Front Court at 20

Twenty years ago, Front Court landed on the doormats of alumni for the first time.

In that year, the women's 1st crew went Head of the River, the Jerwood Library was a 'bold plan' in the making and the current crop of freshers were just a twinkle in their parents' eyes. Dolly the sheep was born, Take That split up and Twitter was still a decade away.

Now in the digital era where news and information is instantly accessible, we are proud that Front Court is still going strong and remains a cornerstone in our communications.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has contributed to Front Court since it began in 1996 and to all those who have taken the time to write to us with their feedback.

In this issue, on the cusp of the 40th anniversary of admitting women, we hear from Trinity Hall women on their lives at College and after graduation. We also review the year in social media and find out what a day in the life of a Butler is really like.

If you have any ideas for upcoming issues of Front Court or any suggestions of what you would like to see more of, please let us know by email, phone, post or social media.

About Front Court

Front Court keeps members and friends up-to-date with College and alumni news.

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Anniversaries will be the theme of my piece this time. This year may be the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare’s death but apart from the expertise our English Fellows can bring to bear, we can’t claim any direct connection to him; we can however bask a bit in the reflected glory of our alumni who are successful on stage and screen, including actor Rachel Weisz (1988) and Sir Nicholas Hytner (1974), recently awarded an honorary doctorate by the University.

But a big anniversary for us is that it is 40 years since women were first admitted to the Hall, initially as Fellows and graduate students (1976), and then as undergraduates (1977). We have plans for celebrations in 2016/17, including a series of lectures and a day of activities and celebration in July 2017. Women have had an immense impact on the life of the College and this is a great opportunity to celebrate both their successes and the way they have changed the life of the College permanently.

This issue also marks the 20th anniversary of Front Court. We’ve always hoped that this is something more exciting and readable than simply a bare record of news, and that it brings you the opportunity not only to find out what is currently going on at the Hall, but to see what our Fellows and students are up to. I’m pretty sure that if you surveyed the content of Front Court over the years, you would be able to see some discernible changes in the scope and nature of research activity, and in the composition of the Fellowship, and perhaps also the student body. Gradually, Trinity Hall has become a more international College, with almost half of its (anyway enlarged) graduate community from outside the United Kingdom and a significant proportion of the Fellowship and staff too. As I often say, Cambridge is not just a leading national university but a world leader, and Trinity Hall plays its part in that continuing success. Research has flourished in Cambridge in the last 20 years, buoyed up by European funding.

How much is all this threatened by Brexit? as I am often asked. It is of course much too early to say. I suspect there will be gains and losses. But there are two issues that will be crucial to the higher education sector in general in all the negotiations that will hopefully be underway by the time you read this – research funding, and staff and student recruitment. A whole series of ‘ifs’ sit under those two headings – too many for me to try to first-guess in a short piece. The one thing that is a matter of immediate concern is of course the position of many of our staff, a large number of whom have come from elsewhere in Europe. We earnestly hope that their ability to remain here is or will be secure. A college is a multi-layered, diverse community and our ability to recruit students and teaching and other staff from across the world is an important dimension of our ability to deliver the best we can for our students. But next time I write here, who knows, perhaps this will all be much clearer?
A Shakespeare Celebration

15 February – 10 March 2016

This year saw the manifestation of an idea long-proposed by members of the student body: a cross-disciplinary arts festival produced by College members for College members.

I was aware of the upcoming 400th anniversary of Shakespeare’s death, and thus it followed that his life and work should be our central theme. We began the series with a candlelit, semi-dramatised reading of selections of the sonnets, skilfully directed by Gareth Mattey (2012) and read by current Hall students in a packed Chapel. The following week our attention turned to musical interpretations of Shakespeare, as Keval Shah (2012) and colleagues at the Royal Academy of Music presented a panoply of songs setting the texts of, and texts inspired by, Shakespeare, held in the SCR. An aural focus became a visual one the following week, as Dr Jane Partner, Fellow-Commoner, delivered a simply captivating lecture on all aspects of image in relation to the Bard.

The series culminated in two performances of Love’s Labour’s Lost, under the resurgent banner of the Preston Society. Two large audiences were gripped by Shakespeare’s raucous farce that focuses (rather fittingly) on academia and inevitable, amorous distractions. The cast and crew worked brilliantly to create a fabulous and entertaining production in the ever-busy Cambridge term, coping particularly well with the modest capabilities of the Lecture Theatre.

Such was the success of the production, that it has fostered a desire among current undergraduates to continue the Preston Society’s renaissance beyond this academic year. My heartfelt thanks go to everyone involved in the planning and delivery of the Shakespeare Celebration. I hope that similar series of events with other themes will be seen at Trinity Hall in the near and distant future.

Seb Gillot (2012), Graduate Senior Organ Scholar and THMS Events Co-ordinator

Love’s Labour’s Lost dress rehearsal
Oxford and Cambridge colleges have personalities, which go beyond their purely educational aims. They offer membership in institutions that have histories, buildings and gardens, colours and teams and an atmosphere that is hard to define but real. John Collier, who became a Fellow in October 1966 and died on 18 June 2016, not only fitted the style of Trinity Hall but became in a deep sense its special representative.

Trinity Hall has an unpretentious, friendly atmosphere. JC, as he was known, fitted its spirit perfectly. He was a straight talker, unpretentious and approachable. I remember him saying once, “I only hate two things; the Tory Party and Birmingham City Football Club.” He supported his adopted College on the playing fields, in the Tripos and in the job market for young lawyers. He knew whom to call at Freshfields, Slaughter and May, and especially at Linklaters. He was a devoted and life-long Aston Villa fan.

John Greenwood Collier was born in Barnsley on 21 November 1933. His father was Headmaster of a primary school in the town; his mother was a teacher at the same school. Both parents came from modest backgrounds: John’s paternal grandfather was a journeyman joiner and his maternal grandfather worked on the railways. John and his older sister, Anne, went to primary school in Barnsley and in 1944 he was sent away from home to board at Solihull School. John flourished academically at Solihull but, as was the norm in the early 1950s, he spent the first two years after school completing his National Service. Conscripted into the RAF in 1952, he enjoyed the plentiful opportunities to watch football; by his own admission he was a reluctant airman.

John went up to Emmanuel College, Cambridge with an Exhibition in 1954. He was awarded a first in all parts of Tripos and his subsequent LLB examination. As a result he was awarded a Senior Scholarship in 1956 and the prestigious Rodwell Prize in 1958. John qualified to practise at the Bar (he reportedly came top in the Bar examinations) but he decided to teach. From 1959 until 1963 he was Research Fellow at Emmanuel before spending a brief period of time lecturing at King’s College, London.

JC was a kind of legal polymath who taught a wide range of legal subjects. He made Conflict of Laws an important Tripos subject. His textbook on Conflict of Laws has gone into a fourth edition and later in his career he became interested in dispute resolution in international law.

In 1966 he was elected a Fellow of Trinity Hall. The move to Trinity Hall turned out, as it has been for so many of us, to be a life choice. His love of the College was deep and moving. He represented a type of College Fellow who will always be part of the fabric of the place.

There will be a memorial service on Friday, 21 October 2016 at 2pm in Great St Mary’s, the University church, followed by tea and cake in College: www.trinhall.cam.ac.uk/jcmemorial
From October 2016, College will be marking these significant milestones with a series of special events and features over the course of two years.

We hope this will provide an opportunity for all members of the Trinity Hall community to reflect on the College’s history and be part of its current activities.

If you would like be involved in the anniversary or have any thoughts, ideas or initiatives, then please get in contact: news@trinhall.cam.ac.uk

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#THwomen40

Forty years ago, in October 1976, the first female graduate students arrived at Trinity Hall, followed by undergraduates a year later.

Women’s education at Cambridge

- **1870**: Lectures for Ladies: First lectures for women in Cambridge
- **1882**: First female students were examined in Cambridge, although not admitted to degrees
- **1887**: Agnata Frances Ramsay (Girton) heads Classical Tripos list
- **1890**: Phillippa Fawcett (Newnham) heads Mathematical Tripos list
- **1921**: Degree titles gained but full University membership refused
- **1926**: First 12 female lecturers appointed
- **1927**: Women’s Boat Race founded
- **1927**: Women’s education at Cambridge
- **1948**: Women gained full membership of the University
- **1967**: Trinity Hall revised its statutes so a decision could be made to admit women
- **1974**: Trinity Hall’s Governing Body vote to admit women
- **1975**: First female Vice-Chancellor: Rosemary Murray, President of New Hall
Dr Ann Simon (1976)

First female student at Trinity Hall

I was delighted to be asked to contribute to *Front Court*, thank you! It feels extraordinary that we are celebrating the 40th anniversary of women in Trinity Hall. I was the first female student at the Hall, which is a pretty daunting role to fulfil now. Forty years ago I probably underestimated how big a step it was because the Hall was, and continues to be, so extraordinarily welcoming.

I joined the Hall in Michaelmas 1976 as a grad student, studying for a PhD at the Cavendish Laboratory in a leading group which had won a Nobel Prize during my final undergrad year. That group took me on against the odds, as I had spent many of my undergrad days at Newnham College sailing (not unsuccessfully, but that’s a different story). I had always been close to the Hall – many friends were members, and Newnham and Trinity Hall shared many aspects of physics supervision. The announcement in the *Reporter* invited applications for research studentships – and the Hall was not limiting gender, which in those days was a radical move as very few colleges were mixed.

Trinity Hall had already elected two female Fellows earlier that year. I was the grad intake – the first female student at Trinity Hall.

There are wonderful things about being a graduate student – the hard work and the crises are in the department and the College is the good-guy, with food, company, great parties, the bar and the overall welcome. There is advice and guidance. And there were movers and shakers – I met people I still do business with, at the leading edge of entrepreneurship and investment in the Cambridge area and much wider (including my first pair of supervision students). There were legendary drinks parties on the river and in the gardens, where the ever-delightful Abdo’s secret recipe for punch was incomparable.

But Trinity Hall’s family stretches wider. The Hall has wrapped around me all the way with happy parties – weddings, christenings – and some sadder occasions, where every bit of TLC was needed and appreciated. Having spent a couple of years mainly in Germany as a postdoc, I was awarded a Research Fellowship at the Hall and spent five years as a Fellow. My room was above the back gate where the peace was broken only by the Trinity bin lorries and the swans. The welcome is always here!

A detail – how come I was the first female student? When I came to the ‘welcome drinks’ in the SCR, it turned out that the Board of Graduate Studies hadn’t realised that the Hall was going mixed...

Thank you Trinity Hall for so, so much.

“Trinity Hall’s family stretches wider. The Hall has wrapped around me all the way.”
Dr Caroline Lynas (1977)

I first went to the Hall in summer 1977 to continue my PhD as a second-year graduate student. As an undergrad I had run, coxed and rowed, and I was keen to carry on once I moved to the Hall. Easier said than done since there were, as yet, no women around whether or not they could row! So, obviously, I had to offer my services as a cox – ideal for a men’s boat at a mere eight stone. Or so I thought.

I turned up at the College Boathouse to offer my services. Martin Fordham was the relatively new Boatman. Despite a fair amount of incredulity from Martin to begin with, it was eventually agreed that I could take out a clinker boat and I was allowed to cox a few very novice boats.

There was the famous ‘Gradu-eight’, a group of novice men from the MCR who were intrigued by this almost lone female member of the common room who spent a lot of time down on the river. I helped coach them in a bank tub, taught them how to get in and out of an VIII and, as cox, to make a passable attempt to row together. We had an immense amount of fun, if not much success!

By the end of Michaelmas Term 1978, some of the new female undergrads had learned to row and I joined them, as number 5, in the Ladies’ Lent Boat. In order to help make a crew, and since I was fairly experienced, I had to suffer a few sessions in a bank tub to change from a stroke side rower to a passable bow-side one. Probably the most experienced member of the crew, Cindy Shannon (1976), who had rowed at home in America, stroked the boat, with Susie Breakell (1977) as bow. For a novice boat we had a creditable amount of success bumping Wolfson, Selwyn and Darwin Ladies, but sadly missing out on our oars.

By the time I gave up rowing for the Hall, the Ladies’ Boat Club was beginning to find its feet and has gone on to thrive alongside the men’s. I certainly wasn’t what you could call the Founder Member of THWBC by any stretch of the imagination – the first year of female undergrads did all that – but I do like to think of myself as the first female member of THBC, even if there were otherwise, at that stage, only male members!

Caroline Lynas died in July 2016, shortly after writing this article. She was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis just after completing her PhD. After Cambridge she continued rowing, acting as a coach and cox to Keele University for a few years. She worked in molecular biology as a clinical scientist in the NHS until taking ill-health retirement in 2000. Despite increasing immobility, she was delighted to be at Eton Dorney for the 2012 London Olympics rowing to see Helen Glover and Heather Stanning take the first Team GB gold in the coxless pair.

The College’s deepest condolences go to Caroline’s husband Stephen, her family and friends.
How fruit flies are helping us understand brain development

I am a developmental biologist. We strive to understand the genetic control of how organisms grow and develop. My research focuses on regulatory RNAs and how they alter gene expression to control the fate of neural stem cells.

DNA is the information storage molecule of the cell, it is the famous double helix that houses our gene sequences and makes up our chromosomes. The DNA sequence can be copied into RNA molecules of various lengths that play hugely diverse roles in the cell.

My favourite RNA molecules are microRNAs, so named for their very small size – only 21–22 nucleotides in length. They have the ability to interrupt the normal flow of genetic information from DNA to RNA to protein, stopping a gene from expressing its protein product.

For the past six years I have supervised Part IB Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at Trinity Hall. I came to Cambridge after completing my PhD at Columbia University in New York keen to see behind the curtain into Cambridge college life and to teach. Trinity Hall, with its beautiful surroundings and friendly atmosphere, provided a wonderful setting to achieve both goals.

I was elected to the Fellowship as a Fellow-Commoner in 2014 and this year have taken on the responsibilities of Directing Studies for the Part III Biochemistry students. Teaching and student interaction are what I value most from my time at Trinity Hall. It is a great privilege to be a member of the Fellowship. We are role models for the students of Trinity Hall, an aspect of our positions I take seriously, both as a woman and as a scientist.
Trinity Hall’s new WYNG Gardens student accommodation uses an innovative engineered wood material called Cross-Laminated Timber (CLT), which consists of alternating orthogonal layers of timber planks. It is gaining popularity as a result of the many benefits it contributes to the construction sector, including its sustainability as a low embodied energy, renewable material and the rapid construction times it allows due to the high degree of pre-manufacture. One of CLT’s major advantages, which to this day remains mostly unexploited, is the two-dimensional load bearing capacity that conventional timber cannot provide.

Smith and Wallwork, the engineers involved in the design of WYNG Gardens, noticed that they were using a lot of steel lintels to support the CLT slabs that were being used in the corridors. Knowing the potential for two-way spanning behaviour of CLT, they wondered how well it could perform if the steel lintels were removed and the slab were point supported on the edges of the walls. Consequently, they proposed a fourth-year engineering project with the aim to gain an insight into the behaviour of this complex material when point supported and two-way spanning.

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After eight full-scale tests, which used the latest displacement measurement technology to monitor the deflected shape of the CLT slab when loaded, and many hours modelling the behaviour theoretically, the project found that it would indeed be possible to design corridors that would not require steel lintels. With this finding, Smith and Wallwork Engineers can now design even more efficient buildings, like WYNG Gardens, but without over 100 unnecessary steel lintels!
Susie Fowler-Watt (1987)

BBC Look East presenter and journalist Susie Fowler-Watt (1987) talks to us about her time at Trinity Hall and life after graduation.

How do you look back on your time at Trinity Hall?
Very happily. I worked hard and played hard, and felt very privileged to be studying in such a wonderful place.

Why did you choose to study Philosophy with Experimental Psychology?
I got a place at Trinity Hall to read Medicine, but changed my mind during my gap year studying in the US. I changed to Philosophy with Experimental Psychology in my third year, as I was fascinated by the subjects and thought I would like to be a clinical psychologist. (I would still like to be a clinical psychologist – I just got a bit waylaid...!)

How did your time at Trinity Hall impact on your career?
I got involved in student journalism by chance when I was at Trinity Hall, and realised how much I enjoyed it. I also did a lot of drama (I was President of the Preston Society). I knew I wasn’t good enough to have a career in acting but broadcasting was a way to combine journalism and performance. Philosophy has also proved very useful in my career as a journalist – especially in the structuring of arguments and the ability to look at issues from a different angle.

Do you have any advice for other women looking to work in broadcasting?
Go for it! Be prepared to start at the bottom and work your way up. Get as much experience as possible – in any form of journalism. Do it because you love news, not because you want to be famous!

Who are your female role models?
My mother and grandmother. Both exceptional women, who raised their families with great love, while working full time in demanding jobs.

What does gender equality mean to you?
It means that women should be treated the same as men: they should be allowed to do the same things, get paid the same wages and be given the same career opportunities. What they shouldn’t have to do is act like men to achieve this.

What advice would you give your younger self?
I actually think my younger self would have given me good advice! She was very determined, very passionate and much braver than I am now. Age and motherhood has made me more cautious. But the advice I always give my daughter is “be kind” – there is nothing more important than kindness.

“It was such a privilege to study at Trinity Hall, and I am so grateful to have had that opportunity. The College has played a huge part in my life – I even got married in the chapel!”

Part of the THwomen40 web profile series. Read more at: www.trinhall.cam.ac.uk/th40

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Trinity Hall’s Telephone Campaign
EASTER 2016

We are as always very grateful to all of those alumni who chose to take part in this year’s campaign. The students continue to relish and greatly enjoy the opportunity to chat and share experiences with alumni from all over the globe. It was clear that this was the case from the infectious buzz in the Leslie Stephen Room (LSR) throughout the campaign.

Student quotes:
“I had an amazing time chatting with alumni from so many varied backgrounds – it’s an experience I will never forget. I’d love to take part again next year.”

“I was struck by how generous our alumni are – they are an amazing group. I hope to do my bit in the future.”

Support from alumni helps us to increase the funds available on offer to students who need them most. We help those who experience unexpected financial difficulties, assist graduate students attending conferences to further their research, support College teaching and maintain and improve the College buildings in order to ensure that Trinity Hall remains an inspiring place in which to live and work, and enable student societies to flourish and fulfill their potential.

Every gift makes a real difference to the Trinity Hall community. Funds raised are spent during the following year to directly benefit the student body. This year, thanks to the generosity of alumni, we will be able to:
• provide funding for graduate studentships
• support graduate conference and research expenses
• refurbish L and M staircases next summer
• support teaching officers
• support our clubs and societies
• provide hardship grants to undergraduates
• and more...

Participation is the key to the success of the Trinity Hall Fund and we encourage all members to be involved in whatever way they can, to help preserve the excellence of the College. We are grateful to everyone who supports us – thank you!

Alumni quotes:
“I hope the campaign is going well, ensuring that the College can continue to educate and push the boundaries of research is important work.”

“I had a delightful conversation with Sarah and enjoyed hearing about her time at College as well as reminiscing about my own time at Trinity Hall. I’m sorry I was unable to offer any support at this time. However, I would be glad to be contacted in the future and hope, at some point, to be able to make a gift.”

Due to recent developments in the charity sector, there may be changes in the way we are able to contact you in future regarding everything from event invitations and publications to our fundraising activities. We will soon be writing to you to explain these new regulations further and to seek your consent. Please keep an eye out for this – without your consent, we will be unable to contact you!

For further information, visit: www.trinhall.cam.ac.uk/supporters/fundraising or contact James Adamcheski-Halson on development@trinhall.cam.ac.uk or +44(0)1223 332563

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Day in the life of a Butler

Way back in 1986, when I was a mere slip of a girl, I joined Trinity Hall as a part-time waitress. In 1991, I became Deputy Butler and six years later, after a short break in which I dabbled with the world of painting, decorating and retail, became College’s first female Butler.

My role is specifically to look after the Fellows and alumni dining at High Table.

The Deputy Butler, Buttery Assistants and I provide coffee, newspapers, food, wine, friendly faces and anything else the Fellows might need from breakfast at 7.30am through to the end of lunch at 2.30pm.

In between meal times there may be paperwork to sort out or orders to deal with but if I can I will leave my office and make my way down into the Fellows’ wine cellar. It can be cold and damp but I really enjoy getting in amongst the towering rows of bottles and making sure everything is in order. It is essential all the wines are arranged correctly and accounted for, especially when we are due a large delivery. I get a tremendous sense of satisfaction knowing that all the wines are where they should be and the cellar is clean and tidy.

I also have the pleasure of being responsible for College’s impressive silver collection. No mean feat as silver is notoriously prone to corrosion and tarnishing if not properly maintained. In fact, silver is so susceptible to certain kinds of erosion that if you dip a silver spoon into an egg yolk, it will tarnish almost immediately, which is why horn spoons were often used to eat boiled eggs. Softly-softly is the best approach when perfecting silver and there is something strangely therapeutic about cleaning and polishing it.

Usually, on two or three evenings a week, I return to work to supervise the evening meal. It is always a pleasure when alumni join us and it makes the evening that much more enjoyable: please contact me if you would like to dine at High Table.

I will arrive back by about 5.30pm and leave any time from 9–10pm. They can be long days but they are mostly good days. I really like talking to the Fellows; they are a good bunch and appreciative of what I do.

There is still some question over whether I was the first female butler in Cambridge but I was certainly the first at Trinity Hall and that remains something I am very proud of. The uniform may have got a little tighter over the last 19 years but I love the fact that the College and its traditions remain the same.

Sara Rhodes, Butler

“Softly-softly is the best approach when perfecting silver and there is something strangely therapeutic about cleaning and polishing it.”
THWFC top Division 2

"This squad not only achieved what I asked of them, they did so much more and they can all be proud" – Malcolm Pearman, Coach

The Trinity Hall Women’s Football Club (THWFC) have topped their division and earned promotion for the second season in a row. After an unbeaten run in the league, the team secured their Division 2 title in a 2–0 victory away to Christ’s.

Next season will see our women compete in the top flight against the best Cambridge has to offer – good luck to all!

Whilst some students see pool as an excuse to relieve stress, others view it as a sport, and perhaps even something central to College life. Personally, I have fond memories of pool throughout my time at College: from the first tournament at fresher’s casino night to post-formal games and competitive University matches. Last year, the first team defeated the odds to win the University Cup. With the same six players, the 2015/16 season looked to be a promising one, and by Jove did it not disappoint.

At the end of the season, Trinity Hall finished joint top in Division 1 alongside Christ’s, having played ten matches – winning nine and losing one. Even the points difference between the teams were tied, with 60 wins and 30 losses each. The University ‘hotshots’ list saw four of our six players finish in the top 11. Notably, Dylon Sivam (2013) came top with 9/10 singles wins and 8/10 doubles and I came sixth with 8/10 singles and 9/10 doubles.

Although the first team only managed to reach the quarter finals of Cuppers this year, a respectable third place finish in Division 2 for the second team puts the College in good stead for another great season to come.

I would like to personally thank Phil O’Donnell (1994) for his recent donation to the Pool Society, which will give everyone in College the opportunity to enjoy the game and hopefully continue to compete at the top level.

Xavier Jameson (2013)
Pool Society Captain

IN RECENT YEARS, THE POOL COMMUNITY IN TRINITY HALL HAS BEEN THRIVING.

Success on the water


May Bumps was a success for our women with W1 gaining two places and W2 going up one. It was a mixed bag for the men – M2 went up on three consecutive days but M1 and M3 were both bumped twice.

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In my final year of undergrad, I decided to build my own triathlon bike. The endeavor gave new meaning to the concept of the multi-sport from swimming, biking and running, to the fusion of my athletic, academic and artistic passions.

It was strange to consider learning how to weld an essential component of training. Though it was, and the challenge was fantastic! I applied sport strategies and engineering principles to optimize the ergonomics and aerodynamics of my bike then, after receiving admission to study for an MPhil in engineering at Cambridge, I further personalized the bike by powder-coating the steel frame blue.

Months later, I was racing for Cambridge with my bike. And as I did, the blue of the frame reminded me to embrace both the trials and triumphs that come with triathlon. A bike crash in my first month at Cambridge dampened my performance goals, though the setback freed me to find joy in smaller aspects, such as learning to cycle on the other side of the road (I am from the USA) and daring to follow after teammates from the northernmost parts of this country into extremely frigid waters.

In the end, I competed for Trinity Hall against Oxford five times, placing first and third amongst the Cambridge women at BUCS triathlon and duathlon. I earned club colours, which was not the Full Blue I hoped for, but a beautiful reminder to give thanks for the mind, body, team and College that made it possible for me to tri-hard and carry on. What’s more? My hand-built bike still rides strong and it will always sport the proper shade of blue no matter where I cycle next.

Allison Kindig (2015), triathlete
**NEWS IN BRIEF**

**AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

Dr Thomas Bennett, Research Fellow in Materials Chemistry, has been awarded a University Research Fellowship by the Royal Society. The award will support Dr Bennett’s research in making hybrid liquids and glasses.

Professor Jane Clarke, Fellow in Natural Sciences, has been elected a Fellow of the American Biophysical Society, awarded the Pauling Medal by Stanford University and awarded the Stein and Moore prize by the Protein Society.

Dr Darrin M Disley (1991), CEO of Horizon Discovery, has received the Queen’s Award for Enterprise Promotion for his work raising the profile of life sciences business in Cambridge and further afield.

Professor Andy Hopper (1974), Head of Department of the Computer Laboratory at the University of Cambridge, has been awarded the Royal Society’s Bakerian Medal and Lecture 2017 for his outstanding research in computer technology.

Trinity Hall’s Master, the Revd Dr Jeremy Morris, has joined Twitter to give you a unique perspective of life at College. Follow the Master @TrinHallMaster.

**State, economy and society:**

**A conference to celebrate the career of Martin Daunton**

Earlier in the year, Churchill College hosted a conference to celebrate the career of Professor Martin Daunton, Master of Trinity Hall from 2004–14.

Four panels covered an extraordinary range of fields: urban history; governance and society; taxation and public finance; and political economy. It was full of variety and marked by an astonishing number of fascinating papers.

Read Professor Jonathan Steinberg’s write up of the conference on the College website: www.trinhal.ac.uk/daunton

**‘Thank you’ garden party**

The Master hosted a ‘thank you’ garden party for donors and benefactors of the College in June. Many thanks to all those attended. We had a lovely afternoon and even a bit of sunshine between two severe weather fronts. Meeting with fellow supporters together with tours of the Old Library, crepes and ice creams were all part of the fun.

Please keep an eye out for next year’s donor and benefactor event and if you have any queries regarding supporters’ events, please contact Ginny at stewardship@trinhal.ac.uk.
Sir Nicholas Hytner (1974) receives honorary degree from Cambridge

In recognition of his distinguished career in theatre, film and opera, Sir Nicholas Hytner (1974) was conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Letters at a special Congregation in the Senate House on 15 June.

Sir Nicholas read English at Trinity Hall and is an Honorary Fellow of the College. From 2003–15 he was Director of the National Theatre in London. Theatrical accolades include three Olivier, five Evening Standard and three Tony awards.

WYNG Gardens topps out

The transformation of St Clement’s Gardens into WYNG Gardens moved one step closer on 18 May as the last roof tile was laid and sealed.

The Master and Bursar were among those who gathered for the ceremony on Thompson’s Lane, climbing to the top of the building on what was an exciting, if grey, day.

The building will open for the 2016/17 academic year, providing students with new city centre accommodation and conferencing facilities out of term time.

Follow the WYNG Gardens timeline: www.trinhall.cam.ac.uk/wyngtime

TRINITY HALL TRAVELS

Throughout the year the Master, Bursar and Development Director have been meeting alumni in the United States and Asia.

In the spring, they travelled to the East Coast of the USA where a highlight was Fellow Nick Guyatt’s presentation on ‘The American Promise’ and the Obama Presidency in Washington DC.

During the summer, they visited LA and San Francisco to meet with alumni and enjoy drinks and dinner, whilst Hong Kong and Singapore play host in mid-September. Next year the Master will travel to Australia.

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Gates Cambridge Scholar

THIS OCTOBER, TRINITY HALL WILL WELCOME GATES CAMBRIDGE SCHOLAR EDDIE CANO GAMEZ TO COLLEGE.

Eddie will study for an MPhil Biological Science and intends to contribute to the biotech revolution by “studying how and why our DNA predisposes us to auto immune diseases”. The Gates Cambridge Scholarship is the University of Cambridge’s leading international postgraduate scholarship programme for individuals who are academically outstanding and socially committed to helping improve the lives of others.
Teaching in the rural province of Dang, Nepal

In summer 2015, I spent six weeks volunteering as a teacher at the Hindu Vidyapeeth School in the rural province of Dang, located in the Southern Terai region. I taught English to Nepali children of all abilities and ages, whilst living and volunteering in the nearby Children’s Peace Home, home to 34 underprivileged children.

My time in Nepal gave me a vital insight into the crippling effects of April’s (2015) devastating earthquake that struck the Kathmandu Valley, and the more recent political protests, ‘bandhas’, over the drafting and creation of a new Constitution. What was apparent to me was the amount of pride the people have in their country and the hope that recent events will lead to a better Nepal. My experiences in Nepal were truly life-changing.

Evie Robertson (2013)
Human, Social & Political Sciences

IS YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP THE NEW FACE OF SUSTAINABLE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT?

Contrary to common belief, the environment in less economically developed countries does not limit innovation. So why do many young people see the conditions of their communities as barriers to realising their entrepreneurial aspirations? Through volunteering with the Cambridge Development Initiative (CDI) in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, I found that the barrier to innovation was not necessarily the environment, but the lack of awareness of opportunity.

The eight-week program centred on creating successful entrepreneurs by connecting students from the University of Dar es Salaam and the University of Cambridge. In unifying the minds of young people from both universities, they can solve issues such as insufficient water supply in growing cities like Dar es Salaam.

Cobi-Jane Akinrele (2014)
Human, Social & Political Sciences

THA AWARD WINNERS 2016

Kathryn Batchelor (2013), Modern and Medieval Languages
The Colombian Campaign to Ban Landmines, Bogotá

James Grimwood (2015), Music
Pastoral work with The Mission to Seafarers, Hong Kong

Luke Sawyer (2012), Modern and Medieval Languages
Education development projects in rural towns with Link Ethiopia, Ethiopia

Hux Norman (2013), Land Economy
Coaching rugby in schools and villages with the Bhubes Pride Organisation, Sub-Saharan Africa.

The Trinity Hall Association (THA) Volunteering Awards support Trinity Hall students undertaking projects of a humanitarian or community-enhancing nature over the Long Vacation.

Read Evie and Cobi-Jane’s full stories on the website www.trinhall.cam.ac.uk/alumni/associations/trinity-hall-association/awards
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Events

15 October 2016
Master’s Circle Dinner (by invitation only)

21 October 2016
John Collier Memorial Service

22 October 2016
Milestone Lecture

22 October 2016
10th Anniversary Celebration of the Carsten Lund Organ

7 November 2016
Careers Seminar

9 November 2016
Bob Ely’s Lunch

12 November 2016
THA Event, Glasgow

21 November 2016
Leslie Stephen Lecture

8 December 2016
Varsity Rugby

8 December 2016
Aula Club Dinner, London

14 January 2017
1st Year Parents’ Lunch

21 January 2017
Concert (details TBC)

5 February 2017
Commemoration of Benefactors (by invitation only)

February (date TBC)
Engineering Society Dinner

February (date TBC)
Law Society Annual Dinner

11 March 2017
Women’s Officers Reunion

25 March 2017
MA Ceremony and Reunion for 2010 Undergraduates

March–April
Events in New York and Toronto

7 April 2017
Aula Club Dinner, Cambridge

8 April 2017
Boat Club Regatta

MILESTONE LECTURE 2016
Saturday, 22 October | 3pm | Lecture Theatre

Twists and Turns: How proteins fold, and how I came to my research career

By Professor Jane Clarke, Fellow in Natural Sciences

The failure of proteins to fold correctly is at the heart of many diseases, including Alzheimer’s disease and cancer. I will describe some of our fundamental investigations of how proteins fold and avoid misfolding and explain how I came, almost by accident, to my research career (I did not start my PhD until I was 40!). I will discuss the obstacles I encountered and why I am passionate that girls and young women should have every opportunity to have a career in science.

Book at https://alumni.trinhall.cam.ac.uk/milestone2016

10th Anniversary Celebration of the Carsten Lund Organ: Recital and CD Launch
Saturday, 22 October | 7.30pm | Trinity Hall Chapel

Organ: Andrew Arthur and William Whitehead
The Young J S Bach

The sheer variety found within the 38 ‘Neumeister Chorales’ (discovered for the first time in 1985), serves wonderfully in showing off this instrument’s beautifully voiced individual and combined stops and the Chapel of Trinity Hall, peerless for its intimacy, provides a perfect setting in which to hear these small-scale pieces. The contrasting ‘free’ works represent further examples of the composer’s output during his developmental years in Lüneburg, Arnstadt and Mühlhausen, works which range from those seldom heard to the very most famous of all, the Toccata and Fugue in D minor.

We are grateful to Dennis Avery (1980) for his donation towards the organ.

Book at https://alumni.trinhall.cam.ac.uk/concert-october-2016

THwomen40 events – visit www.trinhall.cam.ac.uk/th40

Keep an eye out for our new quarterly Upcoming Events emails highlighting key events in the coming months

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