Welcome to the Spring 2009 edition of Petrean News. I always enjoy producing Petrean News as it enables me to interact with you on a relatively informal basis. It’s been three years since the first issue was produced, and the circulation has more than doubled in that time; which, considering the amount of times we all change our e-mail addresses, is no mean feat. Please keep us up-to-date with future e-mail address changes.

Angela Reeves left the Development Office earlier this year to resume a post at King’s College. Pending a permanent successor as Development Assistant, we have been assisted in recent weeks by Fiona Morrow, who recently returned to the United Kingdom after living in the United States for six years. She has been working on the Register up-date forms, circulated in January. The pictures below show a camera-shy Fiona, sitting in the Herb Garden (the armillary sphere sundial, donated by Miss Marina Souyioultsi (matric. 1996), in memory of her late father John, can be seen in the foreground), and, only just visible, peeping out amongst the beautiful array of Spring daffodils in the Deer Park.
RECENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Dinner for overseas undergraduate and graduate student ‘late stayers’, Saturday 20th December 2008

The second annual informal pre-Christmas dinner for overseas undergraduate and graduate student ‘late stayers’, organised through the generosity of Miss Olivia Lott (matric. 2002) and her parents, Dr Charles and Mrs Lucy Lott from Australia, was held on Saturday 20th December 2008. Approximately a dozen overseas students, some accompanied by their partners, were present. These occasions, which are becoming a regular part of the College’s calendar, are very much appreciated, and help to develop new friendships and provide a structure for social life at what, far from home, can be a lonely time of the year. The Master and Mrs Dixon helped to get the evening off to a convivial start by offering pre-dinner Champagne in the Master’s Lodge.

Telephone Campaign, Monday 5th – Monday 12th January 2009

For the fifth successive year, the Development Office held its annual telephone campaign in January. Despite the adverse economic climate, your generosity towards the College remained as robust as ever, with over £100,000 having been raised so far this year, and further donations still arriving.

Miss Britt Baillie (matric. 2004), who is researching a Ph.D. in Archaeology and who has been part of the calling team for the telephone campaign for the past two years, comments on this year’s campaign as follows: ‘The telephone campaign provided me with an opportunity to kill three birds with one stone. As a full-time Ph.D. student who lives off the precarious generosity of grants, the campaign affords me the opportunity slightly to reduce the financial pressures which most Ph.D. students face, especially during these difficult financial times. More importantly, the campaign gives me an opportunity to speak to, and learn from, the ‘old boys and girls’. I have had many fascinating conversations with Petreans who work in fields as varied as cave exploration and Portuguese wine production! It is particularly useful when I get a chance to speak to people who work in my own field (archaeology) and get their inside tips to success in the discipline. Finally, as someone who has thoroughly enjoyed every minute of her Peterhouse experience (bar those nerve-wracking minutes before an exam starts, late nights with the thesis, and days when Hall runs out of my favourite main course), I take great pleasure in the opportunity to make a positive contribution to the future of my beloved College.’

Pictured below, after this year’s campaign, from left to right: Dr Philip Pattenden, Senior Tutor; Mr Neil Plevy, Development Director; Mrs Anne Dixon; three of this year’s student callers – Mr Geoff Dumbreck, Mr Oliver Coates and Mr Gurel Gurkan – and the Master, Professor Adrian Dixon.
Peterhouse Boat Club: Lent Bumps 2009

Will Richards (matric. 2005), Captain of Boats 2007-09, and Imogen Wescott (matric. 2006), Captain of Boats 2009-10, write as follows:

The Boat Club has had its most successful term for decades, and can boast the following:

- currently the best-performing club on the Cam – leading the Michell Cup rankings;
- the 1st Women’s VIII and 2nd Men’s VIII won their oars by bumping up every day;
- the 1st Women’s VIII are now at the highest position they have ever been in the Lent races;
- both the Men’s and Women’s 1st V1Is returned to the 1st Division;
- the Men’s 1st VIII (pictured below) finished in their highest position in 22 years.

As well as their successes in the Lent Bumps, Peterhouse crews raced away from Cambridge – in Oxford, and on the Tideway in London. Following the Men’s race against our sister-College Merton in the Michaelmas Term, the 1st Women’s VIII (pictured below) ventured to Oxford to race against Merton and the other Oxford colleges in the Isis Winter League. The crew finished fifth, comfortably in front of Merton and most of the other Oxford crews. Both 1st V1Is were then meant to race at Bedford prior to the Bumps, but flooding resulted in the event being cancelled.
A week after the Lents, the 1st Women travelled to London to race crews from all over the country in the Women’s Eights Head of the River Race. Starting more-or-less last, the crew managed to finish 100 places higher: 190th (of 300) overall, and 12th (of 47) in the novice-academic category. Later in March the 1st Men, after a slight crew change from the Lents, also ventured to the Tideway for the Head of the River Race, and finished 177th (of 420) overall, 13th (of 85) in the Senior 4 category, and amongst the top Cambridge colleges – the best result Peterhouse has produced in the whole time for which we have records available.

The lower boats also had a busy and successful term, with the 2nd Men’s VIII winning their oars for the second time in a row. The unusual step of running the Women’s second boat as a ‘development four’ meant that the crew could not compete in the Lents, but has helped add depth to the squad, and to develop a pathway towards the 1st VIII. Although not entered in the Lent Bumps, the 3rd Men’s VIII also continued to improve the skills of those who started rowing this year.

This term also saw the election of the new Committee, which took over after the Lent Bumps. Imogen Wescott (matric. 2006) was elected Captain of Boats (captain@peterhousebc.org), Paul Vardanega (matric. 2008) was elected Honorary Secretary (secretary@peterhousebc.org) and Simon Kirk (matric. 2006) has been appointed as Development Officer (development@peterhousebc.org). We are always very happy to hear from former student members of the Club, and to add e-mail addresses to our mailing list for termly news updates and invitations to Boat Club events.

Petrean Peter Marsland (matric. 2008) rowed in the Cambridge Men’s VIII in the 2009 Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race. Despite growing up close to the Boat Race course, Peter only began rowing three years ago, after injury forced him to quit rugby. He won a Bronze Medal in the Men’s Coxed Four at Under-23 level, and rowed at Five in the 2008 Blue Boat. He was also part of the CUBC Stewards’ Challenge Cup-winning Four at Henley that became the first British university crew to be selected for a Senior World Cup regatta, and took Bronze in the Great British Four at the World University Games.

Finally, we would like to thank all those who have supported the Club through coaching, on various towpaths around the country, and financially through the Peterhouse Boat Club Fund. We are both looking forward to what we hope will be a successful Easter Term, and are currently considering the logistics, funding and feasibility of a Peterhouse entry at Henley Royal Regatta.

Forthcoming Boat Club events:
- May Bumps: Wednesday 10th – Saturday 13th June 2009
- Fairbairn Cup: Thursday 3rd – Friday 4th December 2009

COLLEGE NEWS

The Fellowship

One Fellow left the College in January 2009:

- Dr Richard Hall, Microsoft Research Fellow since October 2007, took up a tenured post at the University of Georgia, U.S.A.

The College regrets to announce the death of the following Honorary Fellow:


Publication: Dr John Bew

*The Glory of Being Britons: Civic Unionism in Nineteenth-Century Belfast*, by Dr John Bew, Harris Fellow and College Lecturer in Modern British History, has recently been published by Irish Academic Press. Covering a period of almost ninety years, John Bew demonstrates how a strongly-held British national identity took hold in nineteenth-century Belfast, a town which was once regarded as the centre of republicanism and rebellion in Ireland. Starting with the impact of
the French Revolution - a cause of huge celebration in Belfast - this book describes how political and civic culture in the town became deeply immersed in the imagined community of the British nation after the Act of Union of 1801, allowing the author to provide a new perspective on the roots of Ulster's opposition to Home Rule.

**Professor James Stirling**

Professor James Stirling, CBE, FRS, Professorial Fellow, has been appointed to the Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC). The STFC is an independent, non-departmental public body of the Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills (DIUS), formed as a new Research Council on 1st April 2007 through a merger of the Council for the Central Laboratory of the Research Councils (CCLRC) and the Particle Physics and Astronomy Research Council (PPARC) and the transfer of responsibility for nuclear physics from the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC). It is one of the seven national research councils in the UK, investing some £787 million in 2008/09.

**Nathan's North Pole adventure**

On 2nd April 2009, Nathan Allen (matric. 2008), aged 19, set out to become the youngest person to trek solo to the geographic North Pole, raising money for The Prince’s Trust. Nathan travelled an incredible 274km on foot, passed through 17 time zones, and even had to cross stretches of open water where the ice sheets were moving apart.
Braving temperatures as low as -75°C, Nathan struggled on, even when frostbite was developing in his right foot, and the water inside his thermos flasks froze to ice. After an epic struggle in the final few hours, when the floating ice beneath his feet started drifting south (carrying him away from the Pole), Nathan finally reached the geographic North Pole at 15:04 BST on Good Friday, 10th April. His position was confirmed by satellite.

Nathan was hauling all his food, equipment, and a small Peterhouse flag in a sledge (which he named Philip), and at 15:42 BST on 10th April, Peterhouse became the first Cambridge college to have a flag flown at the geographic North Pole.

Nathan, following a well-deserved break, is now preparing for exams; although he is rumoured to be looking at maps of other distant lands, so we’ve let him keep the Peterhouse flag, just in case…. Please see below (Forthcoming Events) for details of the presentation on his adventure which Nathan will be giving at this year’s Peterhouse Society Gathering.
Austrian half-Ironman competition

Britt Baillie (matric. 2004) who provided her thoughts on this year’s telephone campaign, above, and who is pictured below, will be competing in her first half-Ironman competition in St Polten, Austria, on 24th May. These ‘Ironman 70.3’ races consist of a 1.2-mile swim, a 56-mile bike-ride, and a 13.1-mile run. For more information see http://ironman.com/events/ironman70.3. Britt will be participating in order to raise money for the charity DebRA, which works on behalf of people in the UK with the genetic condition Epidermolysis Bullosa (EB), which causes the skin and internal body linings to blister at the slightest knock or rub, causing painful, open wounds. It predominantly affects children, shortens their lifespan dramatically, and can be fatal. To learn more please see http://www.debra.org.uk/ or contact Britt Baillie at bab30@cam.ac.uk.

Internship at ICCROM

Britt also wrote to tell us that she has been awarded a two-month internship at ICCROM (the International Centre for the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property), based in Rome. During her internship she will be drafting new guidelines for managing living heritage sites. Until recently, heritage management has been derived from a western paradigm which viewed heritage sites as ‘safely dead’. This model does not work well with living heritage sites such as churches, temples, or traditional meeting centres. ICCROM’s living heritage sites programme has been developing its new approach to heritage management in the Mekong region over the last five years. This programme will be expanding to a global level in 2010. Britt’s role will be to consolidate what has been learnt in the last five years and to make it applicable on a global level. This new approach will change the face of heritage management as we know it, increasing the rights and roles of local users and owners. Britt is grateful for Peterhouse and ICCROM’s generous support of her project. For more information please see http://www.iccrom.org/.

Petreans in South Africa

Just before Christmas I was contacted by Mr Stewart Penney (matric. 1965), who asked if he could arrange an informal get-together for Petreans who reside in the Cape Town area in South Africa. We were, of course, delighted to assist with this, and the get-together was arranged for Thursday 26th March at the Kelvin Grove Country Club, for Petreans and their partners. Stewart Penney remarked that it was ‘very pleasant to reminisce about days at Peterhouse, and how they have changed from the 1960s to now.’ The group are hoping to hold their next reunion on St Peter’s Day. Please contact Stewart Penney at penns@iafrica.com for further details of future reunions. Pictured below are (left to right): Mr Oliver Kuropatwa (matric. 1993), Dr Roman Roth (Research Fellow 2004-08, now Lecturer in Classics at the University of Cape Town), his wife Dr Carrie Roth-Murray, and Liz and Stewart Penney.
The Office is always pleased to assist Petreans in arranging gatherings in their home towns and regions. Please do be in contact (amm85@cam.ac.uk) if you would like to explore this possibility.

**Wine tips from the Wine Cellar Manager, Rupert Espley**

Rumours abound among Cambridge’s older colleges about the existence of vast labyrinth-like wine cellars that run for miles and miles. Whilst there might be elements of truth to this in the case of Cambridge’s largest colleges, Peterhouse’s wine cellars, although impressive, don’t quite fall into this category.

Until three years ago, Peterhouse’s wines were stored in five different cellars scattered throughout the College. The three smallest of these, located at the William Stone Building, ‘L’ Staircase in Gisborne Court, and Fen Court, have since been replaced by a single new cellar situated under the Library. This modern, state-of-the-art, temperature-controlled wine cellar was built as part of the wider refurbishment that saw the addition of the Gunn Gallery to the Library in 2004/05. Situated adjacent to it, underneath the Lubbock Room, is a large previously-existing temperature-controlled cellar, being decommissioned as I write. Some of the wine from here will be incorporated into the new cellar, to complete the process of rationalisation and consolidation; the remainder will go into the only other cellar to be retained, which is the ancient cellar running under the kitchens and part of the Hall.

The consolidation of the College wine cellars has made life very much easier in terms of locating wines and receiving deliveries. The vast majority of wines will now go straight into the new temperature-controlled cellar on arrival. Since most wines are purchased for laying down, many will remain here undisturbed for upwards of five years. The natural cellar underneath the Hall is mainly used for holding wines where consumption is imminent: it is convenient, but, because it is liable to temperature fluctuation, marginally less suitable for long-term storage.

Although wine can cope with a certain amount of heat or cold, it should not be exposed to extremes. By ‘extremes’ I mean short-term exposure to freezing temperatures, or prolonged exposure to temperatures above 25ºC. For these reasons, both the garage in winter and the attic in summer can prove disastrous places to store wines in the home. The perfect temperature for a wine cellar is between 10ºC and 15ºC. At Peterhouse we aim to keep the temperature-controlled cellar working at a constant 12.5ºC.

Other factors to consider are light, humidity and vibration. Red wine in particular can become damaged by prolonged exposure to light, and it is for this reason that red wine bottles are made from dark-coloured glass. Despite this, it is best to keep wine in its sealed wooden or cardboard case, since that affords greater protection from light exposure as well as from breakage. Keeping the wine in its original case is also important to avoid unnecessarily diminishing the future market value of the wine: wine auctions will always indicate in their programme if a wine is in its original wooden case (owc) or original carton (oc), in order to attract higher bids. It is here that excessive
humidity in the cellar can come into play, since an over-damp cellar can serve to rot both boxes and wine labels, thereby dramatically reducing the market value of the wine. Importantly, however, dampness will not damage the contents of the bottle itself, and so need only worry the investor, as opposed to the consumer. It is, however, always advisable to keep a separate note of a wine, should the label become unreadable. Humidity at the other end of the scale will, on the other hand, cause damage to a wine over time. Although not usually a problem in the damp climate of the Fens, an excessively dry cellar can cause corks to dry out and shrink, thereby allowing oxidation to occur. It is also for this reason that stored wine should always lie on its side. This keeps the cork moist, and prevents the wine from drying out. The optimum humidity for wine is between 60% and 70%. Vibration can also be detrimental to a wine’s development. This problem is perhaps best illustrated in the example of cellars found on board the yachts of the super-rich. They are quite possibly the worst cellars in the world, and hasten the destruction of some of the world’s rarest wines.

Fortunately for those of us who do not have the perfect cellar, there are other alternatives available. Choosing a professional bonded warehouse, such as Octavian or London City Bond, to store your wine is one, and I will write more about these companies when discussing the en primeur market in my next article. If you don’t have a lot of wine, buying a Eurocave is another option. This is basically a large vibration-free fridge, which enables you to store up to 200 bottles at different temperatures. If none of these options appeal, you can always by-pass the storage problem and seek to purchase mature wines that are ready to drink from reputable cellars at auction. Some Cambridge college wines become available once a year at the Cheffins Christmas wine auction, although don’t expect to get a bargain!

**The Peterhouse Punt**

Ed Emery (matric. 1966) writes: ‘In addition to our regular Cam punt racing off Darwin Island, we are, as last year, inviting college punters from both Oxford and Cambridge to compete in racing on the Cam on the weekend of 13th to 14th June, by fair means or foul. Entry forms are available from Cambridge University Punting Society, c/o Ed Emery at ee221@cam.ac.uk. Organisation is also well underway for this year’s exchange trips between Cambridge and Padova. The Cambridge events (including the ‘Radical Riverists Conference’) will take place on Friday 12th to Monday 15th June. The Padova events will take place on Friday 19th June to Monday 22nd June, with the main racing events on Saturday 20th June. A punt needs to be transported from Cambridge to Padova in time for 20th June. Food for thought!’

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

- **Camerata Musica Concerts**
  - St Peter’s Day Concert, Friday 19th June 2009, 5.00 p.m., in the Friends of Peterhouse Theatre. The Belcea Quartet, with soloist Valentin Erbin of the Alban Berg Quartet, with play a programme of Haydn, Beethoven and Schubert.

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

- **Peterhouse Music Society**
  - Thursday 14th May 2009, 8.45 p.m., Chapel. Maxim Kosinov, solo violin: Bach, Partita no.3 in E major, BWV 1006; Daniel Schnyder, The Four Winds (a compulsory piece for the Max Rostal Competition, in which the soloist won second prize and the audience prize); Eugène Ysaïe, Sonata No.6.

  - Tuesday 16th June 2009, 7.30 p.m., Friends of Peterhouse Theatre. College May Week Concert.

Please contact Dr Mark Berry (mkb1002@cam.ac.uk) for full details.
• **May Week, 13th – 20th June 2009**
  
  o May Bumps: Wednesday 10th to Saturday 13th June 2009. As usual, all Petreans are welcome to come along to the May Bumps to support the Boat Club. Please contact the Honorary Secretary of the Boat Club, e-mail bc_secretary@pet.cam.ac.uk.
  
  o College May Week Concert: Tuesday 16th June 2009 (see details above).
  
  o May Ball: Saturday 13th June 2009. All tickets are now sold out.

• **The Peterhouse Society Gathering, Friday 26th – Sunday 28th June 2009**
  
  The Gathering will be held from the evening of Friday 26th June to Sunday 28th June 2009. Details have 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 12th June 2009 deadline, but bear in mind that places are filling up fast. A Diamond Jubilee reunion is being arranged by 1949 matriculands, and the 1954 matriculands have arranged a reunion to mark their 55th anniversary. We are also delighted to announce that Nathan Allen (matric. 2008), featured above, will give a presentation to members on the Saturday afternoon, 27th June, at 4.40 p.m. in the Friends of Peterhouse Theatre, about his solo trek across the North Pole.

• **Petrean Dinner, Saturday 19th September 2009**
  
  Petreans who matriculated between the years 1986 and 1990 inclusive are warmly invited to attend the ‘Petrean Dinner’ on Saturday 19th September 2009. 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. Afternoon tea will be provided (in the Fellows’ Garden, weather permitting) between 4.00 and 5.30 p.m.

• **Lawyers’ Dinner, Saturday 26th September 2009**
  
  A special reunion dinner is being arranged for Petrean Lawyers on Saturday 26th September, as part of the Peterhouse Society’s programme of subject-related events. Such a dinner was last held in 2004. Full details of the 2009 dinner will be circulated, nearer the time, to those who read Law or whose professional careers are in the law.

• **Engineers’ Dinner, Friday 6th November 2009**
  
  Peterhouse Society Committee Member Mr Bill Hewlett (matric. 1981) is organising a Peterhouse Engineers’ Dinner on Friday 6th November, at the Institute of Civil Engineers in central London. His aim is to attract some 25 Petrean Engineers, each bringing a guest from their professional circle. Professor Chris Calladine, Fellow in Engineering 1960-2002, now Emeritus, will be guest of honour and will give an after-dinner talk on an engineering topic. The cost is likely to be around £90 per diner. If you are interested, please contact Bill direct at Bill.Hewlett@costain.com.

• **Future Events:**
  
  o 2010: Petrean Medics, and those who read Archaeology and Anthropology, will be invited to ‘subject’ dinners in the College. The Peterhouse Society Committee is also considering a special dinner for Petreans active in the financial sector.
  
  o 2011: the 55th anniversary of the 1956 Peterhouse Boat Club Henley Ladies’ Plate triumph will be marked with a special dinner in Spring 2011.
  
  o 2012: in September, following the success of the event held in 2008, there will be a special dinner for women Petreans, to mark the start of the 25th anniversary of the first graduations.

• **The Cambridge Prom, Wednesday 22nd July 2009**
  
  The University’s 800th Anniversary will be celebrated through a special BBC Proms concert on Wednesday 22nd July, at the Royal Albert Hall. Full details of this and other 800th Anniversary celebratory events can be found at www.foundation.cam.ac.uk.
YOUR NEWS

Mr Peter Buckland (matric. 1957)

Peter Buckland has been created a Member of the Order of Canada for his contributions as a pre-eminent civil engineer, notably in the field of bridge design, construction and rehabilitation. Mr Buckland is pictured below with his wife, Dianne, at the investiture ceremony on 12th December 2008.

Alexander Faludy (matric. 1998)

Alexander Faludy was ordained to the Diaconate in Newcastle Cathedral on 29th June 2008, to serve as assistant Curate of the Parish of Tynemouth St. Paul, Cullercoates (St Paul’s, Whitley Bay). Many Petreans were present at the ordination. The photograph below shows Alex and his family with the Rt Revd Martin Wharton, Bishop of Newcastle. Immediately prior to ordination, Alex spent three years training at the College of the Resurrection, Mirfield, and sharing in the life of the monastic community based there. Placements in training included stints in Zimbabwe, Hungary and Kingston Prison, as well as teaching church history at the University of Leeds. In addition to his parish ministry, Alex is involved ecumenically in Anglican-Lutheran relations, and in developing the Church of England’s ties with Christians in central Europe. He hopes to be ordained Priest in July 2009.
Dr Andrew Smith (matric. 1970)

The 2008 Fleming Award was won by a team from the Limerick Submerged Tube Tunnel Temporary Works. Dr Andrew Smith led a team from Webber Associates which worked on the project. The link http://bga.city.ac.uk/cms/html/Fleming%202008.pdf, provides full details of the award ceremony. Dr Smith can be seen on the far right of the photograph on the first page of this link. An article giving more details will appear shortly in the journal, Ground Engineering.

The Revd Canon Richard Spurin (matric. 1949)

After the last publication of Petrean News, I received the following e-mail from The Revd Canon Richard Spurin, who asked me to share with you one of his own memories of Peterhouse: ‘I was pleased with Michael Griffiths’ account of the meeting which he hosted at his house in Guildford (see Petrean News, Winter 2008). Thank you for sharing it with us. What struck me about it was the lengthy connection that Peterhouse has had with Kenya in East Africa. As far as I know, this began with the Peterhouse Bursar, Carey Francis, who was first of all the Headmaster of Maseno Secondary School in Western Kenya. He then went on to become Headmaster at Alliance School near Nairobi. He had arrived in Kenya some time around 1930. He was well-remembered when I lived in Kenya from 1960 onwards. Carey Francis visited Peterhouse during the time that Richard Heard was Dean, in 1951. I have written my own account of our meeting, which I have circulated amongst some of my friends. My contact with Peterhouse was sadly cut off too quickly. I very well remember being interviewed by the Dean, Richard Heard, in September 1947. The Tutor, Mr Dennis Mack Smith, was there at the same time. Shortly after this interview I joined the army for my two years’ National Service. In Germany by chance I bumped into Joe Sanders (sometimes Dean) in 1948, during a conference at Iserlohn Church House, when Christians in England were re-establishing contact with Germany after the war. Later I was to attend his lectures at the Divinity School. During the years 1949-52 Richard Heard taught me at Peterhouse for the whole time. In September 1952 I joined Kelham Theological College, and only heard of Richard Heard’s death several days after the funeral. I felt very bereaved. Richard was my only good contact with the College. The great bonus in being a member of a small college is that our fellowship with one another can be better than in some of the larger colleges.’

Mr Robin Watson (matric. 1960)

Mr Robin Watson (matric. 1960), also wrote to us about Michael Griffiths’ reunion, and commented as follows: ‘I was interested in Michael Griffiths’ note, as I have one of his books. On 20th June this year, we had a reunion of CICCU members in Reading of people who’d graduated in 1963. Twenty gathered (some spouses), for a most enjoyable time together. Twenty-nine of us still keep in touch through a yearly prayer letter. So the friendships go on….‘

Mr Watson also wrote to us about an unplanned reunion, as follows: ‘For the first time, I attended the Cambridge University Alumni Weekend in September 2008. It was a splendid occasion, with a massive menu of possible events all over the city. Everyone was very friendly, most folk not knowing others with whom they had conversations. Having received the attendance list, I saw that only four Petreans were due to attend, including Michael Lunan (matric 1960) who was in the same year as me. I thought that, among some 600 others, the chance of meeting him would be slim. However, on the Saturday I was having lunch in the University Centre, and guess what, Michael came and sat next to me, though at first we didn’t recognize each other. Later we enjoyed catching up on each other’s lives over the past 45 years! He updated me on the then forthcoming Eggheads programme.’

Mr Peter Whitehead (matric. 1958)

Mr Whitehead writes: ‘If you have time please visit my website - www.peterwhitehead.net for details of my recent films and novels. I am also one of the people in the new Fitzwilliam Museum website - where some of my novel The Risen (set in Cambridge) is published, together with some details of my experiences at Peterhouse. You can also find a website novel at www.nohzone.com, where there is a most respectful review of this novel from the Independent newspaper.’
Early Retirement

A retired Petrean has very kindly offered his services in providing informal counselling to those Petreans facing, or thinking about, early retirement. This could be particularly valuable in current adverse financial and economic circumstances. If anyone would like to know more, please contact the Development Office at develop@pet.cam.ac.uk.

Publications

Mr John Griffiths (matric. 1954)

*Afghanistan: Land of Conflict and Beauty*, by John Griffiths, was published on 6th April 2009 by Carlton Books. The book delves into the history, culture, social fabric, internal politics and economy of this intriguing country, and reveals a nation living in the shadow of perpetual conflict.

![Afghanistan: Land of Conflict and Beauty](https://example.com/afganistan-cover.jpg)

Professor Harry Norris (matric. 1948)

*Islam in the Baltic: Europe’s Early Muslim Community*, by Professor Harry Norris, Emeritus Professor of Arabic and Islamic Studies at SOAS, has recently been published by I.B. Tauris Publishers. The book surveys the Qipchak Tatar’s history and their Muslim faith, culture, literature and life as indigenous Europeans in the new Europe of today. The book is offered at a special offer price of £36.75 until September 2009.

![Islam in the Baltic](https://example.com/islam-cover.jpg)
Mr Ivar Watson (matric. 1961)

Life Street, Death Street: Sketches of Spain, Far From the Tourist Hordes, by Ivar Watson, has recently been published by OCR Editorial. The book comprises thirteen short stories about Spaniards of all classes, plus an account of F.R. Leavis, who lectured at the University of Deusto in Spain in 1971 and 1975. On his second visit Leavis stayed with Ivar Watson at his croft house in the hills on the border of Biscay and Castile.

Dr Wei Min Huang (matric. 1994)

Thin Film Shape Memory Alloys: Fundamentals and Device Applications, by Shichi Miyazaki, Yong Qing Fu and Wei Min Huang, has recently been published by Cambridge University Press. Royalties from the book in respect of Dr Huang's portion are being donated to the Peterhouse Development Campaign. This book, the first dedicated to this rapidly-growing field, enables readers to understand and prepare high-quality, high-performance TiNi shape memory alloys (SMAs). It covers the properties, preparation and characterization of TiNi SMAs, with particular focus on the latest technologies and applications in MEMS and biological devices. Basic techniques and theory are covered to introduce newcomers to the subject, whilst various sub-topics, such as film deposition, characterisation, post-treatment, and applying thin films to practical situations, appeal to more informed readers. Each chapter is written by expert authors, providing an overview of each topic and summarizing all the latest developments, making this an ideal reference for practitioners and researchers alike. Full details can be found at http://www.cambridge.org/catalogue/catalogue.asp?isbn=9780521885768.
WHAT’S ON IN CAMBRIDGE – APRIL TO SEPTEMBER 2009

Cambridge Arts Theatre:

- **The BFG**, 19th to 23rd May. Roald Dahl's classic children's tale comes to life.

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

Cambridge Corn Exchange:

- **Evita**, 27th April to 9th May. Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical masterpiece.
- **Angelina Ballerina’s Big Audition**, 7th to 8th August. The little star with big dreams takes her next steps.

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 University Chamber Orchestra**, 9th May. Copland – Letter from Home (U.K. Premiere of the Jacob TV *Tallahatchie Concerto*), Copland – Appalachian Spring Suite, Schrecker – Chamber Symphony.

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

ADC Theatre:

- **As you Like It**, Tuesday 5th to Saturday 9th May. William Shakespeare’s sunniest comedy, performed by Cambridge University Amateur Dramatic Club.
- **2009 Footlights National Tour Show**, 9th to 20th June. First chance to see the show before its national tour.

For a full programme and information visit [www.adctheatre.com](http://www.adctheatre.com); tel: 01223 359547.

Fitzwilliam Museum:

- **Endless Form: Charles Darwin, Natural Science and the Visual Arts**, 16th June to 14th October. Science meets art in this ground-breaking, cross-disciplinary exhibition. Paintings by Landseer, Turner, Monet and Cezanne, from public and private collections in the United States and Europe, will be joined by exhibits from the University Museums of Geology and Zoology at both Cambridge and Yale.

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

Kettle’s Yard:

- **Material Intelligence**, 16th May to 12th July. This is an international exhibition featuring, new to British audiences, eight contemporary artists whose understanding and use of materials are intuitive, inventive, and often lead the creative process. Comprising mostly sculpture and installation, their work presents new ways of thinking about the production and consumption of our material and cultural environment.

For a full programme and information visit [www.kettlesyard.co.uk](http://www.kettlesyard.co.uk); telephone: 01223 748100.

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 ([anne.gifford@pet.cam.ac.uk](mailto:anne.gifford@pet.cam.ac.uk)).