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Therefore the time is here to utter our thanks to you for these merits, dear Adrian.
The Mastership
Electing a Master

A new Master was sworn in last July. The Master (or Keeper) of Peterhouse is chosen by the Fellows who are members of the Governing Body. It is not possible to give any Master of Peterhouse a number in an ab initio sequence, for we do not know the name of the first Master. The new Master, is, reckoned inclusively, the fifty-second since Gerard de Hoo, the first recorded, in 1290.

Of Gerard’s successors the Fellows have had the final choice in only the small proportion that has held office since the last quarter of the nineteenth century. Before that the Old Statutes prescribed that two candidates should be elected for presentation to the Bishop of Ely as Visitor and that he should make the final choice. There were occasions when ‘a stretch of power’ by the Visitor or another with the force to do so imposed a Master. In 1788, however, the Fellows put up one candidate they wanted and one clearly not wanted. The Bishop, piqued that his own relation had been expelled by the Fellows after he had nominated him contrary to Statute, chose the latter, Francis Barnes, then in his forties. Barnes lived long; the ‘wrong man’ reigned for fifty years.

The Bishop is nowadays, however, not totally excluded from the process. If, after three elections, the Fellows have failed to agree, even by a majority vote, the Bishop is to nominate, though the business has never reached this crisis because the Fellows do not proceed to the formal election until they are sure of a majority, if not a unanimity, for one candidate.

The formal election is prescribed by Statute and normally takes place in the College Chapel. ‘The senior Fellow present, and after him the other Fellows in their order, shall then make the following declaration: “I, M.N., do solemnly declare that without fear or favour I will choose as Master the person that shall be in my judgment most fit to secure the good government of the College as a place of education, religion, learning and research”. They then vote on paper. The junior Fellow then reads aloud the votes of all the Fellows, and if a majority of the Fellows present are in favour of one person, the senior Fellow present pronounces that candidate elected.

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Elections nowadays are preceded by informal meetings of the elector Fellows over several months to discuss nominations and, since 1992/93, also by interviews before the whole electing Fellowship of the candidates, internal or external, who, in their absence, have survived its scrutiny. Interviews were earlier thought to be undignified and candidates were, it was claimed, not aware that they were being considered: only the winner knew that he had been chosen. The electors were pressed to secrecy; but the reality was extremely probably otherwise – at least for certain electors. Some internal elections, however, even in the twentieth century, were rapid. In 1937 Sir William Birdwood announced his intention within six months to retire as Master of Peterhouse. Ten of the Fellows, a majority, then wrote to one of their number, Harold Temperley, declaring their intention to vote for him. On 15 November, 1954 Paul Vellacott died in office, not unexpectedly. On the following 6 December the electors proposed Herbert Butterfield and he underwent formal election on 17 January, 1955. The Fellows had already, in October 1967, sought authority for a change in the Statutes that allowed Charles Burkill, though over the then retirement age, to be elected on Butterfield’s resignation in September 1968.

Only one account of a formal election meeting has come to light: it was in 1900. The undergraduates came back for Michaelmas Term and found that the very popular Master, Dr Porter, was already dead when they had not even known that he was ill. When it came to the election, first there was a religious service attended by almost all of the College. Then all except the Fellows withdrew. The result, the election of Adolphus Ward, was greeted by cheers and rattles from undergraduates on the Chapel roof. This practice has not been known in elections in living memory – and, anyway, the undergraduates should not have been up there.

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History

Historians at Peterhouse

The academic study of History at Peterhouse has long enjoyed a distinguished reputation. Peterhouse has been the home of some of the finest historians of the past century, including Herbert Butterfield, Tony Wrigley and Maurice Cowling, who have been influential in shaping the development of the modern historical profession.

The pursuit of excellence in both teaching and research that drove the careers of these former Petrean scholars has remained the clear motivation of our more recent Fellows. Peterhouse currently boasts a History Department of five, comprising four Fellows and a College Lecturer. Their research interests range from the democracy of classical Athens (Dr Hooper), to migration in southern Africa (Dr Groves), to the relationship between the German ‘Grand Strategy’ and wider Europe (Prof Simms), taking in along the way the history of medieval political thought (Dr Ryan) and the theology and science of the Renaissance and Scientific Revolution (Mr Mandelbrote). This diversity of specialities within a single discipline means that our History students can be supervised in College for many of their papers and so benefit from a close working relationship throughout their degree with experts in their field of interest. In addition to support from the Fellows, our students are excellently resourced in their access to books and journals. The Ward Library – named after a former Master and one of the editors of The Cambridge Modern History – houses one of the most complete collections of modern historical literature in the University, tailored to the needs of students of History at Cambridge.

That our students want to excel in their study of History is demonstrated by their active participation in The Peterhouse History Society, which meets regularly and is organised by our undergraduates. It invites distinguished speakers from outside Cambridge to talk about their work in an informal setting, with the aim of allowing students to engage with a variety of new work unencumbered by the requirements of Tripos. In the past year, the society has hosted talks on International Adoption and Inter-War Diplomacy, as well as a joint event with the Politics Society about the ‘True History of Margaret Thatcher’ given by her official biographer, Charles Moore. All current members of the College are invited to attend these talks, enabling students from other disciplines to broaden their academic horizons and engage critically with an expert from a field other than their own.

The academic support available for Peterhouse historians is yielding impressive results. This year’s cohort of History finalists achieved a starred first, three firsts and three 2:1s, placing the College at the top of the Part II rankings for History. Whilst these excellent final results are quite rightly celebrated, their Directors of Studies have also been delighted to see undergraduates improving steadily throughout their time at the College. On at least two fronts those improvements have been facilitated by the deeply appreciated generosity of former members of the College. All those who achieved a first in finals had benefitted from College grants to undertake foreign language study; two who chose to do a dissertation and gained good first class marks for their work were only able to do the necessary archival work abroad due to grants from the College, funded by alumni. It is encouraging to see how the ongoing partnership between Petreans past and present is helping to ensure that Peterhouse can uphold its excellent reputation.

The hard work continues for historians at Peterhouse, but there are also some new ventures afoot. The History Faculty at the University is in an exciting time of change, with the introduction of two new courses: History and Politics, and History and Modern Languages. The aim of these courses is to encourage undergraduates to acknowledge the interdisciplinary aspects of historical enquiry and also to recognize the historical foundations of other major disciplines.
Awards & Research

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).

Clockwise from top left:
Sir John Meurig Thomas pictured with Peterhouse Fellow, Professor Paul Midgley, and Petreans Mr Duncan Johnstone and Dr Rowan Leary; Sir John Meurig Thomas receiving the Royal Medal; Sir John Meurig Thomas with The Master, Bridget Kendall, and his wife Professor Jehane Nour El Din Ragai on the occasion of a reception in Peterhouse to celebrate his award.

Engineering in Agriculture
Andre Rosendo, Research Associate at Peterhouse, has been working on how robotics can be used in farming and how advanced engineering may be the solution for the sustainable intensification of agriculture. His research was significantly helped by the Garden Steward and the team of gardeners who took great care of his lettuces, an integral part of his project.

“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.”
“Has imaging become too effective?”
Professor Adrian Dixon speaks at the British Institute of Radiology Toshiba Mayneord lecture on Tuesday 7 June 2016, in Liverpool. Professor Dixon was presented with the Toshiba Mayneord Award after the lecture.

Dénes König Prize
Congratulations to Lutz Warnke, Senior Research Associate 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.

Professor Steven Connor
Professor Steven Connor, Professorial Fellow and Tutor for Graduate Affairs, has been elected to a British Academy Fellowship. Fellows are elected ‘in recognition of their outstanding contribution to research’.

Professor Phil Woodland
Professor Phil Woodland, Professorial Fellow of Peterhouse and Head of Cambridge University’s Machine Intelligence Laboratory, has been elected to a Fellowship of the Royal Academy of Engineering.

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).
The year in pictures

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The new Master, Bridget Kendall, took office on Friday 1 July. One of her first acts was to invite the members of the MCR Committee to join her and her partner, Amanda Farnsworth, for lunch in the Master’s Lodge. That evening she hosted a reception in the Master’s garden followed by a buffet supper in Hall for all the graduates and undergraduates still in residence.

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SIR WILLIAM BROWNE PORTRAIT
Professor Adrian Dixon retired from the Mastership at the end of June 2016. He was only the second medical Master we have had at Peterhouse. There have, however, been some very distinguished medical Petreans in the five hundred years that separate the Masterships of Thomas Denman and Adrian Dixon, and we were offered the opportunity to purchase a portrait of one of them, Sir William Browne, FRS, FRCP (1692–1774). William Browne clearly had an affection for the College as he left money for a scholarship as well as the fine silver-gilt cup which is brought out on special occasions. His portrait is by Thomas Hudson, one of the finest English portraitists of the mid 18th century. (Hudson’s pupils included Joshua Reynolds and his portrait of Handel is one of the treasures of the National Portrait Gallery.) The opportunity to secure portraits of Petreans by major artists comes round exceptionally rarely, so we were keen not to let this pass. We are very grateful to the many Petrean medics who made this purchase possible.

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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.

Oscar, Julian, Hannah and Thomas with Jeremy Paxman and the trophy

PERUTZ LECTURE
On Wednesday 10 February 2016, Peterhouse, in partnership with the Austrian Cultural Forum, hosted another Perutz lecture. 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.’

BOAT RACE 2016
On Sunday 27 March 2016, Cambridge won the 162nd Men’s Boat Race, beating Oxford by two and a half lengths. We were delighted that in the boat rowing at number 4 was a Petrean, Clemens Auersperg (m. 2015), and our congratulations go to him and the rest of the team. Clemens was the first recipient of a Graduate Sports Scholarship, generously funded by Petreans. If you would like to know more about how you can contribute to the Graduate Sports Scholarship Fund, please contact Ann Munro at ann.munro@pet.cam.ac.uk
What we did with your money

Regular donations of any size make a significant difference to the finances of the College. For example, the donations received for Graduate Studentships last year were equal to what we might have received from an increase in our endowment of over £1.5 million!

The knowledge that many Petreans had pledged regular amounts varying from under £10 to over £200 a month enabled us to commit to funding four more graduate students than we would otherwise have been able to do. The principal Arts funding body has now reduced its funding for Masters students to almost zero, yet it continues to demand that applicants for Ph.D funding are in possession of a Masters degree, which effectively prevents students without the resources to support themselves for a year from applying to do a Ph.D. We were very grateful that, thanks to the generosity of so many Petreans, we did not have to turn away anyone who we felt deserved an award.

Last year the College’s contribution to the Cambridge Undergraduate Bursary Scheme was over £80,000, providing support to 59 students of whom 38 qualified for the maximum grant. The Cambridge Bursary Scheme has replaced the Newton Trust Bursary scheme and is the centrally managed scheme by which Colleges provide means-tested funding for their undergraduates. Annual donations from Petreans towards student hardship, from the Friends of Peterhouse, as well as the income from dedicated funds such as the Dick and Edna Airey Fund and the Postan Fund, enable us to participate fully without depleting our endowment.

In addition, thanks to the generosity of Petreans, the College has other funds at its disposal to assist students in financial difficulties, not all of whom would necessarily qualify for the very restrictive means-tested Bursary scheme. It is important to the College that no student should be prevented from performing at their best because of financial worries. Some of these funds are targeted at students reading for specific subjects, such as the Jepson Fund and the Plevy Newman Fund for medics or the Cowling Fund for historians, others are general. The calls on these funds can be many and various. We also have a fund – the Kidd Bequest – which specifically subsidises students who wish to stay in College to study during the vacation. There are increasing numbers of students wishing to stay in College for part or all of the vacations so what is left from the income from the hardship funds tends to be used to subsidise students in the relevant subjects. Last year the total subsidy came to over £35,000.

Thanks to donations from PAC Bruckmann and others we are also able to assist our students to travel abroad. A total of just under £33,000 was disbursed in grants to 50 students enabling them to undertake foreign travel for a wide range of academic reasons, including presenting papers at conferences, attending language courses in languages from Latin to modern Chinese, and undertaking research trips to Switzerland, Norway, China, and North America among others. A further £10,600 was given to 27 students for non-academic related travel all over the world – Europe, Africa, the Middle East, and the Far East.

Donations to these funds are always welcome and do much to enhance students’ lives while they are in Peterhouse. Unrestricted donations are also very welcome as they enable the College to be more flexible and to react to needs as they arise. A major source of unrestricted funds each year is the annual telephone campaign in January. Unrestricted donations are then distributed between projects on a list agreed by the Governing Body. This year for example funds were used to complete the

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Peterhouse Development

The Telephone Campaign
This year the annual telephone campaign raised a total of £169,992.52 (€193,307.77 including Gift Aid) – our best year to date! We were assisted by twelve student callers who made 354 calls to members, with 70.9% of those called contributing to the campaign. This was a splendid result with Peterhouse having one of the highest participation rates of any College in Cambridge or Oxford. The money raised was divided between Graduate Studentships, Student Hardship, the renovation of the Snetzler organ, and College Libraries.

The 1284 Circle
There are a number of Petreans who give annual amounts between £1,284 and £5,000 and in 2015 we created the 1284 Circle to thank them for their generous support. Membership is open to anyone for the year in which their donations total between £1,284 and £5,000. This year members were invited to a lunch in College and received preferential booking for events held by the Peterhouse Society. Membership of the Circle is increasing steadily and we had 12 more members this year than in 2015.

William Stone Society
The William Stone Society was set up to thank those who have chosen to remember the College in their wills. It is named in honour of William Stone whose magnificent bequest in 1959 served to transform the College. Members and their spouses or partners were invited to the same lunch as the 1284 Circle, which was held in College during the University Alumni Weekend in September. Legacies received by the College between 1 October 2015 and 30 September 2016 totalled £632,487.

Bequests are a very helpful source of income for the College and can enable donors to do something they would have had difficulty doing in their lifetimes. In May and June we conducted a Legacy Campaign to encourage members to leave a legacy to the College. A total of 147 calls were made, with 98 members expressing an interest. The Campaign was very successful with £246,500 in legacy gifts being pledged during the calling period as well as a number of pledges of a fixed percentage of the estate. The latter ensure that the estate will qualify for the tax benefits associated with leaving a percentage of the estate to a registered charity. A further £86,000 was pledged after the calling period had finished.

Law Lecture
Dr Roderick Munday, the College’s first law Fellow, retired at the end of the academic year and a number of Petreans contacted us about the possibility of establishing an annual law lecture in his name, affording the opportunity to invite leading academic lawyers and practitioners to explore topics related to Dr Munday’s own areas of interest. We are currently planning the inaugural lecture and further details will follow in due course. The appeal raised over £50,000 so the lecture series will run for many years to come.

Cataloguing project of modern Peterhouse archive complete
Thanks to the persistence and generosity of Adrian Clark (m. 1976) the cataloguing of the modern Peterhouse archive is almost complete. The College has been able to employ the highly experienced University archivist, Dr Elisabeth Leedham-Green, on a part-time basis for several years to catalogue and preserve the collections of papers held in the Ward Library. They are now on Janus – the online catalogue of Cambridge archives – which has resulted in an increased number of enquiries from scholars from around the world.

Progress on the organ
The decision to revive the plans to restore the organ earlier this year was part of a wider focus on the fabric of the Chapel as a whole now that the Whittle Building has been paid for. As well as essential maintenance such as replacing the now perished aluminium covering on the roof with more traditional lead, we will be considering what can be done internally to improve the lighting of the Chapel and restore the acoustic. The installation of the restored organ will take place when that work is completed. We are currently in extensive discussions with organists, potential organ builders, organ advisers and others to determine the best solution for the restoration of the organ. Central to any scheme are, of course, the listed case and the ten surviving organists, potential organ builders, organ advisers and others to determine the best solution for the restoration of the organ. Central to any scheme are, of course, the listed case and the ten surviving

One of the important metrics for the College is the percentage of Petreans that support the College. Another is of course the actual amount raised, especially when we have a specific target to reach, but it is the so called ‘participation rate’ that gives us credibility in our discussions within the University and with external funders. This year we have given ourselves the target of finding an additional 200 donors – will you help us reach it? Participation may become even more important after the Fundraising Preference Service comes into force.

Unfortunately the Service as currently proposed does not distinguish between organisations with a membership structure (such as educational institutions) and other charities. Nor does it appear to distinguish between alumni relations and fundraising communications. When it comes into force we may only be able to check the intentions of those who have given us donations in the past.
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 Gathering is on Saturday 1 July

Ladies’ Plate 60th Anniversary weekend, Saturday 9 April 2016 (by Ian Dodds, m. 1952)

On April 9 2016 the “1956 Group” held its 60th anniversary reunion dinner. We were able to experience that wonderful continuity of enthusiasm and effort which continues to sustain our Club. Each successive year owes so much to those who went before. The ’56 crew certainly did! That boat won the Fairbairn, got its oars in the Lents and the Mays and then took the Ladies’ Plate at Henley. 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.
House of Lords Wine Tasting Dinners, Friday 23 October 2015 and Friday 29 April 2016
Following the success of the 2013 wine tasting dinner, The Peterhouse Society were keen to repeat the occasion in October 2015. The current Chairman of the Society, Lord Thomas of Gresford (m.1955), kindly offered to host the dinner in the grand surroundings of the House of Lords. The dinner also provided an opportunity to celebrate the contribution that Dr Roderick Munday, senior Fellow, Steward and Wine Steward, had made to the College. The event sold out almost immediately, resulting in a second dinner in April 2016. Lord Thomas of Gresford (m.1955), once again hosted the dinner, while Dr Munday led the wine tasting. We were delighted to see so many Petreans take the opportunity to enjoy such a splendid dining experience.

Stoke Poges, Saturday 23 July 2016
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 most 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.

Cambridge from memory

Taken prisoner by the Japanese after the fall of Singapore in 1942, Stephen Alexander (m.1937) created this perspective map of Cambridge with the help of other Cambridge POWs in Hindato Camp probably sometime around Christmas 1943. He later wrote *Sweet Kwai, Run Softly* about his wartime experiences. The original of the map is in the Imperial War Museum and this copy was given to the College by his son Gustave (Gus) Alexander (m.1967).
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