Welcome to the autumn 2014 issue of Petrean News. This summer was wonderfully busy and full of remarkable events. One of the most exciting was the Tour de France, which passed through Cambridge on 7 July. Luckily for Peterhouse, the route went right past the College gates, allowing Petreans to gather in the Master’s Lodge where they could appreciate the spectacle from a privileged vantage point.

In other news, we are also pleased to report that the Whittle Building is making good progress and should be ready for its new occupants in January. The transformation of Gisborne Court, has been a radical one, but one which we hope will enhance the ‘Peterhouse Experience’ for all who work and study at the College.

To celebrate reaching the £18M target and near completion of the Whittle Building we held a Donors’ Garden Party on Sunday 21 September. It was a wonderful occasion and great to see so many returning Petreans and their guests. The target set in 2004 by the College’s previous Development Director, Neil Plevy, and completed by Saskia Murk Jansen has allowed for the renovations of the William Stone...
Building and Fen Court, the Gunn Gallery in the Ward Library, M Staircase, parts of the Whittle Building, and the restoration of the Hall and Combination Room, all of which were open for viewing on the day. The other achievements of the Campaign, such as new teaching fellowships, research fellowships, bursaries and travel grant schemes, are not immediately visible but greatly assist our core objectives; the pursuit of excellence in education, religion, learning and research.

INTRODUCTIONS

Holly Ashcroft

Holly is the newest member of the Peterhouse development team; she has joined as the Alumni and Events Officer. Contact her at holly.ashcroft@pet.cam.ac.uk
COLLEGE NEWS

The Fellowship

The following elections were made with effect from 1 October 2014:

- **Dr Antara Haldar**, Official Fellow, subject: Law.
- **Mr Charles Matthew Laderman**, Research Fellow, subject: History.
- **Mr David Scott Tourigny**, Research Fellow, subject: Molecular Biology.
- **Dr Nicholas Andrew Shipley Zair**, Bye-Fellow, subject: Classics, Linguistic.
- **Dr Andrew Joseph Tanentzap**, Bye-Fellow, subject: Natural Sciences (Biology).
- **Professor Alan James Barr**, Visiting Fellow, Michaelmas Term 2014.
- **Professor Rod Thomson**, Visiting Fellow Easter 2015 and Senior Research Associate for the summer months of this academic year, plus 2015-16 and 2016-17.

Congratulations

- **Professor Paul Midgley, BSc, MSc, PhD, FRS, Fellow**, has been elected as a Fellow of the Royal Society.
- **Dr Mari Jones, Fellow**, has been made Fellow of the International Centre for Language Revitalisation, based in Auckland, New Zealand. There are 14 Fellows in total and of these only two in Europe.
- **Lord (Nicholas) Stern Kt, MA, FBA, FRS Honorary Fellow**, has been elected as a Fellow of the Royal Society. He is President of the British Academy, IG Patel Professor of Economics and Government at London School of Economics; Director of the India Observatory; Chairman of the Granthan Institute on Climate Change and the Environment and Chairman of the Asia Research Centre.
- **Dr Lutz Warnke, Research Fellow**, has been awarded the Richard-Rado–Prize for his dissertation *Random Graph Processes with Dependencies*, by the Fachgruppe Diskrete Mathematik of the German Mathematical Society at the Symposium Diskrete Mathematik 2014 in Frankfurt.
- **Dr Stephan Hofmann, Bye-Fellow**, has been awarded the 2014 Journal of Physical Chemistry C Lectureship by the American Chemical Society (ACS). The award honours the contributions of a young investigator who has made major impacts on the field of physical chemistry, particularly in the areas of energy conversion and storage, optical and electronic devices, interfaces, nanomaterials and hard matter. He is a Reader in Nanotechnology at the Engineering Department.
Where Lent Term training had been disrupted by poor weather conditions, this Easter term was for the most part glorious weather. The worry of snow was replaced by the worry of sun burn, and with the river fully open again the way was clear for increased training – with only the small worry of exams and a hundred other VIIIIs to contend with! This is an exciting time for the Club, with change afoot, notably on the alumni side of things. At the heart of all, however, are the current rowers – and coaches – and the results from this year’s racing demonstrate how everyone’s efforts over the year have come to fruition.

Summary

- M1: up 2, from 15th to 13th in 1st division
- W1: no change overall, 13th in 1st division
- M2: up 1, from 6th to 5th in 3rd division
- W2: down 4, from 4th to 8th in 4th division

Back in the 1st Division for the first time in several years, M1 went into the May Bumps determined to continue the momentum set up by last year. This they did in truly spectacular fashion, surprising even themselves with their successes over the week! On Day 1 they rowed over, seeing off fierce pressure from crews behind, and putting down a strong performance threshold on which to build as the week progressed. Day 2 saw a step up in gear as they closed down Girton, definitively finishing the bump which they came so tantalisingly close to achieving on the first day. Day 3 saw another bump, this time on Fitzwilliam, a crew of notable calibre at present. Day 4 saw another strong rowover, comfortably holding off Fitzwilliam. A great week of racing, and leaving M1 well placed to look to break into the top 10 of the Mays in the near future.

W1 retained their place, gained last year, as highest in the May Bumps that they have ever been. Day 1 was a stormer of a race, with the crew giving it their all as they bumped St Catharine’s to move one
place higher than 2013, breaking new ground for a Peterhouse W1. Day 2 opened the promise of holding this position, as a strong rowover showed that they were at least as good as the crews on either side of them. Unfortunately, however, Day 3 showed the mettle of the blading Girton crew, as they succeeded in closing our women down and bumping them. With Girton bumping again on Day 4, W1 rowed over in consummate style, cheered on by a vociferous bank party!

In the lower divisions, M2 took part in one of the most exciting battles to happen on the river this year, with everyone from race umpires to CamFM commentators keen to follow their progress. A strong crew with mixed experience, on Day 1 they bumped Selwyn II, developing their relationship as rivals one bump further. That was as nothing, however, to the days to come. Day 2 showed a very different side to Selwyn, as they came back to bump M2 just after Ditton Corner, drawing almost alongside. Day 3 however saw a crew determined to get revenge, and Selwyn II were bumped back on the Reach. Being one place up, M2 were determined to be the ones to break the developing concertina pattern on the Bumps charts, and a solid performance on Day 4 saw them push off Selwyn to a comfortable row over, undoubtedly pleased with the week’s racing!

It should be noted that W2’s results do not reflect how much they have gained from the term, nor how seemingly miraculous it was that there should be a W2 crew racing at all! We are indebted to our friends at Wolfson College, and hope that this relationship of necessity between the two Clubs may continue to develop. Moreover, this term was the final one in which W2 will be coached by Simon Kirk, who is leaving Cambridge as of next year, PhD finally completed – we owe him a deep debt of gratitude for his many years of service to the Club. Day 1 saw W2 bumped by Murray Edwards III, while on Day 2 they were bumped by Clare III. Day 3 involved conceding a bump to Hughes Hall/Lucy Cavendish; it would have been churlish to deny Darwin II their blades – or indeed deny themselves their spoons – on Day 4, and a bump was duly given.

A suitably raucous Boat Club dinner followed, marking the end of both another Bumps campaign and another year of rowing at Peterhouse. We look forward to change and development this year, with the prospect of new boats and a new crop of novices and hope to see more Peterhouse rowers gracing the seats of the University boats before the year is out! Last year was very successful, rewarding, and above all enjoyable – our thanks to all who make rowing at Peterhouse possible.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS- COLLEGE SOCIETIES

Perne Club

Thursday 27 November, Dr Jennifer French, Outnumbered, Outsmarted and Doomed, Thoughts on the Demise of the Neanderthals

Meetings are held in The Parlour, 8.15 for 8.30p.m. Contact Kay Dent for further information.

Peterhouse Theory Group

Monday 2 December, Professor Simon Glendinning (European Philosophy, LSE), A Philosophy of Europe?

Meetings are normally held at 8.30p.m. Unless otherwise indicated, in the Parlour, G Staircase, Peterhouse. Wine and refreshments are served. All are welcome.
A note from Peterhouse Theory Group

The Peterhouse Theory Group is designed primarily as an intellectual forum in which Peterhouse fellows and graduate students can gather to discuss topics which, while being serious and challenging, do not necessarily lie within the narrow boundaries of our research topic or expertise.

Our theme for 2014-15 is ‘Ideas of Europe’. How do the geographical boundaries of Europe relate to its conceptual boundaries, to questions of intellectual history, and to European identity? How do the disparate constituents of Europe respond to these broader European ideals? What are the genealogical origins of these ideals, and how do they inform - or fail to inform - recent debates about the ‘European Project’? What is the role of Europe’s various languages, of interrelated but distinct vocabularies and syntaxes? Is there a European poetics? And how do all of these concerns inform the most important annual celebration of the European vision – the Eurovision Song Contest?

Heywood Society

Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 November at 7.30p.m. and Monday 1 December at 2.30p.m. Celebration by Pinter

Performances take place in The Friends of Peterhouse Theatre. Tickets can be booked through the ADC Theatre booking office. Please contact Natasha Fricker or visit the Heywood Society Website for more information

Politics Society

Thursday 4 December, Douglas Murray, The West: Its Role and Challenges in a Changing World

All meetings are open to everyone, free of charge. There is no dress code. Meetings start at 8.45p.m. Please check the Politics Society Website or contact The President for more information.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

London Carol Service, Wednesday 10 December

Peterhouse will be holding a London carol service at St James Garlickhythe on Wednesday 10 December at 6.30p.m. The choir will be made up of current and past members of the Peterhouse choir. It will be a lovely opportunity to sing carols together in this unique 17th century City Church. It was rebuilt by Wren in 1683 and has become known as ‘Wren’s Lantern’. The service will be led by the Dean and the vicar of St James, Guy Treweek (matric 2005).

Telephone Campaign, Thursday 2 January to Monday 12 January

Just after the New Year, the Development Office will be launching its next Telephone Fundraising Campaign. The aim of the exercise is to build on the relationship that Petreans have with the College, by making direct contact with our members through our own student-callers and allowing us to gain first-hand accounts of what the College was like during your time here, giving you the opportunity to re-visit that experience. However, the Campaign also gives us the opportunity to seek support from our members and the focus on this year’s campaign will be mainly focused on the student hardship fund, researchships and studentships. The College has always been grateful for the generous support of
Petreans, which has enabled Peterhouse to provide a first class education to all who study here. We have a strong history of supporting those who would otherwise not have access to a Cambridge education. This is a tradition of which we can all be proud, but it is becoming increasingly difficult due to the additional costs imposed by cuts to educational funding.

YOUR NEWS

Congratulations

Dr Malcolm Macleod (matric. 1971): has been elected as a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering. He is Chief Scientist, C4ISR division and Dean of Fellows, QinetiQ Ltd and Visiting Professor, University of Strathclyde.

Dr Ian d’Alton (matric. 1972): has been elected into a Visiting Fellowship at Sidney Sussex College for the Michaelmas Term, 2014. He retired as Chief Executive of Housing Finance Agency plc to recommence a scholarly life, principally in history. He is also currently completing a book on British historiography and the Royal Historical Society in the 20th century. In Cambridge, he expects to work on an edited collection of his essays, spanning the years from 1972 to the present.

Dr Tim Stokes (matric. 1986): is to take up the Elaine Gurr Chair of General Practice at the Dunedin School of Medicine, University of Otago, New Zealand, from July 2014. Over the past ten years through his work for NICE (National Institute for Health and Care Excellence) he has built up a national profile in health care quality improvement research and development with focus on clinical practice guidelines, quality standards and performance measures. He trained in general practice and public health, has held senior lectureships at the Universities of Leicester (PhD 2002) and Birmingham and has remained in active clinical practice as a GP in Leicester and latterly in Ashby de la Zouch, Leicestershire.

Mr Graeme Nuttall (matric. 1978), has been awarded an OBE for services to employee share schemes, public service mutuals and employee ownership

Professor Malcom Macleod (matric. 1971), has been elected as a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering.
Professor James Stevens Curl (matric. 1992), has received an honorary degree, Doctor of Arts, from De Montfort University Leicester.

De Montfort University’s photographer

Professor Andrew Lever and his research team were one of the winning finalists in the prestigious GSK Discovery Fast Track Challenge for their work on HIV. Their studies have revealed a potentially new drug target which might lead to a new class of antiviral drugs against HIV which infects almost 40 million people worldwide and has already caused the death of 20 million.

The Discovery Fast Track Challenge recognizes and rewards innovative concepts, discoveries and research by investigators at European research institutions, colleges and universities. Winning investigators then collaborate with a team of GSK scientists to put their innovative research concept on an accelerated drug discovery path. This is a very exciting opportunity for the team, gaining them access to the same screening GSK use for internal projects.

If screening results are positive, the team may be invited to partner with GSK for potential further research funding toward the development of a new medicine. For more information about the programme visit the GSK Discovery Fast Track Website.

First World War Archive
Mark Duffy (matric. 1975), a Peterhouse Historian, has founded an on-line archive commemorating British men and women who served in the First World War, using original photographs that he has collected over the years. The archive (www.ww1photos.org) currently comprises more than 650 photographs representing more than 7,000 individuals, making it one of the largest WW1 photo archives in the country. It is not a commercial site; there has been no funding, nor does he seek it. The Centenary, which started on 4 August will continue for four years. What is different about the website is that it invites viewers to name individuals where they can, and to submit their own photographs to create a permanent record of this extraordinary generation as real people. It would be wonderful if Petreans knew about this, and were prepared to submit photographs of their own and create an on-line personal presence of Petreans who served.

Please contact info@ww1photos.org with your images or information to contribute to this fascinating online resource.

University Challenge

Richard Molineux (matric. 1961), has brought to our attention an interesting story regarding a controversial edition of the famous TV show University Challenge. While he was sorting out some files, he found an old press cutting telling the story of the Peterhouse University Challenge Team he captained in December 1963. His team lost, but challenged the various rulings which went against them. They received an apology, and were put in again the following February. Please find below a scanned article on this vicissitude.
College Back in Quiz

Peterhouse did win their round

From New Cambridge Reporter David Norman

'University Challenge' record-holders Peterhouse, out of the contest just before Christmas, are in again—because Granada have admitted that correct answers were refused by chairman Bamber Gascoigne.

Immediately after the match, won by Christ Church, Oxford, 150-185, Peterhouse captain, Richard Molyneux, made a formal complaint on two counts, later supported by expert opinion from Cambridge dons.

The two clashes with Gascoigne came in the second half of the programme, which Peterhouse began 65-115 down. To a question on non-Euclidean geometry and the theory of relativity Dick Jones answered 'Lobachevsky and Bolyai', but this was ruled out, and the team collected a five-point penalty, the 'right' answer being 'Riemann'.

'Lobachevsky originated the system which Riemann developed,' said Jones afterwards—and Maths scholar Dennis Zimmer agreed: 'In all the books I've read Lobachevsky is credited with originating the system though Riemann developed it into an infinity of dimensions. The question was vague enough to warrant either Lobachevsky, Bolyai or Riemann being given as right.'

A few minutes later Christ Church identified a picture as a camera obscura. This was allowed, although the object was, in fact, a magic lantern. 'Absurd,' said Trinityman Fytton Rowland, 'they are as different as a modern camera and projector.'

When Peterhouse were 150-185 down with two minutes left to play Gascoigne asked a 10-point starter carrying a bonus of 65 concerning two minor Greek deities and the greater deities in whom they were submerged.

Christ Church's David Gillespie answered 'Pan'. This was given as wrong, so Norman Hammond immediately answered 'Bacchus'. This also was ruled out, and Bamber Gascoigne gave the right answer as 'Dionysus'. Hammond, looked annoyed, and made an angry remark which he later defined as 'an Anglo-Saxon term of disagreement'.

The match finished with the score still 150-185 to Christ Church.

Peterhouse Senior Tutor Mr. Andrew

Quick Flashes

Richard Molyneux

E. J. Kenney, one of the country's foremost classicists, said later: 'Bacchus was undoubtedly right: the name was used completely interchangeably with that of Dionysus since the time of Sophocles; in the 5th century B.C. Pan, on the other hand, is wrong.'

Richard Molyneux has since received an apology from Granada, and the team will reappear on the programme in February.
Petreans in Paris

Mr Neville Maryan Green (matric. 1957) recalls a delightful reunion in Paris between Petreans

Life can be full of surprises, especially for Petreans.

Here I am living my life peacefully in Paris; where to my delight I am put forward for membership of a rather distinguished club, or “Cercle” as they say in French. As is customary, one needs to be “put up” by two sponsors, who are of course already members. One needs fifty positive votes (out of four hundred members). More disconcertingly still, one may be anonymously “blackballed”, with each negative vote counting for six. Knowing as I now do (having lived some fifty years in France) that Englishmen are not exactly the most popular people for the French, I was full of misgivings, but thanks to the good standing and popularity of my two sponsors I was elected. So far so good!

As is the custom I invited them to a good luncheon, and this story is really about the conversation at that table.

Says my senior sponsor, “Well Neville I know you were at Cambridge, but which College were you at?”

“Peterhouse” I replied

“Well so was I” he said. And at that moment the other sponsor chipped in “And so was I!!!”

My Senior sponsor was the late Charles Hargrove (matric. 1941), for many years the distinguished Correspondent of the Times in Paris. He took part in the Normandy landing and went up after the War in 1947. Having had a French mother, his French is perfect.

My second sponsor was Nicholas Lorriman (matric. 1962), who has the distinction of having taught English to two Presidents, Valery Giscard d’Estaing and Jacques Chirac.

This episode constitutes what I consider the most extraordinary coincidence of my life. After all, Peterhouse was and still is the smallest college in Cambridge. It is the oldest and you may pardon me for adding “it is also the best!”

Holly Ashcroft
PUBLICATIONS

William Morris (matric. 1964)
The Mariner’s Chronometer: Structure, function, maintenance and history, profusely illustrated in colour, takes the non-specialist reader through the detailed structure of the marine chronometer and explains its principles. It then guides the reader through the disassembly, cleaning, oiling and reassembly of marine chronometers, their rating, and preparation for transport, finishing with a substantial chapter on the evolution of the modern instrument. Some prominence is given to early French horologists, who are often neglected in English language texts. There is no other book quite like it and, as clockmakers with actual experience of working on chronometers become rarer, this book will be of interest to collectors, horologists, curators and indeed anyone with an interest in the technology of time and navigation.

John Sankey (matric. 1948)
Publications

John Sankey (matric 1948)

Sir Thomas Brock (1847-1922) was one of the leading sculptors of his day, responsible for the Victoria Memorial outside Buckingham Palace and statues of the great and good in many cities in Britain and its Empire. However, his realistic style and use of allegorical figures went out of fashion under the influence of Modernists like Jacob Epstein and Henry Moore. His works were forgotten and no biography was ever published.

In recent years the achievements of Brock and fellow sculptors have been increasingly recognised and a major exhibition of Victorian sculpture will be held in Tate Britain in 2015. John Sankey, a former Secretary-General of the Society of London Art Dealers, has edited a memoir of Brock by his novelist son Frederick, entitled Thomas Brock, forgotten sculptor of the Victoria Memorial. Marjorie Trusted, Senior Curator of Sculpture at the V&A, describes it as “a highly readable and intriguing perspective on a sculptor’ life…[which] reveals much about the art world of his time.” It has illustrations of over ninety statues and memorials.

 Copies are available from John Sankey (sankey@waitrose.com) for £25 (post free).
Kit Fryatt (matric. 1996)
*The Co. Durham Miner’s Granddaughter’s Farawell to the Harlan County Miner’s Grandson* is Kit Fryatt’s last book, now published by KFS. Visit the Publisher’s page [here](#).
Andrew Petegree (matric. 1976)
Andrew Petegree’s latest book *The Invention of News. How the World Came to Know About Itself* tracks the history of news in ten countries over the course of four centuries. It evaluates the unexpected variety of ways in which information was transmitted in the pre-modern world as well as the impact of expanding news media on contemporary events and the lives of an ever-more-informed public. The book is available [here](#).

![The Invention of News](#)

Yale University Press

Berthold Kress (matric. 1999)
*Divine Diagrams* by Dr Berthold Kress presents a corpus of the successful painter Paul Lautensack (1477/78-1558) surviving works, analyzes his peculiar theology of the image and locates the elements of his diagrams in the visual world of the Reformation period. The book is available [here](#).

![Divine Diagrams](#)

Brill
Roger Scruton (matric. 1969)
In *The Soul of the World*, renowned philosopher Roger Scruton defends the experience of the sacred against today’s fashionable forms of atheism. He argues that our personal relationships, moral intuitions, and aesthetic judgments hint at a transcendent dimension that cannot be understood through the lens of science alone. To be fully alive—and to understand what we are—is to acknowledge the reality of sacred things. Rather than an argument for the existence of God, or a defense of the truth of religion, the book is an extended reflection on why a sense of the sacred is essential to human life—and what the final loss of the sacred would mean. The book is available [here](#).

W. David McIntyre (matric. 1952)
*Winding up the British Empire in the Pacific Islands*, by W. David McIntyre, is the first detailed account, based on recently opened archives, of when, how and why the British Government changed its mind about giving independence to the Pacific Islands. As Britain began to dissolve the Empire in Asia in the aftermath of the Second World War, it announced that there were some countries that were so small, remote and lacking in resources that they could never become independent states. However, between 1970 and 1980 there was a rapid about-turn. Accelerated decolonisation suddenly became the order of the day. The book is available [here](#).
Terry Cudbird (matric. 1964)

*Walking the Retreat, The March to Marne: 1914 Revisited,* by Terry Cudbird explores the opening month of the Great War ending in the Battle of the Marne (6-9 September 1914). This was a turning point in modern history. The French and British armies were forced into a long retreat from Belgium but subsequently regrouped to mount a successful counter-attack. This march tested them to the limits of endurance and beyond. In this book Terry Cudbird recreates the experience of the infantry during their gruelling journey. He describes his own August walk from southern Belgium to the battlefield, which followed the exact route taken by a French Lieutenant in the Fifth Army. He also reflects on the soldiers’ origins and training, and their morale as they set out. This is not another military history but a unique evocation of the powers of endurance of ordinary soldiers. The book is available [here](#).

![Walking the Retreat](signalbooks.com)

Missy Douglas (matric. 1996)

*2:365,* by Missy Douglas is a groundbreaking project which explores bipolar disorder and its effect on the artistic voice. On January 1st 2013, Missy decided to document her struggle with the bipolar condition by painting a canvas a day for the entirety of the year. Completed in situ wherever she was in the world, each canvas reflects her emotional and psychological state over that 24-hour period – times of mania, depression and stability are laid bare through the medium of oil paint. As well as comprising a collection of 365 paintings, *2:365* is now available as a stunning full-color Art Book featuring all 365 images, plus an introduction and Missy’s written diary of the year. As well as serving as a candid visual record of the day-to-day journey of someone living with bipolar disorder, *2:365* offers the viewer and reader a beautiful glimpse of a life and journey so often hidden from public view. The book is available [here](#).

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Why not combine a visit to Cambridge with a stay at Peterhouse. Please contact the development office at develop@pet.cam.ac.uk or phone 01223 765187 for more information and guest room rates.

We hope you enjoy reading this edition of the Petrean News. Please email any stories or pieces of interest to holly.ashcroft@pet.cam.ac.uk, for inclusion in the ‘Winter 2014’ edition. Don’t forget to add us as a friend on FACEBOOK and to follow us on TWITTER.