A Message from the New Master of Trinity Hall
Professor Peter Clarke, LittD, FBA

Trinity Hall is, as everyone knows, a very old College; and I am, as anyone can see, a very new Master. Instead of implausibly claiming that I have long taken a keen interest in its past achievements and its future well-being, let me begin by exploiting my once-for-all chance as a newly-hatched Master – running around (as Laura Sheep in is a different context) with the whole still on my head. I want to say a few things that cannot only be said by someone who has responsibility for the position that Trinity Hall finds itself in today.

Now this happens to be a pretty good position, whether we compare it with that of Colleges of similar size in Cambridge or with earlier periods in the Hall’s own history. It would be even simpler to put this in cash terms; but the recent success of the Milestones Campaign to maximise the endowment makes so much else possible. More adequate buildings, better support for education and research, improved access to Cambridge for students from all backgrounds – these are the priorities we are meeting. More still needs to be done. But there can be few new Heads of House who inherit a College in better shape – and I am well aware that you will expect me to safeguard and build upon this heritage.

So one thing I immediately have in common with all members of the College – past and present – is a sense of gratitude to John Lyne. He has provided over 16 years of steady progress, culminating in this 650th Anniversary which strikes such a high note for his departure. If last year saw the opening of the magnificent Jerwood Library, this year will see the completion of work which began in the summer to refurbish the ground floor rooms of the Old Elizabethan Library.

Here is another splendid Milestone for the Hall – one likely to become all the more memorable because the new Graham Storey Room will be officially opened by the Queen. I have the honour of welcoming Her Majesty to the Hall on 23 November. But it will be obvious to all of you that the real credit for this initiative is due to John Lyne and I am particularly pleased that his wife Danielle can join us on that day.

With such a stimulating programme in prospect, my own mind is naturally focused on the challenge of maintaining this momentum at the Hall. For 20 years, I must confess, I have been a Fellow of St John’s, which some of you may associate with the flash and splash of scarlet blades on the river. Having rowed myself, first as a student in regatta boats and most recently in the Fellows’ boat in 1989, let me assure you that I appreciate the deep passions that are stirred with every paddle. From now on, at every possible opportunity, I shall be shouting for the Hall.

My wife, Maria Tippett, is a Senior Research Fellow of Churchill College and will remain on. It is only fitting that she should still pursue her own distinguished career as a cultural historian of Canada – she is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada – just as I shall stay in post as Professor of Modern British History in the University. Both of us, however, are fully committed to what we see as a joint task in the Master’s Lodge.

We hope to represent the Hall with dignity. But we also have our own style of doing things and don’t want to become overshadowed by formality. Maria and I are conscious of how lucky we are to arrive in the Master’s Lodge under such propitious circumstances. We are determined to make a success of our time at the Hall – and to have some fun along the way too. It will take time to learn a lot of sources and faces but we are already making a promising start, encouraged by all the friendliness we have been shown. These are early days for us in Trinity Hall but we look forward to making contact with a widening circle of its members, past and present, as this exciting year unfolds.

A Night to Remember!

On Saturday, 8 July, over 1000 Trinity Hall members and their guests gathered in College for what was, without a doubt, the highlight of the social programme for alumni in this the College’s 650th Anniversary year – the Grand Ball. Most were former students, the oldest and youngest being separated by a period of some 63 years. Many had travelled from the four corners of the globe to be present on this unique occasion to meet up with old friends and to enjoy a spectacular evening of entertainment. This was provided to a large extent by members of the Trinity Hall family: Tony Shattock (TH 1979) and Richard Vansch (TH 1977) – improvised comedy; Murray Stewart (TH 1972) – London Pro Arte Orchestra; Kate Birchall (TH 1993) – Kilburn String Quartet; Cornac Newadd (TH 1998) – cabaret; Christine Royer (TH 1998) – Cambridge Dancers’ Club; and Michelle Carrier (TH 1999) – Flamenca a pico seco.

Millennium Honours and Appointments

We offer congratulations to a number of members and Fellows who have been honoured in various ways during the course of the 650th Anniversary Year.

Professor Sir Roy Calne, FRCS, FRCS (TH 1965), one of the great pioneering figures in the world-wide development of organ transplantation who retired last year from the University Chair of Surgery and also as Professional Fellow at Trinity Hall, has been elected an Honorary Fellow of the College.

Professor Sandy Gezdor (TH 1976) who retired last year as University Professor of Music and Professional Fellow at Trinity Hall was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Music at the University’s Degree Ceremony in June. He has also been elected an Honorary Fellow of Trinity Hall.

Professor John Denton, FEngineering (TH 1950), University Professor of Turbo Machinery and Aerodynamics and Professional Fellow at Trinity Hall, has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Society.

Professor John Langholme (TH 1964), a former LLB and PhD student at Trinity Hall who is currently Chancellor Kent Professor of Law at Yale University, has been elected an Honorary Fellow of the College.

Mr Graham Ross Russell (TH 1953), former Chairman of the Securities Institute and current Chairman of the Milestones Campaign Development Board, has been elected an Honorary Fellow of the College.

Milestones Campaign has reached £13.5m target

At the time of going to press in November, the Milestones Campaign total stood at a remarkable £14.3 million, thus exceeding the target figure of £13.5 million set by the College at its launch in 1996. A full progress report on the Milestones Campaign can be found on page 15.
John & Danielle Lyons 'a Special Tribute'

As many Members will know, Sir John Lyons retired in September after 16 years as Master of Trinity Hall. During this time he was intimately involved in all aspects of College life, but he and his wife, Danielle, who operated jointly with him, will be remembered especially for their work with students: going to matriculation and graduation ceremonies; entertaining as hosts, and supporting, with their presence, various College clubs and societies (including notably the Boat Club) regularly throughout term; and attending May Balls and June Events and a variety of other functions organised by undergraduates and graduates.

Here, a number of Trinity Hall alumni pay their tributes to this very special couple.

As Master, John Lyons possessed the rare gift of being equally at home as a scholar (a fully acknowledged authority in Linguistics in which he supervised for several years); and as a generous participant in the numerous calls made on him and his wife, Danielle, by undergraduates, graduates, Fellows and members of the College staff. He has immense energy, both intellectual and social; and he gave of his time freely both to individuals and to the various clubs and societies he supported.

He also brought his imagination fully to bear on all the facets of the Milestones Campaign, whose success owes a great deal to him. In all this, Danielle has played a conspicuous part.

We wish them both all happiness in their retirement in France; they will be sorely missed.

Dr Graham Sterry, OBE, MSt (TH 1939–41 and TH 1946–47), Fellow (1949–58) and Honorary Fellow (1993–) of the College.

John Lyons' Mastership of Trinity Hall ends this year with two material achievements: the addition of the new Jerwood Library, and the highly successful Milestones Campaign. But even more significant than those tangible successes has been his role in creating over the years a fruitful environment for scholarship, and the role, shared with Danielle, of maintaining a sympathetic human environment for those in College. Along with his qualities as a scholar, John has brought gifts of tact, patient understanding and patience.

In my time, the Hall was known as a good place to be: a felicitous combination of the right size and simplicities of people. My sense is that it is now even more so. John and Danielle have been responsible for this: Danielle with her elegance, charm and warmth has played the role as wife of the Master that we in the '50s would have found unimaginable. She became an important part of College life, as witnessed by that ultimate experience: pulling a competitive oar for the Boat Club.

For the numbers of the College anointed from 'over the oceans', we thank the Lyons for their efforts, by communication and visit, to keep us within the precincts of College. We join in the general appreciation of a masterly Mastership.

Hon Donald Macdonald, PC, CC (TH 1950), former Canadian High Commissioner to Great Britain and Northern Ireland

John and Danielle Lyons at the Annual Gathering in May with some specially engraved silver notes that were presented to them by the THS.

The Lyons partnership, jointly and severally, has had an immeasurably positive impact on the Hall and all its works. Their special blend of enthusiasm and commitment, energy and humanity, have been exactly right for the time—"the other half of the human race joined the College", John's academic distinction, is in a field which some might have thought slightly esoteric, was more than matched by all that he— and Danielle— have done towards the establishment of a worldwide alumni network and the successful promotion of the Milestones Campaign. We shall miss them both immensely.

The Rt. Hon. The Lord Hene of Aberavon, CH, QC (TH 1948), former Chancellor of the Exchequer, Foreign Secretary and Deputy Prime Minister

The years of the Mastership of Sir John Lyons and his wife Danielle (because one naturally thinks of them as a partnership) will go down in the history of the College as remarkably successful ones. During their time, great and imaginative improvements were made to the fabric of the College, its financial future was largely secured by the outstandingly successful Milestones Campaign, and the community of Fellows, graduates, undergraduates and College staff flourished. They both brought special personal gifts to all this, as their multitude of College friendships attest. As President of the Trinity Hall Association, I cannot end these few words without thanking Sir John for his unswerving support of our role and activities.

Lord Phillips of Sudbury (TH 1959), President of the Trinity Hall Association

I want to wish John and Danielle Lyons the most happy and fulfilling lives after Trinity Hall. The wonderfully constructive roles which they have played over the past 16 years will leave not only a legacy in much enhanced resources, facilities and reputation for the College, but also of gratitude from so many of us for their personal charm and kindnessness, as well as their accomplishments.

Hamish Maxwell (TH 1944), Patron of the Milestones Campaign and Honorary Fellow

Following the Service for the Commemoration of the Brotherhood in St. Edward's Church in January.
John and Danielle have had a wonderfully fruitful 16 years at the Hall and we are all very grateful for their many gifts to the life of the College, encouraging by their friendliness and concern that spirit of community that makes Trinity Hall a very special place. John's personal distinction as a scholar has been an enrichment of the society which has the advancement of learning at the heart of its activity. As a former Dean of the College, I am particularly grateful for their support of the Chapel and its activities. May they both enjoy a long and happy retirement.

Rev Dr J. John Pellinghouse, KBE, FRS, (TH 1944), former Professor of Mathematical Physics at Cambridge University, President of Queens' College and Dean of Trinity Hall

... enjoying a reunion party at plane Hollywood last year for graduates from the 1990-1994 matriculation years.

John and Danielle have contributed to many aspects of Trinity Hall life but I mention only two. The first is Danielle's support of and participation in the life of women undergraduates, whether it was reeling in a ladies' time or taking part in Preston Society productions.

John will be credited with the groundwork for a vital aspect of the future well-being of Trinity Hall – involving Hall men and women in supporting the ongoing financial of the College. Their great affection and loyalty has been shown in very practical ways by the magnificent response to the Milestones Campaign which has already raised over £14 million. By encouraging and contributing to the links between the College and its alumni, John made a major contribution to the success of the appeal and has laid the foundation for future support.

Graham Ross Russell (TH 1953), Chairman of the Milestones Campaign Development Board and Honorary Fellow

Sir John and Lady Lysons have now put in place another (remarkable) Trinity Hall milestone. John's Mastership spanned the College's 650th Anniversary and the start of a new millennium. John marked this by unambiguously the most ambitious and successful fund-raising campaign in the Hall's history – and this, in his closing years as Master, when he could have been forgiven for taking things more easily. But the administration and affection of past and present members of the Hall have nothing to do with this invaluable fund-raising. These feelings are a response to the warmth and kindness of John and Danielle, their support of others, their unflagging enthusiasm and care, and the remarkable personal courage of both.

Lord Nicholls of Birkenhead (TH 1956), Lord of Appeal in Ordinary and an Honorary Fellow

The image of the Master from my day was of a charming, distinguished academic in a field I understood little. Contacts were rare. His equally charming wife seemed a pleasant but silent supporter.

What a contrast when I first met John and Danielle. There was still the distinguished academic in a field I understood little. The rest was unrecognisable. Both of them, up to their necks in everything going on in the College and everything to do with it outside. And moving it forward.

During their 16 years, they have inspired and led a movement to reincorporate us out there with the College. Bless them for their energy and friendship and long may it continue!

Sir Derek Thomsen, KCMG (TH 1959), former British Ambassador to Italy and Honorary Fellow

The Leslie Stephen Lecture Comes Home to Trinity Hall

A year ago Dr Jonathan Steinberg delivered the Leslie Stephen Lecture in the Senate House. Coming at the conclusion of a remarkable and glittering career at Trinity Hall and Cambridge, it was a highly suitable honour for Jonathan who, as a Fellow since 1966, had touched and influenced the lives of so many students both in the College and in the University. While there have been many exceptional lecturers since the Lecture was established in 1907 (in memory of the Founder of the Dictionary of National Bibliography, a Fellow of Trinity Hall (1854-68) and Sober of Virginia Woolf), it has never been delivered, until this occasion, by a Fellow of Trinity Hall.

... and pictured here with distinguished arts and former Fellow, Cambridge, John Boase, and Mrs Helen Boase, a more formal occasion – the Trinity Hall Regional Dinner in Edible Art.

The 1999 Leslie Stephen Lecture, Dr Jonathan Steinberg (centre), pictured with University Vice Chancellor, Sir Alec Beamish (left) and recently retired Master of Trinity Hall, Sir John Lysons.

The Hall has had the privilege of a Master and his wife who have devoted themselves wholeheartedly to all aspects of College life. Not only has the College had a distinguished scholar as its Master but a sensitive and caring man who has worked unstintingly, admiringly supported by Danielle, for the students who make up the fabric of the College. John and Danielle have always actively supported the Trinity Hall Association and me as Secretary, for which I should like to add my personal thanks. They have brought the alumni, the College and its students together. We owe them a great debt and wish them a long and happy retirement.

Barry Lewis (TH 1959), Secretary of the Trinity Hall Association

Weren't we there to listen to the Lecture – Jonathan's topic, Leslie Stephen and Derivative Immortality, was immaculately and perspicuously delivered – or to say farewell to Jonathan? An audience filling the Senate House, and later a bubble reception in the Master's drawing room with a fine dinner in Hall, suggested yes to both questions. A month later, Jonathan relinquished his post as Reader in Modern European History at Cambridge, was elected an Emeritus Fellow of the College and took up his new appointment as the Walter H Annenberg Professor in Modern European History at the University of Pennsylvania. Go Peas, go Jonathan!
For the first of what I hope will be many times I find myself penning a report of what the College has been up to for the last academic year. Even though a year has nearly passed since I arrived as a fresh-faced, innocent from Oxford, I still find myself continually confronted by what is now or unexpected. Luckily, however, some things are becoming expected, even familiar, and with a bit of experience and hindsight now I feel can begin to build on the many strengths, both academic and extracurricular, of Trinity Hall.

First the Fellowship. A handy combination, perhaps, of my own honeymoon period as Senior Tutor and a concerted vision among the Governing Body to put teaching and research first meant that the College was able swiftly to replace and replenish our Staff Fellows in the course of last year to begin this October. As readers of last autumn's Front Court will know, Jonathan Steinberg left us at Christmas for a chair in America, now Dr Clark Jackson, of Sidmouth College, will join us in October to continue the distinguished history of our Fellow in Chemistry.

The Story of the Library

Dr Graham Storey, OBE, LittD reviews a lively monograph

on Trinity Hall's Elizabethan Old Library

recently written and published by former Staff Librarian,

Mrs Lavinia Hinton.

Lavinia Hinton is particularly well qualified to have written the history of the Trinity Hall Library: for 30 years she held the position of Staff Librarian and was responsible for the daily running of both the Old Library and the undergraduate Library. This knowledge has helped to make her book both readable and informative. The detail is great, the list of early books or early collections with annotation is especially needed. It is a great book that is a very valuable for all interested members of the college.

The Story of the Library is available from the College Development Office.
Milestones Lecture Series Heralded as a Great Success

The series of lectures which have taken place in College during the past year to celebrate Trinity Hall’s contribution to education, learning and research over a span of 650 years have, according to the many members who attended, been a highlight of the Anniversary programme.

Following the inaugural lecture – on Linguistics – which was given by the Master of the day, Sir John Lyons, a number of other distinguished members of the College gave outstanding presentations during the course of the year in a broad range of subject areas – Rev Dr John Polkinghorne, KBE, FRS (Maths & Theoretical Physics); Professor John Longhine, PhD (Law); Professor Keith Ward, DD (Religion); Professor Peter Holland, PhD (Arts); Lord Oxburgh of Liverpool, KBE, FRS (Science & Engineering); and Professor Sir Roy Calne, FRCS, FRS (Medicine).

An Uplifting Experience!

Not content with the extraordinary success of the reunion party that was held last year at Leicester Square’s trendy Planet Hollywood restaurant for alumni – undergraduate and graduates – who had matriculated between 1945 and 1964, the Master and Lady Lyons were spotted recently hosting a similar event for Trinity Hall alumni at another famous London landmark.

Situated 150 feet above the River Thames, the high-level walkway at Tower Bridge was chosen as the party venue for another group of former students – those with matriculation years between 1962 and 1989.

Good food, fine wine and breathtaking panoramic views over the capital city, coupled with the opportunity to renew old friendships and reminisce a little about student days at Trinity Hall turned out to be the perfect ingredients for a special and memorable evening.

Stephen Hawking Fellow

Following the extraordinarily generous gift to Trinity Hall of £1 million by a former Law graduate of the College – Mr Dennis Avery (TH 1981) – to permanently endow a new Fellowship in the mathematical sciences named in honour of Professor Stephen Hawking, Front Court is pleased to report on the first holder of this highly prestigious post.

Dr Martin Bucher was born in Germany and received his BA from the University of California, Berkeley in 1986, and his PhD in Physics from Caltech in 1990. Whilst at Berkeley, Dr Bucher was involved in student activism, particularly the movement to divest from companies doing business in apartheid South Africa. This activity involved several brushes with the law, an experience that inspired him to attend law school after completing his PhD. After a year, having decided that this career move was a mistake, he returned to Physics where he secured postdoctoral positions at the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton University, and the State University of New York, before coming to Cambridge in 1990 as a Research Associate in the Department of Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics (DAMTP).

Martin Bucher’s research in DAMTP deals with the physics of the very early universe, during the instant just after the Big Bang. In 1994 Bucher, together with Alford Goldhaber and Neil Turok, now both at the University of Cambridge, developed a theory in which our entire observable universe resides completely within a bubble expanding at the speed of light. Dr Bucher’s current research interests include understanding the nature of the invisible dark matter, apparently the prevalent form of matter in our universe, and how to use observations of the diffuse microwave background radiation to probe the nature of the primordial cosmic irregularities, and the physics and detection of gravitational waves, hoping to be directly observed soon with experiments both on the ground and in space.

‘Yours Despondently’

The following letter was spotted in the Times on 1 June.

Sir, You did not publish the letter I sent you last week about Laura Spence. In fact you have never published any letters I have sent you over the years on a variety of subjects.

I now realize you must have discriminated against me because I was born in the North East of England and did not attend Oxford or Cambridge.

Yours faithfully,
BERNARD GARDSTON
(Unsuccessful applicant to Trinity Hall, Cambridge, 1954).
High Trees,
South Downs Drive,
Hale, Cheshire WA14 3HR.
A Community in Good Heart

Lord Phillips of Sudbury (TH 1959), President of the Trinity Hall Association, reports on a very special 650th Anniversary Annual Gathering

Nearly 500 old Hall men and women, and their guests, attended the Annual Gathering in May, which turned out to be a joyous, if poignant, occasion. The College looked splendid, and the two lawns (one dominated by a circus-sized marquee) really came into their own.

This year, for the first time, the THA Committee sought to enliven the formal Annual General Meeting by enlisting the help of two first year undergraduates to tell us what College life is really like these days. Fleur Kennedy (a Geographer) and Tim Nixon (an Historian) were, in modern parlance 'brill', being simultaneously amusing and informative. Their presentations provoked plenty of questions from the assembled throng, and this is certainly a new feature of the AGM that will be repeated on future such occasions.

This was, of course, the last Gathering for the Master and his infinitely wise, Dacres, and on behalf of the Association, I presented each of them with a silver replica of Bishop Bateman's Founders Cup. Given that this year is the 650th Anniversary of the foundation of the College, that seemed doubly appropriate.

May they drink routinely from them for many years to come in their Averegae retirement home.

Many will, I think, remember the occasion particularly for the strong sentiment it generated among old and new students alike, and the enthusiasm it generated among old and new students alike, and the enthusiasm it generated.

As John and Danielle spoke in turn, the sense of gratitude for what they have done for the College during the last sixteen years was palpable.

Another highlight of the programme was a special Milestones in Music Concert which featured a new composition – Sonnets and Fantasiae, Opus 65, for counter-tenor and viol consort – by Alexander Goehr (TH 1976), recently retired University Professor of Music and Fellow of Trinity Hall. The concert, which took place in front of a packed audience of some 200 members and guests in St Edward’s Church, was performed by the internationally renowned Fortnum Group – Richard Boothby, Richard Campbell, Julia Hodgon and William Hunt – and soloist, Michael Chance.

Between the Annual General Meeting and the Concert, those who attended – in addition to enjoying a splendid lunch on Latham Lawn – were able to admire the impressive improvements to the College, notably the magnificent Jerwood Library, take in a tour of the Elystanstan Old Library, browse the College’s impressive collection of silver, view the 650th Anniversary Exhibition – or just relax in the peaceful tranquility of the Fellows’ Garden. Most of us came away feeling not only a sense of pride in the College, but also with the knowledge that the next Master will be inheriting a community in good heart.
A Special Reunion

The Annual Gathering witnessed the reunion of two former undergraduates – Mr Harry Schulmann, MBE (pictured right) and Air Vice Marshall Nigel Blair-Oliphant, OBE, were reunited for the first time since they came up to the Hall 70 years ago!

Photo Caption Competition

Dr David Thomas, QC, a senior Law Fellow at Trinity Hall and University Reader in Criminology, is pictured holding up an exhibit from the College’s Silver Collection which was displayed for members and guests as part of the Annual Gathering.

Not wishing to miss an opportunity for some light intellectual amusement, Front Court invites readers to submit an appropriate caption to accompany the photograph. Entries, which will be judged by David Thomas himself, should be sent to Gina Brown in the Development Office. The winning entry will appear in the next issue of the magazine with the winner and runner-up both receiving a vintage bottle of Port from the College Wine Cellar!

Dinner Date!

The London Dinner, which is becoming an increasingly popular event in the THA calendar for both older and younger members, will take place again next year on Friday evening, 9 February, at Middle Temple Hall. Tickets cost £15 and include appetiser, four-course dinner and wine. Applications should be forwarded to the Alumni Officer, Karin Bannister, at the College (tel: 01223 332507; email: kb236@cam.ac.uk) using the form below.

☐ I should like to attend the London Dinner on 9 February at Middle Temple Hall
☐ I shall be accompanied by (name of spouse/partner)

I enclose a cheque made payable to Trinity Hall for £

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Trinity Hall Alumni Gather Across the World to Celebrate the 650th Anniversary

New York, Tokyo, Singapore, Melbourne and Hong Kong were the locations for special receptions and dinners for College members and their guests to mark this special year in the history of the College. Here, a number of alumni who assisted in the organisation of these events report on their unquestionable success.

New York
The Reception held last May at Manhattan’s exciting Barbetta restaurant to mark the 650th Anniversary of the foundation of Trinity Hall turned out to be an event to remember. The essential ingredients for this eclectic – and outstandingly successful – evening were a mixture of top-notch English education and fabulous Italian fare in a United States setting. What an exciting combination!

Master of Trinity Hall, Sir John Lyons, accompanied by his wife, Daniella, and Dr. Jonathan Steinberg, a former History Fellow at Trinity Hall and now Professor of Modern European History at the University of Pennsylvania, addressed some fifty alumni and their guests, some of whom had travelled from the West Coast and Canada to be present, and who were interesting, informative and lively speakers. Participants were brought up to date on current developments at Trinity Hall, including a fascinating insight into the way the success of the Milestones Campaign is beginning to have a transforming effect on many aspects of College life.

The choice of food and wine for the occasion was left in the capable hands – Barbetta’s long-established family business is unrivalled in New York and, indeed, beyond. (Trivial note: while Barbetta cannot rival Trinity Hall’s record of longevity, this founding family will celebrate the 100th birthday of their restaurant in 2006 – a significant accomplishment for any establishment!) Choosing this location for the occasion added to the feeling of institutional permanence. What’s more, having it take place in arguably the most stimulating city in the world, revved up the vibe even further to generate a lively and stimulating atmosphere.

Those attending had ample opportunity to renew old friendships and to make new acquaintances. No matter where they were on the globe one hailed, the commonality of interest and endearment around the room was undiminished – the support of education, pride of tradition, combined with a wish for the continued excellence of our Alma Mater.

I have always been proud of my Trinity Hall experience, and this particular event so many years hence, only served to heighten that feeling.

Gerry Frank (TH 1945)

Singapore
Imagine for a moment a large colonial-styled mansion sitting majestically on high ground amid sweeping lawns, large mature trees and a profusion of bougainvilleas. The Union flag flutters as a cooling breeze picks up and the early evening light catches the Coat of Arms above the large reception vestibule. One might be musing for thinking that this is Tannemurn and that, as if time were caught in an hourglass, we might be witnessing former tenants and their guests on the long-ago days discussing affairs of the State in the bargaining chambers of the Straits Settlement.

And so it was that some fifty members and friends of Trinity Hall gathered one balmy June evening at Eden Hall, the residence of the British High Commissioner to Singapore, to commemorate this very special year in the history of the College. And fortunate we were to have with us two of the Hall’s most distinguished alumni – The Rt. Hon. The Lord Howe of Aberavon (TH 1948), former Foreign Secretary and Deputy Prime Minister, and Professor Sir Roy Calne, FRCS (TH 1965), former Cambridge University Professor of Surgery.

After a warm welcome from Sir John Lyons recorded on video in the Master’s Lodge and an historic photo-call on the steps of Eden Hall, a splendid dinner was served in the formal dining room which had been dressed for the occasion by the expert team of caterers from the world-famous Raffles Hotel.

The Vice Master entertained us with his dry and spontaneous wit. It was with much pride that we heard him tell us how the Hall had been consistently voted as the most charitable of Colleges at Cambridge, and it was with much interest that Lord Howe engaged us in a carefully chosen speech on the benefits of elitism in education allowing us a rare glimpse of how close his views on the subject matched those of the older statesman of Singapore, Senior Minister Lee Kwan Yew.

Our thanks go to the High Commissioner and his wife, Miss Hunt, for so generously offering Eden Hall to the College for the evening, to Lord and Lady Howe for graciously hosting the occasion, to Senior Parliamentary Secretary Yatimono Yoso, a Wolei man, who warned us with his expressions of fondness for the Hall, and to all distinguished guests who made the evening a very special one.

As the evening drew to a close and the last clouds of the Mandeville Quartet softly drifted...
away in the right air, we were richer and the more enlightened for the privilege just to have been there.

John Edwards (TH 1978)

Melbourne
William Bantock had no idea that Australia existed. He would have been astonished to know that a dinner was held there to mark the 50th Anniversary of the foundation of his College.

On June 16, forty-one members and their partners assembled at the Melbourne Savage Club for the celebration dinner. They were joined by the Hall by Lord Howe of Abneyton and Lady Howe, the vice master, Dr Peter Hutchinson; and Dr Alan Kerley and Gina Brown from the College's Development Office.

The guests came from almost every part of Australia and New Zealand, with a number of them having visited Cambridge, and many old friends were renewed. As the organiser and principal organiser, I would like to thank all who came and to express our gratitude to all who helped.

Henry Gordon Clark (TH 1954)

Hong Kong
The fifth and final overseas event for Trinity Hall alumni was held on 25 October amid the skyscrapers and spectacular waterfront setting of Hong Kong Island. The historic Hong Kong Club hosted a special 50th Anniversary dinner for forty College members and their spouses or partners, and it was a particular pleasure to welcome, in the guests of honour, the Rt. Hon. Lord Nicholls of Birkenhead, PC (TH 1956), Lord of Appeal in Ordinary and an Honorary Fellow; and Lady Nicholls, and Mr John Collier, the senior Law Fellow at Trinity Hall.

Following some words of welcome and introduction by Mr. Winston Poon, QC (TH 1972) and the traditional Latin Grace given by Arwen Hadfield (TH 1989), guests enjoyed a spectacular five-course dinner which was accompanied by an excellent selection of wines and a plentiful supply of port shipped to Hong Kong especially for the occasion from the College wine cellar.

An excellent speech by Lord Nicholls -- whose duties in presiding over the Hong Kong Court of Final Appeal happily coincided with the Trinity Hall dinner! -- was followed by a lively, amusing and informative "state of the nation" address by Mr John Collier which brought guests quickly up-to-date with the myriad developments that have taken place in College over recent years -- from the continuing academic achievements of its students to their performance on the river, and from new build-ings to the unprecedented success of the Milestones Campaign in providing for the future financial needs of Trinity Hall.

This memorable evening was a timely opportunity to meet some new faces, renew acquaintances and to reminisce a little about the "good old days" of student life in Cambridge. And although we are separated from the ancient courts and hallowed halls of our alma mater by a span of years since our graduation, and by a distance of some 6000 miles, the sense of affection for this special place is something that never seems to go away.

George Langlois (TH 1990)

Golden Anniversary

Bob Ely (TH 1950), newly appointed Year Rep, reports on a very special summer reunion

Saturday, 3 June witnessed the reunion of a group of some forty-six alumni, many accompanied by their wives, who had come together for a reunion dinner. But this was an ordinary gathering. Rather, it was the occasion for these gentlemen of the 1950 vintage to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of their matriculation, and, more notably, the 50th Anniversary of their matriculation at the beginning of a new millenium, with a special dinner at the College's 50th birthday. Not a bad reason to hold a party!

With the generous help and assistance of Alumni Officer, Kari Bous, who worked closely with former 1950 Year Rep, Sir Derek Thomas, in the planning of the day, a full and varied programme was laid on by the College. This included a guided tour of the Elizabeth Old Library by Vice Master and Fellow Librarian, Dr Peter Hutchinson; afternoon tea in the Fellows' Garden hosted by the then Master, Sir John Lyons, and his wife, Daniella, to whom we were all immensely grateful for allowing us to hold this reunion in such a busy year for the College; an opportunity to view the magnificent, recently constructed, Jerwood Library; a champagne reception back in the Fellows' Garden; and then, the highlight of our day together, a superb dinner in the Hall.

This Golden Anniversary reunion was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to meet old friends and renew acquaintances with some of those present whom we had not seen for many years. As we left Cambridge the next day we were all of happy memories of an occasion that I would not have missed for the world!
A series of special dinners were held in six regional centres around the UK in the autumn of last year as a prelude to the programme of events which had been planned to celebrate the 650th Anniversary year. Travelling more than 2000 miles in five consecutive weekends and meeting over 500 Trinity Hall alumni and their guests, was the challenge which faced the Master and Lady Lyons as they began their tour on 22 October, accompanied by a number of Fellows and the staff of the Development & Alumni Office. Here, Front Court is pleased to report how the dinners were received around the country.

Edinburgh
The Scottish Dinner took place in the New Club in Princes Street, Edinburgh on Friday 22 October 1999. The setting was ideal and the weather was mild, allowing us to have pre-dinner drinks on the Terrace with spectacular views over Princes Street to the Boudicca Castle. There followed an excellent dinner in the Long Room attended by sixty five old members and their guests, and six representatives from the College. It was a particular pleasure to welcome the Master and Lady Lyons back to Edinburgh, and to be joined by Mr David Pelling (Law Fellow), Dr Alan Kerby (Development Director), Kate Bane (Alumni Officer) and Annie Thomson (Development Secretary).

Good food, good wine, good, good dinner speeches ensured a happy, convivial evening at which young and old found much in common and much to share. The youngest member present came up in 1994: the youthful vigour of the oldest – Mr Edgar Bradley (TH 1936), accompanied by his wife, Elsa, left the rest of us full of admiration. And we remembered an even older member, Mr J.H.E. Udny (TH 1872); the pewer tanked he wore for the 200 yard race at the College sports sat on the Master's table, having been rescued from an Aberdoneshire antique shop!

Professor Jim Laidlaw (TH 1956)

North East England
Organising an event in a military Mess is not difficult – it's simply a question of communication: as long as the instructions are right, the staff will deliver. Having lived in the military environment for 17 years now, I have come to take this for granted; but the kind and enthusiastic comments we received after the Trinity Hall Regional Dinner in the King's Own Border Officers' Mess in Catterick, North Yorkshire last November, reminded me that this is a special and privileged world.

The Mess staff in their dress coats quietly and calmly served drinks in the dark green ante-room – a gentleman's, discreetly decorated with the kind of large Victorian furniture and proud Reglementary paintings that would grace most modern buildings.

The dining room is painted a dark, warm brown, the tables – covered with cloths of Reglementary blue – were loaded with an impressive selection of silver, each piece commissioned to mark an important event in the Regiment's history.

The beautiful decoration of the Trinity Hall crest laid out on each of the starter plates was the result of much deliberation: it's a credit to the conscientiousness of the chefs that it eventually happened as it did! The rest of the meal was equally elegant and delicious, and the little gold chocolate box to finish, again carrying the College crest, is a typical detail of military dinners.

Not typical, however, was the spectacular display by The Regimental Corps of Drums. The King's Own Royal Border Regiment is rightly proud of this unique group of serving soldiers, whose skills with drums and fifes must be seen to be appreciated. In their white pliethelons and scarlet coats, with their precision timing, the Drummers represented both the stirring ceremony, and the exact precision training of the modern Army – not to mention the huge enjoyment they provided when they play.

We were delighted to welcome the thirty-five College members and their guests who attended this special and memorable evening, and to offer them the hospitality of the King's Own Royal Border Regiment, on behalf of Trinity Hall. What surprised me most about the compliments we received was that I do not see our cenotaphic life as so very different from that of a Professor or Don at Trinity Hall!

Lizzie Iron (TH 1977)

London
Once again, those who have remained geographically close to the hallowed grounds of Trinity Hall were rewarded as the fifth in the line-up of regional dinners took place in London in the glorious halls of the Royal College of Physicians on 19 November, 1999. The event was extremely well-attended: 350 ex-grads and ex-undergrads spanning a large number of years donated their glad rags for yet another celebration of Trinity Hall spirit. I can't speak for the undergraduates, but the overdressing impression of the returning grads was that most of them had gained more facial hair since leaving college! Still, it was lovely to see old (bearded) faces and meet some new ones. The buffet meal was scrumptious (the vegetarian option especially – such has always been the case with Trinity Hall events), and the Master and Lady Lyons were, as usual, on fine form. In fact, as I strolled out at the end of the night (thinking the venue was aptly chosen since I might actually need to consult a Physician the next day given the amount of wine consumed...), I could hear the Master and Lady Lyons making plans with some of the ex-undergraduates to go on to a nearby jazz club. Just one of the many reasons why we will miss them so much.

Dr Sarah Barrett Jones (THE 1993)
The Foundation of Trinity Hall
1350-1354

On 30 January 2000, over two hundred members and guests gathered in College for the inaugural event in the 650th Anniversary year celebrations – the Commemoration of Benefactors. A highlight of the day was a lecture given by History Fellow and former Senior Tutor, Dr Sandra Raban, the text of which is reproduced here exclusively for readers of Front Court.

I am honoured to be talking to you about the foundation of Trinity Hall on this, the opening occasion of its 650th Anniversary. It is an honour to be able to return to my old academic interests. Long before I was Admissions Tutor or Senior Tutor, I was a medievalist, specialising in the development of religious institutions – and, of course, Trinity Hall, or the Hall of the Holy Trinity of Norwich as it was first known, began life as a religious institution. There is another reason for pleasure as well. In the statutes that William Bateman, Bishop of Norwich, gave to his foundation, he asked that a solemn mass be said for his soul each year on the anniversary of his death. He died on 6 January 1335. We normally commemorate our benefactors in June, so it is especially fitting that in this, all years, we should be celebrating them close to the date that he intended.

It was also in January, in 1330, that William Bateman first declared his intention of establishing a college in Cambridge for the study of canon and civil law. Many of you will be familiar with the excellent account of the foundation in Charles Crawley’s history of the college. In addition to this, I have discovered a few more interesting details which I shall mention as I look at these questions. Why Bishop Bateman decided to found us, how we were founded and, finally, how much we know about these early years.

It is often said that the College was founded to avoid the shortage of lawyers following the Black Death. This may be true. The death rate was certainly devastatingly high, and it is now suggested that anything up to half of the population perished. Imagine, for a moment that this is January 1349. Half of us sitting here in the Hall today would probably be dead this time next year! Bateman himself never actually mentioned the Black Death however. He only said that he wished to promote divine worship and the knowledge of canon and civil law in the University of Cambridge and that he had heard that the good of government of the country at large and especially of Norwich cathedral and diocese. He must have been aware of the death toll. Vacancies in parishes within the diocese, which normally ran at about five or six a month, had risen to a dizzying 222 in July 1349, just six months earlier. Even so, it is at least as likely that his career as a diplomat and judge at the papal court in Avignon had made him aware of a shortage of skilled canon and civil lawyers. More Englishmen were considered for canon law and canon law, which were based on Roman law and were, effectively, the international law of the middle ages. The College’s unusual and exclusive concentration on law, makes it reasonable to take his words at face value. If his prime purpose had really been to replace deficient clergy, he would probably have said so and perhaps given his college a broader remit.

We are on firmer ground when it comes to knowing how we were founded. Although we date the foundation from 1330, it actually took far longer than a year to accomplish. There is nothing unusual or surprising about this. A moment’s reflection about the Jerwood Library will remind us that it took six years to translate the Governing Body’s feasibility study into bricks and mortar and the grand opening ceremony of last year. And, believe it or not, there was at least as much bureaucracy involved in getting a project off the ground in the middle ages.

The problems were rather similar in fact. A site was needed and resources had to be identified in order to pay for the buildings and those who would live and work in them. All sorts of permissions were required. Under late-thirteenth century legislation, royal licences were needed before any ecclesiastical institution could acquire real property. These came in two forms – general licences, which granted permission in principle to acquire property up to a given annual value, and then specific licences once the property had been identified – rather like the contrast between outline and detailed planning consent today, although of course different in other respects. Trinity Hall received ten of these licences between 1330 and 1354 – 5 general licences and 5 specific ones. Obtaining them involved paying the appropriate fees and establishing the value of the intended acquisitions. It was also necessary, either to hold an enquire to make sure that the king’s interests would not be harmed, or to prove that any other leeds who might have been affected had given their consent. This explains why we have a licence from the Earl of Suffolk giving permission to make an acquisition at Cowlinge, near Newmarket, in 1331. So much for King and lords. The church also had to have its say. The Bishop of Ely and the Chancellor of the University gave their consent to the new institution within this period, so did the Archbishop of Canterbury. Other churchmen were involved too since William Bateman was using ecclesiastical rather than personal wealth to fund his new enterprise.

Apart from the site itself, the first possessions of Trinity Hall consisted entirely of advowsons – that is, ecclesiastical livings, which the College then appropriated so that it could live on most of the tithe income, leaving a vicar or chaplain to undertake the pastoral work at a fraction of the cost. These early livings were all in Norfolk and Suffolk and we know that the first Warden (not Master at that date) had to go to Norwich in person to seek permission to appropriate. William Bateman’s deeds recording all this are duly confirmed by the monks of his cathedral and, again, by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

This last confirmation is one of the College’s minor treasures and not many people are aware of it. Unlike most of our deeds, money was spent on its appearance. It is elegantly written and decorated, with red headings to the names of the advowsons being confirmed. It is comparatively rare for charters – in such deeds are generally known to have illuminations, but this one has a depiction of the Holy Trinity at the top left hand corner. The imagery is, I think, conventional – God the Father in majesty, God the Son on the cross in the middle and the Holy Spirit should be a dove above the head of God the Father, but has virtually disappeared. Despite damage, it remains beautiful. Less beautiful, but fascinating, is the writing: it is a different hand, at the foot of the charter on the left hand side. This records William Bateman’s confirmation of the archbishop’s confirmation. Professor Brooke, when he was writing the history of Groote and Caen, wondered whether it might even be in Bateman’s own hand. Certainly it lacks the professional polish of the main text. The so-called ‘paper of Bateman’ are mostly eighteenth-century fantasies, so it is hard to think it is the closest that we can get to the person of our founder and doubly precious.

Acquiring the properties which were the subject of all these legal formalities was a complex process. Nor is it usually clear how it was done. It must have been just as difficult to piece together a large site in central Cambridge then as it is today, and no doubt equally costly. We know that Bateman paid the prior of Ely 600d and permission to appropriate a church, in return for the house used by his monks – the price of a decent sized rural estate at that date. As was customary in such dealings, the bishop made use of agents or assigns. He chose the then archbishops of Norwich and Sudbury, each of whom, at various times, administered the diocese in his absence, and a Norfolk rector. The Ely hostel lay along the modern Trinity Hall/Clore boundary. Most of this building seems to have been one of the properties acquired then, into the new collegiate status, until the nineteenth century, when HI staircase and the present Master’s Lodge were erected. William Warren, our early-eighteenth century Bursar, whose collection of material relating to the College’s history was published in 1711, describes a kitchen, with the rinses of an oven nearby, and a staircase fashioned out of ‘great pieces of timber fastened with wooden pins’. He says nothing about the other rooms, but mentions Bishop Bateman’s arms and further carvings, which he believed to be fourteenth century in origin, over the entrances.

There more buildings were conveyed to the College at the same time as the Ely hostel, late in 1335. These probably lay on the site of South Court and part of Front Court. Together, they were enough for building and conversion work to begin and, in February 1352, the king gave royal protection to carpenters bringing timber to the College. This had been purchased in different places throughout East Anglia, presumably because trees of a good size were hard to come by.

In the same year, the Bishop of Ely granted the College a licence to build a chapel. We do not know how long this took, but it was finished, on its present site, by 1366. In the meantime, land was still being acquired piece-meal to add to the original grant. In 1354, the Wheeler, Fellows and Scholares were given a licence to acquire two more buildings and seven plots, including Draxences on the site of the north range of Front Court. It is thought that fabric from this pre-existing building still forms part of the external walls of B and C staircases and can be seen on the North Court side. This time the agents were described as Scholars of the University of Cambridge. Their role had been to hold the land between its acquisition and the receipt of a licence, since it would have been illegal for the College itself to take possession before obtaining royal sanction. Given that agents were the legal owners until such formalities had been completed, more than one was usually involved. A single licence would have covered an unusually large piece of property, or his beems, or even be tempted to hang on to it for himself.
Life must have been pretty basic for members of the College in these early years, with building works going on all around them and a very limited income on which to live. These limits were to the monastery's advantage; Bishop Buteman provided for five servants: a steward, a baker-cum-brower, a cook and two sweepers for the ovens. Food was important to Trinity Hall from the start! But, accumulating a big enough endowment to pay for Schoolmasters was a struggle and could not be instantly set in place.

Fuller information about the interim arrangements made by the bishop can be found in the securely published first volume of his register. Copies of several grants to Trinity Hall are included in the volume and are also in our archives; but, there is one which we do not have, probably because it was operated for a limited period only. Once they were no longer useful, these were just the sort of documents that tidy-minded officials threw out. It reveals that within three weeks of sealing his foundation charter, Buteman granted the College a sixty income from Bishop's Waltham in Norfolk for aire and a half years. This income normally paid for the costs of his own wife and her family. However, it was lost in the College's income until it had proper buildings and a sufficient endowment. These he undertook to provide. He also promised that if he had not been achieved by the end of nine years, he would extend the grant for a further nine. Since the rectory was conveniently vacant, he instituted Robert de Stratton, the College's first Warden, and gave him permission to reside. Buteman died, of course, long before even the first nine years were completed, but his successors seem to have honoured the arrangement in some sense, since Trinity Hall retained the advowson into the sixteenth century.

Site and income organised, for the time being at least, Bishop Buteman turned his attention to the regulation of his college. His foundation charter of 1350 had been limited to establishing the College and setting the rules for electing a Warden. In June 1352, two and a half years later, he issued detailed Statutes. These regulated every aspect of College existence and set a minute amount of information about its early years. They are printed in Warren's Book, in Lazar, but there is also a very full account in Charles Cawley's history. Just to give you a flavour, Fellows were required to hold dispositions in Law in Latin three times a week and listen to readings from scripture during dinner. Times have changed! In his Interpretation, known in English as the Explanatory Statute, given two years later in August 1354, Buteman elaborated on some of the more technical points in the original Statutes and also provided for Scholars in civil law as soon as they could be affected. In fact, Scholars had been mentioned, alongside the Warden and Fellows, in grants to the College as early as 1330, and it was probably lying by another loose end. Taking the foundation charter, the Statutes and the Interpretation together, there was very little that had escaped Buteman's attention. By 1354, he had provided the College with a complete legal foundation for the future.

One of his requirements was that the 'Book of Statutes' should be read aloud annually, in its entirety, for their better observance. It is possible that the rather unpretentious manuscript, known as the Charter Book, is the one he had in mind. It contains a copy of the Statutes, in a fourteenth-century hand, as well as many later interpolations of varying degrees of legibility. One of these annotations is dated October 1363, thus confirming that the main text was written within eleven years of the grant of the Statutes. Even in its pristine state, it was a pathetically small and smoky volume in comparison with the roughly equivalent, and magnificently·register from St Augustine's Abbey, Canterbury, given to the College by Robert Here in the sixteenth century. It is a tangible reminder of just how poverty stricken and precariously the College's beginnings were, despite all Bishop Buteman's endeavours.

As well as deeding all its material needs, he had done his best to ensure that the new community was equipped with the essentials for a decent and scholarly life. He made personal gifts of books, together with vestments and plate for the Chapel. These are all listed at the end of his Statutes. Some were given outright, others were reserved for his personal use and would come to the College on his death. With regard to books, Buteman laid down the sort of rules familiar to any modern librarian in order to prevent their disappearance – and with about as much success. Loans were only permitted to needy scholars and a book check was ordered twice a year. The marginal annotations to the list copied into the Master's Statute Book show how this was done. Alongside the titles in formal book hand, are notes in abbreviated clerical hand – the every-day hand of officials. They read in the library, on the right hand side or habit, 'they have it on the left. Or, as you can see, quite often that they did not.

Buteman's greatest gift of all, of course, was the Founder's Cap – our most precious possession. The list of Chapel ornaments, shows that once there were other, comparable treasures, including what are described as two 'beautiful silver gilt chalice decorated with enamel work. Neither of these can have been the Founder's Cap, because the Statutes were sealed in June 1352 and the cup bears an Agnus Dei mark, no earlier than the following December. This hallmark was first identified in 1353, in an article in the Burlington Magazine by the Master, Daddie Dean, and Professor Gattinara, one of the then Fellows. It depicts a combination of the arms of the papal curia and the personal arms of Innocent VI, who was elected on 18 October 1352. It is possible to detect the crossed keys of St Peter and the lion and three oakleaves shells from the arms of the former Ermite Aubert. A French article on Avignon silver marks, published in 1995, shows that Buteman may have acquired the cup on his final and fatal trip to Avignon beginning in October 1354. Could it be 'another beautiful chalice' mentioned among the later acquisitions in the Master's Statute Book? Did Buteman perhaps add this extra gift, recently acquired, to his planned bequest? Who knows?

We now come to the final question – how much do we know about these early years? Considering that it was all 60 years ago, we are remarkably well informed. What is more we are still learning. Building works are continually bringing to light bits of the early fabric. It is also likely that there will be more archival discoveries as more collections here and elsewhere are catalogued and listed. The recent keeping skills of our medieval forbears never cease to impress me. Some of the information I have been using still exists in several copies – in the College archives and in 'office copies' belonging to the diocese of Norwich or the Public Record Office. Unhappily, standards of preservation have been less impressive. Archival horror stories abound. There is a wonderful, if rather awful, description of government records stored in the Tower of London in the seventeenth century "peeping out of heaps of dust and rubbish a yard or two in depth". Even Downes' Book, stored in a cupboard on the stairs of the Chapter House at Westminster Abbey, was at risk from borrowers as late as the nineteenth century. How much more valuable were those of what Thomas Eden, our seventeenth-century Master called 'this poor society?' Insurprisingly, the College has taken best care of its title deeds and other legal documents. Sadly, like many other colleges, we have no medieval account rolls and little personal information about early Fellows and Scholars. They were simply not thought worth keeping, even where they ever existed. This cannot be helped. Conservation is a different matter. The Old Library has an almost perfect climate for the preservation of parchment, but in recent years other, more hazardous storage places have been drawn into use as the volume of material has grown. A conservation programme undertaken in the 1980s has rescued the earliest desks, at least for the time being. They have been restored and seen, like the confirmation charter we were looking at earlier, are now sealed in a transparent envelope and safe from mould. Finding safe storage for them, together with later records which remain at risk, is an urgent task.

Otherwise, we shall no longer enjoy access to our past.

When William Buteman died in January 1355, the buildings were unfinished and the endowment sufficient to support only three of the twenty fellows he had envisaged.
Nevertheless, in five short years, the basis for everything that we have today had been put in place. It had been an enormous and ambitious undertaking and there is ample evidence for his personal involvement with every aspect of it.

There is no evidence that he ever came to the College however. He was a busy man, changed with the running of a diocese and, in his later years, diplomatic negotiations of national importance, yet he found time for our affairs (as well as those of the foundation threatened by his friend, Gostelow’s, untimely death). Had he lived longer, he might have given us even more, making our early years less of a hand-to-mouth existence, but we managed. We have reason to be grateful for his care and for that of all our subsequent benefactors – too many of you here today, indeed! Trinity Hall would not be what it is without that vital support.

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COMMEMORATION OF BENEFACTORS

banging around in monstrous buildings, the intim-
acry of Chapel, Hall and Library in this College
was a great deal to me. Those first-
generation under-
graduates who have had to fight their way through some
very tough comprehensive school to get here, and those able but
isolated graduates who have come to us from distant parts of the
world, must not be dismis-
seemingly in number; for friendship is the
first of our gifts.

2. “Having received gifts allotted to each of us
by God’s grace we are to use them.” The
pursuit of abilities to standards of excellence in
the purpose of a university. Is there a religious
point in that? Good thinking has proved effective
in enabling us to split atom, control disease of
either crop so that the questions of
why is it effective, why it works, is hardly
worth asking.

My real objection to the principle that thinking
happens to work is that it ignores that experience
of wonder which so often accompanies
intellectual discovery.

When there dawns on a student or research-
working scholar the significance of a particular
historical incident, a particular phenomenon in a
laboratory, of a particular word or sentence in an
obscure text, it may be a tribute to one’s think-
ing and perseverance; but that it has been possi-
ble, that one has been able to make this discov-
ey or receive this illumination, feels much more
like a blessing; feels much more like a reason for
gratitude. The power to think and through think-
ing to understand more and more of the material
world in which we live, either directly or through the
masquerade, information store built up for us
today. These are the sacred gifts of Truth in
which we put our trust, Away with Spin or Image.

3. “We are members one of another.”
Communities, like organisms, only proper if
they are lived. The loyalty this College geometry
was probably given more profile in my day
through the Boat Club — and that Club’s revived
prosperity, not least by the arrival of the
women members, can still be a symbol of a college hypo-
thesis, and its bandwidth of humane and
philosophers has not changed much in sixty
years. However, no means overemphasised.

Whoever heard of lawyers being overwhelmed?
The College was amongst the first inducts women
— thereby restoring and fortifying a college spirit
which for a while, and elsewhere, was beginning
to say somewhere in the late 60s. Without
women, it would be hard to believe that our
college institutions were so strong and ready to face
the new millennium.

To those who lament change in the habits of
academic communities, their moral priorities
and even their dress, I would commend the words
of Sydney Smith, “Can anything be more
reprehensible than this constant revenge upon the rising generation and latent
ever lest they should avail themselves of the
improvements time has made and pass a happier youth
than their fathers have done.”

I believe that the blend of these characteristics
that have detached our reading are a continu-
ing reflection of all that is best in Bateman’s
foundation. Friendliness, Excellence, Loyalty
and Vision.

We can recognise how much of each has been
well blended in way we shall forever call
the “ Lyons Years”; and we can view them
from a religious perspective where gratitude is
not so much a debt to be paid. It is a blessing to
be received. The beginning of the cure for most
of the things we deplete in life lies in a deeper
awareness, not so much of our achievements,
or even our desires, but of our blessings. That is why
in the words of Laurence’s memorable plaque:
return for a day to Trinity Hall on the 650th Anniversary
of its foundation is to find our hearts
lifted up in the ways of the Lord — so
whober the Glory now and through all the ages.

Amit.

A special tribute to Lord Runcie can be found on page 18

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Christopher McMenemy (TR1998) was killed in a
shooting incident off the Dutch coast in late
July. He was one of three Cambridge students
aboard the sailing vessel Tasia, which disap-
ppeared not long after it left the Netherlands
bound for the east coast of England. When the
three students and their skipper failed to return
as planned, the Coast Guards of Britain and
Holland launched one of the most extensive
searches ever carried out in the North Sea. The
bodies of three of the sailors were found weeks
later, but Chris McMenemy’s body was not
found until late October.

Addicted to the tragedy was the knowledge
that Lord Runcie, who had lost such a vital and
involved member. Chris was a keen sense of
humour and was legendary for his jokes and
laughter. He loved punning and was expert at it,
but still managed to fall into the Cam on occa-
sions! Chris was well known among his fellow
students. He always had a smile and a friendly
greeting for everyone he saw, and people who
met him found their days brightened. “We find
it so hard to accept that Chris won’t be back amongst us in a couple of days telling us about
“the reject graduate’ application forms” as if it were noth-
ing – he always seemed to take things in his
stride which would throw anyone else,” Inga
Van Rij, a Trinity Hall postgraduate student
friend of Chris, said. Chris often expressed a
great love for his family – his parents, Frants
and Lillian, and his sister Claire, who did her
undergraduate degree at New Hall in
Cambridge.

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was also deeply concerned about the welfare of
his fellow beings. He studied energy issues
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called upon to fulfill the role of ‘entertainer’ at parties and gatherings. He had an
enamelled folk and blues repertoire, and has
Martin guitar was one of his greatest loves. “It’s a
sad loss to all that a light like Chris’ has been
put out so early,” Trinity Hall postgraduate
student Ralph Anderson said.

Chris was a member of many communities
— his circle of friends, his college and depart-
ment; his family and the two nations in which he
had citizenship, Britain and Canada, as well as
his adopted third home in the Himalayas. The
members of those communities will miss him
deeply, and are left to wonder what more he
might have accomplished. They are keen
to ensure that Chris and his work are never
noticed,

and that they and his life of love will be
reflected in all who knew him. They also hope
that the impacts for good that he might have made
will in some way be realised; to this end a schol-
archip fund has been set up in his name. It is
hoped the fund will enable postgraduate
students to study development issues at Trinity
Hall. The Chris McMenemy Scholarship will
give others the opportunity Chris himself
worked so hard to achieve — the chance to make
the world better by his presence in it. Chris lived
a short but full life, making the most of every
event and contributing to the lives of others in
every way he could. He will be deeply

Christy Karras (TR1999)

Members and friends of the College who wish to contribute to the Chris McMenemy Fund can do so using the reply slip on page 15.
The 650th Anniversary year will witness the culmination of the Milestones Campaign which, at the time of going to press in November, stands at the remarkable figure of £14.3 million – thus exceeding the 13.5 million target set by the College at the launch of the Campaign four years ago.

Already, the money raised through this special appeal is beginning to have a transforming effect on many aspects of College life – the provision of an increasing number of bursaries for students facing financial hardship, ensuring that vital funds are available for the appointment of high caliber teaching and research fellows, and the preservation of the College’s Maternal Patrimony —our heritage of buildings, collections and gardens — which goes hand-in-hand with the maintenance of academic and intellectual excellence. Some examples of how Campaign income has been spent so far (approximately £9 million) is being used is shown in the table below.

The College is extremely grateful to the growing number of members and friends – now in excess of 1400 individuals and representing 20% of our alumni constituency — who have contributed so generously to the Milestones Campaign and helped us reach our target. But although we can be very pleased with what has been achieved, this, in a sense, is just the beginning of an ongoing fundraising programme which the Governing Body has consisted must now be implemented to help provide for the longer-term — and necessarily uncertain — financial needs of the College.

By now, all members of the College should have received an invitation - a personal letter from the Master – to make a contribution. If you haven’t yet made a donation and would like to respond before the Milestones Campaign officially closes at the end of this year, please contact the Development Office in College, or complete the reply form below.

It may be that members, irrespective of whether or not they have already contributed to the Campaign, will want to make a donation to the special scholarship fund established recently in memory of postgraduate student, Chris McMenemy, who died tragically in a sailing accident in July (see page 14 for further details).

Dr Alan Kerby, Campaign Director of Trinity Hall for the past two and a half years, is leaving the College at the end of November with an outstanding record of achievement in making such a success of the Milestones Campaign. He now moves on to take up a new post as Scientific Director of the International Obesity Task Force. The IOTF is an organisation which is responsible internationally, in collaboration with the World Health Organisation, for assisting governments and policy makers to develop preventative and management strategies relating to obesity and a number of associated medical conditions (e.g., diabetes, heart disease and some forms of cancer). This new post will allow Dr Kerby to return to the research work in which he was previously engaged in Oxford.

Commenting on the progress that has been made in the three areas of College life for which he has been responsible – the Milestones Campaign, alumni relations and the 650th Anniversary programme, Alan Kerby told Front Court: “The past couple of years, without a doubt, has not only been one of the busiest but also one of the most challenging and exciting periods in the more recent history of the Alumni and Development Offices at Trinity Hall. It has been a source of immense satisfaction to know that the Milestones Campaign target of £13.5 million has been reached – and exceeded! But I realise that none of this would have been possible without the help, support, commitment and enthusiasm of fellow members of staff who work sometimes more hours than is expected of them. I am deeply grateful to Anicia Thomson, the Campaign Secretary, who left the College last October and has been very ably succeeded by Gina Brown; Karin Daine, the Alumni Officer; and Munrene Watkins, the Information Officer. I would also like to record my special thanks to Sir John Lysons who has been a constant source of inspiration and encouragement; and, finally, to the many Fellows, members of staff and also students who have so generously supported our work in recent years.”

Moving On!

Some examples of how the Milestones Campaign is benefiting the College ...

To fund the provision of bursaries for needy students £1,125,000
To fund the appointment of world-class Teaching and Research Fellows
- Thaddeus Mann Royal Society Research Fellowship £600,000
- Gott Research Fellowship in the Sciences £470,000
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- Walter Scott Research Fellowship in the Sciences £250,000
- Evan Schlueman Research Fellowship in the Arts £500,000
- Stephen Hawking Fellowship in the Mathematical Sciences £1,000,000
- a new College Teaching Officer post £500,000
- To fund the building of the new Sewell Library £1,800,000
To fund the maintenance and development of buildings and grounds (including the construction of Walter Christie House at Waterfield, the provision of computer equipment and staff salaries £2,410,000

* accrued benefits from individuals

Your Invitation

To play a part in the Milestones Campaign

☐ Please send me a copy of the Milestones Campaign brochure.
☐ I should prefer to be briefed personally.
☐ I should like to contribute to the College’s overall priorities contained in the Milestones Campaign. Please send me information and a gift form.
☐ Please send me a gift form that will enable me to contribute to:
☐ the fund in Law named after Mr John Collier
☐ the fund in Medical Sciences named after Sir Roy Calne
☐ the fund for Student Support named after Sir John & Lady Lysons
☐ the scholarship fund named in memory of Chris McMenemy

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Please complete and return this form to the Development Office, Trinity Hall, Cambridge CB2 1TD (fax: 01223 359879) or telephone (01223 766345) for further information.

Dr Alan Kerby pictured at the British Regional Dinner in St. George’s, Bristol with former Master, Sir Alan Lysons, and Lady Lysons.
Staff Fact File

Front Court continues its series of articles on members of College staff — their jobs, responsibilities and (where printable) what they enjoy doing when they are not working!

YVONNE CHAPMAN

Job Title: Residential Manager - Wychfield
Time at TH: 14 years

Job Profile: Yvonne's job is very varied! She manages the residential accommodation at the Wychfield site off Stoney's Way to ensure it is kept clean and maintained to a high standard. Yvonne also works hard to maintain a good relationship with the 190 students who live there and has regard to their welfare.

Previous Jobs: Worked in the retail industry in Management and Sales promotion.
Hobbies/Interests: Tennis, selling, music and meeting people.

ROS COLE

Job Title: House Secretary
Time at TH: 4 years

Job Profile: Staff in the College Bursary are responsible for a great deal of the day-to-day running of the College, as well as the expected financial administration. Ros is a good example, preparing agendas and minutes for nine different College Committees, helping to make the running of the College as smooth as possible. She is also responsible for the College's Electronic Roll and National Statistics returns, and for keeping the students' files up to date.

Previous Jobs: Legal Secretary in London, University Secretary in Auckland, New Zealand.
Hobbies/Interests: Flying, restoration of historic aircraft at Duxford, walking and keeping fit.

FRANK DICKSON

Job Title: Deputy Head Porter
Time at TH: 7 years

Job Profile: Working with Alastair MacNeill, the Head Porter, Frank manages Trinity Hall's friendly and busy Porter's Lodge. As one of the team of 9 Porters who man the Lodge on a shift system, Frank can be seen on duty at any time of the day or night. He is, therefore, well known to all the students, as they are to him. In addition to being responsible for the security of the College, Frank has other duties ranging from general telephone enquiries to looking after the 250 plus keys for College rooms and buildings.

Previous Jobs: Soldier with the Royal Engineers for 12 years. Also worked as a Publican and for a Cable TV company.
Hobbies/Interests: In no particular order: Alexander, Callum, and Wendy (daughter, son and goddaughter respectively) and Glasgow Rangers FC.

PHIL EDWARDS

Job Title: Deputy Head Gardener
Time at TH: 11 years

Job Profile: Trinity Hall's gardens are well known to be beautifully maintained throughout the year. In order to achieve this, Phil works mainly at Wychfield where all the building plans for the College are propagated. However, as any visitor to Wychfield will know, the central site is also the only recipient of the gardeners' attentions. A major redevelopment of the gardens at Wychfield itself has almost been completed and all the outside property owned by the College are maintained from here.

Previous Jobs: 15 years as a Farra Gardener. Self-employed Stone Masons and Builders.
Hobbies/Interests: The dogs who come to work with him - Ted and Daisy - and his two grandchildren. Phil also enjoys gardening and the countryside.

SIMON PIKE

Job Title: Deputy Butler
Time at TH: 5 years

Job Profile: A familiar figure to anyone attending a formal dinner at the Hall, Simon works in the Buttery in close association with the Mansion and the Butler. His particular responsibilities include providing meals for the Fellows and their guests, and members of the College, ensuring wine deliveries, the laying down and service of wine and general running of the Fellows' Wine and Port Cellar.

He also assists with the security, use and cleaning of the College Silver.

Previous Jobs: Trainee and Assistant Butler at Magdalen College, Senior Assistant Butler at Queens' College and Footman at Buckingham Palace.
Hobbies/Interests: Supporter of local Football, amateur golfer and live music. Simon has an extensive record collection and is interested in cult TV sitcoms of the '50s and '60s.

KARIN BANE

Job Title: Alumni Officer and Senior Secretary
Time at TH: 7 years

Job Profile: Karin works closely with the Development Office and the Trinity Hall Association in fostering better relations with the College's alumni, organising and attending an intensive programme of events in Cambridge, London and other cities. Karin enjoys meeting a large range of alumni, from those in their mid 20's to their mid 90's.

She also puts together Black & White News, manages the alumni database and, together with the Information Officer, deals with all information and correspondence sent in by alumni.

In her dual role as Senior Secretary, Karin has also been working hard to smooth the transition of old to new Master.

Previous Jobs: Worked for Union Bank of Switzerland in Calgary, Canada.
Hobbies/Interests: The art of the short story and reading modern authors. Skiing, swimming and entertaining her teenage daughter.
Ann Toner

From Village Shop to Master’s Secretary

When I paid my first visit to Trinity Hall in March 1977 as Bursar-Designate, my predecessor, Stuart Abbott, took me to the Bursary to meet the staff. In his secretary’s office we talked briefly until a darkness overtook me. It was Ann Toner. Thus began a twenty year association, as fruitful as it was harmonious, until my retirement at the end of 1999.

She and her husband, Peter – who sadly died in August of this year – lived in the Essex village of Kelvedon. Sometimes I would comment unfavourably on the East Anglian landscape – I missed the hills of the north very badly at first – and she would, in return, tease me about some of the – to her at any rate – outlandish names of my Lancashire friends, such as Shentleworth and Birnstile. This kind of good-humoured banter underlay the prodigious amount of work that she got through, especially, as it happened in the Long Vacation, when conference would follow conference and sometimes complex bills had to be prepared.

It was no accident, I think, that when my successor left to become University Treasurer, Ann became the College’s conference organiser. Her intrinsic compatibility stood her in good stead in her subsequent changes in office accommodation, not always as convenient as the Bursar’s Secretary’s Offices. When, however, she became the Master’s Secretary, her final post before retirement, the direct internal access to the Lodge from her somewhat cramped office became a positive advantage.

Ann and Peter at one time ran a village shop in Essex until a virus suddenly struck rendering him profoundly deaf. Her Cambridge work began in the Old Schools, so that when she became the Bursar’s Secretary at the Hall she was accustomed to interacting with those in the academic world. Bursars, amongst other things, are academics, so that her work involved her with many different temperaments and backgrounds. Ann’s inherent flexibility always enabled her to cope, and I look back on a long association and work together with great warmth and affection.

Richard Ewton (TH 1977), former College Bursar


Students Account Clerk, Rosemarie Whitingworth, has recently been appointed to a rather unusual job – that of University Constable! Pictured below in uniform on the steps of the Senate House, Rosemarie, who has worked in the Bursary at Trinity Hall for the last 11 years, is one of the first women ever to be appointed to this role.

As well as helping to maintain law and order around the University, Rosemarie can often be seen on duty at many of the ceremonial occasions.

Welcome Aboard!

Front Court is pleased to record the names of members of staff who have recently joined the College.

Helene Felten
Secretary in the Master’s Office
Information Office

Lorraine Mitchell
Domestic Supervisor

Clare Claydon
Tutorial Officer

Mrs E. Hayes
Bodmaker

Mrs E. Jeffries
Bodmaker

Mrs J. Brown
Bodmaker

Gail Allen
Accounts Clerk

Ian Walker
Poter

Bridget Hudson
Conference & Secretarial Administrator

650th Anniversary Ball

Survivors’ Photograph

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OBITUARIES AND TRIBUTES

Obituaries And Tributes

Front Court is pleased to include brief appreciations and tributes to Trinity Hall members who have died in the past year.

The Right Revd
Lord Runcie of Cuddesdon, 
MC, PC (TH 1948)

Professor
Stephan Körner, 
PhD, FBA (TH 1940)

John Fry
(TH 1956)

It was a late winter’s afternoon when I first entered the vestry of Trinity Hall Chapel. After some minor detective work, I located the light switch and illuminated this dark space. High on the wall opposite, my eye was caught by a flash of colour. It came from the famous Ruskin window. There before me was portrayed high-lights from the life and career of my former employer and good friend, Robert Runcie. A cricket bat and a Berkshire pig gave an indication of his leisure interests. He was a passionate follower of cricket and a friend to many of the leading players of his day. As for pigs, he was insistent that they were the most intelligent of animals and he kept several until the demands of Archdiocesan office required him to find other quarters for them. His wartime military career in the Scots Guard was noted. He was awarded a Military Cross for rescuing a colleague from a blazing tank but it was almost impossible to get him to speak about his personal bravery. When I managed to get him to tell me the story he played it down by saying, “It was nothing. After the war they gave decorations away with the rations.”

His first meeting with the Pope took place in Ghana shortly after he became Archbishop. The meeting that will go down in history, however, is the one that followed an invitation given in Ghana which resulted in a visit by Pope John Paul to Canterbury Cathedral. The two Church leaders knelt side by side in prayer.

Later I met Robert in Trinity Hall. Now retired, he would visit the University Library and spend an anonymous day researching for some speech or other he was due to give. I mentioned the stained glass window to him and he laughed in his self-deprecating way. “It’s in a good position don’t you think,” he said. “They didn’t know where to place me so they came to a typically Anglican compromise and put me between the Chapel and the entrance to the Senior Combination Room.”

In a sense, he had given a concise portrait of himself. As he progressed in his ecclesiastical career from being a curate in Newcaldon- cose’s Chaplain at Wentworth House, Dean of Trinity Hall, Principal of Cuddesdon Theological College, Bishop of St Albans and finally Archbishop of Canterbury, he never came across as a ‘religious’ individual. He fulfilled the symbolic aspect of his role with dignity for the life of faith remained hidden from many. Often, when he had completed an exhausting journey to some remote corner of the Anglican Communion, he would rise early and spend time alone in the chapel. The ‘common room’ side of Robert appeared when he could sit relaxed at table with a few friends. Then his humour was sparkling. What a pity that side of the Archbishop was unknown to the public at large.

Robert loved Cambridge. In 1956, he married Lindy, the daughter of Cyril Tattam, a former Bursar of Trinity Hall, whose name is still revered in legal circles. Lindy and Robert were vastly different as individuals, but so complimentary. I still find it hard to think of them separately. In his retirement, he was immensely proud of his appointment as High Steward of the University. He used to laugh and say that he had been appointed ‘Lord High Executioner’. He worked tirelessly as Chairman of the Appeal Committee of the Divinity Faculty. The building will be opened by the Queen on the 23rd of November this year. Beyond the University, he took an interest in the homeless and became the first President of Emmanuel UK. The Emmanuel Community stands today as a tribute to Robert’s very genuine compassion for others.

Long before he died, Robert prepared his funeral service. On the day itself, St Albans Abbey was packed and many hundreds stood outside to pay their tributes. It was a wonderful and joyful occasion; truly a celebration of a life. Cambridge in general and Trinity Hall in particular can be truly proud of Robert Kennedy Runcie. Not only proud but also grateful that such a humble Archbishop should have such deep roots in a place that we all care for.

Terry Waite, CBE (TH 1991)

Stephan Körner, Professor of Philosophy at Bristol University (1952-79) and an Honorary Fellow of Trinity Hall (1991-2006) died on 18 August of this year aged 91. He was brought up in a family of readers and loved books. He had a particular love of philosophy which lasted all his life. However, his father told him that “If you become a philosopher or a mathematician, you will starve in a gutter” and, as an obedient son, he studied law at Charles University in Prague.

When the Germans occupied Czechoslovakia, Stephan escaped on foot through Poland with a friend, eventually reaching England. He was given a small grant by the Czech government in exile to study for a PhD degree in Philosophy at Trinity Hall. Stephan remained forever grateful to Britain, Cambridge and Trinity Hall for giving a penniless refugee such a splendid opportunity. He often remembered Charles Crowely, the Senior Tutor, telling him: “Clearly you cannot afford to stay in College accommodation. Find somewhere you can afford and we will declare it to be College accommodation.”

While at Cambridge he met his wife, Edith Lauer, a graduate of the London School of Economics. After the war, the couple settled in Bristol where, after several years teaching at the University, he succeeded Professor Guy Field in the Chair of Philosophy in 1952. He remained in post until he retired in 1979, when he was granted the title Professor Emeritus. In the University of Bristol, Professor Körner was Dean of the Faculty of Arts (1965-66) and Provost-Chancellor (1968-71). He also held a Chair in Philosophy at Yale University (1970-84) and visiting professorships at several other American universities. But although he received many honours, some gave him such pleasure as his Honorary Fellowship at the Hall. His pleasure was increased by the fact that his son, the mathematician, Dr Tom Körner, was also a Fellow. Such a ‘double Fellowship’ for father and son must be rare indeed.

John Fry, former Deputy Chairman of the Abbey National, who died on 3 September 1999 aged 63, played a large part in triggering the bonanza of building society demutualisations that enriched millions of investors in the last ten years. Early on in the 1980s, he had realised that the Abbey National was potentially a sleeping giant, and with home ownership in Britain then well below 50%, he saw great opportunities to introduce new building society legislation which had barely changed in a century.

John Marshall Fry was the son of a schoolmaster, and was educated at Torbridge and, after a National Service commission in the Royal Navy, at Trinity Hall, where he read Law. After two years as a management trainee in his family company, Marshalls of Cambridge, he joined Abbey National as the first graduate trainee in 1961. He learnt the business from scratch, and was influential in the rapid expansion of the society from fewer than 200 branches to 675. Finding the right properties, fitting them out and hiring staff were part of his daily routine. In addition, he helped to develop the computer systems which put the Abbey National technically at the forefront of the building society sector.

Promoted through the ranks, John Fry reached the main board in 1984, in time to plan the demutualisation with which he left his mark on the entire financial services industry. Although the demutualisation was successful, the recession of 1990 swiftly followed, and critics said that the society had had no need to convert and in any case had too much capital. With his colleagues, he saw this as the opportunity to diversify, which the Abbey National did through the acquisition of Scottish Mutual, National Provident and First National, among others. John Fry was deeply involved in all of these operations, and in charge of some.

By the time he became a Deputy Chairman in the mid 1990s, the Abbey National was one of Britain’s top 20 companies. The branch network was solidly established and the organisation was no longer dependent merely on traditional building society business, but had the freedom to compete with the banks.

John Fry was respected for his courtesy, consideration, fairness and empathy with others. He was forward-looking, and his advice was often sought and readily given.

After his retirement in 1996, he became a non-executive Director of the Allied Irish Bank and the St Albans and Hemel Hempstead NHS Trust. He was a governor, and then Chairman of the Governors, of Queenswood School, and Vice-Chairman of the Menaiers Society.

A keen sportsman, he played cricket, squash and rackets in his youth, and was later very supportive of his family’s riding ambitions. Sadly he had become very interested in National Hunt racing. He is survived by his wife, Dianaz, and by their two daughters.
Commemorating THE 650TH ANNIVERSARY

An elegant and attractive range of 650th Anniversary merchandise, carefully selected by the College, is still available for purchase.

Ties & Scarves, Coffee Mugs & Teaspoons...

College Ties
Pure satin silk ties, T1 displaying full College crest and shadow motif; and T2 - a more traditional design - with black and white shield in diagonal arrangement. The dates 1350 - 2000 are clearly displayed on both ties.
Price: £19.99 including presentation box, and postage & packing.

Scarf
Ladies' scarf in cream with black border displaying shadow crest motif, shield and dates 1350 - 2000.
S1: 80cm x 80cm. Pure silk twill.
S2: 135cm x 30cm. Pure silk twill.
Price: £14.99 including postage & packing.

Coffee Mug
Price: £5.00 including postage & packing.

Silver Spoon
Elegant silver-plated tea spoon with Trinity Hall shield and dates 1350 - 2000 printed in black.
Price: £6.50 including presentation box, and postage & packing.

Greetings Cards...
An attractive and high-quality selection of cards showing well-known aspects of the College. Suitable for Christmas or all year-round greetings cards. Blank for message. Wording inside reads: 'In commemoration of the 650th anniversary of the foundation of Trinity Hall.' Available only as non-mixed packs of 3 cards per pack.
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Prints...
The College, in conjunction with Malcolm Innes (TH 1959) and his Gallery (London and Edinburgh), has produced a series of three Limited Edition Prints, the originals of which form part of the Trinity Hall collection.

P1
Degree Morning
1863 by Robert Farren (b. 1832 - c. 1910)
This print is limited to an edition of 800 copies reproduced from the original oil painting owned by Trinity Hall which currently hangs at the entrance to the Senior Combination Room. The image size is 45cm x 91cm. This magnificent genre painting shows notable Cambridge figures of the day outside Senate House with King's College and King's Parade in the background. There is a separate key which identifies most of the individuals portrayed in the picture.
Price: £60.00 (unframed) inclusive of postage & packing;
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P2
Plan of Trinity Hall 1689
(Image size: 25cm x 27cm)

P3
Trinity Hall (1795)
after J. R. Waldrey
(Image size: 23cm x 33cm)

Price of P2 and P3: £25.00
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Wine and Port...

In conjunction with Berry Bros. & Rudd, wine merchants of St James’s for over 300 years – and with the special assistance of their former Chairman, Mr Anthony Berry (TT 1933) – the College is pleased to offer a selection of fine wines, port and sherry. Each bottle carries a special 650th anniversary commemorative label with the Trinity Hall crest and the dates 1330 – 2000 clearly displayed.

Berry’s White Burgundy
Burgundy is the origin of some of France’s greatest white wines, and this example was produced exclusively for Berry’s by the famous house of Antoniette Roder, based in Mercurey. A blend that comes predominantly from the Côte Chalonnaise and the Mâconnais areas, this wine has a crisp minerality characteristic that has added richness and complexity by extended lees contact.
Price £7.50 per bottle (code 39233B)

Berry’s Red Burgundy
Made from 100% Pinot Noir grape variety, this wine is specially made for Berry’s by the Burgundian House of Charles Viret. It exhibits the softness and velvety red fruit characters for which the region is so famous. With supple tannins, velvety fruit and good length, this is a drinking wine now and would be an ideal accompaniment to roast meats or game.
Price £7.50 per bottle (code 39231B)

Berry’s Manzanilla
A classic example of the lightest and driest of all sherries, especially bottled for Berry’s by the famous old family-controlled firm of Bodegas Hidalgo, which influence the style and quality of sherry; this sherry is a perfect aperitif and should be served chilled.
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The famous Port House of Warin has made up this special selection which includes the Touriga Nacional and the Touriga Franca grape varieties. It has a maximum age of three years which gives it a wonderful fruity character with warming rich fruit on the finish. This is not a heavy port so can be happily served as aperitifs with no need to decant.
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Price £7.50 per bottle (code 39231B)

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Made up predominantly the Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot grape varieties, this wine is specially selected by the world renowned Nagraon house of Madoc. This is a classic ‘left bank’ style with an exuberant blend of rich colour, notes of herbs and cassis on the palate where the finky red fruits are dotted by subtle tannins.
Price £7.50 per bottle (code 39234B)

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This recent addition to the Berry’s list is produced at Clover Hill vineyard in Tasmania, where the winemaker is Dominique Portier, son of the famous restaurateur at Ch. Latite Rothschild. The wine is made from Chardonnay and Pinot Noir grapes, and demonstrates the huge potential which exists in certain New World locations for the production of sparkling wines.
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Hand-made in sterling silver by a distinguished London firm of Silversmiths, this extremely elegant College Tun, produced in the fashion of the Founder’s Cup, is hand-engraved with the Trinity Hall shield and dates 1350 – 2000. It comes with an attractive Royal Blue presentation case which also carries the College crest.
Price £600 each or £3000 for a set of 6.

Engraved Glasses...

Three different engraved glasses are now available through P. J. Miles engraving.
The 10oz ‘Cheese’ goblet (center), 9oz. ‘Carson’ red wine glass and heeled half-pint tankards can be bought in blood presentation boxes. They are gold blocked with the College crest.

Price
Goblet (170mm high/10oz.) £25
Red Wine Glass (170mm high/9oz.) £20
Half-pint ‘heeled’ Tankard £20

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PRICE ORDER FORM

The above prices can be purchased by post, or in person, from Malcolm Inner Gallery, 7bury Street, London SW1Y 6AL. Tel 0207 839 8083 Ex 0207 839 8085.

PRINTED ORDER FORM

Prices of unframed prints include postage and packing, but transport of framed prints is at the purchaser’s cost and risk.

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GLASSWARE ORDER FORM

For these items, please return this completed form with a cheque made payable to P. J. Miles Engraving, 26 Church Lane, Little Abington, Cambridge CB1 6BQ.

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