We’ve now come full circle since the appearance of the first Peterhouse e-Newsletter, in April 2006, this being the fourth issue of what has so far proved to be a popular supplement to the annual Peterhouse Newsletter and the Peterhouse Annual Record.

The ‘Your News’ section has provoked many welcome responses and contributions. As has been suggested by many of you, I’ve incorporated personal news such as marriages and births. It was always hoped that Petrean News would be particularly effective in building links between alumni and current students, and this issue also focusses more closely on this aspect.
RECENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Telephone Campaign 2007

Just after the New Year, the Development Office launched its third successive telephone campaign. We are pleased to announce that, to date, we have raised over £150,000, with donations still coming in – gratifyingly, a little more than the amount raised at the same point through last year’s campaign. Once again, we are particularly grateful to all our members who have made, or renewed, a donation to the Development Campaign as a result of being called.

The feedback from our Junior Member callers confirmed that they again enjoyed the experience of talking with you about your time at the College. Our grateful thanks go to all our Junior Members who assisted us throughout the campaign. Paul Powlesland (matric. 2004), the recipient of the much-coveted prize of an iPod Nano, presented to him by the Master for making the most telephone contacts, comments on his experience of the campaign as follows:

‘Looking around the room on the first day of the telephone campaign, it was obvious that I was not the only one who was nervous about making my first call. However, it was soon clear that I need not have worried as, although some Petreans were more enthusiastic about the campaign than others, everyone I called was, without exception, friendly and polite. Furthermore, the majority were really pleased to hear from a current undergraduate about how Peterhouse was doing and how it had developed since their time here. Given that the Petreans we were calling ranged from those who had been at Peterhouse before the Second World War to those who had left only a few years ago, it was also fascinating for us to hear how Peterhouse had changed and how, in many respects, things had stayed much the same! As well as getting in touch with Petreans, the Campaign also helped to raise a significant amount of money for the Peterhouse Development Fund. Although I had expected to raise some money for the Campaign, the generosity of Petreans was impressive and helped to make my job really rewarding and worthwhile. This is especially so given that the fruits of the Development Campaign are already beginning to be seen around College and have assisted me greatly during my time at Peterhouse.’

Petreans in the USA

Sir Christopher Meyer (matric. 1962, Honorary Fellow and member of the Advisory Board for the Development Campaign) was the guest of honour at two dinners and a luncheon for invited Petreans in Washington, D.C., New York and Harvard University in early December 2006. Sir Christopher was H.M. Ambassador to the United States from 1997 to 2003, and is now Chairman of the Press Complaints Commission in the U.K. The dinners are a first stage in a new programme to enhance relations with all U.S.-based Petreans, and to seek their involvement and support.

Lent Bumps 2007 (article by Patrick Overy, matric. 2003, Boat Club Development Officer)

The 2007 Lent Bumps always looked to be promising for the Peterhouse Boat Club – an unusually high number of crews, five in total, were training from the first week of Term, with most of the squad returning for a training camp 10 days before Term began.
The Bumps campaign did not start quite as we might have wished; in the ‘Getting-on’ Race, the Men’s 3rd VIII were unfortunate to miss the qualifying time for Bumps by just a few seconds, and one of the 2nd Women’s VIII suffered a badly-pulled muscle at the start of the course, forcing the crew to paddle virtually the entire course with only six rowers. The PBC therefore entered the bumps with three crews, the 1st Ladies VII (pictured) starting in their highest position ever in the Lents.

Crews in Bumps often use their high placing as an excuse for poor performance. The Peterhouse Ladies were determined that this would not be the case, and showed their determination in style. They won their blades with four quick ‘textbook’ bumps, catching Jesus II, King’s, Robinson and finally New Hall (the final bump being made at First Post Corner, an impressive feat starting from the top stations) to reach the Head of the Second Division. As ‘sandwich boat’ they became the first Peterhouse Ladies VIII ever to row in the First Division of the Lents. Despite closing rapidly on St Catharine’s, they ‘caught a crab’ under the motorway bridge, sadly causing them to miss their fifth bump. However, their achievements leave them at the top of the Second Division, and comfortably ahead of every College 2nd VIII.

The 1st Men’s VIII had a much more frustrating week, which failed to deliver the results expected after a hard term of training. Despite being arguably the second fastest boat in their division, they were unfortunate to be starting ahead of First and Third II, the Club whose 1st VIII’s clinched both Headships. They made a valiant effort to escape the clutches of 1st and 3rd by making a quick bump on Sidney Sussex, and came within a canvas of doing so before being obstructed by the oars of a crew that had already bumped out – this cost them distance against both crews, and allowed First and Third to catch them before they could make a bump themselves. A strong rowover on the second day set the scene for a bump on Sidney on day three, leaving them chasing Girton on the final day, a crew from whom they had taken five lengths while chasing the overbump on day two. However, this bump was not to be – Peterhouse closed to within a canvas by the first corner, but a mass of bumped-out crews left the river blocked: technical rowovers were awarded, leaving the 1st VIII level with its starting position.

The 2nd Men rowed well throughout the Bumps, rowing straight past First and Third IV on the final day to finish up one place over the week.

The Bumps Supper was a great success, celebrating, in particular, the Ladies’ achievements. The dinner was attended and enjoyed by some fifteen PBC alumni of a variety of ages, many of whom are planning to return for the May Bumps Supper on Saturday 16th June. Anyone who would like an invitation to the dinner should contact the Boat Club’s Development Officer: bc_development@pet.cam.ac.uk.
COLLEGE NEWS

Award-winning entrepreneur

Pete Davies (matric. 2003), a final-year Manufacturing Engineering student, was recently in a four-strong student team that won both UK and international awards for their invention of a mobility aid for the blind/visually impaired. Full details of his triumph can be seen in the following news articles:


Expedition to the Himalayas

Earlier this term, we were contacted by Elli Piriks (matric. 2005), who asked us to share with you her hope of climbing Mount Cho Oyu in Tibet. Elli is pictured, below, on a recent climb in Nepal. She writes as follows:

‘I'm a second year Art Historian at Peterhouse. I also do lots of climbing during University vacations, and this Easter I'm going on a big expedition to the Himalayas. I'm hoping to climb a mountain in Tibet called Cho Oyu which, at 8201m, is the sixth highest in the world. I'm going to attempt it without supplementary oxygen; and, if successful, I would be the youngest British woman to have climbed it.

As well as looking for personal sponsorship to help pay for the expedition, I'm fundraising for a charity called Moving Mountains which supports remote rural villages in Nepal and slum communities in Kenya. My fundraising website is [www.justgiving.com/ellichooyu](http://www.justgiving.com/ellichooyu).’

Publication announcement: the Gunn Gallery

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- **Camerata Musica Concerts**

- **Peterhouse Music Society**
  - **Saturday, 28th April 2007**, Lubbock Room, 8.30 p.m. Jill Richards (piano), to include music by South African composers: Kevin Volans, Michael Blake, and Robert Fokkens.
  - **Friday 18th May 2007**, Combination Room, 8.30 p.m. Philippa Jeffery (violin) and Duncan Glenday (piano), to include music by Messiaen, Brahms, Prokofiev, and Ravel.
  - **Tuesday 19th June 2007**, Friends of Peterhouse Theatre, 7.30 p.m. College May Week Concert, to include works by Haydn and Schubert, including Haydn's 'Little Organ Mass'.

Please note that the piano recital previously announced for Tuesday 8th May 2007 will not now take place.

- **History Society**
  - **Tuesday 1st May 2007**, Parlour, 8.30 p.m. Professor Martyn Rady (School of Slavonic and Eastern European Studies, University of London): *Ferenc Szalasi and the Arrow Cross in Hungary*.

- **Politics Society**
  - **Tuesday 1st May 2007**, Christine Blower (Deputy General Secretary, National Union of Teachers).
  - **Tuesday 8th May 2007**, Denis MacShane, MP (politician and author).
  - **Tuesday 15th May 2007**, Stanley Johnson (politician and author).

All meetings take place at 8.45 p.m. in the Parlour.

- **Peterhouse Boat Club: May Bumps 2007**

A special tent for supporters, organised through the generosity of the Boat Club's sponsors CTM, will be your focal point for support of the Peterhouse boats on Saturday 16th June; all interested Petreans should contact bc_development@pet.cam.ac.uk for further details.

The Peterhouse Boat Club has its own e-mail list for alumni, to which are e-mailed occasional updates on the Club, information about forthcoming races, and invitations to events such as Boat Club Dinners. If anyone would like to be added to this list, they should contact the PBC's Development Officer (bc_development@pet.cam.ac.uk).

Please note a change in the dates of the 2007 May Bumps from those given in the Winter 2006 edition of *Petrean News*. The Bumps will take place in the week prior to May Week, and run from Wednesday 13th – Saturday 16th June. May Week itself runs from Saturday 16th – Saturday 23rd June 2007.
• The Peterhouse Society Gathering, 2007

A reminder that the Gathering will be held from the evening of **Friday 29th June to Sunday 1st July 2007**, at the College. Please note that this is one week earlier than in recent years. Full details and a booking form have already been circulated to all Petreans, and places are filling up fast.

• Subject-related events
  
  o History Dinner, Friday 7th September 2007
  
  o English Dinner, Friday 28th September 2007

Petreans whom we know to have read these subjects will be contacted separately shortly. If you think you may not be on our records and would like to hear about either event, please contact the Peterhouse Society Office by telephone on 01223 765187 or by e-mail at society@pet.cam.ac.uk.

• ‘Petrean Dinner’
  
  o 1966-1970, Saturday 22nd September 2007

Petreans who matriculated between the years 1966 and 1970 are warmly invited to attend the ‘Petrean Dinner’ on Saturday, 22nd September.

Dinner will be served at 8.00 p.m., with pre-dinner drinks from 7.30 p.m. in the Fellows’ Garden or, if the weather is poor, in the Combination Room. Afternoon tea will be provided between 4.00 and 5.30 p.m., again in the Fellows’ Garden if the weather permits.

Invitations and further details will be sent out shortly to members who matriculated in the years concerned.

YOUR NEWS

Mr Robert Holder (matric. 1943)

Mr Holder writes: ‘Your historians may be interested to hear that, following my *Eleven Months in Malaya* (which has achieved unexpectedly favourable reviews and popularity elsewhere, but not been published in this country), the unpublished diary of Maurice Cotterill, who was one of three Europeans who went into the jungle in February 1942 and emerged in August 1945, has been sent to me. He eschewed all publicity but, because his daughter likes my book, there is a good chance that his story will be told. Chapman mentions meeting him in *The Jungle is Neutral* and entrusted Cotterill with his own diaries, which were lost when Cotterill’s camp was overrun.’

Professor David Lumsden (matric. 1967)

On receipt of the last issue of *Petrean News*, Professor Lumsden wrote: ‘Thank you for the College news, brightening with warm memories an otherwise cold and foggy morning here in the Chinese City of Chongqing (population 31 million), where I am enjoying a two-year sabbatical leave from York University, Canada. Here at Southwest University, I am teaching 17 PhD and 50 MA students. I teach social anthropological methods, etc., though most students are in Comparative Education. I am developing research as well, on the topic of ‘Disability’ in this city region.’
Mr Jeremy Marchant (matric. 2002) and Miss Emma Toogood (matric. 1997)

Petreans United! A crisp and sunny winter's day (2nd December 2006) was the setting for the marriage of two Petreans - Emma Toogood (matric. 1997) and Jeremy Marchant (matric. 2002). Emma and Jeremy met in 2002 at Peterhouse whilst Emma was studying for her Diploma in Architecture and Jeremy was taking an MBA at the Judge Business School.

The ceremony was held at the church of St. Michael and All Angels in Kington St Michael, Wiltshire. The bride wore a dress made by Jeremy's aunt (a dressmaker and theatre costume designer), and was attended by her sister, Holly, and her fellow Petrean, Dr. Fiona Stirling (matric. 1997). The reception was held at a Jacobean House on the outskirts of Bath and the celebration was attended by close family and friends, including a number of Petreans. All were treated to dinner accompanied by a Gypsy Jazz band and the spectacle of Mr and Mrs Marchant's first dance (the couple had secretly been taking lessons!). Emma and Jeremy had a wonderful honeymoon in Hong Kong and New Zealand, one of the highlights being a 3-day trek along the Routeburn Track near Milford Sound.

Mr David Miller (matric. 1961)

Recent Publications by Mr David Miller, University of Warwick:

- Karl Popper: A Centenary Assessment, Volume I: Popper’s Life and Times, and Values In a World of Facts; Volume II: Metaphysics and Epistemology; Volume III: Science (Ashgate Publishing Company, 2006);

Mr Jack Pine (matric. 1972)

On a light-hearted note, Jack Pine thought that some of you might enjoy the following:

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...and no comments about spelling mistakes that you’ve spotted in this edition of Petrean News, please!
Mr Robin Weekes (matric. 1991)

Robin asked that I share with you his news that he and his wife Ursula (matric. 1991, St John’s) are currently living in Delhi, with their two sons, Jasper Jonathan Rutley Weekes, born on 20th January 2005, and Henry Linus McCallum Weekes, born on 19th September 2006.

NEW YEAR HONOURS LIST 2007 – Petreans honoured

Trevor Woolley (matric. 1972), Finance Director, Ministry of Defence: CB.

Kevin O’Sullivan (matric.1958), Chairman, O’Sullivan and Graham: OBE, for services to civil engineering overseas.

Dr John Lloyd Parry (matric.1956), Dean of the Institute of Sport and Exercise Medicine, University College, London, Medical School: MBE, for services to sports medicine.

WHAT’S ON IN CAMBRIDGE – APRIL TO SEPTEMBER 2007

Cambridge Wordfest 2007:

The 5th Cambridge ‘Wordfest’ festival, 27th to 29th April. Over 50 events and workshops to choose from: fiction, poetry, biography, plus an expanded programme of events for children. Featured authors include Jeanette Winterson, Tony Harrison, Rageh Omaar, P.D. James, Graham Swift, Sarah Walters, A.L. Kennedy and many more. For a full programme visit www.cambridgewordfest.co.uk.

Cambridge Arts Theatre:

- **Three Sisters**, 24th to 28th April. Chekov’s masterpiece, arguably the greatest play of the Twentieth Century. *Cheek by Jowl’s* Russian sister-ensemble presents.
- **English Touring Opera**, 8th to 12th May. The ETO return to Cambridge with three brand new productions.
- **The Unexpected Guest**, 14th to 19th May. A chilling and mischievous production from the Agatha Christie Theatre Company.
- **Hay Fever**, 4th to 9th June. Noel Coward’s play, direct from the West End, starring Stephanie Beacham and Christopher Timothy.
- **Nothing but the Truth**, 12th to 16th June. A new production from the acclaimed actor John Kani, one of the most important plays to have come out of post-apartheid South Africa.

For a full programme and information visit www.cambridgeartstheatre.com; box office: 01223 503333.

Cambridge Corn Exchange:

- **Sir Charles Mackerras directs the Philharmonic Orchestra**, 4th May. Part of the Cambridge International Concert Series.
- **Tosca**, 22nd May. The celebrated Chisinau National Opera with a company of 200, plus international guest soloists.
- **Le Grand Cirque**, 19th to 24th June. One of the most magical and spellbinding circus shows ever.

For a full programme and information visit www.cornex.co.uk; box office: 01223 357851.
West Road Concert Hall:

- **Britten Sinfonia**, 11th May. Soprano Carolyn Sampson, conductor Andre de Ridder.
- **Cambridge University Symphony Orchestra**, 20th May. Conductors Carlos Del Cueto and James Sherlock; Alex Soares, piano.
- **Cambridge Philharmonic Society Orchestra**, 26th May. Conductor Timothy Redmond; Cordelia Williams, piano.

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

ADC Theatre:

Spring programme not yet available. Details available shortly at [www.adctheatre.com](http://www.adctheatre.com); box office 01223 300085.

Fitzwilliam Museum:

- **Vive la Difference! The English and French stereotype in satirical prints 1720-1815**, 20th March to 5th August. The exhibition highlights the appeal of the ancient rivalry for contemporary audiences and gives an insight into each country’s history, preoccupations and humour.
- **Frank Auerbach: Etchings and Drypoints, 1954-2006**, 6th March to 10th June. The Fitzwilliam’s complete collection of Auerbach’s prints; the subjects are predominantly the artist’s friends and family, who sit regularly for him.
- **Howard Hodgkin: Paintings 1993-2007**, 24th May to 23rd September. Howard Hodgkin is widely regarded as one of the most important British artists working today. His use of colour can be intense; he describes his paintings as ‘representational pictures of emotional situations’. This exhibition, organised jointly with the Yale Center for British Art in New Haven, celebrates his work over the last fourteen years, with a unique selection of his paintings produced during that period.

Information at [www.fitzwilliam.cam.ac.uk](http://www.fitzwilliam.cam.ac.uk); telephone: 01223 332900.

Kettle’s Yard:

- **Arturo Herrera**, 31st March to 20th May. From Disney, to Surrealism, to Abstract Expressionism, his work plunders the visual languages of the 20th century.
- **Edmund de Waal**, 26th May to 22nd July. An exhibition of the work of the leading British potter of his generation. De Waal read English at Trinity Hall, and Kettle’s Yard provided a source of inspiration during his student days in Cambridge.

Information at [www.kettlesyard.co.uk](http://www.kettlesyard.co.uk); telephone: 01223 352124.

*Why not 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 ([anne.gifford@pet.cam.ac.uk](mailto:anne.gifford@pet.cam.ac.uk)).*

I do hope that you have enjoyed this fourth edition of Petrean News. As always, we would appreciate your feedback and comments; and if there is any item of news that you would like to share with us, please contact me, telephone 01223 765187, email [develop@pet.cam.ac.uk](mailto:develop@pet.cam.ac.uk).