Welcome to the Spring 2013 edition of Petrean News. We hope you will enjoy an exciting sunny spring in Cambridge and the change of season which makes the days longer and lighter, enabling you to do more things – I love it!

Great news comes from Peterhouse this springtime. As you can see from the picture below, work on the Whittle Building is making good progress. Concrete has been poured into the basement and a huge crane is on the site, swinging gracefully over Fen Court. Small windows have been cut into the wooden fence and there is a regular stream of staff and students taking a look! In the centre of Gisborne Court a small wall has been built to finalise the choice of bricks and pointing to match as closely as possible the Cambridge yellow bricks of the original buildings, but we are sure that there will be more to see by the end of June!

Giovanni Zappia joined Peterhouse as a Graduate Intern working at the Development Office until October. Giovanni received his Masters degree in Philosophy at the University of Turin and has worked for the Event Organisation Office at the Turin International Book Fair and later at the Human Resources Department of ADP, a large American company that offers human capital management solutions for business of all sizes. Giovanni will support Dr Saskia Murk Jansen, Ann Munro and Alison Pritchard-Jones in all the activities of the Development Office and will help in managing Peterhouse’s social media profiles such as facebook, twitter and Flicker. Please, join us in welcoming him to Peterhouse!
RECENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Late Stayers' Dinner, 18 December 2012

On 18 December 2012 a dinner was held in College for overseas undergraduate and graduate student who stayed at the College after the end of term, some because they were unable to return home. The Master and Mrs Dixon kindly offered pre-dinner drinks in the Master's Lodge followed by Dinner in Upper Hall. The Dinner has been held for the past six years, as the result of a benefaction to the College through a Petrean parent, whose own daughter had to remain at the College over the Christmas period when she was a student here.

Petreans in Hong Kong, Sunday 30 December 2012

The Master, Professor Adrian Dixon, visited Hong Kong at the end of December 2012 and interviewed potential Jardine Oxbridge Scholars. He extended a warm invitation to all Hong Kong based Petreans to join him for informal drinks on Sunday 30 December at the Captain's Bar, The Mandarin Oriental Hotel, 5 Connaught Road, Hong Kong.
Telephone Campaign, January 2013

It was a busy start to the year once again, with the College’s ninth annual Telephone Campaign. The Campaign took place between the 4 and 14 January. We were assisted by twelve magnificent student callers, one of whom had been a caller with us for four consecutive years – thank you Eddie!

Approximately 1765 members were mailed, and calls were made to 681 of those. Professional details were obtained from 62% of those contacted, and new e-mail addresses were obtained for 36%. The percentage of giving per call amounted to 55.80%, and a total of almost £196,425 was raised over a three-year period, with the odd donation still coming through.

If you are thinking of making a donation to the College in the future, please do not hesitate to contact us if you require assistance. If you would like to make a regular donation we can arrange for a Direct Debit to be set up with your Bank. Alternatively if you wish to make a single gift you can do so by cheque, or by making a donation on the Virgin Money Website, www.virginmoneygiving.com, adding Peterhouse as the Charity at the top of the first page.

London Marathon, Sunday 21 April 2013

Congratulations to James Harriman-Smith (matric. 2006) and Jonathan Porter (matric. 2008) for raising over £3,000 to help the College’s outreach programme by running in this year’s London Marathon. Many congratulations also to Donna Golach (matric. 2009) of The Hare and Hounds Society for also taking part and representing Peterhouse: we are proud of you all!

London Drinks, Thursday 25 April 2013

Another successful City of London Drinks Evening was held on 25 April. This year we changed the venue for the event to The Wine Pantry, Upper Grand Terrace, St Pancras International Station, Euston Road, London, N1C 4QP. The Wine Pantry are Champions of English Wine and were Specialist Wine Merchant of the year in 2012. There were more than 30 Petreans of different ages and it was a lovely evening that ended with a draw of a delicious bottle of British wine won by Mr John Heal (matric. 1963).
The Fellowship

The following elections were made with effect from 1 January 2013:

- Mr Ian Wright, MA, elected to Senior Bursarship

- Dr Thomas Peter Talbot, elected to a Fellowship in Engineering.

Congratulations:

- Professor Michael Moriarty on the award of the R. H. Gapper Book Prize 2012 from The Society for French Studies for his book *Disguised Vices. Theories of Virtue in Early Modern French Thought* (Oxford University Press).

- Professor David Watkin on the 2013 Henry Hope Reed Award. Professor Watkin has been honored at an award ceremony on Saturday 23 March 2013 in Chicago. Together with the Driehaus Prize, the Reed Award represents the most significant recognition for classicism in the contemporary built environment.

- Matthew Phillips (matric. 2008), a recipient of one of the Peterhouse Research Studentships, has been placed joint second in the Society for French Studies 2012 Gapper Essay Prize, a prestigious national competition.

Dr Saskia Murk Jansen, Development Director

Our Development Director, Dr Saskia Murk Jansen, spoke about the last Beguine Marcella Pattyn on BBC Radio4. The full interview is available at the following link (from 14:52): [http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b01sdw2b](http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b01sdw2b)

Graphene research project

A Cambridge-based collaborative research project led by Dr Stephan Hofmann (matric. 2004) has been awarded £2.3M by the EPSRC (project total >£2.8M) to address the manufacturability of graphene and related novel layered 2D materials and to create a basis for a lucrative high-tech graphene industry and product value chain.

Photo: Stephan Hofmann
Peterhouse’s cricketers

Ed Smith (matric. 1995) recently visited the College and we have immortalized this event by taking a picture of him with Thomas Probert (matric. 2005) and Tom Deasy (matric. 2010), Peterhouse’s own University blues.

Photo: Giovanni Zappia

Ward Library

You may like to know that a regular monthly blog with news from the Perne and Ward Libraries can be viewed through the following link: http://perneward.wordpress.com/

The Beard Society

Dylan Dartnell-Steinberg (matric. 2011) wrote to us announcing the establishment of the newly formed Beard Society. She writes, as follows: ‘Petreans, spring has sprung and The Beard Society is here. This newly formed Society is a platform within Peterhouse to explore the role of women in contemporary society, under the watchful gaze of portraits of our bearded forefathers. We have heard from extraordinary speakers: from History of Art Professor Lynda Nead of Birkbeck, discussing the development of pornography and the film camera in tandem with Victorian street planning and female boxing at the Olympics; to award-winning Times journalist, Camilla Long, who instigated and chaired a passionate debate about female nudity in the media. This event brought 80 students from around the University to Peterhouse and the Beard Society into the Sunday Times! Easter term continued with a talk by Professor Mary Beard.

Photo: Siana Bangura
Peterhouse for Tough Mudder

Simon Cooke one of the College butlers wrote to us recently as follows: ‘I am taking part in an event called ‘Tough Mudder’. (YouTube it if you’re curious enough). It is an Army and Special Forces designed obstacle course over 10 – 12 miles, incorporating 25 obstacles to navigate and overcome. Along with the help of fellow employees, Adam Harris (Waiter) and Laszlo Csiba (Assistant Barman), we shall be tackling this event together as a team. I am raising money for two charities; the British Heart Foundation and the Maldives Whale Shark Research Programme.

I feel that if you’re going to raise money for good causes and for those who bring solutions and opportunities to people then you might as well challenge yourself and push yourself to the limits as they do. I have two just giving pages and if you would like to donate, please go to:


Thank you for reading this!”

PUBLICATIONS

Professor Sir John Meurig Thomas (matric. 1993)

*Design and Applications of Single-Site Heterogeneous Catalysts. Contributions to Green Chemistry, Clean Technology and Sustainability* published by Imperial College Press is the most recent monograph by Professor Sir Meurig Thomas. This book, which was recommended by three Nobel Prizewinners, provides a highly readable and wide-ranging overview of the fascinating landscape of contemporary catalysis.

Further details can be found at the following link:

Dr Mari Jones (matric. 1984)

*Language and Social Structure in Urban France* by Dr Mari Jones and David Hornsby has recently been published by Legenda. This volume brings together leading variationist sociolinguists and sociologists from both sides of the Channel to ask: what makes France ‘exceptional’?

The book is available at the following link:


Elizabeth Drayson (matric. 2002)

Elizabeth Drayson’s latest book, *The Lead Books of Granada*, will be published by Palgrave MacMillan later this year. She attended the Golden Age research symposium at the University of Cork in November, giving a paper entitled *The puzzling case of Cervantes and the Lead Books of Granada*, as well as the Association of Hispanists’ conference in Oxford in March, where she spoke on *From Text to Image and Film: visual representations of the Corpes episode from the ‘Poema de mio Cid’*.
FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Golf Day, Friday 7 June 2013 – Fully booked!

The first ever Petrean Gold Day will be held on Friday 7 June 2013 at the Royal Worlington and Newmarket Golf Club, Bury St Edmunds. It is intended to be an informal and fun event and what we hope will be the start of an annual event. Numbers were limited and this event is now fully booked, but if you wish to take part in future years, please contact Paula Vanninen (paulavanninen@hotmail.com), a Peterhouse Society Committee member, for further details.

May Week, 2012

- Tuesday 18 June: College May Week Concert. Please contact the Development Office if you would like to attend.
- Wednesday 12 to Saturday 15 June: May Bumps. As always, the Boat Club welcome your support.

The Peterhouse Society Gathering, Saturday 29 – Sunday 30 June 2013

This year’s annual Gathering will be held from Saturday 29 to Sunday 30 June 2013. Details have been circulated to all Petreans. The programme is largely relaxed and informal, to suit a variety of arrival times and personal preferences, and a variety of refreshments will be on offer throughout the day. Once again the Dinner will be more akin to a traditional Peterhouse Feast. A sandwich lunch will be available in the Lubbock Room between 12.30 and 2.00 p.m., followed by the Peterhouse Society and Friends of Peterhouse AGMs. Afternoon tea will then follow at 2.15 p.m. Sadly, Sir Christopher Meyer is no longer able to give part of the presentation with Sir David Wright, and a presentation between Sir David and The Master will now be held instead!

It will be the 50 anniversary since matriculation for the 1963 matriculands. To date we only have two members who have signed up from that year, and if someone would like to put themselves forward to co-ordinate a special reunion, please get in touch with Anne Munro at amm85@cam.ac.uk. Last year the ‘1962’ matriculands held a special luncheon in the Combination Room.

Family Day, Sunday 15 September 2013

Following on from last year’s enormously successful Family Day, we are delighted that this will take place again this year. We have decided to hold the event in September this time, which will allow us to open up the College grounds even more. This will largely be held along the same lines as last year, with a variety of performers. This is an occasion for Petreans to bring their families to enjoy the College and its gardens in the company of friends.

Petrean Dinner, Saturday 21 September 2013

Petreans who matriculated between the years 1981 and 1985 inclusive are warmly invited to attend the ‘Petrean Dinner’ on Saturday 21 September 2013. 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 between 4.00 and 5.30 p.m. Invitations and further details will be circulated in early summer.

Petrean Dinner, Saturday 28 September 2013

Petreans who matriculated between the years 1976 and 1980 inclusive are warmly invited to attend the ‘Petrean Dinner’ on Saturday 28th September 2013. 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 between 4.00 and 5.30 p.m. Invitations and further details will be circulated in early summer.

William Stone Society Dinner, 12 October 2013

The third William Stone Society dinner will take place on Saturday 12 October for Petreans who have remembered the College in their Will and their partners/spouses.
West End London drinks’ evening, Thursday 24 October 2013

The West End London drinks’ evening will this year be held at The National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, Greater London, SW1A 2HE on Thursday 24 October. The Society has reserved the Lady Violet Room, named for Violet Bonham-Carter, Churchill’s great friend, from 6.30 p.m. onwards. No booking or admission fee: pay bar, food available to order. As always, the evening will be wholly informal – simply come and go as you please. Please note that the public areas of the Club have a dress code: jacket and tie for men and its equivalent for ladies.

Future Events:

You might care to have a note of the following – further details and invitations will follow in due course:

- On Saturday 27th September 2014 we will be inviting Petrean classicists, theologians, linguists and philosophers to a 'subject' dinner in the College; further details to follow.

- Forthcoming Petrean Dinners:

  2015: 2001 - 2005
  2016: Up to and including 1960, plus 1961 - 1970
  2017: 1971 - 1975
  2018: 1986 - 1990
  2020: 2006 - 2010

We welcome ideas from other groups whose members would like to reunite, whether at the College, in particular regions, or in other countries – especially where accompanied by offers to take an organisational lead. Please be in touch with the Peterhouse Society Office.

YOUR NEWS

Congratulations to:

- Anthony Pick (matric. 1958) on his election as Mayor of Newbury, Berkshire, in an impressive Mayor Making Ceremony followed by a Civic Service at the Church of St Nicholas and, afterwards, a Civic Reception on 19 May 2013. The position lasts until May 2014, when a new Mayor is elected.
• **Professor Norman Hammond** (matric. 1963) on his unusual distinction: he has been elected a Fellow of the British Academy not just once but twice. Professor Hammond was originally elected in 1998, but as a Corresponding Fellow because he worked overseas, rather than an ordinary Fellow. Now that he is based full-time in the UK, he has qualified for normal Fellowship.

![Photo: anonymous](image)

• **J. Michael T. Thompson**, FRS (matric. 1962), who received the **Lyapunov Award 2013** (American Society of Mechanical Engineers) for lifelong contributions to the field of nonlinear dynamics.

![Photo: anonymous](image)

• **Professor Adrian Wander** (matric. 1993) who has been appointed as a visiting chair in the School of Materials within the Faculty of Engineering and Physical Sciences at the University of Manchester.

![Photo: anonymous](image)

• **Michael Dobbin** (matric. 2004) on the award of the Military Cross as he led a 200m charge across open ground in Afghanistan.

• **Paul Vardanega** (matric. 2008) on his lectureship at Bristol University

• **John Lapinskas** (matric. 2007) who has been awarded the Ratcliffe Prize for the best Ph.D student in Science, Maths, Physics and Engineering. John is currently in the second year of a three-year Ph.D. at Birmingham University.
- **Judith Anne Aveling** (Matric. 1992) on her marriage to Robert Jamie Blackwood at the Church of St John the Baptist in Tuebrook, Liverpool on Saturday 29 December 2012. After ten years spent school-teaching (French and Russian), Judith has spent the last three years as a member of the research team of the AHRC-funded project ‘The Experience of Worship in Late Medieval Cathedral and Parish Churches’, which seeks to re-discover, in part through re-enactments, the liturgical texts, music, rituals, spaces, vestments and artefacts in use on the eve of the Reformation in England. She is currently writing up her Ph.D. thesis on key questions which have arisen from the project, and hopes to submit later this year. She lives with her husband in Liverpool, and in her spare time sings for the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Choir and the Anglican Cathedral chamber choir.

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- One of our undergraduate mathematicians, **Edwin Sung** (matric. 2011), who has been invited to attend the 6 Coole Music Annual Orchestra Festival, in Gort, Co. Galway as one of his orchestral compositions entitled ‘It Will Turn into our Memories’ will be performed at the festival.

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**CU Rambling Club Reunion**

There may be some Old Petreans who remember spending their Sundays trying to get as far away from Cambridge as possible - on foot, of course. In some years the Rambling Club was really ambitious and walked to Oxford and London; at other time more modest rambles reached Ely and Saffron Walden. The emeritus members of the club (those over 65) have been holding reunions every three years or so, and the next one is planned for June this year, based on Tavistock and Dartmoor, with walks suiting the age of the participants. The problem has been to get in touch with everyone who rambled, as the club Archives (now distinguished by being in the UL) sometimes give no more than a forename, and often do not mention a member’s college. We’ve contacted everyone who came up in 1967 or earlier, if we know their college, but if you were a Rambler, and haven’t heard from us, we would be delighted to invite you to this year’s re-union. Please email David Wilson at: [david@northwalls.demon.co.uk](mailto:david@northwalls.demon.co.uk)
First Petrean in space?

Dr Robert H Edwards (Matric. 1965), took part in an international competition to fly to space. Thank you to all staff members and students of Peterhouse that voted to help him become the first Petrean astronaut!

Find more at:
https://www2.axeapollo.com/en_GB/255930/robert-howard-edwards?image=0

Annual Day of Learning and Leisure

We have recently been contacted by Hugh M. Fitzpatrick (Christ's, 1980), Chairman of Cambridge Alumni Ireland, the longest established official Oxbridge alumni group in Ireland. We have been asked if any former members would wish to be notified about their Annual Day of Learning and Leisure, due to be held in Clongowes Wood College, Kildare, on 16 June 2013, as currently mentioned (with photograph) on the website of Cambridge University Alumni Relations Office (CARO) then let him hear from you by writing at hmf Fitzpa@tcd.ie and he will be glad to send you details after they have been finalised.

PUBLICATIONS

Professor John Clark (matric. 1977)

The Rise and Fall of Radical Westminster 1780 – 1790 by Mark Bear and edited by Professor John Clark, aims to expand our understanding of political culture and political institutions, taking in the history of satire, the place of political violence, and the language of democracy, using the most scrutinized political place in modern Britain.
Professor Ben Quash (matric. 1987)

The Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 2013 by Professor Ben Quash has recently been published by Bloomsbury Publishing. This is the last one commissioned and introduced by Rowan Williams.

Roland Minor (matric. 1957)

A lot of loose ends by Roland Minor chronicling the many activities of a vet over five decades, mainly in Africa. The book is available in paperback version ISBN978-1-909304-72-7 published by Memoir Books of Cirencester, Glos.
Michael Burrell (matric. 1958)

*John Lyon’s Dream* by Michael Burrell, with a Foreword by John Barnard, both of them Old Lyonians, is the first ever authorised history of the John Lyon School. The book is available at the following link:

[http://www.michaelburrell.net/johnlyon.htm](http://www.michaelburrell.net/johnlyon.htm)

Mark Oliver (matric. 1981)

*The Seven Motivations of Life* by Mark Oliver helps you to answer big questions in your life, such as: who am I, what is my purpose where am I going and how can I lead myself and others more effectively?

The book is available at:

**Professor K. A. Padmanabhan (matric. 1968)**

*Superplasticity*, published by Springer in 1980 entered in the "Springer Book Archives" in which about 40 "renowned" books published by the publishing house in the time period 1842 - 2005 (163 years) out of a few thousand books published by them in the same period, will be given a new lease of life by their conversion into eBooks as well as the print form. His book will than become more accessible to others and will have a longer lease of life.

![Image of Superplasticity book by K. A. Padmanabhan and G. J. Davies](image)

**Derek Wilson (matric. 1956)**

*Magnificence Malevolence. Memoirs of a Career in Hell in the tradition of The Screwtape Letters*, published by Lion-Hudson is a superb read, darkly funny and sharply written. More information are available at: [www.derekwilson.com](http://www.derekwilson.com)

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**WHAT’S ON IN CAMBRIDGE – MAY TO SEPTEMBER 2013**

**Cambridge Arts Theatre:**

- **Bird Song**, 24 to 29 June. A mesmerising story of love, courage and sacrifice is now brought to the stage in this critically acclaimed version of Sebastian Faulks’s bestselling novel. An epic tale of love and war set both before and during the Great War.
King Lear, 17 to 27 July. The world renowned Shakespeare’s Globe will perform King Lear, known as Shakespeare’s ultimate tragedy this summer. Tempestuous poetry shot through with touches of humour and moments of heart-rending simplicity, King Lear is one of the deepest artistic explorations of the human condition. Performed on an Elizabethan-style stage, a small troupe of travelling players breathe new life into Shakespeare’s great tragedy.

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

Cambridge Corn Exchange:

- Milos Karadaglic plays Rodrigo, Saturday 15 June. One of the hottest properties in classical music, chart-topping guitarist Miloš Karadaglic gives an unmissable performance of virtuoso guitar classics. He has recently won two Gramophone Awards including Young Artist of the Year, a Classical Brit Award for Breakthrough Artist of the Year and has sold out London’s Albert Hall.
- Steve Winwood, Monday 17 June. For more than four decades, Steve Winwood has remained a primary figure in Rock 'n' Roll, a respected innovator who has helped to create some of the genre's most celebrated achievements.

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

ADC Theatre:

- Parade, 30 May to 8 June. This epic Tony Award-winning musical tells the true story Leo Frank, a Brooklyn-born Jewish factory supervisor accused of murder. Set in the US State of Georgia in 1913, this tale of suspicion, retribution and flawed justice is played out against the backdrop of anti-Semitism, racial tension and the North vs. South rift which has yet to heal, 50 years after the end of the Civil War.
- The Coach House Company and Saxual Healing, Tuesday 11 June. Saxual Healing are the sexiest new girl band in town, a YouTube phenomenon with fans all over the world. They bring a huge variety of material from Bach to Britney, as well as a healthy dose of Disney classics.

For a full programme and information visit www.adctheatre.com; tel: 01223 359547.

Fitzwilliam Museum:

- Images of Empire: The British Empire on nineteenth century medals, 23 April to 29 September 2013. A thought-provoking selection of medallic artwork, which explores British expansion across the globe during the nineteenth century. See a wide range of medals relating to plagues and rebellions, sieges and skirmishes, victories and defeats. Some feature panoramic views of landscapes and stylised images of colonial warfare. Others depict allegorical scenes featuring classical figures and heraldic animals. These fascinating objects enable us to explore the diverse histories of many parts of Asia and Africa. They also provide a unique insight into the British Empire, its conflicts and its self-image.
- Fashioning Switzerland: Portraits and landscapes by Markus Dinkel and his contemporaries, 4 June to 15 September. April 2013. An exhibition of Swiss watercolours and prints featuring a rare selection of finely drawn and coloured portraits of Swiss women in regional costume, by the Bernese artist Markus Dinkel (1762-1832). These are accompanied by other artists’ picturesque views of the Swiss landscape, largely etched and each one delicately hand finished in watercolours.
- Origins of the Afro Comb 6000 years of culture, politics and identity, 2nd June to 3rd November. This Summer and Autumn, the Fitzwilliam Museum and the Museum of Archaeology & Anthropology will mount a joint exhibition on the extraordinary 6,000-year history of African hair combs. The exhibition looks at the persistent forms and striking diversity in design and scale - originating in Africa and spreading to the African Diaspora. And it brings the story into the present with a demonstrative investigation of current hair styling practices in Jamaica.
Kettle's Yard:

- **Katie Paterson**, 26 April - 23 June 2013. Katie Paterson has earned widespread acclaim for work that tackles some of the key questions about our place on earth. Her work often involves collaborating with leading scientists and researchers across the world. The exhibition brings together previous projects and new work. *Inside this desert lies the tiniest grain of sand saw Paterson working with experts in nanotechnology to take a grain of sand and carve it to just 0.00005mm across – which she then buried deep within the Sahara desert. A photograph of Paterson standing amongst the dunes, features in the exhibition, a contemplation of the monumental elevating the minute.*

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 either through the Conference Co-ordinator, Ms Anne Gifford, telephone 01223 338205 ([anne.gifford@pet.cam.ac.uk](mailto:anne.gifford@pet.cam.ac.uk)), or through the Development Office, telephone 01223 765187 ([develop@pet.cam.ac.uk](mailto:develop@pet.cam.ac.uk)).