head of the River Race which took place on the Championship course on the Thames on 15th March. Peterhouse finished 14th of 65 crews in their division. The picture above shows the team chasing Girton during their race.

Two Petreans competed for Cambridge at the Henley Boat Races on Sunday 23rd March. Ted Randolph fought off tough competition to be selected as the cox for the Lightweight Men. Sarah Allen, who learnt to row with PBC and last year won blades with Peterhouse 1st Women, rowed with the CUWBC Lightweights, defeating Oxford by a third of a length. Sarah commented: ‘It is hard to describe the utter elation that comes with winning a boat race. There is no second place, which makes the glory of winning a thousandfold greater.’

The Peterhouse Boat Club’s current Development Officer is Jacqui Jeffery, who can be contacted at bc_development@pet.cam.ac.uk: she will be pleased to hear from you.

**Peterhouse Society London Wine-Tasting Dinner: 7th March 2008**

A new event added to this year’s Peterhouse Society calendar was a dinner held on Friday 7th March, organised by Mr Hal Wilson (matric. 1987). Hal writes as follows: ‘A most enjoyable evening was spent at the inaugural Peterhouse Society Wine-Tasting Dinner at the Oxford and Cambridge Club. A guest list of 55, comprising Petreans and their guests spanning five decades of matriculation, filled the impressive Princess Marie Louise Room to capacity. Guest speakers were Dr Roderick Munday, the College’s Wine Steward, and Hal Wilson, owner of Cambridge Wine Merchants. Both speakers introduced wines selected from their cellars, to compliment an excellent menu. From the Fellows’ Cellar came an exotic and still thriving Ata Rangi Pinot Noir 1996 from Martinborough, New Zealand, and a robust and savoury claret, Ch. d’Aiguilhe 1998, Cotes de Castillon. Hal Wilson produced two white wines, an organic Vouvray Sec 2006 Domaine de Petit Coteau and a luscious Gruner Veltliner 2006 from Schloss Gobelsburg in Austria, followed by a graceful red burgundy Santenay 1er Cru 2000 Lucien Muzard, and a seductively sweet and spicy Botrytis Gewurztraminer 2005 from Rymill in Australia. The dinner was an opportunity to commemorate the life of Bill Baker (matric. 1973), one of Britain’s great wine merchants and authorities on fine wine and food, who died in January. Many guests have relayed how much they enjoyed the evening, and their hope that it will be repeated regularly. Dr Monday and Mr Wilson are happy in principle to be recalled for more vinous enlightenment at some future date, so watch this space...’
COLLEGE NEWS

The Fellowship

One Fellow left at the end of Lent Term 2008:

• Dr Roman Roth, Research Fellow in Classics, took up a post at the School of Languages and Literatures, University of Cape Town.

The following was elected, with effect from 1st March 2008:

• Dr Richard Hall, formerly of the Université Paris-Sud XI, elected Microsoft Research Fellow.

The Gunn Gallery

We are delighted to announce that the Gunn Gallery has won the David Urwin Architectural Award, awarded at the annual dinner of the Cambridge Forum for Construction on 24th March at King’s College. A full report giving details can be found at:

http://www.cambridge-news.co.uk/cn_news_cambridge/displayarticle.asp?id=306490.

Peterhouse Medics

Following our very successful student at MIT last year (Catriona MacDougall, matric. 2004) we were delighted that a second Peterhouse student, Frances Richardson (matric. 2005), was offered a place on this prestigious exchange for this academic year (see Autumn 2007 Petrean News). We are absolutely delighted to report that Frances is having a hugely successful time in the US, and has an interim grading at the very top of her class (GPA 5.0). Congratulations to her!!

Don’t forget you can now keep in touch with other Peterhouse medics via ‘Facebook’, which has a Peterhouse Medical Society Group.

Expedition to Chile

Over the Christmas 2007 period, two of our third year Natural Scientists, Craig Brooks-Rooney (matric. 2005) and Richard German (matric. 2005), took part in an entirely student-organised expedition to Chile. They raised thousands of pounds in sponsorship money, in particular from the Centre of Latin American Studies in Cambridge.

Richard and Craig write as follows: ‘Cambridge University – Chile 2007 (CUCHI 2007) was the first student-run initiative of its kind, which saw thirteen third-year Cambridge Natural Scientists organise – in co-ordination with the Chilean NGO, Parques Para Chile – and participate in a conservation expedition to the Chilean Lake District in December 2007. This expedition had been a year in the planning, and after countless hours of fundraising, including assistance from Peterhouse Travel Fund, organisation and training, the group headed out for an inspiring introduction to conservation science.

On the ground, we worked on three major projects in the study area: bird distribution; mammal and amphibian distribution and conservation modelling; and understanding the social aspect of conservation, in particular human-wildlife conflict. We spent most days in the field, conducting research and ecological assessments, or visiting the local indigenous populations and conducting interviews with them, as part of Parques Para Chile’s work with the local government. This gave us a chance to experience some of the rich natural heritage of the region and to understand the issues that the people are facing and the pressures that they see on their environment.

The expedition was professionally, socially and personally enriching for everyone involved. For our team of Natural Scientists, it provided a true experience of what it is like to work with an NGO in conservation science, and allowed us to experience conservation work in an inspiring environment with an inspiring group of people. We learned about data collection techniques used in the field, and gained experience of the use of GIS, an essential modelling tool in present-day conservation science. The expedition provided true insight into what conservation is like in the field, something which we cannot receive from our lectures at University alone. In conservation science, knowledge from all scientific fields is required, and needs to be integrated as a whole. We realised
that goals and methodologies need to be flexible, and that understanding an ecosystem and planning for conservation is a continuous learning process for everyone – experts and students alike.

Plans are already underway for CUCHI 2008, with an expanded programme, built on the successes of last year’s expedition. For more information about CUCHI 2007 or future expeditions, please contact Claire Thompson at ct311@cam.ac.uk. We hope to launch a website in the near future.

On graduation, Craig has accepted a year’s position to teach Biology in former British Guyana, beginning in August 2008. This will allow him to continue exploring South America and the Caribbean, whilst also following his chosen career path into teaching. Richard will begin a four-year PhD in farmland ecology at the University of Leeds this October. He hopes it can lead to a career in research, whilst never having to grow out of his childhood ‘nature phase’.

Sir John Meurig Thomas, Honorary Fellow

A symposium was held in Cambridge in December 2007 to celebrate the scientific work of Sir John Meurig Thomas, Master 1993-2002. An article on the visit of the German leader, Chancellor Angela Merkel, who participated, can be viewed at:

http://education.guardian.co.uk/higher/news/story/0,,2230593,00.html

Dr Mari Jones, Fellow

Dr Mari Jones, Fellow in Modern and Mediaeval Languages and Linguistics, and Tutor, is currently participating in a major research project, in collaboration with the University of Caen in Normandy, which is studying the Norman dialects spoken in continental Normandy and in the Channel Islands, currently under threat from, respectively, Standard French and English. The extensive survey, based on recordings of native speakers, undertaken in 114 locations, will document the linguistic situation of Norman at the beginning of the 21st century by investigating the dialect’s role in the everyday lives of its speakers and by examining the extent to which it is still marked by linguistic features that distinguish it from other Northern French dialects. The recordings will be supplemented by questionnaires focussing on specific items of vocabulary, which will revise, extend and up-date the linguistic atlas of Normandy that appeared in the 1980s. Dr. Jones is responsible for gathering all the Channel Islands data for the survey, and has recently visited Guernsey and Sark, with a visit to Jersey planned for this summer. The project is attracting a great deal of interest both in French academic circles and in the local media.

Petreans in the USA

Please note that, following the launch of the ‘Petreans in the USA’ web-pages (see our Winter 2007 issue), Mr Simon Wadsworth, leader of the Brewster Association in Tennessee, has changed his email to s71@comcast.net.

Seasonal tips from the Head Gardener, Richard Harris

Richard writes: ‘The subject I am most frequently asked about is the Peterhouse lawns: how often do we cut the grass; how do we treat the weeds; do we use fertilizer, etc.? So here is a run-down on our spring-time routine, most of which is carried out during April.

The first job after the winter is to use a rotary mower with a collecting bag to clear any mess such as twigs and leaves and to shorten the tufts of long grass. Once we get into April and the soil is warming up, and the grass begins to grow, it is necessary to treat the grass with a selective herbicide – one which will kill broad-leafed plants, but not the grass. There are a number of products on the market which are ready-mixed in a spray applicator, meant for spot treatment of weeds rather than a treatment for the whole lawn. I resist using these, because although a selective herbicide will not kill the grass, it will cause it to yellow slightly, leaving the lawn looking very patchy. Better, I think, to treat the whole lawn and have an even discolouring; it’s much less noticeable. A week or so later I spray again with a moss killer. This works very quickly and is timed so that we can scarify as soon as the moss has gone black. For best results I like to scarify three times: the first along the length of the lawn; the second at a slight angle to the first; and the third at a slight angle in the opposite direction. Going over the second time at a right angle to the first only cuts the moss and thatch into little squares – it doesn’t rake it out.
To feed the lawn I use a pellet chicken manure. This has a high nitrogen content, of which some is available immediately, and the rest in a slow-release form. It’s best if this can be applied just before a good rainfall, or watered-in, as the odour can be a little too much if it wafts in through open windows. If there have been large patches of weeds in the lawn, or plants over-hanging from borders and the grass has died off, then this is a good time to sow a little grass seed onto the bald patches. The rest of the summer is then spent cutting the healthy grass once a week, and waiting for a May Ball or builders to mess it up again! The picture below shows the grass in Old Court having just been scarified.

A job that I’ve learnt about since becoming Head Gardener at Peterhouse is the pruning of *Magnolia grandiflora* (as shown in the picture below) – an evergreen which is usually (in Britain) grown as a wall shrub. It can reach about 30’ (10m) tall and 20’ (7m) wide, with white bowl-shaped flowers 8” (20cm) across. April, we have discovered, is the best month for pruning, as it will quickly recover and flower all summer.

Some Magnolias resent being pruned, and if not done just right will soon show signs of dying back, but *grandiflora* is one of the easiest to prune. Small branches can be cut back to a fork or a bud, to make the tree a neater shape. The large branches are not so simple. Normally, I would expect branches to be pruned back to the trunk, leaving no snags or stumps; but this is difficult when the wall is supposed to be clothed in greenery, and pruning a large branch is going to leave a gap. We have had a lot of success in cutting the branch back to an appropriate point, even if this means leaving a stump 4” in diameter: it will send out new shoots within weeks.’ The pictures above shows Peterhouse’s *Magnolia grandiflora* at the back of ’L’ staircase in Gisborne Court, and the *grandiflora* in full bloom.

**Varsity Golf Matches**

During March, the Varsity Golf Matches against Oxford took place. Peterhouse had three students playing for all three University golf teams, one in each team. Rebecka Ahl (matric. 2007) plays golf for the Cambridge University Ladies Golf Club, and writes as follows: ‘On 26th March, the Ladies Varsity Match was very kindly hosted by Royal Liverpool Golf Club. Seated in two fully-packed cars, leaving Cambridge a couple of days before the match, were this year’s very excited Cambridge team members. Our Varsity trip got off to an interesting start when we finally arrived at Hoylake to make ourselves at home in two booked caravans. Our excitement was slightly
challenged when we realised the absence of a heating system and the presence of the narrowest beds ever seen. After two long days of rainy practice, the sky finally lit up and the sun came out to give us all a wonderful day to play golf. Cambridge started by playing foursomes in the morning, finishing with singles in the afternoon against our Oxford counterparts. Even though the Oxford team was very solid, with a lower average handicap, we managed to show them that neither lack of sleep nor aching backs from our freezing cold and uncomfortable caravans could defeat the strong Cambridge team spirit. In the end, Light Blue overcame Dark Blue with a score of 5.5 to 3.5."

Pictured below are four of the Cambridge Lady Golfers, from left to right, Katie Taylor (Christ's), Louisa Tarn (Jesus), Jenny Heathcote (New Hall), and Rebecka Ahl (Peterhouse). 

Ruaraidh Stewart (matric. 2005), who participated in the Blues match, writes as follows: ‘The 119th Varsity Golf Match was played at Royal Liverpool on 28th and 29th of March. I represented Cambridge, with Jamie McFarlane (matric. 2007) playing for the Stymies (Second Team). The team spent a week in Liverpool preparing for the match, although it seems that no amount of preparation could have prepared the boys for the horrific weather conditions of the two match days. As with all the matches of the week, the Blues had an incredibly close game with Oxford. The matches are played over two rounds on both days, meaning the players are physically and mentally shattered by the end of each match. Oxford ended the first day 3-2 in the lead, with the decisive top match ending in the Dark Blues’ favour on the last hole. Unfortunately for Cambridge, the singles on the second day could only be shared 5-5, meaning that Oxford prevailed 8-7. The whole week was a tremendous experience, with the team being the closest that I have known in my three years playing for the Blues. Although we didn’t get the result that we worked so hard for, the fact that seven members of the team are back next year is highly promising. The second team match by the Stymies, involving Jamie McFarlane, ended with the Cambridge team losing 8.5 to 6.5.’

The Triple Helix

Thomas Kluyver (matric. 2006), a second year Natural Scientist, was one of four delegates from the Cambridge branch of The Triple Helix (an international student-run organisation that publishes a high-quality magazine covering the links between science and society; http://www.thetriplehelix.org/about/) to be invited by the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) to attend their annual conference in Boston in February. The AAAS publishes the top international journal Science. Thomas is Editor-in-Chief of the Cambridge branch of the Triple Helix (http://www.camtriplehelix.com/).

Officers Training Corps’ Annual Dinner

Ed Dickins (matric. 2005), reports: ‘Annual Dinners of University societies are always the highlight of their social calendars. However, few can claim to attract a guest list quite as significant as that of Cambridge University Officer Training Corps (CUOTC). Therefore it was a great privilege when I was chosen to host the guest of honour, General McKiernan, current Head of the U.S. Army in Europe and future Head of ISAF in Afghanistan.

Before the dinner itself, I was given the daunting task of occupying the General with some light relief among the sights of Cambridge. This consisted of a visit to King’s, Trinity and St John’s colleges by punt, before finishing at Peterhouse. I was very grateful for the help of Second
Lieutenants Ed Paul (Trinity) and Martin Kent (St John’s) and for the co-operation of the colleges. This allowed us to see not only the usual tourist hot-spots, but also access places normally out of bounds, such as the Tower of St John’s Chapel and the Master’s Lodge at Trinity. Above all I was indebted to Lord and Lady Wilson, who agreed to host General McKiernan at the Peterhouse Master’s Lodge for that great English institution, afternoon tea.

Once the tour was over I was allowed an hour or so to relax before accompanying the General to the dinner in St John’s Hall. Our arrival at the reception was greeted not only by the other guests and students, but also by a Canadian film crew who were making a documentary on the OTC. The meal itself was a fantastic spectacle, with military ‘Mess Kit’ providing a splash of colour in contrast to the monotony of ‘black tie’. Musical accompaniment was provided by representatives from the Minden Band of the Queen’s Division and the bugles of The Rifles. It was a privilege to be able to appreciate all of this from the High Table, and in the presence not only of Lord Wilson, but also of Petrean Honorary Fellow, General Sir Hugh Beach (matric. 1941).

After the dinner, the majority of those present retired to the CUOTC Mess, where guests and students were free to mingle. It was very satisfying to see many of my friends having a more personal conversation with the General than most journalists are ever likely to get! When the guests finally thinned out, I was able to reflect on one of the more remarkable days of my time at Cambridge. The stereotypical U.S. General portrayed by portions of the media might be considered brash and ignorant. It was therefore refreshing to see that General McKiernan is a man of intellect and humility, and someone whom I would be happy to see in command of the Petreans now serving in Afghanistan.’

The Peterhouse Punt

Lucy Stockbridge (matric. 1988) writes: ‘The Winter 2007 issue of Petrean News reminded me to write with an anecdote of the Punt's history from my era, which may be of interest. I was Sex Club President in 2000/01, during which time we had to rescue the punt. It had been moored at St John’s; but, for reasons I no longer remember, this arrangement had ceased and the punt had been abandoned there for some time. When a few of us went to collect it, we discovered that no-one knew which punt was ours - they had a number of unclaimed punts and John’s knew no better than we did what ours looked like. So, with St John's' consent, we just picked the one in the best condition! I remember the trip home very clearly, as in winter, with rough water, it is pretty tricky to punt - it took some time, and for most of the way someone had to pull us along from the bank! Getting the punt back out of the water was also fun. Sadly, we didn’t get the punt back into service after this, as we couldn’t find a mooring we could afford. It was instead transferred to the boat house for storage, and brought out only as a large champagne bucket for the Ball.’

Ed Emery (matric. 1966) writes: ‘On the weekend of 14th-15th June 2008, as part of a river-based twinning arrangement between Cambridge and the city of Padova in Italy, we are organising informal Punt Racing on the River Cam. The racing will take place on the evening of Sunday 15th June, from 6.00 p.m. onwards. The course will run from Darwin College Island to Trinity Punts Boathouse. The format will be: timed races, probably racing in pairs. The person with the fastest time will be the winner. If you would like to enter this racing event please reply to ed.emery@thefreeuniversity.net. Upon receipt of your reply, further details will be sent.’

College items for sale

- Professor David Watkin’s 1984 Architectural History of the College.
- Roland Mayer’s History of the Peterhouse Boat Club.
- Robert Mason’s original artwork for the covers of successive editions of the Peterhouse newsletter.
- The Organs of Cambridge, a CD featuring the work of Mr Daniel Clark (matric. 1991), priced £5 each. Incidentally, Mr Clark is one of our ‘lost Petreans’. If anyone knows of his whereabouts, please ask him to contact us.
FORTHCOMING EVENTS

• **Camerata Musica Concerts**
  
  o **Tuesday, 29th April**, Sir Thomas Allen, baritone, and Simon Over, piano. Programme to include: Schuman, *Dichterliebe*, Opus 48, and works by Copeland and Bernstein.
  
  
  o **Tuesday, 10th March 2009**, Simon Trpčeski, piano. Programme to include: Scriabin, *Sonata no. 2 in G sharp minor*, Opus 19; Chopin, *Sonata no. 2 in B flat minor*, Opus 35.

Tickets are available from the City Centre Box Office, Wheeler Street, Cambridge CB2 3QB: telephone 01223 357851.

• **Peterhouse Music Society**
  
  o **Thursday 15th May**, Chapel, 8.00 p.m. Benjamin Moore (violin) and Tim Lowe (‘cello), to include solo works by Bach.
  
  o **Tuesday 17th May**, Friends of Peterhouse Theatre, 7.30 p.m. College May Week Concert, to include instrumental, vocal and choral works.

• **Politics Society**
  
  o **Tuesday 29th April**, Parlour, 8.45 p.m. Dr Sean Gabb, Director of the Libertarian Alliance.
  
  o **Saturday 17th May**, Parlour, 8.45 p.m. The Master, Lord Wilson.
  
  o **Thursday 19th June**, Combination Room, 7.00 for 7.30 p.m. Annual Dinner The guest speaker is Lord McNally, Leader of the Liberal Democrats in the House of Lords.

Please contact Craig Brooks-Rooney at ctb25@cam.ac.uk, for more information and to reserve a ticket.

• **London drinks evening, Thursday 24th April 2008**

The eighth annual ‘London drinks’ evening, in the City, will again be held at Corney and Barrow Wine Bar, 19 Broadgate Circle, London EC2 (45 metres from Liverpool Street station) from 6.30 p.m., on Thursday 24th April 2008. The event is open to all Petreans, with ‘younger’ members especially in mind. Once again the Enclosure Bar, on the first floor – newly refurbished for 2008 – has been reserved. There is no booking or admission fee. Simply pay for your drinks, and food if required, at the bar. The evening is an informal after-work drinks session, and you are free to come and go as you please – or perhaps bring along a group of friends.

• **May Week, 14th – 21st June 2008**
  
  o May Bumps: Wednesday 11th to Saturday 14th June 2008. As usual, all Petreans are welcome to come along to the May Bumps to support the Boat Club. The Bumps Supper will be held on Saturday 14th June, and attendance by former rowers is welcome. Please contact the Honorary Secretary of the Boat Club, Matt Harris, e-mail bc_secretary@pet.cam.ac.uk.
  
  o College May Week Concert: Tuesday 17th June 2008. Details above.
• The Peterhouse Society Gathering, 27th – 29th June 2008

The Gathering will be held from the evening of Friday 27th June to Sunday 29th June 2008. Details have already been circulated to all Petreans, and we have already received a good response. If you still wish to book for this weekend, please do so before the 13th June 2008 deadline, but bear in mind that places are filling up fast.

• Dinner for Women Petreans, Friday 5th September 2008

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the graduation of the first women Petreans. An invitation and further details will be circulated to all concerned in due course. We hope that as many possible will be able to attend this auspicious event.

• Petrean Dinner, Saturday 20th September 2008

Petreans who matriculated between the years 1971 and 1975 inclusive are warmly invited to attend the ‘Petrean Dinner’ on Saturday 20th September 2008. Invitations and further details will be circulated shortly to all members who matriculated in the years concerned. Dinner will be served at 8.00 p.m., with pre-dinner drinks from 7.30 p.m., in the Fellows’ Garden, weather permitting. Afternoon tea will be provided between 4.00 and 5.30 p.m. Please note the change of date in your diary. Traditionally, Petrean Dinners have been held the last week in September, to coincide with the Cambridge University Alumni Weekend. As this is always so close to the start of term and the return to residence of undergraduates, from this year onwards the dinners will be held one week earlier. Hence, the dates for future years are:

- Saturday 10th and 17th September 2011: up to and including 1965

Please note there will be no dinner in 2013.

• West End London drinks evening, Thursday 16th October 2008

Due to the success of the April ‘London Drinks’ held in the City, the Peterhouse Society has decided to inaugurate a second ‘drinks evening’, this time in the West End. This event will be held at Café Koha, 11 St Martin’s Court, London WC2 (9 metres from Leicester Square underground station, Charing Cross Road (south) exit). The downstairs bar has been reserved from 6.30 p.m. onwards. No booking or admission fee is required. Simply pay for your drinks, and food if required, at the bar. Like the established ‘London Drinks’ in the City, this evening will be wholly informal – simply come and go as you please – or perhaps bring along a group of Petrean Friends.

YOUR NEWS

Biography: Dr Michael Salmony (matric. 1974)

Dr Michael Salmony is an internationally recognised leader in business innovation, especially in the internet and financial services space. He represents national bodies and banking consortia and international industry sectors, for example within the European Commission, where he was nominated in 2007 to the Steering Committee on el invoicing to improve European competitiveness and efficiency.

Recently he managed, at Board of Directors level, the merger between national organisations to yield Equens, the first and leading truly pan-European full-service payment service provider, which now processes 1.5 times the gross domestic product of Europe per year. Previous positions include Director, Business Development, of a leading national central bank, and Assistant General Manager of its new payments subdivision. Before entering the world of finance he helped transform numerous industries through diverse international managerial roles at IBM for 20 years, from Assistant, to the IBM Board of Directors, to IBM’s Director of Market Development Media and Communications Technologies. Born 1956, he was educated at King’s School Canterbury, and went on to read Engineering and Computer Science at Peterhouse.
Publications

Mr Alistair Cooke, O.B.E. (matric. 1963)

A *History of the Carlton Club, 1832-2007*, by Alistair Cooke, O.B.E., and Sir Charles Petrie, has recently been published by the Carlton Club. Copies are available from The Carlton Club, 69 St James's Street, SW1, priced £30. Alternatively, please telephone 0207 493 1164, or email Emily.chapman@carltonclub.co.uk.

Professor James Stevens Curl (matric. 1992)

*Victorian Architecture: Diversity & Invention*, a 635 pages with 473 black-and-white and 52 colour illustrations, by former Visiting Fellow, Professor James Stevens Curl, has been published by Spire Books Ltd., to enthusiastic notices. It has been described as 'a vast and magisterial work which it is hard to imagine ever being superseded'; 'a magnificent major achievement of scholarship and learning, written with grace and authority'; 'a triumph'; and as representing 'a life's work in examining the built legacy of the Victorians, born out of a fascination and love for it on the part of the author. Sharing it is an act of generosity... It is hard to think of a more impressive survey'.

![The Carlton Club](image1)

![Victorian Architecture](image2)
Professor Jonathan Gorman (matric. 1970)

*Historical Judgement*, recently published by Acumen in the UK, and McGill-Queen's University Press in America and Canada, is the work of Professor Jonathan Gorman, Professor of Moral Philosophy, School of Politics, International Studies and Philosophy at Queen's University, Belfast. An extract of the Publishers' review states: 'The historical profession is not noted for examining its own methodologies. Indeed, most historians are averse to historical theory. In *Historical Judgement*, Jonathan Gorman’s response to this state of affairs is to argue that if we want to characterize a discipline, we need to look to persons who successfully occupy the role of being practitioners of that discipline. So to model historiography we must do so from the views of historians.' The acknowledgements give an important place to the Peterhouse historians of 1970-73.

![Historical Judgement](image)

Captain Alfred McLaren (matric. 1981)

Captian Alfred McLaren's *Unknown Waters: A First-hand Account of the Historic Under-Ice Survey of the Siberian Continental Shelf by USS Queenfish (SSN-651)* was published by the University of Alabama Press in February 2008. The late Captain William R. Anderson, skipper of USS Nautilus (SSN-571) during her historic 1958 transpolar voyage, wrote the foreword; and Clive Cussler (famous writer and discoverer of the Confederate submarine *Hunley*); Dr Don Walsh (Mariannas Trench dive in Trieste in 1960 with Piccard); Gary Weir (former Historian of the U. S. Navy); and Admirals John H. Nicholson (USS *Sargo* - first all-winter Arctic Ocean expedition), and George Steele (USS *Seadragon* - first survey of the Northwest Passage and 1st Atlantic to Pacific Transpolar voyage), have all written superb book jacket comments. The book is already listed on Amazon.com.

'Book signings' at Cambridge University (Scott Polar Research Institute) will be held on 7th May 2008. Additional 'book signings' are planned for the UK and Western Europe during 2008.
Mr Ed Smith (matric. 1995)

Ed Smith, the England cricketer and now Captain of Middlesex County Cricket Club, has recently released his third book, *What Sport tells us about life*’ (Penguin publications). A review from the *Times*, describing his work as ‘elegant pageturner’ can be found at: [http://entertainment.timesonline.co.uk/tol/arts_and_entertainment/books/sport/article3552328.ece](http://entertainment.timesonline.co.uk/tol/arts_and_entertainment/books/sport/article3552328.ece).

![Image of Ed Smith's book](image1.png)

Dr Gary Taylor (matric. 1975)

Dr Gary Taylor has led a team of 75 scholars from 12 countries to produce the new Oxford University Press edition of *The Collected Works of Thomas Middleton* and its companion volume, *Thomas Middleton and Early Modern Textual Culture*, published in the UK on 22nd November 2007 and in the US on 22nd January 2008. For more on Middleton and the edition, see [http:\\thomasmiddleton.org](http://thomasmiddleton.org). For more on what Gary has been doing since he left Cambridge, see his webpage at [http://www.english.fsu.edu/faculty/gtaylor.htm](http://www.english.fsu.edu/faculty/gtaylor.htm)

![Image of Thomas Middleton edition](image2.png)

NEW YEAR HONOURS LIST 2008 – Petreans honoured

**Mr Richard Harry Sturt** (matric. 1958): OBE, for services to the Water industry.

**Dr Andrew John Pocock** (matric. 1978), HM Ambassador to the Republic of Zimbabwe since February 2006: CMG.
WHAT'S ON IN CAMBRIDGE – APRIL TO SEPTEMBER 2008

Cambridge Arts Theatre:

- **Aspects of Love**, 5th to 10th May. Andrew Lloyd Webber’s most romantic musical comes to Cambridge for one week only.
- **Treasure Island**, 3rd to 7th June. Robert Louis Stevenson’s classic adventure.

For a full programme and information visit [www.cambridgeartstheatre.com](http://www.cambridgeartstheatre.com); box office: 01223 503333.

Cambridge Corn Exchange:

- **Buena Vista Social Club presents Mirabal, Cachaito, Aguaje & Galban**, 6th May. Following their completely sold out 2007 world tour, an extraordinary line-up of Buena Vista Social Club stalwarts, together in a 12 piece band direct from Havana, return to the UK to present some of the finest Cuban music ever made.
- **LazyTown Live**, 28th to 29th June. LazyTown is the award-winning show of the moment and is proving a TV hit for children across the globe.

For a full programme and information visit [www.cornex.co.uk](http://www.cornex.co.uk); box office: 01223 357851.

West Road Concert Hall:

- **Cambridge Orchestra**, 20th June. Stravinsky, Birthday Greetings Prelude; Shostakovich, The Gadfly Suite; Rachmaninov, Variations on a Theme of Paganini; Prokofiev, Symphony No. 5.

For a full programme and information visit [www.westroad.org](http://www.westroad.org); tel: 01223 335184.

ADC Theatre:

The ADC Theatre is closed for the final stage of redevelopment work from April to October 2008.

Fitzwilliam Museum:

- **Chinese Imperial Jades**, 1st May to 29th June. Chinese Gallery (Gallery 28). Exceptional pieces of jade from the Qing Imperial collection. These jades were carved during the reign of the Emperor Qianlong (r.1736-96), and their materials would have been mined and carefully shipped to Beijing to be carved in the imperial workshop. Some of the pieces on display bear poems composed by the Emperor himself, emphasising the important status of jade in Chinese art and culture.

For a full programme and information visit [www.fitzwilliam.cam.ac.uk](http://www.fitzwilliam.cam.ac.uk); telephone: 01223 332900.

Kettle's Yard:

- **Beyond Measure: conversations across art and science**, 5th April to 1st June. This exhibition - with its associated workshops, talks and events - explores how geometry is used by artists and astronomers, bio-chemists, engineers, surgeons, architects, physicists and mathematicians - among many others - as a means to understand, explain and order the world around us. It draws parallels between the artist's studio, the laboratory and the study as equivalent places for thinking, imagining and creating.

For a full programme and information visit [www.kettlesyard.co.uk](http://www.kettlesyard.co.uk); telephone: 01223 352154.

If you wish to combine a visit to one of the above events with a stay at the College, details of guest rooms can be obtained through the Conference Co-ordinator, Ms Anne Gifford, telephone 01223 338205 (jag39@cam.ac.uk).