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Peterhouse is not ‘rich’

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1 The oldest and smallest Cambridge college,
   founded 1284. Comprises Master, c.30 Fellows,
   9 Research Fellows, plus 850 Fellows and
   Visiting Fellows; c.110 graduate students; c.250
   undergraduates; c.4,000 non-resident members

2 Strong belief in a statutory role of furthering
   ‘education, religion, learning and research’
   across the whole range of knowledge

3 An intellectual influence – out of all proportion to
   its size [Nigel Amin, The Don, published 1999]

4 Responds to and helps shape change from its
   strong base of tradition and sense of continuity:
   Petroians active in every field of work –
   e.g. academic, scientists, business people,
   diplomats, teachers, doctors, lawyers, priests,
   etc. for the good of society at large

5 Scientific innovation: computers (Babbage),
   electricity (Kelvin), jet engine (Whittle),
   hovercraft (Cockerell), four Nobel Laureates
   (Kendrew, King, Martin, Perutz)

6 Arts (recently Eyre, National Theatre;
   Kendrew, King, Martin, Perutz)

7 Journalism (recently Galey, Worshtorne)

8 Public affairs and diplomacy (recently Feursch, India, Mayor, S.H.A.,
   Stein, World Bank / Treasury, Singh, Australia, Israel, Watson,
   Hong Kong, Wright, Japan)

9 Political, religious and social thought:
   Laudianism and Royalism in the 1630s
   and 1970s/80s (Cowling); ‘radical orthodox’
   theology in the 1990s (Milbank, Quash)

10 The Development Campaign
   Launched summer 2004 – the College’s act
   of faith in its future

11 Reassures the importance and stability of the
   central role of private benefaction, going back
   to the foundation by Hugo de Balsham, Bishop
   of Ely, in 138

12 A £8 million initial target – rightly ambitious, much
   awaiting realisation

13 £6 million investment by the College itself –
   the maximum that can be diverted from income-
   generating initiatives

14 Support and enhances Peterhouse “as a
   special and plural place; as a community of
   people, and as a home of scholarship and intellectual life’

15 Provides the building blocks for the future of
   the College and of future Petrean generations:
   – place: enhancing residential experience
     as the precondition for community and
     education – Ward Library £3m (achieved),
     optimise use of site £4m+

16 People; providing opportunity and access –
   bursaries, hardship payments, prizes £5.5m,
   new building for Junior Members and
   commercial conferencing £4.5m, expanded
   cultural opportunities £0.5m

17 Education and intellectual life: promoting
   teaching, learning and research – College
   teaching, new Fellowships £3.5m, new
   Research Fellowships / opportunities £4m

18 Only Peterhouse, its members and supporters
   can generate the financial independence to
   defend and advance Peterhouse’s purposes

19 Small membership – so needs support of
   all, for itself and as an example to others

Peterhouse and the Development Campaign

KEY FACTS

By the end of the Campaign, Peterhouse will:

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House all undergraduates on site, freeing up
inappropriate properties located elsewhere in
Cambridge
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in Cambridge, providing a transformed
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computers, top-class common room, bar and
facilities
Preserve and enhance its historic buildings
and gardens for future generations
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will be unable to come or to continue
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all backgrounds

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place, with a lasting changed culture of support
for the College

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The Master writes

The year in College was overshadowed by Neil Plevy’s illness and tragic subsequent death on 26 January 2010. Neil was appointed in 2009 as the College’s first Development Director, coming from the equivalent role at Emmanuel College, and he launched the Development Campaign in 2004. He was the most devoted and diligent Development Director a College could hope for and very much the first point of contact for non-resident Petreans and many others associated with the College. It was characteristic of his outstanding commitment to Peterhouse that he continued working right up until Christmas 2009, so much so that few people realised how seriously ill he was. Under his direction, the remarkably efficient and successful Development Office was born and everybody connected with it realized the professionalism and sensitivity with which Neil went about his business. His links with Petreans and others were widely respected, all the more so as he was a Petrean himself, having read History here as an undergraduate. Indeed the many hundreds of letters and e-mails that have poured in since the news of his illness and death became known provide testimony to the high regard and affection in which he was held.

Needless to say, the College will be eternally in his debt. As the Senior Tutor succinctly put it: ‘Neil was a true son of Peterhouse’. Our sympathy extends to all his friends and, particularly, to his family who nursed him so well in the final weeks of his illness. Inevitably, in his absence, the Development Office will be running somewhat in maintenance mode until we have recruited more help for the other members of our excellent development team, Ann Munro and Alison Pritchard-Jones.

Last year I set out the three main goals that lay ahead of me as Master. The first was to build on the sense of collegiality and common purpose which lies at the heart of this unique institution. Of course we all strive to uphold the ‘laudable instruments’, as did the College’s founding instruments, namely ‘to introduce scholars in the schools, who are to live together and study in the University of Cambridge; to dwell in the same College for ever, and employ themselves with appropriate study, to the praise of God and the perpetual augmentation of the same university’. I am pleased to report that the excellent harmony created by my predecessor between Fellows, graduate students, undergraduates, former students, staff and all those connected with the College appears to have been maintained. It is a matter of great importance and pride to me and to my wife Anne that Petreans should genuinely feel the College to be in good shape whenever they return.

The second goal was to ensure that the College should be the best that it can be in educating the young people who are in our charge. The encouraging Tripos results of 2008 were repeated and indeed improved upon in 2009, and we hope for even better results in 2010. I am always impressed by the enthusiasm of the students that I see in the Library and rushing to lectures, practicals and supervisions. But I am even more impressed by the way they speak so enthusiastically about their subjects and the help they receive from their Supervisors, their Directors of Studies and their Tutors.

It was appropriate that some of the funds raised by the Development Campaign through the generosity of Petreans have been directed towards helping undergraduates to stay in residence during the vacations when much of the groundwork for good Tripos results can be achieved. I am also impressed by the remarkable achievements of our graduate students; further details of their activities and how they are being supported by Petreans can be found in the later pages of this issue. Numerous donors have been generous in providing the means whereby enhanced prizes can be awarded for outstanding academic performance and funds made available to those experiencing financial hardship. A happy innovation during the year was an informal party where some of these donors were able to meet the recipients of the prizes and awards they had underwritten.

The third goal was to support the Development Campaign as much as possible, not only in respect of the proposed building at the west end of Jesus College but also in whatever other initiatives prospective donors and the Governing Body deemed important. Despite the gloomy economic situation, Petreans of all ages have been remarkably generous throughout the year, with the Telephone Campaign most recently achieving a record result. Since the Development Campaign was launched in summer 2004, just over £14 million has been raised against the initial target of £18 million. Great strides have been made in all of the areas which had been identified as priorities, but significant challenges remain. With regards to the new building, we still hope for the one or more major donations which would enable us to make a start on this exciting development in the short term.

Anne and I continue to be amazed at the achievements of junior members of the College. Nathan Allen’s solo trek to the North Pole, which was presented to the 2009 Gathering, was an extraordinary achievement. The winning of the Men’s IV Fairbairn Cup was another and we hope that that will be translated into good results on the river during 2010; we are very grateful to the loyal band of Petrean boaties who provide vital financial backing to the Peterhouse Boat Club Fund. The Chapel Choir, featured later in this newsletter, has been widely acclaimed and complements the excellent sermons from the distinguished preachers that we enjoyed seeing during the year. Numerous Petreans are representing the University in a variety of sports. The College athletics team performed strongly at the inter-collegiate level. The Heywood Society productions of The Trojan Women and The Importance of Being Earnest were well received. The various clubs and societies – History, Perne, Kelvin and Politics to name a few – are always extremely well attended. Again we are grateful to those who provide funding directed towards these extracurricular activities. Finally the May Ball was a great success. We are constantly reassured that none of these activities interrupt students’ studies in any way!

During the year Anne and I met with several groups of Petreans. The Gathering in June and the Annual Dinner in September are always convivial affairs. So too are the informal drinks parties organised in London by the Peterhouse Society. When I was lecturing in the USA and Canada there were small gatherings of Petreans in San Francisco and Boston. The College is always grateful to those who attend such meetings; we hope that they like to catch up at first hand with news about Peterhouse when Fellows make visits abroad. Reciprocally it is always a pleasure for us to entertain members of the College when they return to Cambridge. It is enormously helpful if Petreans can give advance notice of their proposed visits to the Development Office so that we can do our best to provide a welcome and facilitate the necessary arrangements.

Adrian Dixon
Master
Achievements by Fellows

Professor Ian Hacking, a philosopher and historian of the sciences, has won the 2009 Holberg International Memorial Prize, awarded for outstanding scholarly work in the arts and humanities, social sciences, law or theology. Professor Hacking was a Research Fellow of Peterhouse 1962–64 and a Fellow 1969–74; he was elected an Honorary Fellow of the College in 2006. He is currently Professor Emeritus, University of Toronto and Professor Honoraire at the Collège de France. Professor Hacking is a Companion of the Order of Canada and a Fellow of the British Academy. The Holberg Prize was established by the Norwegian Parliament and is named to honour Ludvig Holberg (1684–1754), Norwegian writer, essayist, philosopher, historian and playwright; its standing is intended to be comparable to that of a Nobel Prize. Previous winners include the philosopher, literary critic, psychoanalyst and sociologist Julia Kristeva, the sociologist and critical theorist Jurgen Habermas, the sociologist Shmuel N. Eisenstadt, the philosopher of law Ronald Dworkin, and the literary critic and political theorist Fredric Jameson.

The Combination Room was the venue in January 2009 for the launch of four books by Fellows of the College. The occasion celebrated the publication of Nature and Scripture in the Abrahamic Religions: Up to 1700 (Volume I) co-edited by Scott Mandelbrote, Fellow in History and Perne Librarian; The Glory of Being Britons. Civic Unionism in Nineteenth-Century Belfast by Dr John Bew, Harris Fellow in History; Anti-Armenians. The Anglican Reformed Tradition from Charles II to George I by the Dean, The Revd Dr Stephen Hampton; and The Long March. The Political Strategy of Sim Perin, 1981–2007 by Dr Martyn Frampton, Research Fellow in History. The authors are pictured top right, from left to right, with their respective volumes.

Peterhouse Chapel Choir

The Chapel Choir has enjoyed another varied and successful year, building on the recent reorganisation which saw it reduced to just twelve voices, better suited to the size and acoustics of the Chapel.

During the Lent Term, the Choir sang music from the highly significant Peterhouse Music Manuscripts (right). The Caroline partbooks, which contain 41 services, 125 anthems and three motets, date from shortly after the Chapel’s completion and the arrival from Durham of Dr John Cosin (Master 1634-44 and 1660) who proceeded to establish a choral foundation on High Church principles. The College has ambitious plans to develop the potential of this unique and valuable collection, perhaps the most important surviving source for mid 16th and, in particular, early 17th English music for small choirs. Work has commenced on the conservation, digitisation and cataloguing of the music manuscripts and a conference on their significance is in preparation. In a related development, a service was held before the Cosin Feast for which the music was drawn from Cosin’s own Prayer Book, also preserved in the Perne Library. The anthem – Pater de Caelis Deus – had probably not been sung since Cosin’s time (when it was composed by Peterhouse organist Henry Molle) and was specially transcribed for the occasion.

During the year the Choir made its first visit to Canterbury Cathedral to great acclaim and sang a stunning a cappella service in the Lady Chapel of Ely Cathedral. This year’s programme includes Westminster Abbey and St George’s Chapel, Windsor. Such cathedral visits enable the Choir to sing in new acoustics and to be heard by larger audiences. In the other direction, the Youth Choir of Gloucester Cathedral visited Peterhouse in May in order to sample life as College choristers for the day.

The annual Choir tour, whether taking place in the U.K. or abroad, is always a highlight of the year. In 2009, the Choir spent a week in the south of Spain accompanying mass and giving concerts in Seville, Cordoba and Granada. Shortly after their return, three Peterhouse choristers joined forces with some from other colleges to sing at the Royal Albert Hall as part of the special Prom concert to mark the University’s 800th anniversary. Meanwhile Organ Scholars Matthew Dunn and Helen Smee went on the biennial trip to Holland to work with eminent Dutch organist Bas de Vroome.

Support for the Choir’s activities has been a key strand of the Development Campaign. The College is particularly grateful to those three Petreans who have each endowed a Choral Scholarship. Choir tours are subsidised by the Storrs Fund, while the Hellendaal Fund meets the cost of specialist tuition for the Organ Scholars. The Peterhouse Chapel Choir now has its own website with information about services and forthcoming trips, as well as recent recordings. The website can be found at: www.srcf.ucam.org/pettcc or via the main College website. Petreans are always most welcome to attend services in Chapel.
The Visitor’s visit
On 27 September 2009 there was a memorable combined celebration of the University of Cambridge’s 800th anniversary in conjunction with Ely Cathedral’s 900th. In order to give publicity to the Ely celebrations and to mark the historic connection between the See of Ely and various of the colleges, the now-retired Bishop of Ely and Visitor of Peterhouse, The Right Reverend Anthony Russell, walked from Ely to Cambridge along the river route (which extends the distance to around 21 miles).

At the end of the walk near the college boathouses he was met by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Alison Richard, and they, in turn, were greeted by a Peterhouse eight, the crew raising their oars in recognition of this historic event. At Jesus Green the Vice-Chancellor and the Bishop embarked on a punt (1) which ferried them along The Backs; they were given a warm welcome along their route. At the end of their river journey at the Mill, they were met by the Dean of Peterhouse, The Reverend Dr Stephen Hampton, and the late Mr Neil Levy, Development Director. From there they were escorted along Little St Mary’s Lane via Little St Mary’s churchyard where they were greeted by The Reverend Canon Andrew Greany, Vicar of Little St Mary’s. The Bishop and Vice-Chancellor were welcomed at the gate of Peterhouse (2) by the Master, Professor Adrian Dixon who escorted them to a tea party in the Fellows’ Garden where numerous dignitaries were waiting; these included the Mayor of Cambridge, the High Sheriff of Cambridgeshire, the Deputy Lord Lieutenant and, a predecessor in the post of Bishop of Ely and Visitor, The Right Reverend Dr Peter Walker (recently elected as an Honorary Fellow of Peterhouse). Masters from the other colleges where the Bishop of Ely is Visitor were present, along with numerous other guests from the Church and University. Timothy Milner (matric. 1985), the University’s Ceremonial Officer and Additional Pro-Proctor for Ceremonial Occasions, was on hand to help with the arrangements and was responsible for organising a presentation from the University to the retiring Bishop of Ely (3).

Following tea, everyone was impressed that the Bishop, captured in conversation with the Dean and wearing trainers under his purple cassock (4), still felt fresh enough to help officiate at a celebratory Evensong in the Chapel. Some people commented that he looked far too young and active to consider retirement!

Flag pole
In 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 and hauling all his food and equipment on a sledge. He passed through 17 time zones and had to cross stretches of open water where the ice sheets were moving apart. Braving temperatures as low as −75 ºC, Nathan struggled on, even as frostbite developed in his right foot and the water inside his thermos flask froze. After an epic struggle in the final few hours when the drifting ice beneath his feet started carrying him backwards, Nathan finally reached the geographic North Pole at 15:04 BST on Good Friday, 10th April. Shortly thereafter, Peterhouse became the first Cambridge college to have its flag flown at the North Pole (above).
Graduate students have long been a fundamental part of the College and are central to one of its statutory purposes, namely the advancement of research. The graduate community at Peterhouse numbers around 110, and includes one-year, two-year and three-year students: that is to say, there are graduate students working for the degree of M.Phil. and other degree and diploma courses, usually in one year but sometimes in two; and there are those studying for the Ph.D. While many graduate students will move on successfully to various occupations, armed with the higher qualifications so often necessary in the present world, some will find their vocation in teaching and research: the academics of the future will be drawn from amongst their number.

**Graduate symposia topics**
- Betty built a better beta-blocker: stabilising an adrenalin receptor for structural studies
- Chromatin: above and beyond genetics
- Development and evolution of vertebrate electroreceptors
- Understanding the molecular mechanisms of breast cancer
- Time to say goodbye: M&A and IPOs in biopharmaceutical ventures
- Barriers to effective healthcare in northern Nigeria
- Recovering human rights from the lawyers
- Eastern fantasies in the farthest west: the Welsh view of the Orient in the C13th
- How can the invasive Asian clam help in tackling freshwater pollution?
- An initial investigation of the flow of granular materials in a continuous centrifuge
- Road engineering: art or science?
- Viking age coinage: an introduction for the credit card generation
- Milton and blindness
- Who murdered Marquis Conrad of Montferrat?
- Notre Dame polyphony in C13th England: issues of spacing and home-grown compositions

The Master with Vivian Mohr, current President of the Peterhouse Graduate Society, and Dr Mark Williams, Research Fellow in Celtic Studies and keynote speaker at the 2009 Graduate Symposium

In contrast to undergraduates, the responsibility for admitting graduate students to their courses rests in the first instance with the University. Peterhouse then selects its annual intake from amongst those who have been so admitted. These graduate students are drawn in roughly equal numbers from within the College – those who wish to pursue research in a particular field of interest having completed their undergraduate degree to the highest standard – and from outside. The latter will include those graduating from other Cambridge colleges and other universities, in the UK and abroad. A very wide variety of subjects, nationalities and backgrounds is represented.

While a graduate student’s research takes place under the aegis of the University’s Faculties and Departments, the College environment enables graduates to interact with Fellows, other graduates and undergraduates engaged in all areas of study, and they make a significant contribution to the intellectual life of the College. The list of recent topics (shown left) covered at the annual Graduate Symposia – where a cross-section of graduates present aspects of their work to an audience of peers and Fellows – illustrates the impressive range of research being undertaken across both arts and sciences. Some more experienced graduate students also play a valuable role in undergraduate supervision.

Peterhouse is fortunate in having sufficient accommodation to house those graduate students who wish to live in College for the full duration of their courses, up to three years. Most graduates live in Cosin Court – which has recently been undergoing a phased programme of redecoration – while others occupy a number of hostels on Parkside and Warkworth Street. Accommodating those who are married, including some with children, is less straightforward, but the College has in recent years been able to convert a number of flats better suited for this purpose.

Graduate students are able to benefit from the full range of the College’s academic, pastoral and recreational resources. As is the case with undergraduates, every graduate is assigned to one of the Tutors as a source of guidance and support. Graduates provide welcome reinforcement to a number of College sports teams and participate in a range of clubs and societies. The Peterhouse Graduate Society manages graduate affairs, organising a variety of special events and dinners. There is a strong sense of community spirit, centred on the Graduate Common Room which is located in Old Court at the foot of D Stair. The Peterhouse Graduate Society has its own website which can be found at www.srcf.ucam.org/peterhousegraduate/. Securing funding for fees and maintenance can be much more challenging for graduate students than it is for most undergraduates who have access to a relatively structured system of Government loans and grants, supplemented by the Cambridge Bursary Scheme. Peterhouse graduates are supported by a wide range of funding bodies, including the College itself through the Peterhouse Research Studentships (awarded after an annual competition), but many are self-funded. Increasing the level of financial support potentially available to graduates has in consequence been a central objective of the Development Campaign. The munificent supplementation of the long-standing Storrs Fund has transformed the College’s ability to make grants to assist graduates with certain research-related expenses; the Greta Burkill Fund – named for the wife of Charles Burkill (Master 1968–73) who took a keen interest in the activities of graduate students – has recently been established as the primary vehicle for assisting graduates suffering financial hardship, and is complemented by a number of subject-specific funds. However the pressure on research funding seems unlikely to abate and it is hoped that Petreans will continue to provide much-needed support in this area.
Petrean philosophers

2009 was a significant year for the study of philosophy in Peterhouse. Having not had a Fellow in this important Tripos subject for over thirty years, the College appointed two: Tim Crane (right), the newly appointed Knightbridge Professor of Philosophy, and Dr Sacha Golob, a recent Ph.D. graduate of the History and Philosophy of Science Department in Cambridge, who has been elected as a Research Fellow.

Tim Crane, himself a Petrean, was a graduate student in Cambridge in the 1980s before moving to the University of London where he taught for twenty years, first at King’s College, then at UCL, where he became professor and head of department. In 2005 he founded the Institute of Philosophy in the University of London, with the help of private donations and matching funding from the University.

Professor Crane has written a number of influential books on the nature of the human mind which draw their inspiration from the great philosophers of the past like Aristotle, Descartes, Leibniz, Brentano and Husserl, as well as from contemporary psychological research. Recently he has been working on slightly more arcane metaphysical topics: he is currently writing a book on non-existence which has been pre-occupying philosophers since Plato.

Sacha Golob studied at Cambridge and Oxford, and wrote his Ph.D. on the German philosophers Immanuel Kant and Martin Heidegger. He is pursuing his research on these thinkers during the tenure of his fellowship. His research interests complement those of Professor Crane and they aim to cover a large area of the subject in their teaching for Peterhouse.

This election of the Knightbridge Professor to a Professorial Fellowship at Peterhouse was particularly satisfying for the College since the chair – originally entitled the Professorship of Moral Theology or Casuistical Divinity – was endowed under the will of a Fellow of Peterhouse, John Knightbridge. The first Knightbridge Professor was appointed in 1683, making it one of the oldest chairs in the University. The position historically had close associations with the College, but the most recent Petrean incumbent prior to Professor Crane was Francis Barnes (Master 1788–1838) who was appointed in 1813.

In the second half of the Caeth, Peterhouse had an excellent tradition of philosophy Fellows. Perhaps the most notable was Ian Hacking (see page 2), who was a Fellow of the College until the early 1970s, but the College had many other junior Fellows in the 1960s and 1970s who went on to greater things in philosophy. Most notable perhaps were Malcolm Budd, who became Grote Professor of the Philosophy of Mind and Logic at UCL, Christopher Hookway, now a professor at Sheffield, and Roger Scruton, who taught in the University of London while also maintaining a high-profile career as an author, intellectual commentator and journalist.

Professor Crane and Dr Golob have the ambition to return Peterhouse to its former philosophical glory and to make it one of the best places to study philosophy in Cambridge and indeed the country.
The College is fortunate to have accumulated, through commission, gift or purchase, an extensive collection of pictures and busts, dating back in the case of the panel portraits to the mid 16th century. Spanning the centuries since and by a range of more or less distinguished hands, the collection’s coherence derives entirely from its Peterhouse associations.

The pictures record for posterity the images, and in some cases the activities, of Masters, distinguished Fellows and benefactors. While usefully and appropriately decorating the listed interiors of the Hall, Library, other public rooms and Fellows’ sets, the pictures serve as a tangible reminder of those who have shaped the intellectual life of the College and as a spur to similar attainment.

There has been a concerted effort in recent years to accelerate the process of conservation and increase the number of items put on display rather than kept in store. Several of the portraits featured on these pages have benefited from the generous support of Adrian Clark (matric. 1976), including that of Sir James Dewar (shown at 1) which also features his best known invention, the vacuum jacketed Dewar storage flask, used for his research. On a smaller scale the collection of C18th engravings of College worthies has also been restored and re-hung, while a number of early photographs of both Fellows and sports teams are currently undergoing conservation.

And the collection continues to grow. In 2008 the College commissioned Paul Brason, President of the Royal Society of Portrait Painters, to paint a portrait of its then Master Lord Wilson (shown at 6) which, following exhibition in London, now hangs in the Theatre Lobby. Recent gifts include a chalk drawing by Aidan Savage of Dom David Knowles (Fellow 1944–1963 and latterly Regius Professor of Modern History) as a young man, generously donated by Ian and Linda Quinn in memory of their son Sean, and a contemporary portrait of another History Fellow, Professor Brendan Simms by Thomas Leveritt (matric. 1994), kindly presented by the artist. We hope to feature these new accessions in a future edition of the newsletter.

1. Sir James Dewar, Fellow 1883–1923, Jacksonian Professor of Experimental Philosophy, by WQ Orchardson
2. William Smyth, Fellow 1788–1825, Regius Professor of Modern History
3. Edmund Law, Lord Bishop of Carlisle, Master 1754–1787, after Romney
4. Lord Gorell of Brampton, Honorary Fellow, by Anna Airy
5 Edmund Keene, Lord Bishop of Chester, Master 1748–1754, by Johan Zoffany
7 Sir Graham Clark, Master 1973–1980, by Dame Elisabeth Frink
8 Walter Curle, Lord Bishop of Winchester, Fellow 1598–1616
9 Lord Kelvin of Largs, Fellow 1846–1852 and 1872–1907, by G Loughes Dickinson
10 Peter Guthrie Tait, Fellow 1853–1854, by Sir George Reid
11 Sir Adolphus Ward, Master 1900–1924, by Hugh Riviere
12 Henry Wilkinson Cookson, Master 1847–1876, by G Loughes Dickinson
13 Edward John Routh, Fellow 1856–1883, by H von Herkomer
15 William Hopkins, Esquire Bedell 1827–1866, by HW Pickersgill
Peterhouse projects

Gisborne Court update

In August 2005 the College was granted planning permission for a new building on the site of the existing Birdwood, coupled with the refurbishment of Fen Court and the conversion of the current Music Room, Computer Room, Bar and Graduate Common Room into residential accommodation. This initiative has remained on hold owing to competing projects and financial constraints, but it has now been decided to begin preparations in earnest with a view to starting the enabling works later this year.

A project of this magnitude and complexity will inevitably need to be carried out in phases, not least in order to minimise disruption to the life and work of the College. Construction of the new building itself is expected to take eighteen months, running from mid-2012 until the end of 2013. Getting the project under way soon should allow the College to secure favourable construction rates, while the phasing spreads the cost and allows time for the necessary funding to accrue through the Development Campaign.

The proposed new building, pictured right, was designed by John Simpson, who enjoys an international reputation and is the architect, amongst much else, of the award-winning Queen’s Gallery at Buckingham Palace and of distinguished work at both Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge and Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford. The plans were described by English Heritage as ‘a bold architectural intervention on a site of major historic importance’ with a design that ‘appropriately reflects certain important traditions in collegiate building’.

The building is the centrepiece of a ‘master plan’ intended to facilitate the redeployment of space throughout the College to best effect and to enhance the educational and social experience of living and studying at Peterhouse. The rationale for the overall project remains compelling:

- The development would create an additional 38 rooms, enabling the College to house all of its existing undergraduates on the main site. While this would undoubtedly make it easier for them to participate to the full in College life and derive greater benefit from the central facilities, it would also bring operational and financial benefits for the College as the hostels on Parkside and Warkworth Street are disproportionately expensive to operate. The plans also incorporate two new sets for resident Fellows.

- It would represent a step change in the scale and quality of the facilities we are able to offer our undergraduates and graduate students. The new building would house an enlarged Sexcentenary Club on the ground floor, with a Bar and adjacent function room in the basement. The basement would also incorporate a new gym, laundry, luggage store and two sound-proofed music practice rooms. The Graduate Common Room, which has outgrown its present premises in Old Court, would move to the old Sexcentenary Club room.

- All of the new rooms except two would be en-suite, as would the rooms in the refurbished Fen Court. The en-suite rooms in the William Stone Building have proved popular with students and have also attracted conference bookings at premium rates. Conversely it has not proved possible to generate any conference revenue from our off-site hostels.

- The aesthetics and dynamic of the College would be significantly improved. The new building would complete Gisborne Court, screening the Garden House Hotel and drawing students through to the rear of the College. The maintenance department would be relocated from the basement of Fen Court to a less intrusive location in Canhams Yard.

Deliveries would reach the kitchens directly from Granta Place rather than past the Ward Library and across Gisborne Court.

The project has been re-assessed by the College’s quantity surveyors and the preliminary budget is, encouragingly, lower than the figures estimated in 2004, reflecting the current subdued state of the economy. The total cost of some £9 million, covering all aspects of the master plan, remains nonetheless a substantial sum. While College finances should benefit from both operational efficiencies and enhanced conference revenues, and surplus hostels may be sold or let, it is inevitable that funding for the new building will need to be derived substantially from donations. Petreans who feel able to help us to realise this important initiative are warmly encouraged to contact the Development Office.

RICHARD GRIGSON
Senior Bursar
Peterhouse print

Etching by Ingamells

In order to mark Peterhouse’s 725th anniversary the Master and Fellows commissioned Andrew Ingamells to produce an original gravure etching of the College (shown left, with the artist, and the printer Peter Kosowicz). The artist is well known for his etchings of classical architectural subjects such as the Tate Gallery, the Royal Academy, the Paris Opéra and St Mark’s, Venice, and is represented in collections as diverse as English Heritage, the Museum of London, the Guildhall Library and the Paul Mellon Collection of British Art.

This substantial and detailed etching captures the principal buildings on the main College site from an unusual aerial perspective and includes an architectural description. This approach mirrors the classic C17th engravings of the Oxford and Cambridge colleges produced by Loggan. The meticulous process of creating the image and executing the plate is illustrated below. Production is limited to 100 signed and numbered prints, with the plate being deposited with the College thereafter. A leaflet containing further information for Petreans wishing to purchase one of these prints is enclosed with this newsletter.
Peterhouse miscellany

August saw the launch of the new College website, following six months of intensive development. The old website, originally created in 2003, was now increasingly dated and it was felt important to project a more contemporary image on-line in view of the priority of that medium. The website plays a central role in the context of undergraduate and graduate admissions and extensive additional content was prepared – both text and images – designed to give a better impression of what is like to study and live at Peterhouse and intended to complement the recently revised Undergraduate Admissions Prospectus. The new home page carries College news and announcements, as well as listing some of the key events taking place during the Term (which Petreans are most welcome to attend). The Senior Bursar, ably assisted by the Computer Officer and College Secretary, worked with web designers Richard Rowley and Tom Wrobel in their first Cambridge commission, having previously created new websites for both Merton College and Balliol College in Oxford. The website address remains unchanged at www.pet.cam.ac.uk.

Members’ privileges

All members of the College are reminded of their privilege of dining as a College guest on any three ordinary nights in the calendar year. Please tell the kitchens (telephone 01223 338266) or the porters’ Lodge (telephone 01223 338200) of your intention to dine, at least 24 hours in advance please.

Guest rooms at the College are available at a modest charge to members; most have recently been redecorated and brought up to a very high standard of comfort. Double, twin and single rooms are all available. Contact the Conference Co-ordinator, Ms Anne Gifford (telephone 01223 338205).

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, lunchrooms, 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; food – ranging from teas through to buffets, luncheons, dinners, receptions and parties – to the highest standards of presentation and service; all full technical and administrative back-up. Bedrooms and public rooms have been refurbished and redecorated, to high standards; the kitchens have been remodelled and renamed; the capital has been invested in an excellent dining and meeting rooms have been created; and the Friends of Peterhouse Theatre and the Lubbock Room, available for meetings, presentation and receptions, have been enhanced and redecorated.

Petreans can help their College greatly by considering Peterhouse as a venue for conferences, meetings, or events involving catering, whether in their own right or on behalf of companies or organisations with which they are connected. Your interest need not be confined solely to vacations: there is a breadth of the College’s 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 web-site: www.peterhouse-conferences.co.uk

The Development Office

The Peterhouse Development Office can be found on the ground floor of Girton Court, in Room L1. We will always be pleased to see Petreans who are in Cambridge or, indeed, who would like to know more about planning a visit: advance warning is helpful, but College members are welcome simply to call upon us in the Office as time and opportunity permit. It will often be possible to arrange for visits to parts of the College not generally open – such as the Perne Library or that members may not have seen before – such as the Friends of Peterhouse Theatre or the Ward Library and Gunn Gallery, and the newly-refurbished Hall and William Stone Building.

The Development Office acts also as the Cambridge-based focal point for both the Peterhouse Society and the Friends of Peterhouse. Between them, the Development Office, the Peterhouse Society and the Friends of Peterhouse seek to interest and mobilise the whole membership of Peterhouse in involvement with, and support for, its life and work. Such support can take many forms: advice about careers for Junior Members in residence; the promotion of Peterhouse’s reputation and standing, through advocacy of the College and its work in public fora; personal financial support through a donation or a legacy, whether direct to the College or through the Friends; introducing Petrehouse to a company or charitable foundation which may be potentially sympathetic towards the College’s aims; identifying other potential individual or corporate donors, perhaps through the companies through which Petreans work; or using the College for your company’s conference or event.

You are welcome to contact the Development Office as follows:

- Telephone: 01223 756186
- Fax: 01223 756186
- E-mail: development@pet.cam.ac.uk

Development brochures

The College has produced two brochures which identify ways in which Petreans can support the Development Campaign. One sets out the background to and objectives of the College. The other describes how the long-term future of the College can be secured through wills, and offers advice on the tax benefits which Petreans can obtain – by reducing the burden of Inheritance Tax on their estates – in this way. Donations and legacies are most welcome, both for the general life and work of Peterhouse and for specific purposes in response to members’ own concerns and interests. The ways of supporting the Campaign are summarised opposite. Members of the College who would like to know more, or who would like a further copy of either brochure, are invited to contact the Development Office.

Back numbers of the Peterhouse newsletter are also freely available; again, please contact the Development Office.

Gift Aid

Contrary to expectations, the reduction in the basic rate of income tax to 20% with effect from 6th April 2008 has not, as had been widely anticipated, been accompanied by an equivalent reduction in Gift Aid. A transitional rate has been announced enabling Gift Aid (whereby a donation of £100 is worth £128 to the College) to continue to apply at 28% for the three tax years from April 2008: 2008/09, 2009/10, and 2010/11.

Helping the College through life insurance

Did you know that it is possible to help the College by using life insurance to provide for a future gift? Naming the College as the beneficiary of a policy allows a member to make a larger and earlier potential gift than would 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. The cash flow benefit could be especially helpful to younger Petreans who want to do something for their College but who may feel that they do not yet have the means to make a significant cash donation. The underlying assumption is that when a say 20-year policy expires, the donor would be able either to place a new policy or to make an outright donation from assets thus made available. If you would like to know more, please contact the Development Director.

Petreans in the U.S.A.

Please note that 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, changed on 5th January 2009 to:

292 Madison Avenue, 8th Floor, New York, NY 10017, U.S.A.

- Telephone: (212) 984 0960
- Fax: (212) 984 0970
- E-mail: mail@cantab.org
- Web-site: www.cantab.org


Robert Mason print offer

Limited edition signed artist’s prints of all Peterhouse newsletter covers, by Robert Mason, are available from the Development Office. Framed prints £175 (plus postage and packing, £25 in U.K. only); unframed prints (supplied rolled in tube) £60 (plus postage and packing, £10 in U.K., £25 overseas). Cheques should be made payable to ‘Peterhouse Development Fund’. 
The Peterhouse Development Campaign aims to support the College in every aspect of its life and work – as a special and historic place, as a community of people, and as a home of education and intellectual life. The Development Office is always pleased to advise on ways of supporting the College that meet your circumstances, and on how your support can benefit aspects of Peterhouse’s purposes that particularly appeal to you. Peterhouse is a charity under the terms of its statutes: its H.M. Revenue and Customs charity reference is xi213. As such, the College can usually augment the value of donations of any size, whether made over a period of years or as a one-off donation, by the reclamation of tax under the ‘Gift Aid’ scheme. The Development Office can provide very simple forms, with pre-paid return envelopes, and undertake the tax recovery arrangements.

Intending personal donors might like to consider:

- a Gift Aid donation – of any value, and over any period of time, by Banker’s Order (obtainable from the Development Office), single cheque, or credit transfer. Your gift will be supplemented by the tax which the College is able to reclaim, currently 22%. If you pay a higher rate of tax, you as donor can reclaim the balance of the tax paid, up to the 40% mark (the reduction in the basic rate of income tax to 20%, announced by Government with effect from 6th April 2008, will not for the moment reduce the value of your Gift Aid donations). Peterhouse participates in the H.M. 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. The scheme described supplements, but does not replace, the familiar Gift Aid scheme;

- a Charities Aid Foundation voucher – bearing in mind that no additional tax benefit to the College will accrue;

- gifts in kind – shares, properties and works of art – are all exempt from Capital Gains and Inheritance Tax. The transfer of shares now qualifies for both Income Tax and Capital Gains Tax relief. Hence the cost of a gift of listed shares, unit trusts or securities could in reality be as low as 20–40% of its real value to the College;

- a legacy – 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). A leaflet on the making of legacies is available from the Development Office.

Members and other supporters 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;

- that no forms are necessary to make tax-efficient donations to the College: the Development Office is happy to advise.

The Development Office can be contacted at:

Peterhouse, Cambridge, CB2 1RD

- Telephone: 01223 765188
- Fax: 01223 765189
- E-mail: develop@pet.cam.ac.uk

Donations for the life and work of Peterhouse are welcome either direct to the Development Office or through membership of the Friends of Peterhouse, an association set up to ‘advance the educational and other charitable work’ of the College. The Friends are governed by a Council of Petreans, which is independent of the Governing Body; and are incorporated as a company limited by guarantee and registered as a charity. If you would like to know more about membership of the Friends of Peterhouse, please make contact via the Development and Friends of Peterhouse Office, or directly at:

Friends of Peterhouse,
First Floor, 4 Princes Street,
Huntingdon, Cambs PE29 3PA

- Telephone: 01223 765188
- Fax: 01223 765189
- E-mail: friends@pet.cam.ac.uk

The overall total which the College’s development effort has generated to date can be broken down as follows:

- Donations received and receivable: £8,534,984 (including gifts in kind)
- Legacies pledged: £12,555,000
- Overall total: £21,089,984

The figures exclude donations and pledges known to derive from commitments made to the College before 1st October 2000, the College’s own £2 million commitment to the Campaign, and donations and pledges made to the Friends of Peterhouse but not yet made over to the College (including the Friends’ promised £500,000 commitment to the Development Campaign). Legacies pledged are included at their most conservative value; the figures exclude 21 indicated legacies of unknown value.

On the basis described, the total raised and pledged from all sources stood at:

- 31st December 2009: £21,089,984
- 31st December 2008: £18,047,622
- Increase: £3,042,362

The figure (right) illustrates the extent of donations and pledges made to the College in the period since the creation of the Development Office, 1st October 2000, to 31st December 2009. Some £14,065,010 in new support has now been generated since the Peterhouse Development Campaign was launched in the summer of 2004, as set against the initial target of £18 million.

The Peterhouse Development Fund 2000–09

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Total: £21,089,984

Peterhouse
We list below all those who have made new donations or who have offered new pledges of support for the Peterhouse Development Fund in the twelve months since the publication of the 2009 edition of Peterhouse, i.e. in the period 1st January – 31st December 2009. Our thanks also continue to go to all who donate under arrangements made previously; and to our anonymous donors, to intending benefactors by will, to the Council and members of the Friends of Peterhouse, and to those who make gifts of books to the Ward Library. The College is and will remain most grateful.

The percentage shown against each matriculation date shows the proportion of all living College members in that year who have donated to the Development Fund, not just in 2009 but since the initial creation of the development effort in 2000.

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