Petrean News
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Welcome to the Summer 2016 issue of Petrean News. Published a little later than usual, this issue will cover everything that has happened at the College over the past few months, and what a few months it has been! The Lent and Easter terms saw one of the busiest schedules in the Development Office’s history, with almost double the number of events we usually host.

The Easter Term was marked by the departure of Professor Adrian Dixon as Master of Peterhouse and the arrival of Bridget Kendall, MBE, who took office as Master on 1 July 2016. We are delighted to welcome Bridget to Peterhouse and look forward to seeing how she will shape and enrich College life.

We are always delighted to see so many of you at the various dinners, lunches, drinks parties and lectures and hope to see more of you at our future events. As always, the Development Office welcomes ideas for other groups whose members would like to reunite, whether at the College or in particular regions of the country.

Please read on for a round up of Lent term and Easter term events, as well as everything that is happening in Michaelmas term.
NEWSFLASH

Accounting and Finance Dinner

On 11 March 2017, a dinner for all Petreans who work in accounting and finance will be held in College. Although we will endeavour to ensure all those working in these fields will be invited, our records are not always up to date in terms of careers. If you would like to receive an invitation, please contact us with the relevant details of your career so that we can update your record and we will add you to the list. If you are eligible but not able to join us, please do get in touch so that we can update your record anyway. Invitations will be sent out in the New Year.

Petrean Ties

Peterhouse has partnered with Windridge & Young to create and supply an official Peterhouse tie. Windridge & Young are delighted to be involved with this project. They re-mastered the College tie’s original weave, and for the first time ever have brought together the vibrancy of Peterhouse’s age-old royal blue and white in the finest dyed silks, to create a tie that is worthy of Cambridge’s oldest College. Each tie is hand-crafted in England, supporting British craftsmanship and enterprise, from fine mulberry silk with a brushed wool interlining. The tie is eligible to be worn by all members of Peterhouse. The tie, launched in July 2016, will be available directly to Peterhouse alumni through the Windridge and Young website at a cost of £49.
Facebook

The official Peterhouse Facebook page has moved. Please ‘like’ the new page to stay up to date with everything that is happening at the College. We are now at www.facebook.com/peterhouse.camb

RECENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

The Perutz Lecture

On Wednesday 10 February 2016, Peterhouse, in partnership with Austrian Cultural Forum, hosted the annual Perutz lecture, to celebrate the life and career of Max Perutz, OM, CH, CBE, FRS, Nobel Laureate (1914-2002). We were delighted to welcome Michel Goedert (MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology, Cambridge University) as guest speaker, who delivered a fascinating talk on ‘Exciting progress in understanding Alzheimer’s and Parkinson’s diseases.’

The lecture was followed by a drinks reception. We will not be hosting the Perutz lecture in 2017, but will keep you updated with any future lectures.

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The 1828 Club Annual London Drinks

The Development Office and Peterhouse Boat Club hosted the second annual 1828 Club drinks evening in London, at the Oxford and Cambridge Club, on Thursday 18 February 2016. It was a wonderful opportunity for ‘Boaties’ spanning almost 60 years of Boat Club history to meet and share stories and memories of their time rowing at the College. The 2017 drinks evening will take place on Thursday 2 February at the Oxford and Cambridge Club from 6.30 p.m.

Law Dinner

Following the success of previous Law Dinners held in College in 2004 and 2009, we decided to repeat the exercise in March 2016. The dinner saw a great many of you return to the College to dine in Hall, alongside current Law students.

The dinner also marked the retirement of Dr Roderick Munday, Fellow of Law, Senior Fellow, Steward and Wine Steward. A number of Petrean Lawyers also contacted us about the possibility of establishing a series of law lectures in Dr Munday’s name; we were overwhelmed by your response and generosity, and are delighted to announce that, with Gift Aid, almost £51,000 was raised. We hope to hold and inaugural lecture sometime in 2017 and details will be circulated shortly.

The next subject dinner will be held on Saturday 11 March 2017, for those who work in accounting and finance. Please contact the Development Office if you would like to attend.
Careers Event

After the success of previous Peterhouse careers events in 2014 and 2015, we were excited to invite more Petreans back to the College in March to meet with current students. The evening began with introductions, providing students with an insight into a wide variety of careers, from education to accounting and finance. Talks were followed by drinks and canapés, giving current members a chance to chat to Petreans about their career aspirations, make valuable connections for the future and also discuss work experience and internship opportunities.

The next careers event will take place on Thursday 9 March 2017. If you would like to take part, we would love to hear from you. We are particularly interested in Petreans working in the charities or arts sectors or those who are able to offer internships and/or work experience.

London drinks

This year’s City of London drinks was held at the London Welsh Centre and was hosted by Lord Thomas of Gresford (m.1955), Chairman of the Peterhouse Society Committee. The event was well attended and afforded a great opportunity for old friends to catch up and reminisce about their time at the College.

The next London drinks event will take place on Thursday 24 November 2016 at the Oxford and Cambridge Club. The guest speaker will be the Master, Bridgett Kendall. Please contact the Development Office if you would like to attend.
Ladies’ Plate 60th Anniversary Weekend

On Saturday 9 April 2015, a special dinner was held to celebrate the *annus mirabilis* of Peterhouse rowing in 1956. Around 80 boaties, including members of the original ’56 crew, returned to the College to celebrate this special achievement.

On Friday 8 April, there was also a small dinner, attended by those who rowed in the 1956 winning boat. Many members stayed in College for the weekend, enjoying the opportunity to not only dine in College, but also take the boats out on Sunday morning after Chapel.

A full report of the weekend will be published in the Peterhouse Newsletter, released before Christmas 2016.

If you would like to order a copy of the official photograph from the dinner, please visit the Jet Photographic website.

Sports Dinner

The Sports Dinner, held on Friday 15 April, saw Petreans join with current students to mark the Master’s retirement and his keen interest in the sporting achievements of the College. Around 50 Petreans dined in the Combination Room, and the recent successes for the Peterhouse cricket team, women’s football team and the Boat Club were toasted.
House of Lords April Dinner

After the success of the first House of Lords dinner in November 2015, a second dinner took place on Friday 29 April 2016. Lord Thomas of Gresford (m.1955), once again, kindly offered to host the dinner, while Dr Munday led the wine tasting. Wines specially selected from the College cellars and another provided by Hal Wilson (matric. 1987), owner and Managing Director of Cambridge Wine Merchants, were served alongside a three course meal. The Cholmondeley Room and Terrace were a wonderful location for the dinner, with breathtaking views of the River Thames.

Considering the popularity of these dinners, the Peterhouse Society Committee are keen to hold wine tasting events more frequently. We will keep you updated with any future events.
Golf Day

On Friday 10 June, eight Petreans set off for a round of Golf at The Royal Worlington and Newmarket Golf Club. The day also provided the opportunity for a reunion of members who matriculated in 1957; Allan Davis, David Delany, Malcolm Dillingham, Bernard Dukes, Hugh Green and Graham Saunders all met on the green, having travelled from as far as the United States for the event. Bernard Dukes (m.1957) and Allan Davis (m.1957) won the trophy and returned to College to for a celebratory dinner with the rest of the group.

Please contact Paula Vanninen (paulavanninen@hotmail.com) for more information about up-coming golf events.
Boat Club Garden party

Boaties past and present joined the Master on the banks of the River Cam to watch the final day of the May Bumps. The spectators gathered to cheer on the Peterhouse teams while enjoying Champagne and nibbles. We would like to thank Gough Goodman, who allowed us the use of his gardens.

Please read on for the Boat Club report, which includes a round up the May Bumps results.

Peterhouse Society and Friends Dinner

On the Friday before the Annual Gathering, the Peterhouse Society Committee and the Friends of Peterhouse joined together to mark the Master’s retirement. It was also an opportunity for the Societies to present the Master with retirement gifts, including a Peterhouse tureen and King’s College platter, as mementos of his time at the College and in Cambridge.

The Peterhouse Society Annual Gathering

The 2016 Gathering repeated its format of previous years, with returning Petreans enjoying a programme of tours, lectures and talks, followed by the Peterhouse Society Annual dinner in Hall. Accommodation was also available, allowing guests to take full advantage of their weekend in Cambridge. This year predictably saw an increase in numbers, as it was Professor Dixon’s last Gathering as Master of the College. Guests also enjoyed musical
accompaniment to dinner from Voces Petrensium, the alumni choir, a performance we hope they will repeat in 2017.

The 2017 Annual Gathering is scheduled for Saturday 1 July 2017. More information, along with a booking form, will be circulated with the Peterhouse Newsletter before Christmas.

Stoke Poges

The Peterhouse Society hosted a unique visit to Stoke Poges to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the birth of Thomas Gray. Petreans and their spouses, partners and friends met for a truly enjoyable day in the beautiful setting of Stoke Poges. Our thanks to Robin Russell Jones (m.1966), who generously hosted the group and ensured the day went without a hitch.

‘I just wanted to say an enormous ‘thank you’ to you, to the College, the Master and Robin Russell-Jones — and all the others who played a part in organising and running the Stoke Poges day on Saturday. It was one of the most gloriously enjoyable days I can remember; both I and my guests treasured every moment. The sun shone, the settings were perfect, the food and drink peerless and the company sublime. To say nothing of Thomas Gray in whose honour we met and whose Elegy was the focus and highlight of the day. Quite unforgettable’ (Jeff Shaw, m.1971)

A film of the day will be available on the College website in due course.
Fellowship

The following elections were made in 2016, effective October 2016:

FELLOWS
Dr Sophie Lunn-Rockcliffe - Theology and Religious Studies
Dr Graham Christie - Chemical Engineering

BYE-FELLOWS
Dr Laura Diaz-Anadon - Politics
Dr Elizabeth Stewart - Modern and Medieval Languages

RESEARCH FELLOWS
Ms Elizabeth Fraser - Philosophy
Ms Laura Hardwick - Molecular Biology
Dr Thomas Michaels - Physics

VISITING FELLOWS
Professor Harold James - Michaelmas 2016

OTHER
Dr Mark Williams (Senior Research Associate)
Dr Justin Gerlach (College Lecturer)
Professor Graeme Nimmo (Senior Research Associate)

HONORARY FELLOWS
Rt Hon Lord Thomas of Gresford (m. 1955)
Vice-Admiral Sir Ian Corder (m. 1978)
University Challenge

Huge congratulations to the Peterhouse University Challenge Team, winners of season 45 (2015/16). The team, made up of Thomas Langley (m. 2013, reading History), Oscar Powell (m. 2013, reading Natural Sciences), Team Captain Hannah Woods (m. 2013, reading History for a Ph.D.), and Julian Sutcliffe (m. 2014, reading History) defeated St John’s College Oxford with a comfortable 215 points to 30. The trophy is now on display in the Porter’s Lodge. The final episode is available on YouTube.

Captain, Hannah Woods (m. 2013) collects the trophy, image via The Telegraph

Congratulations are also in order for the current University Challenge team, made up of Ephraim Levinson (m. 2014, reading English), Oliver Sweetenham (m. 2014, reading English), Natasha Voake (m. 2014, reading Linguistics) and Xiao Lin (m. 2014, reading Natural Sciences) who have made it through to the next round of the competition. The team defeated Queens’ College Cambridge in their first round match. If you missed it, catch up at the University Challenge Website.

Boat Club News

A quick update from the May Bumps:

On the last day, both men’s crews rowed over and the women unfortunately got bumped on the reach after a strong fight against Magdalene who were running for blades.

All in all it was a fantastic week with really great results. The women managed to keep their position, fifteenth on the river, in the W1 division, despite having six novices in the boat - well done girls!
M2 finished 3rd in the M3 division, the highest position our M2 has been in May Bumps for at least 40 years. Good job boys, the hard work paid off!

M1 finished eighth on the river, which is the highest May Bumps position for our first men’s VIII since the 1800’s. A great performance!

Thanks again for all the support and to everybody who made this happen. Once more we can show what even the smallest College can achieve.

For up to date reports from the Boat Club, please follow the Peterhouse Boat Club Facebook Page.

The 1828 Club

The new Peterhouse Boat Club alumni supporters’ network continues to grow in numbers and popularity. The 1828 drinks evening, this year took place on Thursday 18 February at the Oxford and Cambridge Club, and has now become an established annual event. For further details about the 1828 Club please contact Oli Wettern by email at oli@wettern.co.uk

Boat Race 2016

On Sunday 27 March 2016, Cambridge won the 162nd Men’s Boat Race, beating Oxford by two and half lengths. We were delighted that in the boat was Petrean, Clemens Auersberg (m.2015), and our congratulations to him and the rest of the team. Clemens is currently benefitting from a Graduate Sports Scholarship, generously funded by Petreans. If you missed the race, you can catch up on YouTube. If you would like to know more about how you can contribute to the Graduate Sports Scholarship Fund, please contact Ann Munro (ann.munro@pet.cam.ac.uk).
Dénes König Prize

Congratulations to Lutz Warnke, Fellow of Peterhouse, who has been awarded the 2016 Dénes König Prize for his contribution to the study of random graph processes. The Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics (SIAM) Activity Group on Discrete Mathematics (SIAG/DM) Dénes König Prize, established in 2007, is awarded biennially to an early career researcher or group of researchers for outstanding research. Please visit the SIAM website for more information about the award.

Ted Talk

Professor Lord Nicholas Stern of Brentford, Honorary Fellow, delivered a fascinating talk on how countries need to tackle climate change. He addressed plans originally presented to the UN in 2014 on how countries must work together on climate to avert potential disaster. To watch the talk please go to the Ted Talks Website, where a transcript is also available.
Forum on Geopolitics Update (contribution by Patrick Milton m. 2003)

‘A Westphalia for the Middle East’

Earlier in the year, a new seminar series was convened by Professor Brendan Simms, along with three other Petreans, Michael Axworthy (m. 1982) currently director of the Centre for Persian and Iranian Studies at the University of Exeter, Patrick Milton (m. 2003, currently Research Fellow at the Free University of Berlin), and Charlie Laderman (m. 2014, Research Fellow in History), under the auspices of Professor Simms’ new Forum on Geopolitics at the Department of Politics and International Studies. The seminar series formed the centrepiece of a project entitled ‘A Westphalia for the Middle East’, the purpose of which was to determine how seventeenth-century central European conflict-resolution models relating to the Holy Roman Empire of the German Nation – chiefly the treaties of Westphalia (1648) which ended the Thirty Years War – could be applied to the geopolitical challenges of the contemporary Middle East, given the analogous nature of conflict in both epochs and regions. A particular concern of the project’s diachronic analysis has been to avoid the widespread and tenacious myth that Westphalia inaugurated a system of state sovereignty and non-intervention in domestic affairs. Instead of this ‘mythical’ Westphalia—still prevalent in many works of political science and history textbooks—the project investigates the possible application of the principles and mechanisms underpinning the actual terms of the treaties of Osnabrück and Münster as an inspiration for possible solutions in the Middle East. Some of the themes of the project are fleshed out in greater detail in the following New Statesman article.

By bringing together policy practitioners with two groups of senior academics that have hitherto operated in isolation from one another, insights have been gained and a forum created that offers an innovative approach to policy thinking in relation to the Middle East. The planned culmination of the series will be the collaborative drafting of a new Treaty of Westphalia for the Middle East. In addition to the mainly academic crowd, several journalists, diplomats, and members of the German foreign ministry and the FCO have also attended the events and joined the lively discussions. For a detailed overview of the seminars, reports are available to view online:

Report on ‘A Westphalia for the Middle East: Session 1’

Report on ‘A Westphalia for the Middle East: Session 2’

Report on ‘A Westphalia for the Middle East: Session 3’

Report on ‘A Westphalia for the Middle East: Session 4’
Also available is a speech of 12 July 2016 (in German) on the theme of the project by the German foreign minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier, whose ministry has become a collaborator of Professor Simms’ Forum on Geopolitics on the Westphalia for the Middle East project.

The Erskine Cambridge Exchange (contribution by Jennifer Wallace, Fellow of Peterhouse)

Jennifer Wallace spent February and March with her husband in New Zealand as the Erskine Cambridge exchange fellow at the University of Canterbury, Christchurch. She was jointly hosted by the English and Classics departments, and gave lectures and seminar talks on the Romantic novel, on Sappho, on classical reception in the 19th century, and on Tragedy and the War on Terror. A highlight was a literary event held at the local university bookshop at which, together with the Kiwi novelist and academic Patrick Evans, she read from her new novel, Digging Up Milton, and discussed the art of fiction.

During the Christchurch visit, Dr Wallace was invited down to Dunedin to give a couple of talks to the Classics and the English departments at the University of Otago. While in Dunedin, she and her husband stayed with Professor John Barsby, Emeritus Professor of Classics and a Petrean, and his wife Ann. It was a wonderful weekend, with the conversation ranging from Terence and Plautus and art to trains, penguins and more art, and so nice that the Peterhouse connections could bring people together on the other side of the world.

For more information about the exchange programme please visit the Cambridge University Website.
Engineering in Agriculture

Andre Rosendo, Research Associate at Peterhouse, discussed the use of robotics in farming and how advanced engineering could be the solution for the sustainable intensification of agriculture:

“Robot helpers will increase the productivity and life quality of agricultural workers and help to deliver the sustainable intensification of agriculture that will be needed to help feed a growing population while minimising the impact on the environment. Smart robots that run on battery power rather than fossil fuels could also be part of the solution for a cleaner, greener future.”

Read the full article on the Cambridge Evening News Website.

British Academy Fellowship

Congratulations to Steven Connor, who has been elected to a British Academy Fellowship. Fellows are elected ‘in recognition of their outstanding contribution to research’.

To read more about the British Academy’s Fellowship please visit their website.
The Royal Society Royal Medal 2016

Congratulations to Professor Sir John Meurig Thomas, Honorary Fellow, who has been awarded the Royal Medal 2016, for his ‘pioneering work within catalytic chemistry, in particular on single-site heterogeneous catalysts, which have had a major impact on green chemistry, clean technology and sustainability’ (Royal Society).

For more information about this prestigious award please visit the Royal Society website.

Image via the Royal Society website

Vice-Chancellor’s Impact Award 2016

Congratulations to Dr Mari Jones, Fellow of Peterhouse, and University Reader in French Linguistics and Language Change, who has been awarded the Vice-Chancellor’s Impact Award for the School of Arts and Humanities for her work in support of the revitalisation of Jersey Norman French.

‘Norman French has been spoken in Jersey for over 1,000 years. Today, however, this language (Jèrriais to its speakers) is obsolescent: spoken by some 1% of the population. The research of Dr Mari Jones has sought to preserve Jèrriais and has helped raise the profile of the language within Jersey and beyond, with impacts on local and national media, language policy and education, and cultural identity and development.’ (Cambridge University Website). More information about the award is available on the Cambridge University website.
YOUR NEWS

Rank Prize for Nutrition

Congratulations to Tim Cole (m. 1965) who has been awarded the 2016 Rank Prize for Nutrition. The prize was awarded for Tim’s outstanding contribution ‘to mathematical modelling of childhood growth and its application in nutrition, epidemiology, medicine and public health.’ (Rank Prize website).

For more information about the award please visit the Rank Prize website.

Great British Match Rifle Team (contribution from Ashley Abrahams m. 2009)

Congratulations to Ashley Abrahams (m.2009) after his successful tour of Australia with the Great Britain Match Rifle Team where he achieved the top score for the victorious Great Britain in the Woomera Match (the shooting equivalent of the Ashes), becoming the youngest ever competitor in the match in the process. Ashley scored 75.9 at 1,000 yards, 74.6 at 1,100 yards and 74.7 at 1,200 yards for a 223.22 ex.225, the 6th highest score ever in the match for either team. GB won for the first time since 2004 in Australia, so a great team effort. Ashley also managed to become the champion of Tasmania, where the match and individual competitions were held, before finishing third overall in the de-facto world championships over the coming days. The tour finished with the 1,500 yard world championships, the first time Ashley had ever shot that distance, where he finished a respectable 11th place overall.

For more information about the Great British Match Rifle Team, please visit their website.
New Swiss Mayor (contribution from Robert Middleton m. 1957)

After five years as a municipal councillor, Robert Middleton (m. 1957) has just been elected mayor of Crans, a lakeside town of 2'170 inhabitants in the canton of Vaud between Geneva and Lausanne (not to be confused with the ski resort Crans-Montana).

There are 376 municipalities in Vaud (in all, Switzerland has 2'324 - only Bern has more than Vaud). They range in size from Lausanne (approx. 150'000) to small villages with fewer than 100 inhabitants. Political responsibility in Switzerland is very much "bottom-up" and communal autonomy is guaranteed by the both the Swiss and Vaud constitutions. Whatever their size, municipalities have a great deal of freedom in determining local policies, for example in urban planning, building permits, school organisation, roads, water supply, waste and sewage disposal, fire and emergency services, police and income taxes. (N.B. Swiss income tax comprises three components: federal, cantonal and communal - in Crans, communal taxes represent approximately a third of the inhabitants' total tax bill; the local tax rate is one of the lowest in the canton.)
The mayor (in Vaud the "Syndic") is *primus inter pares* in a team of five (sometimes seven) municipal councillors and is normally responsible for finance and administration. The legislative arm is the "Conseil communal" with 45 members (varying according to number of inhabitants) that meets five or six times a year.
Commissioner at Historic England

Congratulations to Nicholas Boys Smith (m. 1993, member of the Peterhouse Society Committee) who has been appointed for a three year term as a Historic England Commissioner from 2016.

The Commission is the governing body of Historic England and has overall responsibility for the National Heritage Collection.

For more information please visit the Historic England website.

Three Peaks Challenge

Dr Diana Beech (m. 2006) recently completed the Three Peaks Challenge in aid of KidsOut - a charity which brings about positive change to thousands of disadvantaged children. Diana raised over £530 for the charity, contributing to a team total of £13,000. Well done to Diana for this fantastic achievement and raising money for such a worthy course - all while wearing her Peterhouse colours! To donate to KidsOut please visit Diana’s Just Giving page.

Diana Beech, Ben Nevis
The 1842 Oar (contribution from Brian Oxley m. 1953)

Here follows an article from Brian Oxley (m.1953) about the 1842 oar, one of the oldest pieces of Peterhouse Boat Club memorabilia in the College’s possession.

With opportunity for study, it becomes not just venerable but fascinating.

It was not new when withdrawn from service and decorated for posterity. Wear and damage suggest long use. How long?

In 1842, PBC was only 14 years old. In those days, the river was a gentler place, with reedy banks and little traffic. The force applied by the pioneering oarsmen of Peterhouse was gentler, too. They were not the explosive powerhouses of today. Smaller and untrained by today’s standards, they were unlikely to break an oar so narrow as to allow slippage through the water.

So – it is entirely possible that this oar had survived 14 years before being retired.

One wonders where it was made. Probably the Thames – the starting point for races on the water, at first professional, then amateur. The most prominent Thames boat-builder of the day was Thomas Searle. Searle and Sons were the leading boat-builders from 1829 to the late 1850s. 1829 was the year in which Cambridge challenged Oxford (by letter written in a room in Peterhouse?) so the Searle dominance coincided with the first 20 years of the Boat Race and they must have developed a good reputation before then.

A photograph of an Oxford blade of 1859 shows a metal binding at the tip identical to the protective binding on our “1842” blade, even to the number, position and size of the six rivets. So a Searle blade? If so, a Searle boat? Even in 1859, design had not begun to change – outriggers, sliding seats and narrow boats were yet to emerge.

Our small club, during those first few years of existence, would not have needed to purchase oars and boats every few years. One doubts they trained six days a week! So let’s dream a little and imagine that we have an oar and a bow which were purchased in 1828 and pre-dated the Boat Race. Does any other club have such evocative treasures?

There may be reference to equipment in our first minute books – and perhaps reference to the memorabilia we now have. Were eight oars “awarded?” If so, how did this one remain in the College?

Turning to paint colour and decoration – was it originally “Peterhouse blue,” now faded and changed over the years? Once PBC decided on its rowing colours, it is unlikely that a change would be made without good reason and debate, therefore recorded in the minutes. Decoration? Gold or silver. There seem to be small touches of yellow here and there.
St Peter’s keys. Interesting that they are not identical and the cross is not simple. Also, why are they upside down on the bow?

If you have any insight into the questions raised in this article please contact Holly Ashcroft (ha365@cam.ac.uk).

Photos: Tip of the blade. St Peter’s keys.
FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**William Stone and 1284 Circle Lunch, Saturday 24 September, 2016**

By invitation only, for those who are members of the William Stone Society and/or 1284 Circle.

*Peterhouse, Cambridge, 12.30 p.m. Master’s Garden.*

**Petrean Dinner for those matriculating 1961-1970, Saturday 24 September, 2016**

SOLD OUT

*Peterhouse, Cambridge, Tea, 4.00 – 5.30 p.m., Fellows Garden, Dinner, 7.30 for 8.00 p.m. Hall.*

**Camerata Musica, Pierre-Laurent Aimard piano, Friday 21 October, 2016**

Messiaen: Vingt regards sur l’enfant-Jésus (1941)

Please visit the [Camerata Musica website](#) for more information and ticket sales

*Peterhouse, Cambridge, 7.30p.m., Friends of Peterhouse Theatre.*

**Camerata Musica, Members of The Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra Amsterdam, Friday 28 October, 2016**


Please visit the [Camerata Musica website](#) for more information and ticket sales.

*Peterhouse, Cambridge, 7.30 p.m., Friends of Peterhouse Theatre.*

**Remembrance Service, Sunday 13 November, 2016**

The Service will be held in the Chapel, and any members wishing to dine afterwards should contact the Development Office. Petreans who have served in the Armed Forces are especially encouraged to attend.

*Peterhouse, Cambridge, 6.00 p.m., Peterhouse Chapel, Members may dine afterwards.*
Camerata Musica, Igor Levit, piano, Saturday 19 November, 2016

Bach: Goldberg Variations, BWV 988.

Please visit the Camerata Musica website for more information and ticket sales

Peterhouse, Cambridge, 7.30 p.m., Friends of Peterhouse Theatre.

West End London Drinks, Thursday 24 November, 2016

No booking or admission fee: pay-bar, with light snacks available. As always, the evening will be wholly informal – simply come and go as you please. Bridget Kendall, the new Master of Peterhouse, will speak at the event. Please contact the Development Office if you would like to attend.


Fairbairns, Boat Club, Early December 2016 (TBC)

Please follow Peterhouse Boat Club on Facebook to keep up to date with race dates

Details TBC.

Camerata Musica, Matthias Goerne, Baritone, & Alexander Schmalcz, piano, Friday 2 December, 2016

Berg: Vier Gesänge, Op. 2
Schubert: Schwanengesang, D. 957.

Please visit the Camerata Musica website for more information and ticket sales

Peterhouse, Cambridge, 7.30 p.m., Friends of Peterhouse Theatre.

London Carol Service, Wednesday 7 December, 2016

The annual London Carol Service will be held at The Church of St Vedast- alias- Foster (The City of London) at 6.30 p.m., followed by a small drinks reception at the church.

All welcome, please contact the Development Office if you would like to attend

The City of London, 6.30 p.m., Church of St Vedast- alias- Foster.
The Varsity Rugby Match, Thursday 8 December, 2016
Cambridge Vs Oxford

Please contact the Development Office for ticket information.

Twickenham, from 11 a.m. Twickenham Stadium.

PUBLICATIONS

John E. Robb (ed.) (Cambridge University Press)

This book is a long-term history of how the human body has been understood in Europe from the Palaeolithic to the present day, focusing on specific moments of change. Developing a multi-scalar approach to the past, and drawing on the work of an interdisciplinary team of experts, the authors examine how the body has been treated in life, art and death for the last 40,000 years. Key case-study chapters examine Palaeolithic, Neolithic, Bronze Age, Classical, Medieval, Early Modern and Modern bodies. What emerges is not merely a history of different understandings of the body, but a history of the different human bodies that have existed. Furthermore, the book argues, these bodies are not merely the product of historical circumstance, but are themselves key elements in shaping the changes that have swept across Europe since the arrival of modern humans. This book is available for purchase from Amazon UK.
Nicholas Zair (Cambridge University Press)

Oscan was spoken in Southern Italy in the second half of the first millennium BC. Here, for the first time, all the evidence for the spelling of Oscan in the Greek alphabet is collected and examined. Understanding the orthography of these inscriptions has far-reaching implications for the historical phonology and morphology of Oscan and the Italic languages (for example providing unique evidence for the reconstruction of the genitive plural). A striking discovery is the lack of a standardised orthography for Oscan in the Greek alphabet, which seriously problematises attempts to date inscriptions by assuming the consistent chronological development of spelling features. There are also intriguing insights into the linguistic situation in South Italy. Rather than a separate community of Oscan-speakers who had adopted and subsequently adapted the Greek alphabet in isolation, we should posit groups who were in touch with contemporary developments in Greek orthography due to widespread Greek-Oscan bilingualism. This book is available for purchase from the Cambridge University Press.
Containing over 6,000 entries from Aalto to Zwinger and written in a clear and concise style, this authoritative dictionary covers architectural history in detail, from ancient times to the present day. It also includes concise biographies of hundreds of architects from history (excluding living persons), from Sir Francis Bacon and Imhotep to Liang Ssu-ch'eng and Francis Inigo Thomas. The text is complemented by over 260 beautiful and meticulous line drawings, labelled cross-sections, and diagrams. These include precise drawings of typical building features, making it easy for readers to identify particular period styles.

This third edition of The Oxford Dictionary of Architecture has been extensively revised and expanded, with over 900 new entries including hundreds of definitions of garden and landscape terms such as Baroque garden, floral clock, hortus conclusus, and Zen garden-design. Each entry is followed by a mini-bibliography, with suggestions for further reading. With clear descriptions providing in-depth analysis, it is invaluable for students, professional architects, art historians, and anyone interested in architecture and garden design, and provides a fascinating wealth of information for the general reader. This book is available for purchase from Amazon UK.
We hope you enjoy reading this edition of the Petrean News. Please email any stories or pieces of interest to Holly Ashcroft, for inclusion in the next edition. Don’t forget to add us as a friend on FACEBOOK and to follow us on TWITTER.