A message from the new Master:
Professor Martin Daunton FBA

When I moved from the University of Durham to my new post as lecturer in the Department of History at University College London in 1979, the rising star of the Department was Peter Clarke who was soon to leave for a lectureship in Cambridge and a Fellowship at St John’s. Eighteen years later, I accepted the Professorship of Economic History at Cambridge and became a Fellow at Churchill College, and we were again colleagues in the Faculty of History, working together in so many ways. Of course, I did not think that I would follow Peter again, this time as Master of Trinity Hall. His retirement is an immense loss to the Hall as to the Faculty of History, made the less only by the thought that both he and Maria will be writing more books from their new home in Canada. I know we will all wish them well in this new phase of their careers, and that we will welcome them back to the Hall in the near future.

Peter is leaving the Hall at an exciting time, as we embark on the construction of new accommodation at Wychfield and anticipate changes at Trinity Lane. In his own message as new Master in 2000, Peter said that ‘there can be few new Heads of House who inherit a College in better shape’. I can repeat the sentiment in 2004. We have an excellent Senior Tutor and Admissions Tutor; and though we all regret the retirement of our Bursar, John Pegler, we also welcome his successor, Paul flookes Davis to take us forward. Amongst his many other responsibilities, Paul will be leading the excellent team of staff who ensure that the College is a most attractive and friendly place.

Since I was elected in January, I have met many alumni, both in Cambridge and at a splendid dinner in London. No institution can fail which is held in such affection by so many of its former members, and I very much look forward to meeting more former and present students. In December, I will be making my first visit overseas to meet alumni and friends of Trinity Hall in Hong Kong – I hope the first of many encounters with overseas alumni of Trinity Hall.

In the course of the last few years, I have been involved with the University’s administration and governance, as Chairman of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences and a member of several University Committees. We are at a crucial phase in the development of the University which is posing many challenges for the colleges: the ever increasing demands on University teachers may threaten their commitment to colleges; the continued debate over admissions; the negotiation of the allocation of fees. I hope that my involvement in these university-wide debates will allow me to argue for the best of the college system which is so central to the experience of being a student or teacher in Cambridge. My own education at Nottingham and Kent, and most of my career up to 1997, were spent in a non-collegiate environment, but I now have the fervour of a convert in wishing to preserve the strengths of the college system. Sociability allows an intellectual exchange between disciplines, and between generations, leading both to academic success and a sense of community which survives for decades. In one week, I talked to our centenarian, Alan King-Hamilton, about his experiences at Trinity Hall during the General Strike of 1926, and met current undergraduates taking part in the telephone campaign to raise funds for the Hall. It is an immense privilege to be joining a community with such a long living memory, as well as a long history.

My first day as Master on 1 October was a particularly enjoyable and appropriate start. Leslie Stephen, was a Fellow from 1854 to 1867, coaching the boat to the head of the river, and climbing many Alps, until he resigned on his marriage and became the first editor of the Dictionary of National Biography. At the end of September, the new Oxford Dictionary of National Biography was published, and the event was marked in Cambridge by a special Leslie Stephen lecture delivered by Sir Keith Thomas, who served as chairman of the organising committee. The ability to search this huge resource online produces 289 ‘hits’ for Trinity Hall, with one intriguing and deeply puzzling result. Why, I wonder, did the Rev William Bell offer money to support eight scholarships for the sons and orphans of clergy of the Church of England to study at Cambridge – on condition none of them matriculated at Trinity Hall?

I will continue as Professor of Economic History and will be researching and writing the four annual lectures I will be giving as President of the Royal Historical Society. Both myself and my wife, Claire who will be continuing her work as an administrator in the University, are looking forward to welcoming past and present members of Trinity Hall to the Lodge in the coming months.
Trinity Hall welcomes several new Fellows for the academic year 2004/2005

Dr Kylie Richardson joined us in January 2004 as Staff Fellow in Modern and Medieval Languages (Slavonic). Before coming to Cambridge, she was at Harvard University teaching and finishing her doctoral dissertation.

Dr Jerome Jarrett studied for his MA, his MEng and his PhD at Trinity Hall, finishing his PhD in 2000. He joined us again this January as a Staff Fellow in Engineering. He also works within the University as a Senior Research Associate in Engineering.

Dr David Runciman joins us as a Fellow in Politics. A post he will hold concurrently with the role he has held since 2001, of University Lecturer in Political Theory at the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences.

Dr Tadashi Tokieda has joined us from the City University of New York where he was an Assistant Professor of Pure Mathematics. He takes up the role as Fellow in Mathematics.

Mr Paul ffolkes Davis is our new Bursar and Steward. He has spent 27 years in investment banking, working in international corporate finance and equity capital markets for the likes of Rothschilds and NatWest Markets. Privately, he has become interested in recent years in the Charities sector and is a trustee of the Cartoon Art Trust.

Dr Giovanna Iannantuoni joins us as Fellow in Economics. Her previous position as Assistant Professor of Economics was held at the Universidad Carlos III de Madrid.

Mr Andrew Lang has spent the last three years working on his PhD, studying at Trinity Hall and at the University's Faculty of Law. He starts this academic year in a new role as a Research Fellow in Law.

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Dr Angelo Carollo moved to Cambridge following the completion of his PhD at Imperial College. He now works as a Research Associate at the Department for Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics.

Dr Carmel McEniery has been working here as a Supervisor for the last three years, taking supervisions in Physiology and Pharmacology. She is currently a British Heart Foundation Postdoctoral Fellow based in the Clinical Pharmacology Unit at Addenbrooke's Hospital.

Dr Jaswinder Sethi comes to us with a DPhil from Oxford and Postdoc at Harvard University. She is currently based at the Department of Clinical Biochemistry where she is the holder of a BBSRC David Phillips Research Fellowship. She is also a Trinity Hall Supervisor in Medical Science.

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This is the title of the latest book from Dr John Pollard, Staff Fellow in History, which is being published by Cambridge University Press in late November. Using new, and sometimes unusual sources the book examines the changing ways in which the Vatican financed itself, and spent its money, between 1850 and 1950 and argues that these changes played an important role in the overall development of the Papacy as an institution in this period. John has been researching the book since early 1997, using material in private and public archives and libraries in Rome, Milan, Lausanne, Luxembourg, Paris, London, Washington and Chicago. His most important source was the diary of Bernardino Nogara who was the Pope's 'banker' between 1929 and 1958. Nogara got into serious trouble with the Allied authorities during the Second World War because of his financial operations on behalf of the Vatican in Switzerland and South America.

John will be giving a series of lectures in Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Washington DC during the first week of April 2005 on the American contribution to the financing of the Vatican in this period, and how it affected the standing of American Catholicism in the Vatican. Invitations will be sent to all those living in the area nearer the time.

Money and the Rise of the Modern Papacy

Dr Martin Ellwood on a field trip.
After Gresham’s School, Holt, Norwich Art School and National Service with the Intelligence Corps in Cyprus, Graham Howes arrived at the Hall to read History in 1959. He has been directly linked to the College ever since. After postgraduate research on religion in 19th century East Anglia (supervised by Owen Chadwick – a former Dean of the College), where his Research Studentship was supplemented by some undergraduate teaching (his supervisees included John Pollard, currently a Staff Fellow in History) and also by acting as a research assistant to Graham Storey on the massive Dickens’ ‘Letters’ project (wonderful training for any scholar!), Graham became, in 1967, the College’s first Staff Fellow in Social and Political Sciences. Initially established as a fledgling Part II in 1965, SPS is now a full Tripos, with over three hundred students, of whom about 15-20 are from the Hall. Graham has presided over this growth with “some alarm, but also real pride, as we now have a university-wide reputation for consistently good SPS students...people WANT to teach them...and one consequence is that over the last two years we’ve notched up more Firsts – proportionately – than any other College subject. I’m quite pleased about that. Smashing students, too!”

Graham Howes also served as an Assistant Tutor for twenty years (two of our current English Fellows – Drew Milne and Juliet Fleming – were his tutees), and on the Admissions Committee for six. He has also been Picture Steward and Deputy Librarian. Outside the College, he has been a University Teaching Officer with the University’s Continuing Education Department, as well as lecturing on the Sociology of Religion for the SPS and Divinity Faculties and for the Cambridge Federation of Theological Colleges. His research interests have led to sabbaticals at Princeton, Chicago, Santa Barbara and in Japan. He also found time to be a part-time member of the late Lord Runcie’s personal staff, where he was closely involved in the ‘Faith in the City’ report, and, later, in relocating his Lambeth colleague, Terry Waite, as a Fellow Commoner at the Hall after his Beirut captivity. He has been a Consultant to the Carnegie (UK) Foundation Trust, and is currently Vice-Chairman of Y Care International (the TMCA’s global aid charity) and a Trustee of ACE (the Art and Christianity Enquiry).

On retirement he and Shirley “hope to take things a little easier” dividing their time more evenly between Cambridge (where Graham is now an Emeritus Fellow of the Hall) and “our modest ‘dacha’ in North West Norfolk, where, who knows, I might write a serious book or two. It’s about time I did”.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY LIONEL ELVIN

Lionel Elvin celebrated his 99th birthday on 7 August, 2004, the second oldest member of the Trinity Hall Association. He still lives in Cambridge, where he and his wife Margaret settled after his long career in education, international service with UNESCO and finally as Director of the University of London Institute of Education. He came back to Cambridge because, as he said in his speech to the Fellowship on his 90th birthday, the Hall was “his second home”. The College made him an Honorary Fellow in 1980.

Lionel links us with a vanished world, the Cambridge of the early 1920s, in which who you were in social terms made an enormous difference and rowing dominated College life. When we were chatting recently, Lionel told me some very characteristic stories about the Hall. The Master, when Lionel came up in 1924, was Henry Bond. Everybody knew that Bond’s family were grocers. They had a shop, Hallek and Bond, on the Market Square. His humble origins were only forgiven because he had been a brilliant cox. As Lionel told me, Bond was famous “as the only man able to get an eight round Ditton Corner by will power alone”. In an address to the THA in the early 1920s, Bond began with an apology, “Gentlemen, forgive me if I talk about education before rowing.”

Lionel’s father, Herbert Henry Elvin, a devout Baptist, had made a career in the National Union of Clerks, becoming in due course General Secretary of the Union and for one term Chairman of the TUC. In 1923 through the TUC Education Committee, his father met one of the two Trinity Hall Tutors, Mr Pym. Encouraged by the contact, Mr Elvin urged his son to apply to Trinity Hall. State school boys from Essex were uncommon in Michaelmas 1924 and not very welcome. Years later a public school man from Lionel’s era said frankly that “we regarded all you chaps who got here on merit as shits.” Lionel got in on merit, won a blue in athletics (“a slow half mile in the Oxford-Cambridge match” Lionel always says with a smile) and graduated with a first class degree. Always a political animal, Lionel became President of the Union in 1926 and represented the Cambridge Union in a legendary debating team, which travelled to America in 1927. The other two members were Alan King-Hamilton, the oldest member of the THA, and Hugh Foot of St John’s, a member of the famous Foot family, who later as Lord Caradon represented Britain at the UN. In retrospect we can see that Lionel Elvin belonged in the vanguard of a new meritocracy which became a great army with the passage of the 1944 Education Act, in Lionel’s phrase: the “scholarship boy era”.

His subsequent career as one of the first holders of a Commonwealth Scholarship to the United States at Yale, his years as a Fellow of the Hall, from 1930-1944, and his many books and achievements, I shall save for 2005, when the Hall will unite to celebrate Lionel’s 100th birthday on 4 August, 2005. For now I know I write for all of us who have had the privilege of knowing Lionel Elvin, listening to him talk, benefiting from his wisdom and enjoying his wit and sense of the absurd when I wish him many more years to share his life with the Hall community. When I saw him after his birthday, I asked him about his centenary. He replied “now that is getting closer, I am beginning to be interested”.

Professor Jonathan Steinberg
I care deeply about the ancient universities and the preservation, indeed promotion, of their unique role in our society. After completing my undergraduate degree in Modern History at Magdalen, Oxford, I briefly toyed with the idea of a life in academe. Perhaps luckily, at least for my potential students, I was seduced by the lure of Mammon into a career in investment banking that has lasted over twenty-five years. My happiest years were the twelve I spent as a director of Rothschilds, an institution which, with its private ownership, long history, collegiate style and good lunches, has a similar feel to much of the academic world. Now, however, I have been given another opportunity to join the sort of community I prize so highly. They say when you join an Oxbridge college that it is important to ‘get a good one’ – it is hard to imagine I could have done better than Trinity Hall!

In addition to the discreet beauty of its central site, the Hall has an immediately discernible harmony and warmth that pervades the lives of the entire student, academic and staff populations and which has already made me thoroughly welcome. There is, however, one aspect of the College that even its denizens barely notice, but one that will have a profound effect on its future. Trinity Hall likes to think of itself as a small jewel surrounded by large, illustrious neighbours. The truth is that its wonderful sense of intimacy is preserved despite both student numbers (currently around 600) and many acres occupied over three principal sites easily meritting its inclusion on a list of larger colleges. And, what is more, we have big plans.

With the Wychfield Project to be followed by the essential upgrading of what is, at best, the impractical accommodation on Trinity Lane, we will be building for several years to come. This is the necessary efficiency of plans to expand the Fellowship and depth of teaching in such a way as to truly reflect the Hall’s existing key position in the University. It will all cost money. As will be seen shortly, when we publish our accounts under new, transparent policies finally being introduced throughout Cambridge, it is money we will need help finding. In a good year, normal expenditure and income can be balanced. However, in the current low interest rate/poor investment environment, even with the excellent advisors and processes described in John Pegler’s lucid article elsewhere in this issue, good years are increasingly hard to come by. This is unfortunately reflected by deficits recorded in the last two years.

Endowment returns are likely to remain constrained for the foreseeable future, and as the College is effectively compelled not only to run its business and maintain itself but also to subsidise its own product (while the government refuses to) from internal resources, meeting its growing obligations will only be achieved by the generous and enlightened support of our alumni and benefactors. I know this is a harsh hello for the start of what I hope will be a long correspondence in these pages, but every Bursar today knows that the single swing factor in allowing a college to function to its maximum potential is the activity of the Development Office. Many of you are already steadfast contributors to the cause – thank you. To those who continue to think we are comfortably off, I urge you not to confuse prudent management with excess, or even self-sufficiency. Thanks to the skill and industry of my predecessor, Trinity Hall is in better shape than many of its peers. Please help us take this forward.

In this first article, I have concentrated a lot on money, and the need for it, I can only apologise and say that is what Bursars do. How we spend it and the many other aspects of this exciting post, I hope to be able to talk about with as many of you as possible at forthcoming reunions. For those who would like to chat more privately about College finances or any other aspect of the Hall’s non-academic life, my door, and I hope my mind, is always open. Please do get in touch.
**Diary: A Week of Interviews, 2003**

**Monday 1 December**
Teaching and ordinary term-time activities are still underway; one lecture, three seminars, and a lunchtime meeting. Packs on prospective undergraduate students have arrived: there are 37 applicants for Modern and Medieval Languages. All linguists read two languages and there are 21 applying with Spanish (my subject) as one of their two languages. Packs include a briefing document and guidelines on appropriate conduct and questions (with helpful tips like 'A messy room with large piles of books can be intimidating to potential applicants'), UCAS forms, personal statements, samples of the candidates’ school work, and evaluation forms. These all need to be studied before the interviews. I spend the evening cramping the piles of books and papers littering my room into all the available storage space, and shut the doors on the lot as best I can.

**Tuesday 2 December**
One language class (so 20 translations marked between Friday evening and the class), four hours of supervisions. Governing Body takes place this evening so I attend Fellows Dinner afterwards. A welcome let up from the bustle of the end of term.

**Wednesday 3 December**
I’m interviewing potential students of Spanish all day. I am a mentor to a colleague in another college, and so he sits in on the morning sessions. The candidates have 25 minutes each in which we discuss a Spanish text in the language, then in English, and then move on to consider the candidate’s general interests. I usually enjoy the interviews, and it’s a real pleasure when the candidates do too. The English A2 syllabus now includes *The Handmaiden’s Tale* and *Jane Eyre*, and the candidates talk so passionately about them both that I decide to read them over the vacation [Jan. 2004: I was a teenager when I last read *Jane Eyre*, and re-reading it was a revelation – I realise how well the candidates are being taught and how maturely they respond to the novel]. In the evening, I meet with the other Fellows in languages for a quick debrief, and to discuss the candidates.

**Thursday 4 December**
I interview until mid-morning only, and then begin seeing my tutorial students. I also have a long session with a postgraduate in the afternoon. My colleagues continue to interview candidates for languages other than Spanish.

**Friday 5 December**
As a member of the Fellowships Committee, I interview College Teaching Officers. We spend the morning interviewing for a teaching Fellow in engineering, and the decision is taken over lunch. I attend the departmental annual conference in the afternoon, and then meet with fellow TH linguists in the evening to draw up the wish-list of candidates to whom we wish to offer places. The list of names will go forward to the Search Committee, the Education Committee, and we’ll then negotiate with them the number of candidates to whom we can make offers, and decide which candidates will go forward to the January pool. [Applicants for languages are considered using a grouping system. This means that a representative from the College’s senior linguists, probably Dr Hutchinson, will meet with representatives of other colleges in our group on December 19, and these colleges will have access to our interview notes. This way we can make sure there is uniformity of quality in the candidates offered places across the group, and it also allows the other colleges in our group to establish priority claims on some of our pool candidates. The general pool will then take place on 1 and 2 January 2004. The Admissions Tutor and Dr Hutchinson will attend that meeting to ensure the quality of the applicants to whom we make offers is high – this is essential if we are to achieve our goal of making TH the first choice for the most gifted prospective linguists.]

**Saturday 6 December**
The search for our new Master nears culmination in a day of interviews today. ['This will be followed by the presentation of the search committee’s preferred candidates to Governing Body, and a vote.] We are all impressed with the calibre of the candidates but it is an exhausting day. The day closes with Dr Eden’s Commemoration, to which Fellows invite the scholars of the College. There’s no time to go home and change, so I have a quick shower in College, slap on some make up, and change into an evening dress, and my gown.

**Sunday 7 December**
Nearly a day of rest; however, as external Director of Studies for another college, I’ll be interviewing more prospective students of Spanish next week, and I need to read their application packs before the week starts. I interview far fewer candidates than many colleagues, particularly those who do tutorial interviews, and I am astonished at their stamina. Roll on Christmas and Hogmanay!
Developments at Wychfield – an update from the College Project Manager, Dr Christopher Padfield

Since the last issue of Front Court, an enormous amount of work has gone into this crucial development to ensure that our new student accommodation is of the highest quality and within our means. The multi-professional Design Team has consulted widely with the Fellowship, the students and the staff. Amec has been appointed as our building contractor. They have been working closely with the architects, RH Partnership, and our project managers, David Langdon and Everest, in finalising the plans, and in drawing up pricing and building schedules. There have been inevitable refinements to our plans but the entire project budget remains at a little under £15 million. Planning permission for the full development was granted in May 2004.

At the time of writing we are poised to sign the contract to start this tremendous project at Wychfield, that will do so much more than providing the obvious 150 rooms and flats for students, a slice of which are shown here bordering Storey’s Way and the access road to the Wychfield site. This project will transform the Wychfield site from a sparsely populated outpost, to a thriving community with excellent sporting facilities and a secure boundary. It allows us to move undergraduates from Wychfield House itself, and convert that into flats for younger Fellows (if we cannot offer accommodation to young academics recruited by the University, they go to another college for a Fellowship and we end up paying a full salary for equivalent people to look after the College side of things). It allows us to move some (third year) undergraduates from Central Site, and convert their rooms into additional bathrooms and kitchens, thus raising the quality of accommodation for all. And it will allow us to house more of our graduate students, many of whom struggle to fund their studies, let alone pay free-market rent for housing that is often substandard and far from either the city centre or their places of study. This new development – yet to be named – will come to have considerable significance for future generations of Hall students, as the place they lived for most of their years with us. But it will not compete with the Hall on Trinity Lane, which will remain our social and academic centre, where we all eat together; and our students meet their Supervisors and Tutors and hold their social functions.

These views, typical of architects’ impressions, could perhaps be anywhere. Great care has nevertheless gone into the design of these rooms to give them variety, a sense of space, privacy and quality. Each house of 18 rooms has a shared kitchen and common room on each upper floor, and a much larger kitchen and common room on each ground floor – an investment in the development of a sense of community among our students. One house is devoted to flats, and even that has a shared common room, to foster a sense of community between the couples living there. The landscape designer on the design team has been working very closely with our Head Gardener, Andrew Myson, to ensure that the outside is as attractive as the buildings themselves. The intention is to create a worthy development of Wychfield – attractive houses in a beautiful garden setting.

The Wychfield Challenge – a report from the Development Director

I was set the task of raising £3.3 million for the new development at Wychfield. This was split into £2.5 million for the first phase, which would meet the initial accommodation requirements of the College, with a further £800,000 required if we were to complete the site. At the time of writing, £2.2 million has been donated. But I have been set a challenge: an anonymous donor has given £1 million with the challenge to other members of the College that collectively we should match this to enable the whole site to be developed in one build (thereby benefiting from considerable savings in building costs). The donor has not set this challenge in a negative way, ie the £1 million will only be given if we match it, but more in the sense of encouraging others to give to this key project of the Hall whilst offering naming opportunities to those who might like to contribute. This is an extraordinary gesture of generosity and those who would like to rise to this challenge should contact the Development Director, Jocelyn Poulton, who would be delighted to discuss details of the project (Tel: +44 (0)1223 332563; Email: development@trinhall.cam.ac.uk).
During the summer, the sound of a telephone ringing in the early evening was, for some of you, the call to a conversation with a current Trinity Hall student. This was the first Telephone Campaign run by Trinity Hall and based on the kind words of support, the ideas put forward for magazine articles and events, the new volunteers recruited for our career network, let alone the staggering £135,000 raised for the College, it was a success.

Of course, we recognise that this form of direct communication is a sensitive issue. Please be assured those who don’t wish to be called will always be given the opportunity to opt out. But from feedback from both the student callers and from some of you who received the calls, conversations of genuine mutual enjoyment were had, with just about half of those called wanting to donate.

To all of you who took the call, a big thank you.

Our thanks to our fantastic pool of 12 students who volunteered as callers. The £135,000 raised is testament to their sensitivity and skill. The call room was full of laughter and chatter – sometimes too much! – as students heard anecdotes of previous eras and relayed stories of life today at Trinity Hall.

If you have attended events in College over the summer you may have heard the words “Annual Fund” mentioned. So just what is an Annual Fund?

Before answering that, let’s consider why Trinity Hall has decided to launch one. As the Bursar has mentioned in his article, projects that fall outside the general operational costs of the Hall cannot be funded by the College. We can think of a whole host of worthwhile projects that are essential for our students that fall into this category. For example, keeping our IT facilities up-to-date, ensuring our library is well stocked, encouraging performances of music and drama, or topping up the funds for student financial support.

An Annual Fund therefore seeks donations to support specific projects during one year. All money raised in that one year is then spent the next year on those identified projects, and the following year a report goes out showing exactly how gifts have benefited the College and/or students.

An Annual Fund usually attracts small and regular gifts. This addresses the point frequently raised: “Can my gift make a real difference?” The answer is a categorical yes because collectively these gifts do make a real difference and those that donate to the Annual Fund will be able to see the obvious benefit brought to the College through a report published annually.

This process is then repeated year on year.

Our aim is to raise £200,000 or so a year. A sizeable sum when you consider that an endowment of £5 million would be required to generate this expendable income. Projects will be identified by the Fellowship in consultation with both the ICR and MCR.

So how will you be able to participate in this Annual Fund? Well those of you who made a donation during our recent telephone programme have already taken part. But additionally during the course of the year, information on the Annual Fund, the identified projects and how to donate will be sent to everyone inviting you to participate.

This is your College and through the Annual Fund we hope to ensure that your College remains the best and most sought after in Cambridge.
Abdo Mohammed

Abdo died in September 2004. The Dean, Dr Jeremy Morris, presided at the funeral held in the Chapel. Extracts from his address are given below.

Abdo was born and brought up a Muslim, but the precise nature of his personal beliefs is, I think, unclear, and it is inconceivable that his passing should not be acknowledged here in the Chapel of the College which meant so much to him.

Finding out the facts about Abdo’s background proved to be rather difficult. Lots of you had things to tell me, but no two accounts were ever identical. And that, in a way, does I think say something about Abdo. For he was something of an enigma, a man who said little, and observed much. What we do know is that he was born and brought up in Aden, or the Yemen as it now is. He was a batman to an officer in the armed forces, and came to England in the early 1960s when that officer returned home. Through a contact with Trinity Hall, when his services were no longer required as a batman, he came here, initially to work as a gyp. He was taken on by the then Bursar to work particularly for Graham Storey, who was then Senior Tutor. When Graham and Abdo met for the very first time, having been introduced, there was a long silence while Abdo looked around the room. ‘Much dust’ was all he said. He worked on ‘E’ staircase, where Graham lived, in time looking after the students there, as well as Graham. Graham has the distinction of being the last Fellow in Trinity Hall to be served a full cooked breakfast in bed, a service Abdo performed faithfully for many years. In time, Abdo also came to wait in hall, and in the SCR. He would do his gyp duties until 12 o’clock, and then switch to the buttery. He worked here overall for well over thirty years, and this College became his second home, or perhaps his real home.

There was clearly in him an extraordinary attentiveness to the needs of the people for whom he was working. Graham Howes told me the wonderful story of a student who got very drunk, and whose friends moved all of his furniture and belongings out of his room while he was asleep, and set them up in the front court. The following morning, Abdo merely cleared a path to the staircase door, and took up a cup of tea to the student, as he would always have done, with not a comment about the strange circumstances in which the student would find himself. That in a way epitomizes the gentle, loyal service that Abdo rendered the College in his years here. He was an extraordinarily discreet, reliable man, whose services were so much appreciated by students, that they would ask for him specifically to serve at meetings of the Crescent Club, the Missionaries Club, and the Boat Club. One of you said to me that he was ‘of the old school…of a dying breed’. He was indeed an unofficial father figure, in a gentle way, to generations of students here, especially to those who lived in St Clements.

Yet to say all this is perhaps to give the impression of a man without personality. And that was certainly not the case. He had a quiet but persistent sense of humour. Little practical jokes eased the day for him – perhaps hiding your keys, or deliberately slowing down when he knew you were in a hurry and wanted him to go faster, or little catchphrases and in-jokes – when he wanted you to repeat something in the Buttery he would often say ‘Repeat. Channel 4’. If you were whistling he might say, ‘Can you sing?’, and if you were singing, he would say ‘Can you whistle?’ He could be a mischievous man. He had something of an eye for the ladies. He liked a drink – Guinness, especially, but port, and quite a few other things. He was made an honorary member of the Crescent Club, and he held for years the secret recipe of the Crescent Club cocktail, which, as Joseph showed me, used 2 litres of cider, 2 bottles of port, half a bottle of gin, or perhaps rum or vodka – and two litres of lemonade. One of you said justly that he’ll be remembered for the width of his smile and the strength of his punch.

Remembered he will be. Here, by those who knew him and worked with him, at the Maypole, his local, at Sainsbury’s, where he’d chat to many of the staff, by his particular friends like Gordon, and of course by those countless students over the years who knew and valued him. His gentleness, his loyalty and his consideration will not be forgotten, and they are – I hope not to push a point too far – much to be treasured in a time when a quite different impression of Muslims is all too often pushed before our eyes.
Sports Pavilion Update

Over the summer, the Pavilion at Wychfield has undergone a complete transformation. The original Edwardian building is now embraced by modern competition-standard Squash Courts, improved and enlarged changing facilities, a gym studio, and better office and storage facilities. Completion is expected for November 2004. The conversion has been designed by Tristan Rees Roberts (1967) who has been shortlisted for the Royal Institute of British Architects East Spirit of Ingenuity Architectural Awards 2004 for not only the Library Link Building he built here at Trinity Hall, but also 3 other projects – congratulations!

Trinity Hall SAFE

Trinity Hall SAFE (Southern African Fund for Education) was originally set up as an anti-apartheid movement campaigning for equal access to education in South Africa, with student contributions used to fund bursaries to enable South African students to study at Cambridge University. As apartheid ended, the scheme expanded to support organisations promoting education in the sub-Saharan region as a whole.

Trinity Hall SAFE currently operates an opt-out scheme for undergraduates and an opt-in scheme for graduate students, through which we raised over £3,000 in the first two terms of last year alone! With these contributions we funded three very worthwhile projects. With the Cambridge based charity, CAMFED, we sponsored thirty Zimbabwean girls through secondary school (four years). CAMFED’s mission is to empower communities in Africa to fulfil their aspirations to enrol and keep every girl in school. To do this, it provides not only school clothing, equipment and safe term-time accommodation, but also social support, counselling, mentoring, and health information (particularly on HIV/AIDS) within the community. We gave CAMFED £4,895 for these scholarships. In addition three School Incentive Grants of £275 each were given, through Link Community Development, allocated to a specific school in Ghana, Uganda and South Africa, in order to improve teaching and learning, Trinity Hall SAFE also donated £860 towards a management training course for headteachers and other staff in Masindi, Uganda.

Over the years, Trinity Hall SAFE has built up a significant capital base and have decided it’s time to fund a really ambitious and exciting project which will make a massive difference to a South African community: Bright Kid Foundation’s Edutainer Project. Let me explain...

We take one 12-metre shipping container and convert it into a classroom. As simple as that! Well, no, not quite. Research in the last thirty years has provided overwhelming evidence that the environment in which children spend their first years has enormous consequences for their later development. Consequently, the conversion includes electricity, insulation, blackboard, school furniture and a range of educational toys, teaching aids and books. Only 2% of children under three in South Africa are enrolled in full time preschool programs, and only about 10% of children under six. The Edutainer is an innovative and practical way to address the problem of scarce, inferior early childhood education in South Africa.

This is a really exciting time for Trinity Hall SAFE as we haven’t embarked on a project of such an immense scale since funding the Trinity Hall library in East Gonja District, Ghana, in 2002. That project would not have been possible without your generous support – and now we’ve got the cheek to ask for your help again! This time it need not involve dipping into your wallets, though of course all donations are gratefully received! The Edutainer is to be decorated on the outside – and we can think of no better way of celebrating the Tit Hall Edutainer than inviting both current students and alumni to submit suggestions for the design!

For further information on Trinity Hall SAFE or the Edutainer project, please contact Gwawr Thomas at Trinity Hall on gt250@cam.ac.uk. We are particularly interested in hearing from alumni living or working in Sub-Saharan Africa who might have projects they could recommend or fundraising and collaborative ideas.
Anyone for Croquet?

We should have read the writing on the wall when Oxford showed up eleven strong (we had six) with not only a coach, but their own physio. The sight of a physio rubbing down their croquet players before the match was off-putting (both figuratively and literally) to say the least. While we had spirit and heart, they had superb skill and a disturbing seriousness that allowed for no smiles, no jokes, and no sense of joy in the day. We put up a strong fight, but we were no match for their excellent play on the croquet pitch. The matches were not without their moments:

1. Five minutes into my singles match and with me leading 1 gate – nil, my opponent, the Oxford captain known as Donkey, informs me that we are playing advanced rules. What?? “It’s a back one and four with a lift,” he says with a foreign accent. I understood not a word. After several failed attempts to get him to repeat and explain, I nodded and returned with mallet in hand to the only home I know...

2. Thirty minutes later, Donkey mentioned that he was “concerned a bit with [my] slow performance on the pitch.” His teammate stated the same as I reached the sideline – a pressure tactic indeed. Apparently my four corners “stall” strategy was paying dividends as I battled to hold my 1 gate – nil lead.

3. With limited availability on the Royal Hurlingham grounds due to the presence of croquet-playing members such as Trinity Hall’s own cheerful Bevis Sanford, stroke of the winning Cambridge Blue Boat in 1939, we were forced to double-down on lawn 4 with the fifth seeds. My mate, Alex, noticed that his opponent had switched his first ball on the same turn – a definite no-no. He apologised profusely but did not offer to return his balls to their original order – having just run off seven heavenly gates. Being the gentlemen we were (and realizing that it would make little difference), we let it go and concentrated on enjoying our Pimms whilst moving to the rhythms of the 12 piece jazz band outside the clubhouse as the sky slowly darkened.

4. Having recently achieved a ranking of 11 in the world, their top seed (a former Cambridge man who was courted by Oxford’s promises of big money and fantabulous green pitches), celebrated his recent rise by securing his name in Oxbridge match play forever with a never-before-seen “quintuple press” to end the day, drawing cheers from all.

Suffice it to say, Oxford won 9 – 0. Though it must be noted that we did improve on last year’s performance. Everyone scored at least a gate, some more, and it took a rousing finish as the buzzer sounded for Oxford’s sixth seed to beat ours. We know much hard work lies ahead, but we are up to the challenge.

Oxford were very serious, and spoke a language that we knew not. We left with smiles on our faces, enjoying the day and glad in the knowledge that we were not members of the Oxford Croquet Club, a group with the collective personality of a doorstop.

The Golden Ass

“The Golden Ass” is a reinterpretation by British playwright Peter Oswald of Apuleius’ bawdy Roman classic. It was staged over three nights at the beginning of May Week in Sidney Sussex gardens. The production involved a cast and crew of nearly 30 (including musicians, magicians and jugglers) and probably more costumes in one show than ever previously seen on a Cambridge stage (including a bear suit). It was in rehearsal for four months, most being in the Trinity Hall lecture theatre. Trinity Hall involvement included Director Abigail Rokison (2003), Producer Amir Baghdachi (2003), and with Doug Guilfoyle (2003) in 5 smaller speaking parts.

A scene that proved all too typical of the Golden Ass, and, indeed, that May Week in general: a giant bear (above) streaks across the stage, pursued by a hatchet-wielding little boy, both breathlessly trailed by a man transformed into a donkey. The bear in question was, in the script, supposed to be ‘The Bear of Death’, and accordingly look like one, but when the designer – with time running out – went to order the costume from the shop, all they had was this giant teddy-bear – frightening in its own way. Note how the Bear of Death’s hands are on her head: this was not a nuanced gesture of high drama, so much as a necessary effort to keep the giant head-piece from flying off during the chase.

When we told the Bursar of Sidney Sussex that the three-ring circus (below) beginning act three would be a neat, quiet, and tidy affair, we were lying. Horribly. The Ringmaster (Amir Baghdachi) urges on some fifteen performers, while a tight-rope walker looks on (having apparently misplaced her tight-rope), and the ‘diablo-juggler’ (known only as Diablo Bob) performs astonishing feats with string. The whip in the Ringmaster’s hand was very kindly and enthusiastically loaned to us by the Ann Summers store, who were assured that it would never be cracked. A lot of promises were made during the Golden Ass.

Despite Sam Kitchner’s and Sam Yates’ repeated efforts, neither was able to put as much cheese on stage (above) as the magnificent Emmenthal – yes, it’s real – loaned to us by the Cambridge Cheese Company, who were assured that nothing bad would ever happen to it. Never, in all of Cambridge theatrical annals, has there been so much dairy performing for so many.

Amir Baghdachi and Doug Guilfoyle (2003)

Graduation Day

June 2004:

Helen Crawforth, pictured here with the Master, Professor Peter Clarke, and the Senior Tutor, Dr Nick Bampos, graduated with a double starred first in the English Tripos. She was also awarded the prize for coming top in each year of the Tripos exams. Helen is keen to continue researching in the field: she is currently embarking on an MPhil at New College, Oxford.
Nick Bacon (1991) on being a vet

Being a vet was never a lifelong ambition. I enjoyed science, I liked animals, and a combination of both seemed worth looking into. So at 16 I spent my first day in the operating theatre of the local veterinary practice and from there I never looked back.

I was the only vet in my year at Trinity Hall; which in some respects I quite enjoyed, but I liked less the lack of shared notes for those occasional lectures missed whilst on the river. My experiences of college and university life during the three pre-clinical years of the course I suspect were very similar to most, the next three spent at the Vet School at Madingley Road became increasingly focussed on my chosen career, culminating in a lecture free final year where you are exposed to the public (or vice versa), and begin to take responsibility for case management.

Vets in the UK still qualify in every major domestic species and I spent my first two years in practice living the perceived ‘typical’ veterinary lifestyle. From my house in Stamford-in-the-Vale in Oxfordshire I could be out calving at dawn, rushing back to the practice for my consultation list of cats and dogs before driving out to a stables in the afternoon. This was immensely enjoyable although often stressful as a new-graduate, but at times I couldn’t believe I was paid to do what I loved. However my interest in surgery had been growing over the 2 years and so I returned to the Cambridge Vet School for a dedicated 3 year surgical training in small animal surgery, involving both orthopaedic work and abdominal and thoracic surgery, much of which is cancer-associated.

Last year I passed the equivalent of an exit exam to gain surgical specialist status in the UK. I now work exclusively in the field of second-opinion canine and feline surgery, based at a purpose-built veterinary specialist centre in Six Mile Bottom near Newmarket.

Patients that I now see have often had previous unsuccessful surgery or management and we aim to offer all up-to-date treatment options. Veterinary care is advancing rapidly and our clients are becoming increasingly well-informed and now expect the same care they or their children might receive. Advanced imaging with ultrasound and MRI, dedicated veterinary anaesthetists and complex reconstructive procedures are becoming standard practice. The patients I now see are always members of a family, with money for their care often being no object, a very different situation from the harsh economic climate I entered 7 years ago in the BSE-struck farming community where we were losing a farm a week.

Few people who graduate from vet school have a clear idea of what species they want to focus on, if at all. Many of my year have taken vastly different career paths; equine, cattle, small animal, meat inspection, research, teaching, accountancy. I feel lucky to do the job I do, a sentiment I suppose not every one has. Just don’t bring me a budgerigar.

Teaching medicine

Fellow Dr Ian Wilkinson writes on the pressures of teaching Medicine

I moved to Cambridge in 2000 to take up a University Lecturer post and an honorary consultancy at Addenbrooke’s hospital in Clinical Pharmacology. I was delighted to join the teaching staff at Trinity Hall in 2001, and became a Fellow in 2002, taking on responsibility for Pharmacology from Bill Grundy. This was slightly daunting at first because Bill is so well known amongst medical undergraduates, having taught Pharmacology in Cambridge for over 40 years, and being the author of a major text in the area. Nevertheless, I soon re-discovered the delights of the college supervision system and felt welcomed into a small but friendly college by colleagues and students alike.

There are currently two other medical fellows at Trinity Hall: David Rubenstein who has responsibility for the clinical students and eases the divide between pre-clinical and clinical medicine; John Bradley a consultant nephrologist, and director of studies, who teaches undergraduate physiology. The three of us are responsible for the 40 medical and veterinary students at Trinity Hall, providing teaching and organizing supervisions from other experts. Students are provided with a comprehensive range of supervisions and seminars to compliment the lectures and practical classes arranged by the University. This system allows reinforcement of complex issues in a small group setting and provides time for more in depth exploration of important or interesting topics. Supervisions also provide an important pastoral role, although the regular ‘medics’ dinner and summer parties provide a much more relaxing atmosphere for informal conversations, and of course drinking!

Term time in Trinity Hall is usually a busy part of the year. Besides the usual ward rounds and outpatient work at Addenbrooke’s, and research, there are supervisions and lectures to be given and college business to attend to. December can be particularly busy with admission interviews, and the Medical Finals to run. However, after a slightly calmer Summer Vacation it’s rewarding to greet a new intake each October. February also provides an opportunity to welcome ex-students into the ‘real’ world of Medicine as new House Officers. Overall, one of the best aspects of being a Fellow is following the progress of students through their undergraduate years, qualification and climbing of the career ladder, although, I have yet to be on the receiving end of one of my former students!

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Studying medicine

Studying medicine in Trinity Hall is a unique experience. Within days of the beginning of your first Michealmas term, fellow students turn to you with rashes, dimples, sores, coughs, colds, malaise and illness. This is the dawn of your appreciation of the privileged relationship that a doctor has with his, or her, patient.

Work begins in the dregs of Freshers’ Week. Over the next fortnight, the time taken to get to a 9 o’clock lecture is slimmed (my PB is 4 minutes 57 seconds from bed to lecture). I even turned to the American Indian tradition of drinking a lot of water immediately before bed to wake me the next day. The rehydration benefits were often necessary but always welcome.

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WHO

Jane Nicholson (1977) is an Editor of Medical Journals with the World Health Organisation

Driving across the bridges of Cairo at 7 in the morning (the only time there’s a clear run), I occasionally wonder how it is that I ended up doing a job I didn’t know I wanted to do in a place I didn’t know I wanted to be. But life is consistently serendipitous in my experience. I left Cambridge with a degree in Arabic and no other idea of what I wanted to do in life other than follow where it led (preferably to the Middle East). I opted in the meantime for further study in linguistics and that Masters degree has since proved crucial to my CV. Some 20 years later I am a senior English language editor with the World Health Organization, an independent organ of the UN. Based in Cairo at one of its regional offices, Arabic is part of my daily life, personal and professional, as is the world of public health. For ours is the business, not of the health of the individual but of the health of populations. WHO sets standards, advises governments and provides information. I work in the third area of that mandate, ensuring that the information we publish is of good quality and well presented. I also train researchers and editors of medical journals around the region in writing and editing to help them gain greater visibility and voice. Last year we hosted the first conference of regional medical journals as a result of which a regional association of medical editors is being established. Currently on my desk I have speeches and publications to revise on public health financing strategy; the proposed revision of the International Health Regulations, child health policy, HIV/AIDS and polio eradication, among other things. And for relaxation? I have a 3 year old...

“There are young people who have tried to cut their wrists. After 8 hours of reconstructive surgery I reassured him that “we have fixed your hand”. I wondered why he was crying until he replied “Yes, but you didn’t fix my life!”. I began to reflect on how I could best help this world. Was it as a plastic surgeon? How come many “healthy” people were not happy? I had many questions which only came to be answered in prayer. I experienced the call of God to dedicate my whole life to really heal this wounded world (the only previous callings I had heard were for last orders in the Trinity Hall bar on a Friday night).

I entered the Verbum Dei Missionaries in 1999 and was sent to the beautiful and exciting Philippines, where my Scottish roots were not acknowledged and I was simply known as “the guapo Amerikano” – the handsome American.

After enduring mosquitoes, catching typhoid and dengue fever, eating rice for breakfast/lunch & dinner, sharing the joy and generosity of the people despite their great poverty and suffering, being challenged to learn Cebuano (the local dialect), and being even more challenged to display my skills as former Captain of the Trinity Hall soccer team in the 35 degree centigrade heat – “Nobody said it was easy!” but now after 5 years of missionary life, I am still alive and kicking and eager for more.

I am now heading off to Rome. I leave behind in the Philippines many good friends but bring with me many happy memories. I will never forget the joy and kindness of the Filipino people. I give thanks to God for the privilege of being a missionary, and the opportunity to be able to take care of the physical and spiritual health of many people.

James McTavish (1987)

Medical safety

In the USA it is estimated that at least 44,000, and perhaps as many as 98,000 die in hospitals each year as a result of medical errors. Even using the lower estimate these deaths exceed those attributed to breast cancer, AIDS and motor vehicle accidents. As many as half of these adverse events are judged to be avoidable. Reducing this disturbing toll of human lives requires a rethink of the approach towards medical safety.

A study undertaken by research teams at the Engineering Design Centre (EDC) University of Cambridge (including Trinity Hall Fellows Dr John Clarkson and Dr Jerome Jarrett), the Robens Centre for Health Ergonomics at the University of Surrey, and the Helen Hamlyn Research Centre at the Royal College of Art has led to the publication of a report which points the way to improving patient safety and will contribute significantly to improving the quality of care for NHS patients. The study identified how the effective use of design could help to reduce medical accidents.

The report sets out the safety challenge that needs to be addressed and outlines a new design-led approach to reducing the incidence of error and accidents across the NHS. As a result of the work, a series of research-based recommendations and actions have been submitted to the Department of Health to help put this approach into practice.

Sir Liam Donaldson, Chief Medical Officer, in his Foreword to the report comments:

“Properly addressed, improvements in patient safety will contribute significantly to improving the quality of care for NHS patients. Reduction in errors will also free up resources at present used to cope with the consequences of those errors. Implementing the thinking set out in this report could go a long way to help achieve that goal. If the NHS can embrace the broad systems approach set out in the following pages, we would undoubtedly save lives.”

The report “Design for patient safety – a system-wide design-led approach to tackling patient safety in the NHS” was jointly commissioned by the Department of Health and the Design Council. Beautifully presented, with illustrations relating to the subject matter (as shown above), the Report is eminently readable and available from the Design Council or Department of Health.
Trinity Hall RUFC have developed a fearsome reputation in the last few years and this year have finally been granted their long overdue and well-deserved promotion to Division 1. In their season opener they gave Jesus a run for their money so it was with some trepidation that 20 Trinity Hall Old Boys came up to Cambridge in October to face down these young pretenders.

The turnout at Kings Cross was impressive and, as these men waved goodbye to wives and children that morning with the cries of “Don’t get hurt!” ringing in their ears, thoughts soon turned to how their enlarged waistlines and receding hairlines could be turned to competitive advantage and points on the scoreboard.

After a brief team talk in the Maypole and a well-balanced meal of burgers and chips the OBs began the walk up the hill to BoHo with only a few oranges and a bottle of water for sustenance. By the time they got to the top it was agreed, between pauses for breath, that this was a sufficient warm-up and that we should get on with the game before anyone had second thoughts.

The pitch was in fantastic condition and it was evident that Simon Judd and his capable team had been out for many hours preparing for this meeting of the generations. Joe de Bono (1993–1996) refereed, and stamped his mark on the game from the starting whistle. Occasionally you could see that he was struggling not to join the melee and pile into the rucks but his self-control held strong and he steered the game very professionally. The touch judge was made of less stern stuff and as the OBs finally ran out of substitutes wasted no time in scampering onto the pitch to take up his old spot at stand-off. Hopefully his fine display of kicking and ball-distribution will convince him, and those others waiting in the wings, to sign up to the starting line-up next year.

Beyond that I’m afraid that your correspondent can’t offer much comment on the game itself since he was at the bottom of a ruck more often than not and only has a rudimentary grasp of the rules and tactics anyway. But, save to say, a total of 85 points were scored and both sides acquitted themselves very well with wonderful rucking, soaring lineouts, sniping runs and displays of passing unrivalled in Tit Hall history. As is often the case, the presence of so many pretty girls on the sidelines inspired many a player to exert himself beyond his natural limit and, in the words of the OBs’ stalwart prop “write cheques that their bodies couldn’t cash”.

After this inaugural match the series (much to everyone’s surprise) stands at 1–0 to the OBs but who knows what next year’s game will bring? For many players this was their rugby swansong and they will shuffle off the field before our next showdown. Therefore all Old Boys who think that a year may be sufficient time to find their boots and prepare for 80 minutes of glory are encouraged to email james.lyon@cantab.net

Many thanks are due to Liz Pentlow, Trinity Hall’s Alumni Officer, for her invaluable assistance in tracking down all the wayward players. Paul Murphy (captain 04/05) and Tomo Togo (captain 03/04) deserve a special mention for their efforts in getting this game off the ground. Finally, I can confidently speak for all the OBs when I say that we wish THRUFC all the best for the coming season and are very grateful to them for giving us such an enjoyable weekend.

Details of the Rugby Club Scrummage Machine Fund and more photos of the day’s events can be found at http://www.nicklyonmedia.com/subpages/thrufc.htm

James Lyon (1994)
Laura Ley, Data Administrator, sets out a few facts gleaned from returned questionnaires

To start with the dry facts – in October 2002 we sent out 6354 alumni questionnaires and only 3130 have not been returned or filled in online. Only? Well, yes. To look at it the other way – over half have been returned, an amazing response to such a mailing. Thank you to everyone who took the time to return this information – from confirming your addresses, to helping us track down lost souls, to including stories and tit bits that have led to sections in this and other publications.

% of Questionnaires returned by matriculation year

Unsurprisingly, a little over three quarters of the TH alumni live in the UK, but the remaining 1580 are spread far and wide.

% of Alumni living outside the UK

Dining Rights

MA Dining Rights have changed!

Dining Rights have now been extended to any Trinity Hall member (not in Statu Pupillari) who has graduated with a degree, including the BA or diplomas that were previously excluded. You can come and dine in College up to 4 times a year, paying only for the wine. Or, you can swap 1 of those occasions to bring a guest (up to 2 times a year). There are still the same limitations on when you can dine – there needs to be a High Table with at least 4 people dining – but we are continuing the Dining Evenings once a term for alumni to exercise their Rights. Dates are advertised in the forthcoming events section. There will be a maximum number able to dine due to space restrictions, so if you’d like to come along, please sign up well in advance.
In the centenary year of the Trinity Hall Association, Mr Dennis Avery (1980), President of the Trinity Hall Association, reflects on our evolving College, and writes a personal tribute to outgoing Master, Professor Peter Clarke, and outgoing Bursar, John Pegler.

Our year-long centenary anniversary celebrations of the Trinity Hall Association started with an evening reception at the Royal Society of Arts in March and continued with a meeting of members during the Annual Gathering in Hall, when the gardens were admired in June sunshine. And now, following our Annual and Centenary Dinner in September with one hundred and fifty four members seated and stretching capacity of the Hall and SCR – we may pause and reflect on the Trinity Hall Association, and our founders of 1904. We believe they would share our pleasure knowing the Trinity Hall Association to which they gave birth, continues with vitality, as we embrace the next century.

One might be lulled into asking, has nothing changed? Articles in this Front Court answer the question. In addition to the THA organisational changes, personal ones have embraced our Association in tangential ways, ones of import, namely the retirements of the Master, Professor Peter Clarke, and Staff Fellow and Bursar, John Pegler. Their departures will not be merely organisational; to many of us they prove enormously personal as well.

Our Trinity Hall Association and our College are separate and independent organisations, and not by paradox, also of one purpose. There is shared purpose fully felt between officers of the THA and our Master and Bursar, as we meet within the Alumni Liaison Committee (the official interface between College and alumni) and during other formal occasions during the year. Most gratifying and meaningful to me while sitting as President, and I believe likewise to many other members, has been the personal contact nurtured outside these meetings.

I can only wish that each of our six and a half thousand plus other Trinity Hall Association members could personally share the ambiences of the Master’s Lodge and elsewhere, as regularly as my wife Sally and I have, enabling conversation with the Master and his art historian spouse, Dr Maria Tippett, along with lunches and other communications with John Pegler.

The fundamental reason for our Association – “staying in touch with each other and with the College” - is in real time and space, now reality as never before, in personal contact. The benefits are many, to many. We must concede some added help from cyber technology, email, faster regular mail and air travel. In the last 18 months, gatherings of Trinity Hall alumni have taken place across the globe, from Cambridge, London and Edinburgh, to New York, Seattle, San Francisco and LA; from Australia to the Far East and Canada.

Be it on the Cam or at the California Institute of Technology it is the personal sharing and communication, both assiduously pursued and achieved by our immediate past Master and Bursar, which have so much enhanced our College and alumni organisations.

On behalf of all Trinity Hall Association members, our heartfelt thanks to Peter Clarke and John Pegler. Their dedicated involvement ensured important Trinity Hall traditions endure in our sometimes too rapidly evolving world. May I also say through my own highly personal communication and contact with both, adieu can only be said whilst adding a profound and deeply respectful thanks.

May we now warmly welcome our newly elected Master, Professor Martin Daunton and his academician wife Claire, and our just installed Bursar, Paul ffolkes Davis.

I was elected Joint London Secretary at the AGM in May 1975. The other London Secretary was John Barratt (1939). The Cambridge Secretaries were Dr Graham Storey (1939) and Professor David Cove (1957). In those days the Committee worked like a well oiled machine, the ground arrangements being made by John at his office in the City (Messrs Pothecary and Barratt) and the meetings being chaired by Graham with great efficiency. New members were suggested annually by Graham and he reported matters of note. My first contribution was to organise a fork supper at Trinity House for Hall men– no ladies in those days – and their guests. It was the first time, as far as I am aware, that guests had been invited to any formal THA function, apart from the the day of the Annual Gatherings. It was most enjoyable and the first step towards the mixed and totally homogenous events of today. Gradually I got more involved in College affairs as the Association was galvanised into activity by Professor Jonathan Steinberg and Doug Collins. Jonathan was looking at the Harvard model, bringing the Alumni back to the College and Doug was doing the same but with a view to raising money for the College. He needed the alumni. These were exciting developments and I was anxious to ascertain from the students what they wanted. I had several meetings with JCR and MCR reps including a memorable dinner. I was also responsible for the careers initiative, started in conjunction with the existing Nick Nicholson Fund), now organised by Sarah Webbe (1981). This was a great opportunity for alumni and students to mix for their mutual benefit. Under the tireless Presidency of Dennis Avery (1980) and with great encouragement from Professor Peter Clarke we are now, in our Centenary, on the verge of a most exciting rebirth. This has all given me an enormous amount of pleasure and I am extremely fortunate to have had this unique and still ongoing experience. Vivat THA!

Barry Lewis (1959) London Secretary 1975 – 2005
Trinity Hall connection with crew of lost Lancaster

In this 60th anniversary year, many services have been held to commemorate the bravery and sacrifice of those who gave their lives in the Second World War. On 20 February 2004, a Service was held in the Church of St Stephen with St John, Westminster to give thanks for the lives of the crew of Lancaster ND 410 PH-Y, on the 60th anniversary of their deaths.

The photograph of the crew, taken in front of their plane a few weeks before they were lost, includes Evelyn Travers Clarke (1939, 3rd from left), who read Modern and Medieval Languages. The service was organised by her brother, John Travers Clarke (1942), and was attended by family members of each of the crew. The service included a solo sung by Evelyn and John’s great-nephew, Robert Stephen, a grandson of Jim Stephen (1941). In a further Trinity Hall connection Bernard White, the Mid Upper Gunner of the Lancaster (on the right in the photograph) was a cousin once removed of one of the current Year Reps, Helen Powell (née White, 1988).

Evelyn was the Navigator of the plane, which was shot down off the Dutch coast when homeward bound from a raid on Leipzig at around 4 am on the morning of 20 February 1944. This was one of the first Allied raids with heavy losses: 893 planes took off and 79 Lancasters and Halifaxes were lost. The bodies of the Bomb Aimer and Rear Gunner of the Lancaster crew were washed ashore in March and April, followed six months later by that of the Flight Engineer. These three crew members are buried in Holland. The bodies of the other four members of the crew were not found. The place where the plane came down is now a lake, enclosed from the sea, on the bed of which there are believed to be a number of missing aircraft.

The Evelyn Travers Clarke Award was established to provide bursaries to undergraduate members of the College in memory of this former student who gave his life in the service of his country at an age not much greater than theirs.

Calling all Black and Whites

On 12 September 2004, Trinity Hall Boat Club entered a scratch mixed IV into the Cambridge Autumn Regatta. After winning the final “easily” we retired to the Plough with our newly acquired Pots. At this point we realised only one member of the crew was still in statu pupillari. After consuming several beverages from the pots, the idea came around of founding an “Old Boys” boat club to allow ex-THBC rowers to compete legally together, and since we had already effectively won the clubs first ever race we saw it as a good omen! For this reason I would like to hear from ALL past members of Black and Whites as, unfortunately, we have no list of existing members.

The aim of the Black and Whites Rowing Club is to allow you to compete with people you raced with at College whether that be ten, twenty, thirty or even forty years ago. It will also make it easier to keep up to date with THBC’s progression in the Bumps Charts and races off the Cam and of course being able to invite every member to the annual Black and Whites dinner. So even if you are no longer able to row we would like you to be a part of the new club!

We are particularly keen to hear from past Presidents, but our aim is to be able to compile a list of all past members of Black and Whites. If you have any information on how we may be able to contact people you know were in the club, or if you can remember who was President while you were competing for THBC we would also like to hear from you.

Any feedback on this idea would be gratefully received and I look forward to hearing from you all.

Please contact Hayley Palmer (President Black and Whites 2004-2005) on hap30@cam.ac.uk or Trinity Hall, Cambridge, CB2 1TJ.
This year has seen another huge programme of events, attracting ever larger attendances that are pushing College facilities to the limit!

Dr Mike Hobson gave a fascinating insight into the Universe and its development at last November’s Milestone Lecture (the presentation that he gave can be found at www.trinhall.cam.ac.uk/alumni/publications). Further afield, the vaults of the Royal Society of Arts on John Adam Street provided the unique setting for the THA London Event on the 26 March 2004, celebrating 100 years to the day of the first meeting of the Association. Numbers coming back to take their MA went up again. 1997 had a slightly damp day to take their degrees, but that didn’t stop them enjoying the dinner in the evening.

Many Boat Club members returned in April to help Martin celebrate his 30 years as Boat Man. The racing was close and exciting Trinity Hall turned out in force to cheer the crews on in the May Bumps, with the College enjoying a day of mixed fortunes. The 1st boat was unable to catch Catz after a heroic effort, but they are lying a strong 3rd on the River. The Men’s 3rd boat had a momentous Bumps, earning their Oars, and the Women’s 2nd boat bumped 4 times over 3 days, both crews moving up a division.

A new date for the Annual Gathering allowed a much more adventurous programme to be tried out as part of the THA’s centenary celebrations. The AGM in the morning saw all the changes to the Rules accepted, and despite the rain, a large number of alumni enjoyed a varied programme including lectures by Professor Jonathan Steinberg and graduate student Amir Baghdadchi, a wine tasting, and a performance by the choir in the Chapel. A buffet supper in the gardens finished off a hugely successful day, and a similar programme will continue for future Gatherings.

Two very different Reunions have taken place. In July, those who came up in 1946 and earlier came back, many with their wives, and some not having been back for many
Development Travels...

A helter skelter tour by the Development Director across America, brought TH Alumni together. These included drinks at “The Top of the Hub” with incredible evening views over Boston; a fabulous dinner at Rue 57 in New York, organised by Frank Morgan (1970); informal dinners in Los Angeles and Seattle; and a delightful drinks reception at the Vancouver Cub, Vancouver, hosted by the Master, Professor Peter Clarke and Dr Maria Tippett.

Not to be out-travelled, our Senior Tutor, Nick Bampos was warmly welcomed in Hong Kong where an impromptu lunch and dinner was arranged on his stop-over to Australia. Nick thereafter flew to Sydney where informal drinks were once again arranged by an ever-strengthening Sydney network.

Milestone Lecture, 2004

Prison Life and Prison Effects: Opening the Black Box

Do changes in the emotional tone of penal policy have effects on prison life? Are prisons intended to punish or reform, and how effectively do they accomplish either goal? Why do suicides occur disproportionately in some prisons but not in others? Does the private sector ‘do it better’? What are the risks of private sector competition in the ‘provision of correctional services’?

This lecture on 20 November, illustrated the complexity and variety of prison life in England and Wales, and showed how new measures of prison climate, and other more qualitative sociological research approaches, may provide answers to some of these questions. The full transcript will appear in the 2005 Spring Newsletter.
Once again we are impressed by how busy our alumni have been this year, whether with College gatherings, or personal escapades. If you have any photographs or snippets of news you wish to include in next year’s Black & White, please contact your Year Rep (full listings included here) or Liz Pentlow (tel: +44 (0)1223 332567; email alumni@trinhall.cam.ac.uk). The Online Alumni Directory (THAlumni.net), your alumni site, allows you to keep up-to-date with events in the College, and news of your contemporaries.

1935
Mike Page and Pat Macleod are two from the 1935 vintage who manage to keep in regular touch. Pat, who lives in Spain, will be over on his regular annual trip and he and Mike are meeting up. Mike also has recent news of Bill Leishman, having met his brother Freddie recently at an Oundle School reunion. Freddie says that his elder brother keeps well even if he, like most of us from 1935, has slowed down a bit. Mike also sees Cedric Dickens from time-to-time. Mike attended the pre 1946 reunion at the Hall with his wife on 3rd July but was the sole representative from 1935. The oldest member there came up in 1923! So, come on all you lot from 1935, you have still got plenty to aim at!

1947
Michael Mynott celebrated his Golden Wedding on 7 August 2004. A family party of 20 spent the weekend before at Centre Parks and on the day itself 250 people attended a garden party at his home. Amongst these were Brian and Sammy Maurice from Tunbridge Wells. Brian shared rooms with M J M at the Hall from 1947–1950, shared digs in London 1950–54, and shared national Service in the RAF 1954–56. He finished up as a Consultant Surgeon, 25 miles from Eastbourne where M J M was in General Practice from 1957 to 1992.

1950
At the suggestion of Raman Subba Row, we organised a reunion lunch at the RAF Club in London. The idea was to have an interim “do” between 2000 and 2007 when the College will offer us hospitality.

From our initial response of some 20 people, we suddenly shot up to 32 about a month before the event, a great delight for the organiser. We assembled at noon for pre-lunch drinks when the decibels soon reached a satisfactory level. Raman had brought a group photo from 1950 and one from 2000. It was wonderful to see people suddenly recognising each other and even better to see how well those who had never met before got on. We were particularly lucky that so many of our ladies were able to attend and lend great sparkle to the occasion. Lunch was at 1pm and we finally started to go home about half past three, the conversation having never flagged and having much laughter to keep it going.

Our thanks are very much due to Raman and also to the staff of the Club for a most enjoyable event – incidentally there were NO speeches – just a vote of thanks and four toasts!

Your correspondent (Bob Ely) was very pleased when several people asked for a “re-match” before 2007. Provisionally we are considering the autumn of 2005. I would like to offer profound thanks to Liz Pentlow for all her administrative support.
1951

1951 was well represented at the Centenary Gathering and Annual General Meeting of the Trinity Hall Association, in person and by proxy. The reorganisation of the Association and the Alumni Liaison Committee was accomplished. Essentially the Committee of the Trinity Hall Association now numbers 12, 8 being Year Reps. The alumni representation on the Alumni Liaison Committee becomes 6, half of that body.

The fuller programme for the day was a great success: The Jonathan Steinberg lecture, and the Amir Baghdadchi lecture on Ronald Firbank, being highlights for your Year Rep. The scheduling and format of the event will be repeated next year, and it will be well worth supporting.

On 25th September the Year Rep Conference for 2004 was held, and the Committee to be presented at the 2005 Annual General Meeting of the Trinity Hall Association was agreed.

Professor Martin Daunton the Master Elect was present and contributed. In the evening he presided at the Trinity Hall Association Dinner, which included a Golden Anniversary table for 1954. A large body from 1999, with 1998, 2000, 2001 and 2002 members dined in the Senior Combination Room.

As is explained elsewhere the arrangements for alumni to dine at High Table have been revised and enable a guest to be taken. A group of Year members can now arrange to attend with their wives.

A key to the much improved programmes and activities for alumni is communication on the internet, through the website www.THAlumni.net. Obviously younger alumni are registering in numbers, whilst our generation is not. Year members who are on-line are urged to sign up, following the simple instructions.

Angus Macdonald

1956

Mike (J. M.) Jackson died on 22nd December 2003.

Erudite, multi-talented and with a wide range of interests, he had followed a career as a Schoolmaster (Modern Languages) at Birkenhead School. His association with his local choir and the Renaissance Music Group of Liverpool followed his singing days with CUMS; his passion for cricket, walking and gardening never abated; and his commitment to his church and school in Heswall confirmed his position as a pillar of the whole community. His funeral was attended by old friends Bill White, Jim and Elizabeth Laidlaw, and David and Joyce Marshall Evans.

David Marshall Evans retired from his position as a Senior Circuit Judge in April 2003.

I have received a request for information about Richard Smith (1956). Can anyone help?

Michael Shipley

1958

‘Active retirement’ is the phrase to describe we 58-ers, as our 70th birthdays begin to be visible on the horizon. Among the active have been Ricky Hankinson and Andrew Curtis) who again went hiking in Corsica, but Ricky says the recent huffing and puffing means they will soon transfer this annual activity to the lowlands. Still, after a year in France, he intends to go back to Princeton to set up some squash programmes.

John Kendal, who lives in Copenhagen, has also been walking in Corsica. He also sails now and then from the Danish island of Samsø. He has stopped teaching but still does translation work. James King, however, still teaches three days a week (after 42 years at the chalkface), at the sixth form centre at Lewes Tertiary College.

John Phipps would be active, but his running was interrupted when he broke his leg. However he has re-qualified as an ACIS so he can work as a company secretary or a trustee.

Angus Macdonald
Year Reps

1974 Guy Brannan
1975 Nick Eastwell
1976 Rob Highmore
1977 Andrew Burr
1978 Christopher Grigg & Dr Fionna Grigg
1979 Roger McKinlay
1980 Dr Geoff Parks
1981 Sarah Webbe
1982 Tim Steele
1983 Mrs Cathy Staveley (née Kendall)
1984 Andrew Moore
1985 Jackie Horne
1986 Tim Bennett
1987 Dave Johnson
1987 (Grads) Dr Harry Bradshaw
1988 Mrs Helen Powell (née White)
1988 (Grads) Mrs Rosalind Lane (née Jeans)

Douglas Miller is not only still active at the crease, up in the Chilterns, but has produced a book about a bowling legend, Don Shepherd – *Born to Bowl* published by Fairfield Books. It is selling well in Glamorgan!

From the boundary, Grant Lewison recently watched England thrash the Windies at Lords, in the company of Tom Wesley. He is off to Maine for a month to work on a llama farm.

Nick Payne, who continues to chair the National Gardens scheme, (and mix with Royalty) has become our 17th entry in *Who’s Who*. (And there is a large clutch of doctors, lawyers and priests in other directories – whatever your problem, we’ve got the right men!) Others are still writing, translating, judging, and lawmaking. And some are playing golf (like David Ford).

Hamilton Sanderson, sometimes known as John, leads a busy multinational family life in Holland, after retiring from a life in oil exploration and research around the globe. He studied geophysics at the London School of Mines after leaving the Hall.

Another contemporary to emerge from the fog of the unknown is Howard Gregory. After a lifetime in music–teaching, choral music and conducting a youth orchestra, he now travels the world as an official music examiner, which takes him as far as Malaysia, South Africa and the Arab States.

David Grugeon is off with his wife to South Africa for a conference – he still does further education (history and literature) and contributes to the occasional *festschrift*. He invited his entire Christmas card list to his 65th!

This year I have seen Jeremy Stone (over from Orlando), Roger Backhouse and David Tetther – and hope to see others when they visit my part of Somerset.

Peter Hill

1964

Compiling my piece for “The Hidden Hall” on music in the mid-sixties prompted a call from Alistair Jones, the organ-scholar at that time. His reason for recruiting several of us to play for the daily Evensong was his wish to row, and he believes that he must be the only organ-scholar from any college to have rowed in his college’s First Eight. He reminded me of several highlights I had forgotten, including Bach’s Cantata No. 51 “Jauchzet Gott in allen Landen” with the all-important trumpet part played by another contemporary, Nick Butcher. He confirmed my belief that the performance of the same composer’s St. John Passion in 1967 was the highlight of the three years, and that people were talking about it for long afterwards. Apparently the singer of the tenor arias had to defy his college authorities in order to do so. It was a sign of the status which Hall music-making had achieved by then that so many fine musicians across the university were prepared to take part, setting a trend which still continues.

Frank Conley

1968

Let me confess that I failed utterly as the 1968 Year Rep by not attending the event of the year: Jonathan Steinberg’s lecture ‘The view from O 2’. The good news – that is from my narrow sectional point of view – is that Trinity Hall’s new master, like his predecessor, is a historian. So Trinity Hall will not only have been associated with a brilliant biography of Sir Stafford Cripps (who in parenthesis had nothing whatsoever to do with the Cripps Building in Johns College) but can look forward to some insight into the economics side of history. It was shamefully neglected back in 1968, but Elton had apparently said it all in ‘England under the Tudors’.

I won’t describe Trinity Hall as a growth stock, as growth has become too nebulous and rare to command belief. BUT – the Hall is on a curve of success, measured by what really matters: enthusiasm, professionalism, investment and achievement. You might consider a trip back, not least to exercise your dining rights, which is even possible twice a year on the basis of being a couple. Bringing a gown is no longer required.

Henry Poole

1971

The highlight of the year was the 1971 year party in London in July, marking the 30th anniversary of our graduation (for most of us, anyway). This was a great success – in total 27 people attended, including 7 wives of alumni. John Collier nobly represented the College. Everyone thought it was such a success that it should be repeated next year. I have already arranged next year’s party, for Thursday, 7 July at the Oxford & Cambridge Club in Pall Mall. More details next year. The next official Reunion Dinner will be in 2007.

Finally, can I encourage you to register your e-mail details with THalumni.net, the College’s website for alumni. You can control what information you put on the site. At present the College has far more e-mail addresses than appear on the site.

Best wishes to all, and I hope to see as many of you as possible next July, if not before!

John Ellard

1972

I’ve sent a brief email to our year group on a couple of occasions, but we have only a few valid email addresses – far fewer than we have phone numbers. Would you please consider signing up to THalumni as recommended elsewhere in *Black and White*, and encourage others from our year as well?

Thank you,

Geoff Gardiner
1975

It is almost thirty years since we all first passed through the Porters’ Lodge on our way to interviews. I recall mine well, with Jonathan Steinberg and Cliff Pratten. Quite what it was, coherent and/or intelligent, they managed to glean from the long haired, unworliday 18 year old before them I’ve often wondered. I can only conclude they were/are sharper than am I! No further comment necessary guys.

So what’s occurring:

1. The THA dinner was on Saturday 25 September preceded by the unsightly sight of Messrs. Charlton, Eastwell, Gilbertson, Walsh and Williams parading their paunches (some bigger than others eh Dave?) and faded footballing skills at Wychfield for a game with those youthful lads of 1976 and 1977. If any of you fancy a run (sic!) out next year, your presence would be welcome (might make Dave look better than he will be).

2. The “Hidden Hall” is on schedule to be managed to glean from the long haired what it was, coherent and/or intelligent, they wondered. I can only conclude they were/are necessary guys.

3. Many of you will recall the Master hosted the City summer beer and curry outing together in 05 to celebrate 30 years and in July saw an august gathering in late June among Henry Williams and Wilson. Stephen Auld QC wondered. I can only conclude they were/are necessary guys.

And what’s occurred of late:

1. The Trinity Hall London Event was held at the Royal Society of Arts in March. A poor turnout from you lot with yours truly, Bob Charlton, Andrew Milton-Thompson and Andy Walsh flying the flag on what was a very enjoyable evening.

2. Messrs Dumont, Eastwell, Gilbertson, Kinder, Thornley plus better halves attended a memorable 20th wedding anniversary party hosted by Simon and Caroline Clark in late June among Henry Moore sculptures in rural Hertfordshire.

3. The City summer beer and curry outing in July saw an august gathering comprising Messrs, Adams, Bell, Brown, Dumont, Eastwell, Kinder, Lang, Walls, Williams and Wilson. Stephen Auld QC emailed me the next evening to ask where we all were as he sat in the appointed alehouse feeling rather lonely! Nice one Steve!

4. Apart from word from Mick Wallbanks still in Dubai and of Turlough O’Donnell (his nephew is in my capital markets team at Linklaters!) word from others has been thin this last year.

So on that note and with yet another footie season just started … have a good year and let me have your noteworthy news. Nick Eastwell

1977

For those of you who have already had the good fortune to read this report online, please accept our apologies! For the technophobes amongst you, we should explain that this was the second class of ’77 e-report via the excellent online directory, to which we again encourage everyone to sign up @ www.thalumni.net; if computer dinosaurs like us can manage this, it has to be a real doodle. Think of it as “Friends Reunited” with “nobs” on!

Following the year representatives’ conference on the 25th September 2004, the inaugural match took place at Wychfield of the Trinity Hall “Old Boys” Footie Collective (aka “the Black and Whites”). Barring serious latent injuries (as to which, see further below), the tentative suggestion has been made that this should become an annual event, in which case, diaries should be marked for 4 pm on the afternoon following next September’s year representatives’ conference.

The backbone of the Blacks comprised “Eastwell’s Eagles”, a magnificent turnout of Bob Charlton, Nick Eastwell, David Gilbertson, Steve Lane, Andrew Walsh and Steve Williams from 1975. Ably assisted by “JT (James Thomas from 2002) (who also helpfully arranged a stylish commemorative strip), the Blacks eventually ended up 5–3 victors, following a well-balanced and hard-fought “end to end’er”.

The Whites consisted of a more motley crew. The 1976 team were represented by Rob Highmore (who put in a revelatory performance at right back) and an inspiring Chris McFadzean (who soldiered through despite injury). 1977 fielded Alexander Burr (an 11 year old honorary old boy, pitted at left back against the ever twinkling toes of Nick Eastwell), his father and Chris Talbot.

The seventies lads were ably supplemented by Chris Hancock (1994), Richard Morrison (1998) and Iain Hollingshead (1997), together with a selection of last minute conscripts who kindly made up the numbers.

Apologies were received from Graham “David James” Read, John McCaughran and Steve “Lost in France” Evans (each of whom is still receiving physiotherapy following last year’s reunion match), Jonny Pine (returned to Hong Kong from Bangkok), Ian McMaster (Munich), Nick Wikley (Perth, Western Australia), Ken Maclean and Paul Duncombe (stranded in mid-Atlantic). Various mothers also expressed some interest in signing up their offspring for the yoof team, or attending in future as cheerleaders: Bridget Wheeler has promised to arrange the pom poms!

Soccer aside, you will read elsewhere of the recent changes to the Trinity Hall Association. July 2005 will see the first annual
gathering held under their auspices and your year co-representatives would love to hear from anyone who would be keen on combining this with a “bring your kids” event: answers on a postcard (or e-mail), please!

In the closer future, we have two further events for you to diaries. The 17 February 2005 sees the second of the revamped “MA dining rights dinners”: now you no longer need either an MA, or a gown, and you can bring a guest! Sign up soonest with Liz Pentlow at lp242@cam.ac.uk. Further details are to be found on the alumni website. Finally, keep a close eye out for news of the “London gathering” to be held in March 2005!

Andrew Burr
Lizzie Irons

1988
Greetings to all who matriculated in 1988. Do you ever find yourself telling someone that you went to Trinity Hall 16 years ago, and suddenly realise that you must be rather older than you feel? Here’s the final proof that it is indeed a considerable time since we were students – we’re invited back for a reunion next year!

Saturday 17 September is the date for a reunion for the 1987 and 1988 years, so do get it into your diary now and plan to be there. Meanwhile, if you have any news to share (or just want to say hi) then do get in touch and share your news so I can write interesting snippets for B&W News in years to come! From what I can gather, it seems that our year are mostly having babies at the moment. This summer, for example, Lynne Walkington (nee McCamley) and her husband Michael welcomed twins Phoebe and Grace into the world, Sarah (nee Mobsby) and Brandon Parkes welcomed daughter Frederica, and Debbie (nee Jackson) and Dave Hargreaves are about to welcome their second child. Looking further back, on 25 March this year, several of us met up at the TH London Alumni evening and had a great time catching up with each other, with the year of 1987, and with JC himself.

Helen Powell

1998 & 1999 Grads
The Year Representatives for graduates who matriculated in 1998 and 1999 have changed. Marina Terkourafi is now Year Representative for 1998 and Andrew Lennon takes over the job for 1999. Andrew and Marina want to keep in touch with as many graduates from 1998 and later years as possible. Andrew can be contacted at B.A.Lennon.98@cantab.net and Marina at mt217@cam.ac.uk, or via the THalumni website. College has many events planned for the next year, including High Table dining evenings.

Many of you will be aware of the reunion weekend next year for graduates who matriculated in 1996 to 1999. The level of replies to the initial query has been encouraging and the reunion will be on the weekend of 9–11 September 2005. Please contact your Year Rep if you are interested in the details of the weekend. You can find more information on the website.

2000
Congratulations to Chris and Jenny Balmer on their wedding in September 2004.

If you would like to know more about the role of the Year Reps, or if you would like to get involved in alumni relations, please contact Liz Pentlow in the Alumni Office.
Trinity Hall Alumni Wine Society

Côtes du Ventoux Red
This wine is made by Jean-Pierre and Francois Perrin, of the world-renowned Chateauneuf-du-Pape estate Chateau de Beaucastel. Grown on the slopes of Mont Ventoux, this is a superb example of good-value southern French wine and a very versatile partner for food – rich, spicy, deeply fruitied from a hot vintage, very rich and a classic peppery, savoury finish.

Linkwood Single Malt
A well-known, much cherished Speyside single malt. Deliciously light and pretty, with notes of cherry and rose-water, this is not about being powerful, but about elegance and complexity. The old part of the distillery was re-opened in 1990 but only operates for a few months a year – making this rare and sought after.

Mortlach Single Malt
A famous, big, bold, after-dinner Speyside single malt. Sweet nose with faint burnt-sugar aromas, very full bodied and dry with flavours of raisin and coffee. Dry finish, smoky and only slightly peaty, and lovely complexity overall from 12 years ageing in Sherry casks. Really most enjoyable and an excellent price indeed.

Cambridge Ale
A great find, this! Brewed by the multiply award-winning City of Cambridge Brewery and bottled specially for College, this is a superb golden ale full of refreshing, bitter hoppiness and sweet malt flavours.

Also available is the
Porters’ Porter
A dark, richly copper-coloured ale with lovely chocolatey richness and warm, spicy flavours. The beers are not, however, available for mail order but locally in the Cambridge Wine Merchants Shop, and the College Bar.

We’re delighted to present this wonderful collection of high-quality wines, malts whiskies and beer, purchased and labelled exclusively for Trinity Hall in association with Cambridge Wine Merchants. The College’s privileged position with local merchants results not only in exceptionally well-priced products for its members, but also in the availability of rare, sought after wines that are usually on strict allocation and often unobtainable by the general public. Furthermore, the College Development fund will benefit from every purchase made – it’s a rare win-win situation for College members and the College.

Launois Grand Cru Champagne Blanc de Blanc
We’re delighted to offer you this Blanc de Blanc Champagne from the famous Grand Crus village of Les Mesnil sur Oger (home of the world-renowned ‘Les Mesnil’ vineyard from which Krug produce the most expensive Champagne in the world). This wine has wonderfully mature brioche and biscuit aromas on the nose and a superb, full-bodied, rich, creamy palate with tingling Chardonnay acidity. This is surely one of the best value Champagnes available in the UK, and the College is delighted to have secured an allocation of this highly sought-after wine for its alumni, selling it at nearly 25% less than RRP!

Chateau de Tracy Pouilly Fumé
This famous property has been in the Scottish-descended d’Estutt d’Assay family since 1586, and uses only Sauvignon Blanc grapes grown on its own 23 hectare vineyard. This is a very difficult wine to get an allocation for and we are proud that through Cambridge Wine Merchants the College has managed to secure a comparatively large parcel of the 2002 vintage. Ch. De Tracy make a remarkably full-bodied, rich and complex Pouilly Fumé with all the intense, pungent aromas that have made the central Loire vineyards so famous. 2003 will be available shortly.

Simonelli-Santi ‘Antonio’ 2001
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Forthcoming events

Diary of Events

We would love to see you at a College event in the coming year, so in an attempt to entice you with what is coming up, below is a list of events currently being planned by the Alumni Office.

Thursday 7 December
Dinner in Hong Kong

Sunday 6 February 2005
Commemoration of Benefactors Evensong

Wednesday 16 February 2005
THA London Event at the Reform Club, Pall Mall (see enclosed postcard for details)

Thursday 17 February
Dining Rights Evening

1–5 March
Lent Bumps

Saturday 2 April
MA Ceremony for those who matriculated in 1998

Thursday 5 May
Dining Rights Evening

14–18 June
May Bumps

Saturday 2 July
Annual Gathering and Trinity Hall Association AGM

Saturday 2 July
Reunion Dinner

9–11 September
Reunion Weekend for Graduates of 1996–1999

Saturday 17 September
Reunion Dinner
For those who matriculated in 1987 & 1988

Saturday 24 September
Year Rep Conference

Saturday 24 September
THA Cambridge Dinner

As more events are organised, they will be advertised on the web, but invitations will also be sent to those people who are eligible to attend, so you won’t miss out!

If you have an idea for an event or mini-Reunion, please get in touch, as we would love to help you organise it. The College calendar does get extremely booked up, so events outside the Hall would be encouraged!

An updated list of forthcoming events will be posted online on www.THalumni.net. Alternatively, please call the Alumni Office on +44 (0)1223 332 567 for further information.

Book in your Reunion

Invitations to your Reunion will be sent out at the beginning of the year when you are due back, so if you are expecting to receive one, and nothing comes through, it may be because we no longer have your correct address – please keep us up-to-date! Year Reps will be given special advance notice of Reunions to round up support from their year.

The schedule for the next few years is as follows:

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For those who matriculated in 1985 and 1986         |
|      | July |
|      | September |
For those who matriculated in 1970, 1971 and 1972 |
For those who matriculated in 1989 and 1990 |
| 2009 | For those who matriculated in 1958, 1959 and 1960
For those who matriculated in 1961, 1962 and 1963 |
| 2010 | For those who matriculated up to and including 1949
For those who matriculated in 1991 and 1992 |
| 2011 | For those who matriculated in 1973, 1974 and 1975 |

The schedule can also be found at www.trinhall.cam.ac.uk/alumni/events.html