

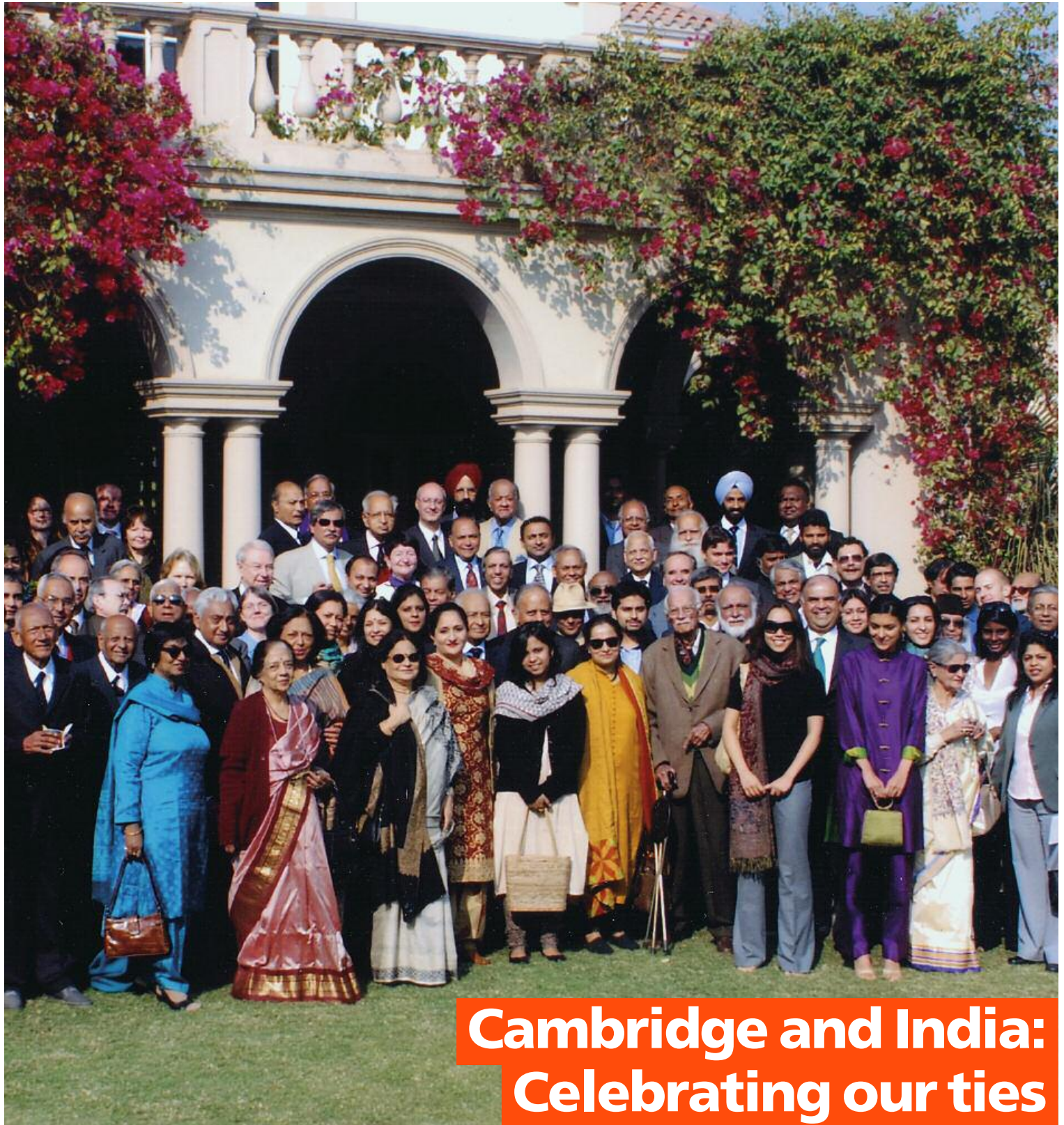
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**Cambridge and India:  
Celebrating our ties**

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# SNAPSHOT

**A little night music** To mark the 60th anniversary of the Institute of Continuing Education's move to Madingley Hall, the Alburni String Quartet will give two concerts at the Hall in March. On 22 March, the quartet will perform Haydn's *Opus 76 No 2 Fifts*, Wolf's *Italian Serenade* and Beethoven's *Opus 132*. On 24 March, they will present Mozart's *K464*, Beethoven's *Opus 95 Serioso*, and Dvorak's *Opus 96 The American*. Tickets are £14 each. To book, call 01954 280399.



PAUL WALFORD

**Sweet success** Chef Phillip Crouch, right, was part of a Sidney Sussex College team which won an inter-college cook-off in January. The menu included smoked haddock and watercress soup with a tortellini of shellfish, and warm apple tart tatin with a cinnamon and crème fraîche ice cream. The team, which included Head Chef Stephen Mather and Chef John Bridgeman, will now carry Cambridge's hopes at a national University Catering Organisation Competition in Blackpool in March.



**Pure chemistry** German Chancellor Angela Merkel and her husband Dr Joachim Sauer (far right), joined Sir John Meurig Thomas for a two-day Scientific Symposium in Cambridge in December. The symposium honoured Sir John for his contributions to the fields of chemistry, physics and materials science throughout the last 50 years. Sir John welcomed the Chancellor, herself a quantum chemist, for speeches and dinner at Peterhouse, where he was Master from 1993 to 2002.



NIGEL LUCKHURST

**Fitz wins bronze** Archaeologists surveying the site of a Roman farm at Fitzwilliam College dug up a surprise in January when they also found the first Bronze Age remains unearthed in Cambridge. Excavators dug up antler working (pictured), flint tools and pottery from about 1,500 BC. "We know this area of Britain was occupied during the Bronze Age and this helps us to fill in that picture," says Christopher Evans, from the Cambridge Archaeological Unit.



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# WHAT'S NEW

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## Making science cool



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Bjorn the Polar Bear and his herder will visit the Pitt Building on 15 March from 1 to 3.30pm.

VISITORS of all ages are invited to discover the world of science at the Cambridge Science Festival, the largest free science festival in the UK, from 10 to 20 March. Among the 140 events taking place, highlights include appearances by Carol Vorderman, Bjorn the life-size polar bear puppet, and Dr Who monsters.

There will also be a talk on the science of Dr Who, explosive Free Range Chemistry with Dr Peter Wothers, and Crash, Bang Squelch – 50 hands-on experiments for all ages presented by student society

CHaOS. The evening talks programme includes Sir David King, Professor Richard Wiseman, Professor Simon Baron-Cohen and Professor Barbara Sahakian.

Volunteers with a few hours to spare are needed, particularly on Saturday 15 March, to help provide information to the public and to assist with the fun events taking place.

→ For event details, visit [www.cambridgescience.org](http://www.cambridgescience.org)  
→ To volunteer, email [emma.wenborn@admin.cam.ac.uk](mailto:emma.wenborn@admin.cam.ac.uk)

## Redevelopment for the Backs

THE COLLEGES bordering the Backs are cooperating on a major redevelopment of the area and have agreed a landscape strategy setting a framework for the site over the next 100 years. The strategy was drawn up by Robert Myers Associates, landscape architects specialising in restoring historical sites.

It encourages a mix of oaks, planes and other trees to provide diversity and safeguard against tree disease. The plan will also create a wildlife corridor, which it is hoped will encourage – amongst other animals – water voles, whose numbers have fallen 95 per cent in the UK.

→ [www.clare.cam.ac.uk/about/BacksLandscapeStrategy.html](http://www.clare.cam.ac.uk/about/BacksLandscapeStrategy.html)

## ALL NEW...

### Give BluSci a try



Learn about science in a fun way: Visit the new website of *BlueSci*, a science magazine produced by students and alumni of the University. The website publishes weekly news, blogs, podcasts, films and extra material from the articles published in the magazine. The termly print magazine is now in its fourth year of production and can be found in most colleges and science departments around the University. The next issue comes out on 28 April.

→ Visit [www.bluesci.org](http://www.bluesci.org)

### Go digital

Did you know that Cambridge boasts the UK's biggest institutional digital repository? DSpace@Cambridge has a new website and new staff, and is inviting all departments to use the repository to store, preserve and disseminate their digital materials. DSpace can accommodate scholarly texts, reports, images, audio, video and datasets. It is a free service to the user and depositors at University departments. It is managed jointly by the University Library and the University Computing Service.

→ Visit [www.dspace.cam.ac.uk](http://www.dspace.cam.ac.uk)

### Volunteer for new ideas



Volunteers are needed for Cambridge's newest festival. The Cambridge Festival of Ideas, which will celebrate arts, humanities and social sciences at the University, will take place from 22 October to 2 November. The festival will include more than 80 free events for visitors of all ages, ranging from Stone Age cooking to an afternoon of Viking culture.

→ To volunteer, or to join a festival mailing list, email Jo McPhee, [jm631@admin.cam.ac.uk](mailto:jm631@admin.cam.ac.uk)

### Part-time MPhils

University departments can now offer students the chance to study part-time for an MPhil. In November 2007, the Regent House agreed to allow part-time study for MPhils. Departments must submit a proposal to the Board of Graduate Studies outlining how the two-year part-time MPhil course would be structured. They will have to satisfy the Board that all elements of the course are equivalent to a traditional one-year course. Several departments have already expressed an interest, but it is likely to be next year before the first courses begin.

→ For more information, email Linda Whitebread, [lhw38@admin.cam.ac.uk](mailto:lhw38@admin.cam.ac.uk)

# WHAT'S NEW

## 800th Campaign beats last year's record

REGARDLESS of the size or purpose of the gift, every donation made to the 800th Campaign has a human component. There are always people who will find their lives enhanced by another's generosity.

Take Laurel Riek, for example. Laurel is the first beneficiary of the QUALCOMM Research Studentship in Computing, which is supporting her as she works toward a PhD at Cambridge researching human-robot interaction.

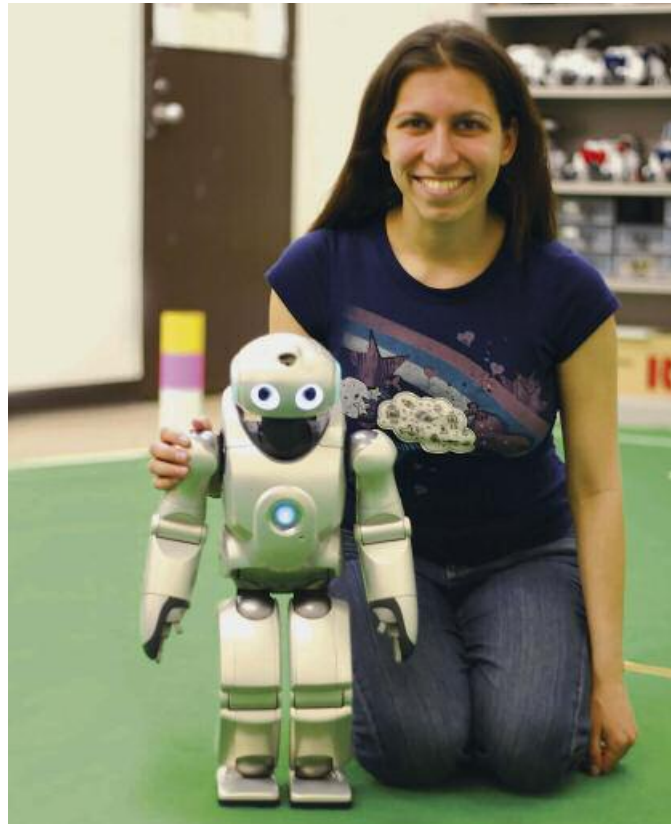
"The idea is to make robotic systems seem less intimidating and more useful by enabling them to be more 'emotionally aware,' capable of understanding, responding to, and expressing emotions," Laurel says. Without this Studentship, she would have probably had to pursue her potentially groundbreaking research elsewhere.

And Laurel is not alone.

Each year the 800th Campaign contributes to such successes.

Dr Melissa Calaresu is enjoying her work as the first holder of the Neil McKendrick College Lectureship at Gonville and Caius College. The post is a direct result of the generosity of 95 former students and friends of Neil McKendrick, former Master of Caius who was Director of Studies in History there for 40 years.

Then, there are the newly established Kavli Institute for



Laurel Riek

Cosmology and its Research Fellowships for outstanding young scientists. The Kavli Foundation, started by Norwegian-born entrepreneur Fred Kavli, will fund these researchers as they explore the very beginnings of the universe.

More beneficiaries are coming down the pike. 2006-2007 was a record fundraising year for collegiate

**£663 million of the £1 billion goal has been raised**

Cambridge. Together, the University and colleges raised £155 million, the result of more than 10,000 gifts. The Campaign has now achieved £663 million of its £1 billion goal.

Gifts to support staff account for 40 per cent of the funds raised to date for the Campaign. Particular headway was made this year in attracting donors to support senior academic posts currently funded from the University's annual income.

The Campaign's other three goals – supporting students, enhancing the freedom to discover, and developing Cambridge's outstanding collections and architectural heritage — are also progressing, with gifts for students and freedom to discover categories showing a more rapid growth this year than in previous years. In fact, overall, the funds raised annually by the University and colleges have very nearly doubled since the Campaign's "quiet phase" began in 2001.

But that's the big picture. For an individual like Laurel, who has joined the Graphics and Interaction Group within the Computer Laboratory, the 800th Campaign means she gets to conduct her research at Cambridge, or as she says, "The best place I could be."

For her, that opportunity just may prove priceless.

→ For a copy of the new 2006-2007 Campaign Report, visit [www.cam.ac.uk/800campaign](http://www.cam.ac.uk/800campaign)

## Penguins found in Cambridge

TWO CHALK drawings of penguins, made by the famous British polar explorers Captain Robert Falcon Scott and Sir Ernest Shackleton, have been discovered at the University's Scott Polar Research Institute.

The blackboards were found in the Institute's basement. Dr Huw

Lewis-Jones, historian and curator of art, discovered the drawings, which date from 1904 and 1909, while assessing the collections as part of the Institute's plans for redeveloping its polar museum.

Dr Lewis-Jones is now appealing for donations to "save the penguins" and restore them for future



generations. Staff at the Scott Polar Research Institute are also hoping to invite modern-day polar researchers to draw their own sketches, adding to the collection of Antarctic birds drawn by polar pioneers.

→ Pay a visit to the new interactive version of the online edition of the *Newsletter*: [www.admin.cam.ac.uk/univ/newsletter/](http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/univ/newsletter/). You can now turn the digital pages of the virtual *Newsletter* with the same ease that you might flip through the print edition. The new version also allows for easy access to web links or email addresses: simply click, and a new browser or email window will open.

## Teaching the teachers

CAMBRIDGE is working closely with state school teachers and careers advisers throughout the country to encourage more applicants who have the academic potential to flourish at the University. The efforts recognise the important role that teachers play in guiding pupils through the process of applying to university.

In January, teachers from 31 schools attended the third Target Teachers conference, funded by the Sutton Trust. The conference was aimed at teachers wanting to know more about applying to Cambridge. Events included talks on the admissions process, preparing for interviews, and the vital question of student finance, as well as a formal dinner at St Catharine's College.

"The event was enormously helpful as I am new to my job," said

Merrina Wilson, Peterborough Regional College's UCAS Coordinator and Careers Adviser. "Especially valuable was the chance to talk to the Cambridge students who took us on tours of the University. It was reassuring to find that they were from a range of backgrounds as it helped break down the stereotypes about Cambridge."

The Target Teachers conference was organised by Pembroke and St Catharine's Colleges with input from the School Liaison Officers working for a number of other colleges. Nine Admissions Tutors also took part in the programme. A fourth Target Teachers event will take place in early April.

**Susan Stobbs, left, Admissions Tutor at Pembroke College, talks to Merrina Wilson, UCAS Coordinator and Careers Adviser at Peterborough Regional College.**



## ALL NEW...

### Measuring up



*Pink* by Daina Taimina

Join Curator Barry Phipps at Kettle's Yard for an evening of art between 6pm and 7:30pm on the 30 April. The free private event for University staff will provide the opportunity to view the exhibition *Beyond Measure: conversations across art and science*. The show explores how geometry is used across disciplines, from art to engineering to plastic surgery, to interpret the world around us.

→ RSVP to Kate Wyatt, [kw324@cam.ac.uk](mailto:kw324@cam.ac.uk)

### Calling all Springboard participants

A reunion for staff who have participated in Springboard, Navigator and Spring Forward programmes will take place on the 23 June. Throughout March and April all former participants are also encouraged to take an online survey evaluating the programmes. The first Springboard Personal Development Programme for women staff began in 1992, later followed by Navigator for male staff and Spring Forward for women and men. The reunion lunch will be held from 11.45am to 2pm at the University Centre.

→ For details, email [staffdev@admin.cam.ac.uk](mailto:staffdev@admin.cam.ac.uk)

### Looking for buy in



Meet with University preferred suppliers of both general and scientific products and services at the Annual Purchasing Exhibition. The exhibition will take place from 10am to 2:30pm on 5 March in the Large and Small Exam Halls on the New Museums Site. Attendees can speak with supplier representatives, sample their products and attend seminars. Entry is by University Card.

→ Pre-register for seminars at [www.admin.cam.ac.uk/offices/purchasingevents/](http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/offices/purchasingevents/)

### Diversity champions



The University has joined the Stonewall Diversity Champions Scheme, which is open to employers who have a clear commitment to improving the working environment for lesbian, gay and bisexual staff. The Scheme builds on recent efforts to create a more inclusive environment at the University, including the formation of an LGBT staff network. The network has had social gatherings and helped coordinate February's LGBT History Month activities.

→ For details, visit [www.admin.cam.ac.uk/offices/personnellequality/](http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/offices/personnellequality/)

Whether it's Chelsea buns, vegetarian curry or fair trade coffee that sets your mouth watering, Cambridge has a venue for you. We asked for your suggestions, and you responded enthusiastically. We've featured five of your responses, but for a listing of all recommended venues, see the sidebox

# Food, glorious food

## EARTH'S CRUST

For unrivalled variety in the centre of Cambridge, the market is my first choice. One of my favourite stalls is Earth's Crust where the selection of breads is simply astounding. Each one I have sampled has been delicious and well worth the price, although choosing just one loaf from what seems like hundreds on offer is far from easy. Being a dried fruit fan, I also find it very hard to resist the Emerald Whole Foods stall which sells everything from cashew nuts and dried mango to 5-spice powder and saffron. And then there's the cheese stall, the fresh fruit and vegetables, the fishmonger, the butcher ... What more could you need?

Liz Woodham

NRICH Primary Coordinator  
Centre for Mathematical Sciences



PHILIP MYNOTT

## WEB SITES TO INFORM YOUR BITES

### Scores on the doors

To find out how your favourite restaurant scored in its most recent hygiene inspection, Janet Roberts, University Food Safety Adviser, recommends paying a visit to the Scores on the Doors website. The Cambridge City Council Environmental Health Office has posted its inspection results on an easy-to-use website that awards restaurants stars on a scale of one to five. The results just might surprise you.

→ Visit [www.scoresonthedoors.org.uk/](http://www.scoresonthedoors.org.uk/) and type "Cambridge" next to the Town button

### Local secrets

This Cambridge website is an excellent source of information about local restaurants. (Not to mention shopping and local events ...) The site contains hundreds of reviews of restaurants, cafés, bars, pubs, takeaways and party venues. Each review is accompanied by extensive venue information, often providing sample menus and links to the restaurants' own websites. Bargain hunters will also be pleased to find special offers listed, including many two-for-one meal deals.

→ Visit [www.localsecrets.com/](http://www.localsecrets.com/)

## UNIVERSITY CENTRE

As a foodaholic, I really enjoy eating at the University Centre because it has such a wide selection of really good scrummy food possibilities. The Granta bar offers tasty Indian curries at a very reasonable price and in the main dining room you can choose from a varied menu including scrumptious roast, fish, or vegetarian dishes, not to mention salads (when my conscience gets the better of me). The Riverside is a great restaurant for a 'special' meal and you couldn't ask for a better view! When I fancy a baguette and coffee I pop into the Grads Café and plonk myself into a comfy chair and read the paper.

Deborah Whiteland, Head of Administration, Office of External Affairs and Communications



Deborah Whiteland

## CAMBRIDGE BLUE

Anyone who comes to Cambridge from beyond Britain may quickly appreciate how superior British real ale is to most other beer. Cambridge has many pubs, but the most pleasant 'local' in the city may well be the Cambridge Blue in Gwydir Street, just east of Mill Road. The Blue has been a pub since the 1860s, and its cozy interior features two working fireplaces plus a child-friendly conservatory. Outdoors is a huge garden, but it's Jethro and Terri's first-rate food – plus an unusually wide range of well-kept beers – that makes the Blue an ideal destination for a good-value meal in a relaxing and friendly setting.

*Professor David J Garrow, Senior Research Fellow, Homerton College*



Professor David J Garrow

## GARDEN HOUSE

My brother Charles and I, along with our family and friends, took our mum, Kathleen, to the Garden House Hotel for Sunday lunch on her 80th birthday in October. It was perfect for the occasion. The food was traditional English Sunday lunch: excellent pork with real crackling, fresh vegetables, good value, and some nice wines. The staff were very friendly and considerate and there's a great view over the river. After the meal we went to the lounge so we didn't have to rush, and stayed most of the afternoon, then everyone went for a walk along the river.

*Michael Simmons, Cambridge eScience Centre*



Michael Simmons

## BLACK CAT CAFÉ

The Black Cat Café embodies all that is good about Mill Road – an independent business, selling homemade goods that is also a centre for the community, judging by the number of posters on the door. The menu is huge, ranging from vegan pate to the more traditional bacon sarnie, with salads and soups in between. Breakfast is a particular favourite of mine, washed down by a freshly made smoothie and a cup of tea. There's always a large selection of tempting cakes, which along with newspapers and attractive paintings (for sale) on the wall, makes this a great place to linger.

*Selina Hawkins, Access and Schools Liaison Officer, Christ's, Jesus and Homerton Colleges*



Selina Hawkins

## CAMBRIDGE RECOMMENDS

Why not give one or more of these food spots a try, based on the recommendations of University of Cambridge staff.

### Bakeries and cooking

#### Balzano Continental Bakers and Delicatessen

204 Cherry Hinton Rd, (01223) 246168

*They are a good traditional Italian deli*

#### Earth's Crust Market Stall

*Really yummy loaves*

#### Emerald Whole Foods

Market Stall *Sells everything*

*from cashew nuts to five-*

*spice powder*

#### Fitzbillies 52 Trumpington

Street, (01223) 352500

*Famous Chelsea buns*

#### Radmore Farm Shop 82-84

Victoria Road, (01223) 361155

*Wide range of meat, fruit, veg from their farm*



### Cafés

#### Black Cat Café 2 The Broadway, Mill Road, (01223) 248972

*Great for a lazy breakfast*

#### Emmas Cambridge Green End, Landbeach, (01223) 863657

*One of the best places for cake*

#### Rainbow Café 9A King's Parade, (01223) 321551

*Good for vegetarians*

### Coffee

#### Café Mobile Market Stall *Really good fair trade coffee*

#### Savino's 3 Emmanuel Street, (01223) 566186

*Best Italian coffee in Cambridge*

### Ethnic dining

#### Al Casbah (Algerian) 62 Mill Road, (01223) 579500

*Best quality value-for-money*

#### Café Adriatic (Croatian) 66 Mill Road, (01223) 352836

*Great pizzas and risottos*

#### Charlie Chan (Chinese) 14 Regent Street, (01223) 359336

#### Hakka (Chinese) 24 Milton Road, (01223) 568988

*Amazing place with friendly proprietor*

#### Jinling Noodle Bar (Chinese) 11 Peas Hill, (01223) 566188

*Absolutely delicious noodles*

#### Manna Mexico (Casual Mexican) 33 Regent Street,

(01223) 363439 *Good for vegetarians with proper refried beans*

#### 196 Meze Bar (Turkish) 196 Mill Road, (01223) 410519

*Tiny café serving authentic Mediterranean dishes*

#### Pipasha (Indian) 529c Newmarket Road, (01223) 577786

*Good range of curries including vegetarian dishes*

### Fine dining

#### Bruno's Brasserie 52 Mill Road, (01223) 312702 *Sophisticated food*

#### Garden House Hotel Granta Place, Mill Lane, (08704) 420973

*Stay all afternoon*

#### Midsummer House Midsummer Common, (01223) 369299

*Favourable impression, but pricey!*

#### 22 22 Chesterton Road, (01223) 351880

*Classy and innovative menu*

### Pubs

#### Cambridge Blue 85-87 Gwydir Street, (01223) 505110

*Best pub in Cambridge*

#### Kingston Arms 33 Kingston Street, (01223) 319414

*Good pub food*

### University

#### University Centre Granta Place, Mill Lane, (01223) 337759

*Wide selection of options*

#### Robinson College *Best place to eat in Cambridge*

In January, Vice-Chancellor Professor Alison Richard and more than 20 senior colleagues took an unprecedented two-week journey around India. The visit celebrated and affirmed Cambridge's many ties to India and its people. Sandra Dawson was part of that delegation

# Extraordinary India

INDIA never fails to surprise Professor Dame Sandra Dawson. "I've been going once or twice a year for the last three or four years, and every time I go, even just six months later, things have changed a lot," she says.

Since the 1990s, India's rapid economic growth and its large, diverse population have made it increasingly visible on the world's stage. "But I think you don't appreciate the extraordinary energy and pace of change until you're really there, seeing things on the ground," says Sandra Dawson, Master of Sidney Sussex College.

For two weeks in early January, a Cambridge delegation headed by Vice-Chancellor Professor Alison Richard witnessed India up close and in person. A team of more than 20 senior colleagues from all the Schools in the University travelled from New Delhi to Bangalore, Kolkata to Mumbai. Along the way, they met with Indian academics,

business leaders and government officials, as well as many of Cambridge's alumni in India. They also met with supporters of the Cambridge-based trusts which have provided funding over many years for students travelling to Cambridge from India.

Although the University has had a close relationship with India for more than 150 years – when Indian students first began attending Cambridge – there had never been an attempt to celebrate and develop the many connections as a whole.

"What Cambridge has never done is say, 'Let's try and pull this together and show the variety and depth of our relationships with Indian scholars and institutions,'" says Professor Dawson. "Part of the trip was about celebrating those links and making it quite clear that although they have grown organically, and will continue to grow organically, the University as a whole will do everything it can to

**"I think the depth and the variety of the collaborations and networks with Cambridge surprised us all"**



strongly support their creation."

Many connections reflect deep roots. In 1907, Jawaharlal Nehru arrived at Trinity College, where he studied for a degree in Natural Sciences. Later, he became India's first Prime Minister. At her first official Indian event in January, the Vice-Chancellor announced the establishment of a new Jawaharlal Nehru Professorship in Indian Business and Enterprise at Judge Business School. The Professorship is funded by a £3.2 million gift from the Indian government. BP has also provided an initial grant for the creation of a Centre for Indian Business, which will support the Professorship.

At a private lunch at Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh's New Delhi residence, Professor Richard was able to thank him for his government's generosity. For Professor Dawson, who was also present, the lunch with Dr Singh was a special moment. While she was Director of Judge Business School from 1995 to 2006, she and the Vice-Chancellor had participated in discussions with India's High Commission regarding the endowment of a chair in Indian business. "For me personally, that was a wonderful thing, to be able to see a project which I initiated come to



Dame Sandra Dawson and the Vice-Chancellor answer journalists' questions about the University at a press conference at the Bengal Club, in Kolkata.

## GLOBAL UNIVERSITY



University of Cambridge alumni meet with the Vice-Chancellor and colleagues in New Delhi at a reception in early January.

such wonderful fruition,” she says.

Strengthening partnerships with Indian businesses was one of the aims of the Indian trip. Meetings were held with a number of major industry bodies to discuss collaborations. For example, Cambridge is working with the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) in areas of entrepreneurship, sustainability and business development and an MOU signed with Tata & Sons, the major Indian business conglomerate, will enable Cambridge students to work as summer interns in Indian community enterprises.

Naturally, the delegation was also keen to reach out to Indian academics. Meetings were held at several higher education institutions, acknowledging long-standing collaborations and introducing new ones.

At the National Centre for Biological Sciences, a lecture was given by Cambridge Professors Azim Surani and Austin Smith, in honour of the late Dame Anne McLaren. Dr McLaren, an acclaimed authority on mammalian genetics at Cambridge’s Gurdon Institute, had been to the National Centre many times before her death in July 2007. “She was very much loved by them, so as part of their ongoing lecture series they

had invited Azim and Austin to give this lecture in her honour,” Professor Dawson says.

It was just one event in many that showed how intertwined Cambridge and Indian research and scholarship have become. Throughout the trip, the delegation was welcomed to lectures, workshops and symposia that demonstrated mutual respect and eager collaboration. Professor Dawson left for the visit feeling well-informed about the range of Cambridge-India links, but she discovered the range was much broader than she had realised.

“I think the depth and the variety of the collaborations and networks with Cambridge surprised us all,” she says.

Like many of her fellow delegates on the Indian trip, Professor Dawson was energised by the chance to meet with so many of Cambridge’s friends in India.

“India is so rich in its cultural, social and political history, but there’s also this compelling sense of the future,” she says. “And I think that’s been one of the loveliest things about the relationship between Cambridge and India. As the Vice-Chancellor has said often, we share an extraordinary sense of tradition and heritage, but we live very much in the present with our eyes all the time on the future.”

India is just one of the many countries that the Vice-Chancellor will visit this year to meet people of influence, support the University’s businesses abroad and reconnect with international alumni. She has recently returned from a five day visit to the Middle East, including Oman, Bahrain, Qatar, Sharjah and Abu Dhabi. At the end of March, she flies out to Hong Kong and then on to Beijing. In May, she will be in the western USA.

By building relationships across the world, the Vice-Chancellor is helping to reinforce the University’s role as a global institution. It is a point she emphasised in her annual address on October 1. “The Distant Fen: Cambridge in the World” focused on the future of the University in a global setting.

“As global solutions are sought for global problems, we must be ready to play a leading role in international collaborations,” she said. “As more and more people live and work across a range of cultures, our teaching must help prepare our students for that life. As communications transform the meaning of access, we must use that opportunity creatively. With these possibilities before us, I am certain our institutional engagement internationally will keep growing, for the best of reasons – because it is important, interesting, and matters to staff and students alike.”

## LEARN MORE

A 20-page brochure celebrating the University of Cambridge’s ties with India was produced for the Vice-Chancellor’s visit in January. To view *India and the University of Cambridge: Moving Forward Together* please visit: [www.cambridge-india.org](http://www.cambridge-india.org).

# MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Wolfson Professor of Criminology Lawrence Sherman reveals that his career might never have happened without the unlikely pairing of Cambridge and the Vietnam War ...

## The crime fighter

HAVING A policeman stick a rifle in your mouth while screaming at you for a confession is hardly the sort of experience that would inspire most people to devote their lives to fighting crime. For Larry Sherman it marked the start of a calling.

Now Cambridge's highly-regarded Wolfson Professor of Criminology, Sherman was just 21 when the incident happened. It was 1971 and he was working as a research analyst in the NYPD. The tense climate in his native USA was no more evident than in the strained relations between civilians and the authorities – that year the police killed some 80 members of the public in New York City alone.

Sherman's role involved travelling with the police as an observer, and on this particular occasion his car had been called to find a "man with a gun." He arrived with the blaring sirens of a dozen police vehicles and a swarm of armed officers, few of whom knew or recognised the young, plain-clothed academic in their midst. "So suddenly this police officer stuck a rifle in my throat and started yelling at me," he recalls. "He thought I was a suspect. A lot of people were there and I just happened to look like the Hispanic kids they were interrogating."

Nowadays, Sherman's relationship with the police is on a much clearer footing. Senior officers don't just recognise him, they rely on his research to lower the crime rate. Under a new initiative this year, top police executives from around the world will come to Cambridge to learn how to use "evidence-based" policing in their crime-fighting strategies, under Sherman's guidance.

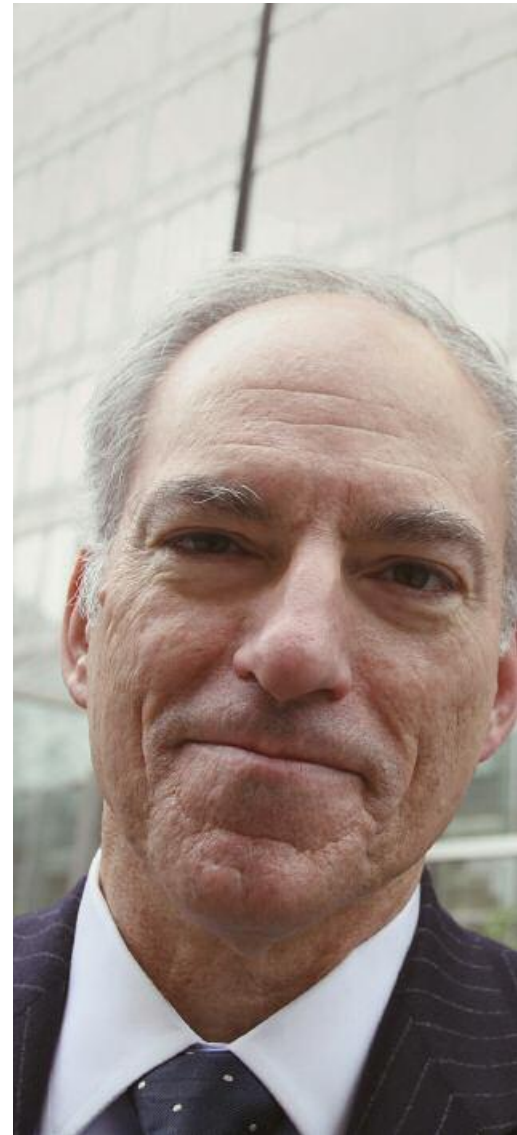
**Sixties through and through** Sherman had always had an interest in crime. "I grew up in Washington DC in the Sixties; a time when in the US, which had been quite a peaceful society, violence exploded," he says. "I'm Sixties through and through – I play rock 'n' roll guitar; I should probably have named my children after the Beatles."

At the time, he would read headlines about things the police were doing wrong. "The *Washington Post* ran a story about research into police brutality by a criminologist who was to become my doctoral supervisor at Yale," he says. "I was impressed with the idea that he could measure police behaviour systematically."

After his undergraduate years, he had planned to read law at Cambridge, then go into politics. Vietnam, however, interrupted his plans. As soon as he left university, Sherman was called up. "I decided that my religious background was justification for international pacifism," he says. "Somehow I got my draft board to accept that stance. My fallback plan if they didn't was my letter of admission to Gonville and Caius College – and not go home again."

Such conscientious objection came at the standard price of two years of community service. Putting his law study plans on hold, he contacted the NYPD. At around the same time, the Police Department's headquarters was bombed by the radical student splinter group, the Weather Underground. "The next Monday I told the draft board I had been given a place with the NYPD as a field observer," Sherman says. "The board members said: 'Good.

**Professor Lawrence Sherman has conducted field tests with more than 30 police agencies around the world**



You might get killed."

And he almost did, several times. On one occasion he was in a police car in Harlem which should have responded to a call but couldn't. The two officers who did were killed by a hail of machine gun bullets.

He found himself becoming more and more interested in violence. "It was clear that the police had to kill people to protect life outside the context of warfare," he says. "I had already taken a moral stance with regard to violence, and here was an area I found morally acceptable, in which I could work."

### **Demanding solutions**

After his time with the NYPD, Sherman's interest in crime began to



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crystallise into a fascination with criminology. He happened to be sharing his fieldwork with a number of students working with Leon Radzinowicz, founding director of Cambridge's Institute of Criminology. "He invited me to Columbia Law School to meet with him," he says. "He had a martini, I had a glass of sherry, and the next thing I knew I had a scholarship from the Ford Foundation to take a diploma in Criminology at Cambridge."

He entered the Cambridge Institute in 1972. "When I came here, I still thought I was going into politics, but I was so taken up with criminology that I couldn't really stop – it became far more interesting

**Professor Lawrence Sherman recently met with Her Majesty's Inspector of Constabulary, Denis O'Connor, CBE, QPM, at Scotland Yard.**

to me than the study of power. You could say that Cambridge and the Vietnam War between them saved me from politics."

Cambridge introduced him to the idea that crime should be studied as a problem that demands solutions. His career ever since has been dedicated to finding them. Sherman has collaborated with more than 30 police agencies around the world, developing and evaluating policies designed to prevent crime, reduce domestic violence, get illegal guns off the streets, prevent police corruption, close down drug networks and help victims.

Having rejoined Cambridge in 2007, this year he will take that impressive CV one step further. Sherman's directorship of the Institute's Police Executive Education Programme will bring Chief Constables from around the world to Cambridge to discuss "evidence-based" policing. Top police officers from Britain, Australia and the Caribbean will begin classes this March, and their counterparts in China and India, as well as other countries, are expected to follow.

"Senior police officers can work more effectively if they understand the language and concepts of criminology," Sherman says. "The goal of the programme will be to provide them with the ability to understand and apply it."

Given his formative experiences, you might expect him to apply those concepts back in the US. But Sherman has plenty of reasons for working here instead. He enjoys a special relationship with the British police and believes the country is going through "a new Enlightenment" of government reforms that are opening up new possibilities for the criminologist.

Besides, there's more blood and guts here for him to sink his teeth into. "More people die in the US as a result of crime, but the UK has more bar fights and that sort of thing," Sherman says. "Violence, as it is measured by criminologists, is actually three times more prevalent in the UK than it is over there."

He should know.

## OTHER RECENT FINDINGS

### A design for life

The developer Jeremy Paxton is challenging Cambridge's architects to design an environmentally-friendly home that can be reproduced *en masse*. The competition is open to all members of the Department of Architecture and began in February. The winning design will be announced later this year and will be built at the Lower Mill Estate residential nature reserve in the Cotswolds. "We want a design that will allow us to throw away the template of traditional house-building," Mr Paxton said.

### The long and short of it

Pygmies' height could be connected to their low life expectancy according to researchers at the Department of Anthropology. Their study found that pygmies grow for a brief time, not slowly, the opposite of the growth pattern for groups with poor nutrition, hitherto a leading explanation. Instead, their height may be a by-product of the need to reproduce quickly in populations with a high mortality rate.

### Prepare for take-off

Electronic tags that promise to cut the time it takes to ready planes for take-off by an estimated 25 per cent will start to appear at airports this summer. The tags have been developed at the Institute for Manufacturing and can be fitted to the likes of bags and boarding cards, allowing



staff to track progress as the aircraft is prepared for its next flight. Dubai's new World Central International airport will be the first to introduce them.



As Head Groundsman of Jesus College, Allan Moore is responsible for the care of nearly 12 acres of sports grounds

# Keeping Jesus green

ALLAN MOORE dresses for work in a charcoal fleece with “Jesus College Groundsman” embroidered in two lines over his heart, and clean jeans and mud splattered work boots. On this day in January, the weather is windy and damp, but the cold isn’t as biting as it was in December.

“This is the kind of job that everyone wants to have in the summer, but there’s not the same enthusiasm for it in the winter,” he says, while showing a visitor the College’s sports grounds.

He stops walking on the edge of the cricket pitch, near where it meets the rugby pitch, and lets his gaze take in the full view. From here, he can see the entire back stretch of Jesus’ red brick architecture, an array of gables and towers, as well as the woods on the opposite side of the fields. “You can see the chapel and the old College buildings, the trees all around, and the thatched pavilion,” he says, a note of satisfaction evident in his voice. “Personally, I think there’s no better setting in Cambridge for a cricket pitch.”

For seven years, Allan has been charged with the maintenance of the Jesus College sports grounds, which unlike nearly all other Cambridge colleges, are located within the College’s boundaries. These 12 acres – comprising a rugby pitch, football pitch, cricket pitch, two grass tennis

courts and three hard tennis courts – are his workplace. He estimates he spends roughly six hours of the day outside, ensuring that the grounds are in good condition for the College’s student athletes.

It is a solitary role. The College employs six gardeners, and Allan can draw on their assistance if needed, but responsibility for the sports fields falls solely on his shoulders. “It can be lonely sometimes,” he admits. “Sometimes I wish I had someone to work alongside me, but other times it’s good. I have my coffee break and my lunch break with the other gardeners. It’s not like I’m stranded out there all day.”

The seasons dictate his duties. Towards the end of Lent Term, the football and rugby pitches will go out of use for their intended sports, although they are still used for other activities out of season. He’ll begin preparing the cricket pitch and its outfield as well as the tennis courts. To get them ready involves watering, rolling, verti-cutting, feeding, marking out and cutting the grass.

At the end of the season, the grass is cut off the cricket square and all the organic material is removed from the surface and the upper 5 to 10 millimetres of the soil using a scarifying machine. “After that, we put seed on and a top dressing of clay loam. It’s the same process on the tennis courts,” he says. Then, the rugby and football goal posts go

**“Personally, I think there’s no better setting in Cambridge for a cricket pitch”**

back up and Allan, using a battery-powered spray line marker, measures and marks out the rugby and football pitches.

Throughout autumn, his main work consists of cutting, marking out and aerating the grass, using a machine that creates holes in the ground to let air and water in. He also clears leaves and conkers, which drop from the College’s many chestnut trees. No matter what the time of year, regular maintenance is key.

Bad weather can be a problem, but it gives him a chance to do maintenance on his machinery. He also is the manager of the schedule for use of the sports grounds, so from his office in the College’s Gardening and Maintenance Building he can respond to student emails requesting pitch time.

He’s happiest, though, when he’s out in the fresh air. “It’s nice to be outside rather than stuck inside an office,” he says. Producing a first-rate pitch is gratifying. He doesn’t know many of the students who use the grounds, but he hopes they enjoy the fruits of his labour. “If people are happy playing on them, that’s good.”

## DID YOU KNOW?

The poet Samuel Taylor Coleridge composed “A Wish Written in Jesus Wood” in 1792 in the woods which border the College’s cricket pitch.

# PEOPLE

## PEOPLE COMING



**PROFESSOR JANET TODD** will become the President of Lucy Cavendish College on 1 September. Professor Todd is the country's leading expert on Restoration and eighteenth-century women writers and is a widely acclaimed author and editor. She is currently the Herbert J.C. Grierson Professor of English Literature and Director of the Centre for the Novel at Aberdeen University. At Lucy Cavendish, Professor Todd will focus on facilitating the research and careers of others and encouraging women's education.



**MS ANGELA PARADISE** joined the University on December 10 as the Interim Director of Personnel. While at the University, she aims to strengthen the functions and processes within the HR department and will make the personal and professional development of staff a priority. Her career has included working in senior HR roles in several large multinationals, including BP, Sainsbury's and Barclays, as well as the Prime Minister's Delivery Office. She studied at Darwin College for a master's degree in law.

## PEOPLE GOING



**DAME VERONICA SUTHERLAND** will retire from the presidency of Lucy Cavendish College on 31 July. Since 2001, Lucy Cavendish has flourished under her guidance. Developments were made in numerous areas, including access issues and meeting the needs of mature students. As a member of the University Council and many University committees, Dame Veronica worked on strengthening the relationship between the colleges, the faculties and the Old Schools. She previously served in the British Diplomatic Service (1965-99).



**DR MICHAEL HALSTEAD** became Bursar and Fellow of Christ's College in 2002. On March 14 he will retire. After graduating from Gonville and Caius, he undertook research in the Department of Physical Chemistry. Subsequently, he joined Shell International Petroleum, where he was concerned with business planning and oil supply in Central and South America and the Caribbean. He returned to Cambridge as University Treasurer in 1985 and became a Fellow of Caius. From 1993 until 2002, he was the Chief Executive of Cambridge Assessment.

## OBITUARIES

### **Mr John Graham Pollard (25 December 1929-17 December 2007)**

John Graham Pollard, educated at Pembroke College, was an expert on Renaissance medals. He held many positions in the Fitzwilliam Museum before becoming Deputy Director in 1969. He retired in 1988 but remained active as a scholar. One of his greatest achievements is a two-volume study, on Renaissance coins, to be published soon. Earl A. Powell III, Director of the National Gallery of Art in Washington, said the books would "help scholars worldwide achieve a better scientific and cultural understanding of these important works of art ..."



### **Dr Peter Raymond Lewis (1924-2007)**

Dr Lewis, Life Fellow of Corpus Christi College, made many pioneering contributions in the study of biological issues involving the nervous system. He is credited with laying a foundation for biological rhythm studies based on a study he carried out in 1953 while he was in the Arctic documenting human responses to changes in day length. Dr Lewis' work included many articles in professional journals and co-authored books. He read for his undergraduate and D.Phil degrees at Exeter College, Oxford before coming to Cambridge in 1948.



## IN BRIEF

**Mr Benjamin Durston Thorndyke** joined the University on the 1 January as the Marketing Manager of the Institute of Continuing Education at Madingley Hall. Mr Durston Thorndyke is the co-ordinator of all of ICE's marketing activities, including promotion and identity. He will be leading the Institute's efforts to attract more adult learners. He previously worked for the Cambridge City Council.



**Dr Marina Frasca-Spada** became the first female Senior Tutor of Corpus Christi College in September last year. She is a vital member of the College as she co-ordinates the teaching and welfare of undergraduate students. She first joined the University in 1990 as a PhD student. Later, she became Graduate Tutor at St. Catharine's College. She is a historian of philosophy in the University's Department of History and Philosophy of Science.



# PRIZES AWARDS & HONOURS



## George Stephenson Gold Medal

→ The George Stephenson Medal was founded by the Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE) in 1881 and is one of its most prestigious awards for best papers published in its Proceedings. The medal was awarded for the second best paper overall to **Dr Heather Cruickshank**, **Dr Dick Fenner** and **Professor Peter Guthrie** from the Centre for Sustainable Development and former **Visiting Professor Charles Ainger** (Head of Sustainable Development for MWH – Europe). The paper, “Widening engineering horizons: addressing the complexity of sustainable development,” is intended to help practising civil engineers answer the question “Am I being sustainable?” during different phases of project delivery.

**Professor Charles Ainger;**  
**Dr Heather Cruickshank;**  
**President of ICE Quentin Leiper;**  
**Dr Dick Fenner;** and  
**Professor Peter Guthrie**

## New Year Honours

Representatives from the University of Cambridge have been recognised in the Queen’s New Year Honours.

→ **Professor Bruce Ponder**, of the Department of Oncology, has been knighted for services to medicine for his continued work in the battle to beat cancer. Professor Ponder’s research has made a substantial contribution to international efforts to identify the genes responsible for inherited predisposition to several cancers, notably those of the breast and ovaries. He has also pioneered clinics for individuals concerned about an increased risk of cancer in their family.

→ **Mr Nigel Brown**, one of two external members of the University’s Council, has been awarded an OBE for services to business and the community in Cambridgeshire. His contributions to the University have been significant and numerous. As well as serving on Council, he is Chairman of the University Audit Committee, a Trustee of Cambridge Union Society and a City Fellow at Hughes Hall.

## Nobel Peace Prize

→ **Professor Mohan Munasinghe**, an alumnus from the Department of Engineering, shared the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize with colleagues from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and former US Vice-President Al Gore. They were granted the Nobel Prize for their efforts to build and disseminate greater knowledge about climate change, and to lay the foundations for the measures that are needed to counteract such change. Professor Munasinghe is Vice-Chairman of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and the first Sri Lankan to receive this coveted award.



**Professor Bruce Ponder**



**Mr Nigel Brown**

## OTHER AWARDS

→ **Mr George Gömöri**, a retired lecturer in Slavonic Studies and Emeritus Fellow of Darwin College, has been awarded the Commander’s Cross of the Hungarian Republic. The award is one of the highest distinctions in present-day Hungary and it was presented by the Hungarian Ambassador to the UK, her Excellency Borbala Czakó.

→ **Professor German Berrios**, of the Department of Psychiatry, has been presented with Peru’s highest national honour. The award of the Order of the Sun (Order El Sol del Peru) recognises his lifetime achievement in his field. Professor Berrios has been made a Grand Officer of the Order, the highest class available for civil achievement.

→ **Dr Clemens Kaminski**, of the Department of Chemical Engineering, has been awarded the 2008 Young Researcher Award in Advanced Optical Technologies by the Erlangen Graduate School in Advanced Optical Technologies (SAOT). This €100,000 prize recognises his valuable contributions over the last 10 years to optical technology.

→ **Professor Neil Turok**, from the Department of Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics, was awarded the Technology, Entertainment and Design (TED) Prize 2008 in recognition of his work in the field of Theoretical Cosmology and his efforts as an education activist. The TED prize is awarded annually to three individuals whose work is considered to have extraordinary potential for positive influence on mankind. They each receive \$100,000 and the granting of “One Wish to Change the World”.

→ **Professor Max Pettini**, from the Institute of Astronomy, was awarded a Herschel Medal by the Royal Astronomical Society in recognition of his outstanding work in the field of extragalactic cosmology. He used observations of other galaxies and the intergalactic medium to develop groundbreaking ideas of cosmic chemical evolution. The Herschel Medal is awarded every other year for investigations of outstanding merit in observational astrophysics.

→ **Professor Barbara Sahakian**, of the Department of Psychiatry, has been selected for a Distinguished International Scholars Award from the University of Pennsylvania, USA. The Scholars’ programme offers grants of up to \$20,000 to bring a distinguished scholar to campus in order to contribute significantly to an undergraduate course.

→ **Professor John Barrow**, of Mathematical Sciences, has been given an honorary degree by Durham University, his alma mater. He was awarded a Doctor of Science degree at the winter congregation on 10 January. Professor Barrow is Director of the Millennium Mathematics Project, which was awarded the Queen’s Anniversary Prize for educational achievement in 2005. He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society in 2003.

→ **Dr Michele Vendruscolo**, of the Department of Chemistry, has been selected as a 2007 European Molecular Biology Organisation Young Investigator. This three-year programme offers the 18 selected researchers a range of benefits designed to smooth the transition for early career scientists setting up their first independent laboratories.

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## THE JOY OF CHANGE-RINGING

*"It's the ultimate team sport – you can't go it alone." – Dr Claire Barlow*

THERE ARE six bells that hang in the Anglo-Saxon bell tower of St Benedict's church. The timbered room they occupy – reached by a series of steep ladders – may be hidden from view, but the sound of those six bells ringing carries to ears throughout the city centre.

If you happen to hear the bells on a Friday evening during term time, then you are hearing the results of efforts by staff, students and alumni: the Cambridge University Guild of Change Ringers.

On a recent Friday, nearly a dozen ringers gathered to take turns at the weekly practice session. "They tend to ring short pieces, or 'touches,'" says Guild President Dr Claire Barlow, a University Senior Lecturer in the Institute for Manufacturing. "You might ring for seven to eight minutes, pause, and another group takes over. You learn new methods as well as practise things you've learned previously."

St Bene't's ringing chamber is located in the sanctuary, in the rear of the church. Six ropes dangle from the ceiling, each providing a direct link to an out-of-sight bell. For change-ringing, each bell is mounted on a structure that includes a large wheel; when its rope is pulled, the bell is sent through a 360-degree turn. It can take each bell several seconds to rotate, so it isn't possible to play music with a typical melody. Instead, change-ringers use a set of bells to play scales, called rounds, and pre-established patterns in



**Guild President Dr Claire Barlow**

which neighbouring bells exchange places in the order of ringing.

Richard Andrewes, Head of Cambridge University Library's Music Department, joined the Guild 15 years ago.

"I find it a fascinating hobby. It's exercise which involves physical, aural and mental coordination," Mr Andrewes said, during a break from ringing at the St Bene't's session. The friendliness of the ringers is also appealing. "The nice thing about learning to bell ring is that, on the whole, the bell-ringing community is a very friendly community. Experienced ringers are, in my

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experience, always willing to help beginners."

Dr Barlow joined as a student in the 1970s. "When I came up to Cambridge I didn't know anything about ringing, but my three closest friends turned out to be ringers," she says. Learning took patience. "It was a year before I really was much use. That's not unusual."

The thought of ringing a half-ton bell can be daunting, but they are so well-balanced that even a child of 10, with proper training, can ring. "It's much more about skill than strength," Dr Barlow says.

Between 60–100 people a year take part in Guild activities. Members ring on Thursday nights at St Andrew the Great, Sunday morning service at St Bene't's and Sunday evenings at Great St Mary's. Most sessions include a social activity. "There's a lot of going off to the pub and off for a curry," Dr Barlow says.

A rite of passage takes place when a ringer has achieved enough skill to participate in a quarter peal or a full peal, which can mean ringing the bells for anywhere from 40 minutes to four hours without a break or major errors. "They'll have the blisters to prove it," says Dr Barlow.

### DID YOU KNOW?

The Cambridge University Guild of Change Ringers was formed in 1879, but ringers have been active in Cambridge for nearly 400 years. St Bene't's was the home church of Fabian Stedman, who wrote the first book on change-ringing, published in 1668. He is credited with developing the first theories on scientific ringing.

## PETER COTTON TAIL

A charming example of an Easter bunny, this delightful rabbit tureen is among the favourite items for young visitors to the Fitzwilliam Museum and is to be found in the Lower Marlay Gallery.

"It was made in an era when it was highly fashionable to have tableware in the shape of natural

objects," says Dr Julia Poole, Keeper of Decorative Art at the Fitzwilliam.

"But although rabbits were described as tureens in the Chelsea sale catalogues, it seems unlikely that they would have survived if they had



been used very often for hot food."

Made by the Chelsea porcelain factory circa 1755, it is soft-paste porcelain moulded in two parts, glazed, and painted in enamels. It was given to the Fitzwilliam in 1945 by Mrs W D Dickson, the Honorary Keeper of Ceramics.