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Autumn on the river.

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Fairbairns in November 2014

Why not put together a Cross Keys eight for the
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Hall with the Boat Club?

Contact the Development Office if you are interested.



The Master **Writes**



The 2013 calendar year seemed to go by even more quickly than usual! But there were numerous exceptional events within the College, some of which will be touched on here and others in more detail within this publication.

Of course the continuing improvement in our examination results is greatly welcomed and this reflects great team effort on behalf of the students themselves, the Admissions Tutors, the Tutors, the Directors of Studies and the Supervisors. Nevertheless, we cannot be complacent; the College has long realised that one or two extra first-class results send us about two places higher within the league table; a few extra third-class results rapidly send us down towards the bottom! But the trend is very much in the right direction and it would appear that Peterhouse does genuinely provide added value with numerous students showing improving results during their time here.

There have also been noticeable successes in the sporting world with Peterhouse providing captains of numerous University teams. Collectively the results on the river have been outstanding, culminating in a unique achievement in the May Bumps with both the men's and ladies' eights winning oars and ending up in the first division. They were cheered on by numerous Peterhouse alumni who were

enjoying a refreshing cup of tea in a beautiful Fen Ditton garden.

On a cultural level, the choir has been outstanding and there have been many exceptional musical events within College. The standard of lectures at various College events has been very high and there are so many societies that clashes between competing interests are almost inevitable.

The students seem to excel in all aspects of Cambridge life. It is so pleasing when meeting the new intake each October to hear that one of the overriding reasons why bright students choose to apply to Peterhouse is the enthusiasm displayed by incumbent students for their College.

Work on the new Whittle Building has made good progress and already the hotel is blocked from view by what will be a most attractive completion of Gisborne Court. It is anticipated that the Whittle Building will be finished during the summer of 2014 ready for the intake of students later that year. I am extremely proud that this first

The Master receiving an Honorary Doctorate at the Ludwig Maximilians University in Munich in recognition of his contribution to medicine and radiology.

major new extension of our accommodation base since the William Stone Building in the 1960s has come about during my watch. We are very grateful to all those who have worked hard on this project and to those who have provided financial support for this initiative.

Thanks to the careful husbandry of our finances by our old and new Bursar and the generosity of many non-resident Petreans, we have been able to provide numerous grants for students experiencing hardship. A new departure has been the establishment of a more formal process of awarding Peterhouse research studentships. In these days of international competition, the College needs to be able to respond quickly to offer the brightest and best graduates financial support when needed – e.g. help with college fees for those awarded prestigious studentships from

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grant-giving bodies such as the MRC and AHRC. A more formal tutorial system for graduate students has also been introduced. There is no shortage of talent: the Peterhouse Graduate Symposium in November was a remarkable showcase for in-house research work.

We are very grateful to those who help the College in so many ways. The Friends of Peterhouse under the most helpful guidance of David Edwards, QC, continue to provide important funding for students. The Peterhouse Society acts as a conduit for the College to maintain contact with its members – the dinner at the Gathering when members were encouraged to bring partners was a great success. The attendees at the Gathering much enjoyed listening to some of the research students' projects. During the year, Sir David Wright relinquished his excellent Chairmanship of the Society and we were delighted when Michael Burrell took over the reins.

When I started over five years ago, the main objectives were to get the new building going and to improve the financial lot of graduate students. There was also a need to strengthen the Fellowship in certain areas and we are delighted to have seen the recruitment of numerous very distinguished senior academics in subjects with small student numbers – which had hitherto been rather neglected.

We will continue to work hard with respect to graduate funding and other hardship aspects for all students. At some stage soon, the organ will require a major overhaul and the Development Office needs to be relocated, perhaps adjacent to a flat for alumni. But first things first: the immediate imperative is to get the new building finished and kitted out.

The year ended with the departure of Prof. James Stirling, CBE, FRS, who has moved on to become Provost of Imperial College, London; but we will continue to see him following his election to an Honorary

Fellowship. The College also took great pride in the award of the 2013 Nobel Prize in Chemistry to Michael Levitt “for the development of multiscale models for complex chemical systems”; in 1968, Michael was awarded a Research Studentship in Molecular Biology to do his PhD at Peterhouse, and he continued to work closely with Max Perutz, Sir John Kendrew and Sir Aaron Klug in the LMB before moving to Stanford.

There are so many people who deserve our thanks; forgive me for not mentioning you all. Our College staff are all outstanding and they much enjoy the chance to welcome returning Petreans. Anne and I always enjoy meeting Petreans either in College or at events in London or abroad. My main apology is that I do not always hear what is said: the improving technology of hearing aids only just keeps up with my increasing deafness – so speak up!

Adrian Dixon, Master

Graduate Symposium

Every year the Graduate Society of Peterhouse holds a symposium to present the research conducted by its members to the rest of the College.

In the spirit of interdisciplinary discussion – one of the advantages of the collegiate system – this year's symposium was structured to alternate between science and arts presentations. There were twenty presentations in all stretching from breakfast to late afternoon punctuated by appropriate refreshments. The chair was Professor Steven Connor, who joined Peterhouse last year having been elected Grace 2 Professor of English at the University and was this year appointed as the Graduate Tutor (Arts) and the Graduate Affairs Tutor for the Peterhouse MCR.

The programme included papers on Psychology, History of Science, Biology, Classics, Public Policy, Chemical Engineering, Philosophy, Medicine, Law, Physics, Engineering, History, Biochemistry, Maths and Theoretical

Physics, Developmental Biology, Mitochondrial Biology, Social Anthropology, Plant Sciences. It was impressive to see such a wide spread of subjects presented in a mutually intelligible way. The following are just a few of the subjects covered: Dr Nyarie Sithole described work he is doing with Professor Lever (Peterhouse 1994) to track the interaction of the HIV virus with cellular proteins and how this may help identify new areas vulnerable to therapeutic intervention. Josephine Hellberg gave a presentation on work she is doing on a new theory of why ageing happens using nematode worms. Emmanuel Malek challenged the audience's experience by showing how small and big circles are actually the same thing in string theory. Christina Tsaknaki, the first holder of the Blacker Studentship endowed in memory of his wife by Dr Michael Loewe, took this opportunity to introduce the audience to some lesser known works by Ovid – his Poetry in Exile. Seb Falk discussed the twentieth-century reconstruction of a fourteenth-century astronomical instrument according to a manuscript in the Perne collection. Known as 'King Arthur's Table', its history provides an interesting insight into the development of the History



Daniel Robinson speaking on Colonial British American attitudes towards International Relations 1727–1763.

of Science and museum culture. Seb's PhD is part of a wider project to make the manuscript accessible to scholars.

If you would like more information about the symposium, let us know and we will be happy to send you a copy of the booklet the MCR produced.

A great year for the Peterhouse Boat Club

With the start of Easter Term, there is only one thing on a rower's mind besides exams: May Bumps. With a stellar line-up in both the Men's and Women's first VIII's as well as exciting second boats, this year's May Bumps campaign promised to be one to watch.



With just three of the nine crew members in each first boat doing BAs, the two first boats also had serious academic credentials.

The two boats were evenly matched with a medic in each and PhDs in Engineering, Physics, Mathematics and Pharmacology and Masters in Astrophysics and Engineering, debunking the myth that rowers tend to focus on less-demanding subjects!

The May Bumps lived up to their promise and saw truly spectacular Peterhouse performances, with both the Men's and Women's first VIII's winning blades in the first division. Such an extraordinary success has to my knowledge never been recorded in the history of the Boat Club. The Men's first VIII stormed from the top of the second division into a very comfortable 15th in the first division, bumping five times overall, having been sandwich boat on day two. The Women's first VIII started at the bottom of the first division having fought bravely last year as sandwich boat; they quickly escaped the danger of returning to that position by bumping every day and finishing 13th in the first division. I am told that this is the highest position that the Peterhouse Women's first VIII has ever held in the May Bumps. We can only hope that this is the start of a much-anticipated headship campaign for both of our first crews.

The Easter Term saw other victories apart from those during the May Bumps. The Men's first VIII had the message boards talking when they easily won their M2 division in Head of the Cam in April, and also happened to be the fourth fastest college boat overall with a time of 8:57. The result from Champs Head further reinforced this: another easy division win from the Men's first VIII with a time of 4:52 which was the second fastest time of the day, just two seconds slower than Downing. The



M1 getting their blades.

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Women's first VIII similarly set a strong six-minute marker in Champs Head in the first division event.

Some individual successes are worth mentioning as well. We were delighted to have Milan Bruncvik (two-time Czech Olympian, Blue Boat 2013) rowing with the first Men's VIII in Easter Term. After the narrowly lost Boat Race in April, Milan continued to race with CUBC including in two regattas in China, securing third place at both. Emanuel Malek trained with CULRC for most of the year, but narrowly missed out on a seat in the final VIII. This year, three Petrean rowers are competing for seats in Blue first boats: Kate Ashley (with CUW), Emanuel Malek and Andrei Lebed (with CULRC).

The new academic year started well with the first Men's four winning their category at the Autumn Head (College First IV+) with a time of 10:31, having been slowed down by the two boats in front!

This year's May Bumps were exciting for everyone in the crew: the boat was by far

the fastest Peterhouse VIII for a long time and you don't get many opportunities to row with a double Olympian. To top it all off, we had a fantastic Bumps campaign, winning our oars after bumping up five into the first division.

Andrei Lebed, M1 no. 6

The PBC Women's squad has been growing and growing in the last few years and to be part of that as Captain in 2012/13 and as a member of W1 has been amazing. It was a real honour to stroke the Mays crew, who finally got to enjoy the results of years of hard work by the girls and Bomber and support from Peterhouse and our alumni.

Kate Ashley, W1 Stroke

Both the men and the women worked hard to improve their fitness and technique in the May Term. It was particularly pleasing to see both crews not only working hard but enjoying the sport. Well done to both crews.

Steve (Bomber) Harris
Peterhouse Boat Club Head Coach

Progress report

The Whittle Building

It has been an exciting year watching the Whittle Building rise from the dust and rubble of the Birdwood. The new building will complete Gisborne Court and will enable us to house all our undergraduates on site, providing significant new facilities for our junior members and an additional Fellow's Set. It will also increase the College's income as we can let out commercially property previously occupied by students and use the new accommodation for conferences during the vacations.



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May



October



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The Peterhouse Society 2013

This was a busy and varied year for the Society. The London Drinks event in April was held at The Wine Pantry, specialists in English wine and Specialist Wine Merchant of the Year in 2012. Some 30 Petreans gathered beside the Betjeman statue on the Upper Grand Terrace at St Pancras Station to sample their wares and a selection of UK cheeses. It was generally agreed that it was interesting to keep changing the venue – so any Petreans with suggestions for possible future venues are cordially invited to come forward!

In May, there was the Peterhouse Society Wine Tasting Dinner, which was organised at the Saville Club by Neil Hartman (matric. 1984), a member of the Peterhouse Society Committee. The evening was a great success and very well attended with over 80 Petreans and their partners coming together to enjoy a selection of great South African wines chosen for us by Neil himself with the help of Stuart Edwards, Director of The City Beverage Company, a specialist importer of South African wine. As well as providing us with copious notes on the different vineyards and their wines, Stuart gave a very interesting talk during dinner, explaining the qualities and properties of the different wines.

May also saw a delightful Tea Party generously hosted by Mr Christopher Gough-Goodman, a friend of the Master's, in the riverside garden of his house in Fen Ditton to raise funds for the Peterhouse Boat Club Fund. A number of Petreans braved the unseasonal weather to enjoy fabulous cakes and a magnificent performance by the Petrean boats.

The first Peterhouse Golf Day (at least since the 1960s) was arranged by Paula Vanninen (matric. 1987). She is also a member of the Peterhouse Society Committee. It took place early in June at the Royal Worlington Golf Club near Newmarket. It was a most enjoyable occasion, blessed by beautiful hot sunny weather. There were 14 Petreans in total, including the Master, with a range of years represented. The 'Young Guns', as the Master called them, got off to a good start. However, they were no match for the players of older vintage, and Graham



Tea in the Master's Garden at the Gathering.

For the first time Petreans were able to invite their spouses and partners to attend the dinner and this news was particularly well received.

Saunders (matric. 1965) emerged as the overall winner! The medics were also in full force with Robin Russell-Jones (matric. 1966) winning the 'nearest to the pin' competition; those medics really do have a keen eye!" The event was very informal and, as Paula reported, "what we lacked in golfing ability was more than matched by the convivial, jolly atmosphere as well as generous sportsmanship". After the game, the day continued with a fantastic, dinner in College hosted by the Master, which is probably the best way to end such a fun and happy day. Plans are in place for a repeat event this year – anyone interested in taking part should contact Paula (paulavanninen@hotmail.com) or the Development Office (develop@pet.cam.ac.uk).

The Peterhouse Annual Gathering took place in College again in wonderful sunshine on 29 June. This year for the first time, Petreans were able to invite their

spouses and partners to attend the dinner and this news was particularly well received by Petreans such as Isabella Bennett (matric. 2003). She wrote: "this being the first year that partners had been invited acted as a spur for my attendance, knowing that there would be at least one individual with whom to converse on shared topics of interest. As it happened, his potential as a security device was unnecessary as, to my utter delight, Petreans from my year and even from my old staircase were also attending with their other halves and we made our way up to the Gallery, where we dined with much merriment, nostalgia and contentment. It was a real treat to be able to show my husband the Master's garden before the dinner, and he came away from Peterhouse determined to visit again, as did I." Attending this event is always very special, bringing back all sorts of lovely memories, but it also contributes to the current life of the College, infusing it with new energy and individual perspectives on its future.

- > London Drinks
- > Wine Tasting Dinner
- > May Bumps Tea Party
- > Golf Day
- > The Gathering
- > Family Day

The second Family Garden Party took place in September. It was attended by almost 50 Petreans and their families. A total of 122 adults and 100 children were entertained in the Hall, the Upper Hall, the Combination Room, the Parlour, the Lubbock Room and the Theatre as well as in the Fellows' Garden. Most of the shows for the children had to be scheduled indoors rather than in the open air because of the wet weather, but this did little to detract from the enjoyment of the day. Edward Heckels (matric. 1984) and Richard Shepherd (matric. 1988) wrote to say that the Lecture Theatre had been the perfect venue for the Science Show. Their children had greatly enjoyed being in the Theatre so, regardless of the weather, they would suggest using the Lecture Theatre again in future. Next year there will not be a Family Garden Party; instead there will be a Garden Party on 21 September for all donors to the College to celebrate the completion of the Peterhouse Development Campaign. However, we hope to schedule another Family Garden Party in 2015 – so watch this space!

The London Drinks event in October took place in the National Liberal Club, by the kind invitation of Michael Burrell, the incoming Chairman of the Peterhouse Society. It was also the occasion for a most interesting and well-received talk on University Ceremonial by Tim Milner (matric. 1985). The event was attended by 40 Petreans, some of whom had made the effort to come specifically to see the venue. In order to maintain our growing reputation for interesting venues, we would welcome suggestions for the future!

None of these events would be successful without the efforts of the members of the Peterhouse Society Committee and the enthusiasm of all the Petreans who attend them. Events like these continue the College's tradition of fellowship and help forge a community of non-resident Petreans.



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Petrean golfers at Royal Worlington in June.

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Miscellany

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Members' privileges

Dining: All members of the College are reminded of their privilege of dining as a College guest on any three ordinary nights in Full-Term in the calendar year, subject to at least one Fellow also dining. Wednesdays and Sundays are always good occasions. Please tell the kitchens (telephone 01223 338206) of your intention to dine at least 24 hours in advance. The meal is free but, as for all members of High Table, there will be a modest charge for wine.

Guest rooms: Guest rooms at the College are available at a modest charge to members. Many have recently been refurbished but they are single rooms. There are a few Fellows' Guest Rooms which are double rooms and these are available to Petreans who have MA status. However, they can only be booked with the sponsorship of a Fellow – the Development Director will be happy to assist! Unfortunately the College is unable to provide accommodation for children under the age of 14. If you would like to book a guest room please contact Mrs Anne Gifford (01223 338205) or the Development Office (develop@pet.cam.ac.uk) who will be happy to help.

Your event at Peterhouse

As an important part of its strategy of financial self-reliance, Peterhouse actively offers, on a commercial basis, facilities for conferences, meetings, dinners, luncheons and events of all kinds, consistent with the

academic life and work of the College.

We are able to provide: high-quality public and meeting rooms, some of marked historical and aesthetic interest, in a range of layouts and sizes; a number of bedrooms of good quality; catering options – ranging from teas through to buffets, luncheons, dinners, receptions and parties, all prepared and served to the highest standards; all necessary audio-visual equipment; and full technical and administrative back-up. Bedrooms and public rooms have been refurbished and redecorated to high standards; the kitchens have been remodelled and modernised; excellent dining and meeting rooms have been created; and the Friends of Peterhouse Theatre and the Lubbock Room, both available for meetings presentations and receptions, have been enhanced and redecorated. Petreans can help their College greatly by considering Peterhouse as a venue for conferences, meetings or events requiring catering, whether in their own right or on behalf of companies or organisations with which they are connected. Your event need not be confined solely to vacations: there is abundant scope in term-time too, especially where members of the College are concerned.

Ms Anne Gifford, the College's Conference Co-ordinator, provides a dedicated conference service and will be delighted to discuss with you the full details of what the College has to offer. She can be contacted in any of the following ways:

- » Telephone: 01223 338205
- » Fax: 01223 338245
- » E-mail: anne.gifford@pet.cam.ac.uk
- » Conferences website: www.peterhouse-conferences.co.uk

The Development Office

The Peterhouse Development Office can be found on the ground floor of Gisborne Court, in Room L1. We are always pleased to see Petreans who are visiting Cambridge.

Peterhouse Development Campaign

There are a number of ways to make a donation to the Peterhouse Development Fund. To donate by Bank Transfer or Bankers Order, please look on the website or contact the Development Office. You can also donate online via Virgin Money Giving at <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com> – search on 'Peterhouse'. Or you can, of course, simply send us a cheque made payable to 'The Peterhouse Development Fund'!

Gift Aid

The College is able to reclaim 25p for every pound of your donation, increasing the value of your gift to the College at no extra cost. If you pay a higher rate of tax, you as a donor can also reclaim the balance of the tax paid.

Shares

The transfer of shares now qualifies for both Income Tax and Capital Gains Tax relief and therefore represents a welcome way of making a donation that is worth significantly more to the College than its cost to the donor. The cost to you of a gift of listed shares, unit trusts or securities could be as low as 20–40% of its real value to the College.

Tax repayments

Peterhouse also participates in HM Revenue and Customs scheme that allows any individual to nominate the College, through the annual self-assessment tax return, to receive tax repayments as a donation. This scheme supplements, but does not replace, the familiar Gift Aid scheme.

Charities Aid Foundation vouchers

There is no additional tax benefit to the College from CAF vouchers.

Gifts in kind

Properties and works of art are all exempt from Capital Gains and Inheritance Tax.



Life insurance

Naming the College as the beneficiary of a policy allows a member to make a larger and earlier potential gift than might otherwise be found possible. These advantages are possible because the donor need only pay an annual premium – which, importantly, is tax-deductible – rather than having to donate the entire value of the gift.

Legacies

By inclusion of the words 'The Master (or Keeper) and Fellows of Peterhouse in the University of Cambridge' in your will (we would be grateful to know if you intend to remember the College in this way so that we can add you to the list of members of the William Stone Society). A brochure on the making of legacies is available from the Development Office.

Limited Liability Companies and Partnerships

Those who would like to help the College through their Limited Liability Companies and Partnerships might also like to bear in mind that donations to the College offer tax benefits to companies when computing their Corporation Tax liability, and that no forms are necessary to make tax-efficient donations to the College.

If you would like to know more, please contact the Development Director.



Peterhouse Development Campaign

Petreans in the USA

The address of 'Cambridge in America' (CAm), the jointly-established University/College channel through which donations may be made for the benefit of Peterhouse in a 'tax-efficient' way is:

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New York, NY 10017, USA
Telephone: (212) 984 0960
Fax: (212) 984 0970
E-mail: mail@cantab.org
Website: www.cantab.org

Friends of Peterhouse

The Friends of Peterhouse is an association set up "to advance the educational and other charitable work" of the College. It is governed by a Council of Petreans which is independent of the College's Governing Body, and is incorporated as a company limited by guarantee and registered as a charity. If you would like to know more about membership of the Friends or about making a donation to them, please contact: friends@pet.cam.ac.uk

William Stone Society

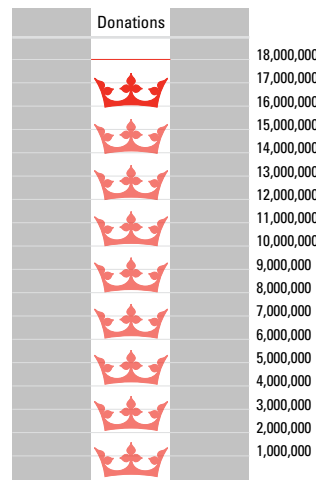
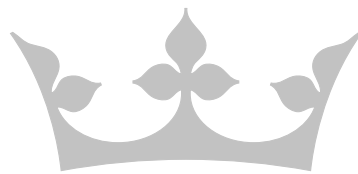
The third annual dinner of the William Stone Society was held in October. The dinner was very well attended by those who have remembered the College in their wills together with their spouses and partners. Donations from legacies left to the College in 2013 totalled £817,126.



William Stone Society Dinner

Development Campaign

In 2013, the College's Development Campaign continued to make steady progress towards the target of £18 million. At the current rate, we expect to be able to celebrate the completion of the Campaign in 2014, so we are planning a Garden Party for everyone



who has contributed to the Campaign since its launch in 2004 on 21 September 2014. Those attending the event will be able to inspect the Whittle Building as well as the other achievements of the Campaign. Invitations will be sent out in the summer to all donors to the College.

The number of new donations to the Development Fund in 2013 came to almost £1.9 million. We are very grateful to all those who donate using the Gift Aid scheme as this will bring the total to just over £2 million. A total of 167 Petreans of all ages made a donation for the first time, and 40 gifts were received from Trusts, Foundations and non- Petreans.

As always, the year began with the annual Telephone Campaign in early January. This year the Campaign was managed by Rux Burton Associates and they achieved our most remarkable total to date. Twelve junior members made an impressive 681 fundraising calls and raised a fabulous £160,557 for the College.

Much of this money was to benefit student hardship funds, and we are most grateful to those Petreans who make it possible to help students in financial need.

Thanks to the generosity of Dr Joe Pesce (m. 1988) a longstanding project to make one of the College's important manuscripts more accessible to scholars has made excellent progress this year. *The Equatorie of the Planetis* is a fourteenth century manuscript, sometimes attributed to Chaucer, describing in detail the construction and use of a planetary equatorium. In the Graduate Symposium Seb Falk spoke about the modern reconstruction of the instrument. Thanks in large part to Joe Pesce's generosity there is now also a virtual reconstruction of it and a great deal of scholarly material is being up loaded onto the Cambridge Digital Library to make this most interesting manuscript more accessible to scholars. We look forward to it going live next year!

College News

A FIFTH PETREAN NOBEL LAUREATE

The College was delighted to learn that Michael Levitt (m. 1968) had been jointly awarded the 2013 Nobel Prize for Chemistry. He brings to five the number of Petrean Chemists who have had that accolade – the other four being John Kendrew, Aaron Klug, Archer Martin and Max Perutz. In 1968 Michael Levitt was elected to a Peterhouse Research Studentship in Molecular Biology to do his PhD before being elected to a Research Fellowship at Gonville and Caius College in 1970.

Professor Crane and Professor Lever with Dr Brian Brink from Johannesburg on the occasion of the Perne Feast. Dr Brink is a member of the committee of the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.

England cap Ed Smith (m. 1995) with Thomas Probert (m. 2005) and Tom Deasy (m. 2010) both cricketing blues.



Petreans rise to the Challenge

Learning that a College team has been selected to participate in University Challenge is one of those curious events that sends a frisson of excitement through the whole College. JCR, MCR and SCR as well as staff feel personally involved in the performance of the team and glow with vicarious pride at its success, or groan with empathy when things don't go so well. This year the Peterhouse team spanned the whole of the junior academic community from freshers to PhD graduate students. Sadly they did not win through to the final on this occasion but the team members wrote as follows:

Mark Smith | As well as being the Assistant Chaplain at Peterhouse, I'm studying for a PhD in Theology at the College. Like many people, I always enjoyed watching University Challenge and trying to play along – so when Alex D announced he was planning on putting together a Peterhouse team, and that he was holding a qualifying quiz in the JCR, I leapt at the chance! Alex pruned us down to five (four team members, plus a reserve), and we sent off the application form. Because so many teams enter the competition, the programme-makers have to whittle them down further, so the next step was to attend a special interview. There were more practice questions to complete, plus a bit of 'getting to know you' with the producers. Something obviously 'clicked', because a couple of weeks later we were told that we were going to be on television! In the weeks leading up to the recording, armed with a copy of the *University Challenge Quiz Book*, and some rather antiquated old buzzers, we met for intensive training sessions. But nothing could quite prepare us for the bright lights and substantial make-up of the real thing. It was a thrilling game, and one in which Peterhouse were triumphant – it was also particularly satisfying that Oxford were on the receiving end!

Alex Davis | I was the captain of the Peterhouse team. I'm a fourth year physicist from Oxfordshire and was elated when I found out that there was a possibility I could appear on University Challenge. I was appointed captain in my



second year following a round of quizzes arranged by the remaining members of the last televised Petrean appearance. Unfortunately that year we didn't cut the mustard and were not chosen to be one of the five Cambridge colleges that went through to the televised rounds. Following a set of quizzes I held last year, though, I was delighted to see the talent we had available and knew the quirky personalities and widespread trivial knowledge put us in a good position. After painfully selecting the team members based on ambiguous test results, we were interviewed at Corpus and went through to the televised rounds, which excited everyone who knew us (especially my aunt, a devout fan of the show!). The whole filming experience felt quite outside normal reality, with the big personalities, the cameras representing three million pairs of eyes and watching it can only be compared to reliving a dream – or, in the case of some of it (such as the first half of round one), a nightmare! As for how we obtained the requisite knowledge, I don't know – perhaps it was the only tangible benefit of an otherwise wasted adolescence! It was extremely good fun regardless.

Melanie Etherton | One BioNatSci First Year. Comes with handful of arcane knowledge. Can do highly convincing rabbit-in-headlights impression. Call 'Etherton, Peterhouse' for details. And suddenly, I'm here. Feeling stunned,

thrilled and completely unworthy of the extraordinary brilliance of the other members of our team, I try (unsuccessfully) to stop myself playing with the swivel chair and waited tensely for the show to begin. Yet, dazed as I was under the respective glares of the blazing lights and Jeremy Paxman, I couldn't help gaping at the person who calls the names of the students and colleges: a man, there in the flesh, lounging in a tennis-umpire style chair at the back of the studio and cracking quicksilver jokes over the microphone. We glanced at each other, disbelieving, and shared sudden excited smiles. Starter for ten, anyone?

Edmund Zimmer | I'm just glad that my team-mates and I got the opportunity to give a college from The Other Place a proper beating on national television. There were, of course, other benefits we received from our brief stint on the show – in particular, before I went on University Challenge, I'd never expected that I would one day receive a marriage proposal over the internet from a fourteen-year-old girl from Morpeth (I turned her down gently yet firmly, I hasten to add) – but they were entirely secondary to the shining moment when we were four against the world, or at least that portion of the world currently studying at Balliol. To badly misquote Humphrey Bogart, we'll always have Recording Studio 5 in Salford.

Peterhouse and the Development Campaign

KEY FACTS

Peterhouse

- » The oldest and smallest Cambridge college, founded 1284. Comprises Master, c.30 Fellows, c.8 Research Fellows, plus Bye-Fellows and Visiting Fellows; c.110 graduate students; c.260 undergraduates; c.4,000 non-resident members
- » Strong belief in statutory role of furthering 'education, religion, learning and research' across the whole range of knowledge
- » An intellectual influence ... out of all proportion to [its] size' (Noel Annan, *The Dons*, published 1999)
- » Responds to and helps shape change from its strong base of tradition and sense of continuity:
 - Petreans active in every field of work – e.g. academics, scientists, business people, diplomats, teachers, doctors, lawyers, priests, for the good of society at large
 - scientific innovation: computer (Babbage), electricity (Kelvin), jet engine (Whittle), hovercraft (Cockerell), five Nobel Laureates (Kendrew, Klug, Martin, Perutz, Levitt)
 - the arts (recently Eyre, National Theatre; McBurney, Théâtre de Complicité; Mendes, Donmar Warehouse, Oscar-winner)
 - journalism (recently Gale, Worsthorne)
 - public affairs and diplomacy (recently Fenn, India; Meyer, USA.; Stern, World Bank / Treasury; Synnott, Iraq; Wilson, Hong Kong; Wright, Japan)
 - political, religious and social thought: Laudianism and Royalism in the 1630s (Cosin, Wren); political thought in the 1970s/80s (Cowling); 'radical orthodox' theology in the 1990s (Milbank, Quash)
- » Education in the broadest sense – academic, personal, cultural, social – in an intimate and supportive residential environment

Why we need your help

- » Public funding from fees amounts to only 13% of the College's current operating expenditure so we are heavily reliant on our own resources to maintain the current level of provision for College members
- » Income from our endowment meets around 58% of our operating expenditure and so is absolutely critical to what we do
- » Funds for significant projects such as the Whittle Building need to be raised separately, otherwise we would be forced to draw down on our endowment capital – a highly undesirable situation which would negatively affect future generations of Petreans
- » College runs at breakeven – income and expenditure are carefully balanced at the moment but inflationary cost pressures for Higher Education institutions remain substantial
- » Every undergraduate costs the College approx £5,000 p.a. so expansion is neither realistic nor desirable
- » Postgraduate study is increasingly under pressure due to the impact of the reduction in public funding of undergraduates – providing new research studentships is a strategic priority to ensure the ongoing vitality of the graduate community
- » Smallness of the College is a key distinguishing characteristic – educationally and socially valuable but bringing accompanying dis-economies of scale
- » The cost of maintaining our main Grade I and "national heritage" buildings is substantial and this is a responsibility the College takes very seriously
- » Peterhouse is ultimately dependent on its Members and supporters past, present and future to maintain its financial independence and to defend and advance its core educational purposes

The Development Campaign

By the end of the Campaign, Peterhouse will

- » Achieve financial stability
- » House all undergraduates on site, freeing up income-generating properties located elsewhere in Cambridge
- » Offer excellent facilities to attract the best students in a competitive market
- » Ensure that no-one with the ability and promise to benefit from a Peterhouse education need fear being unable to come or unable to continue for want of money
- » Encourage and reward academic attainment and aspiration through worthwhile prizes, book and travel allowances
- » Enhance education in the round through more opportunities for travel, music, theatre, sports and cultural participation
- » Fund graduate students for conferences, travel and research expenses
- » Safeguard small-group teaching through the Supervision system
- » Safeguard pastoral care and welfare through the Tutorial system
- » Secure admission of the best students from all backgrounds
- » Fund teaching Fellowships, targeted to areas of teaching strength
- » Create new Research Fellowships – the seed-corn of future academic vitality
- » Have the best small conference facilities in Cambridge, providing a transformed independent income stream
- » Preserve and enhance its historic buildings and gardens for future generations
- » Have a long-term development strategy in place, with a lasting changed culture of support for the College

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