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Editorial



Welcome to the eighteenth issue of *Selwyn* – and to a new design for this publication. *Selwyn* is the College’s magazine for alumni, about alumni and we hope you will find news of interest in these pages. One of the main pieces in this issue looks forward to next year and focuses on Selwyn’s connections with the Olympics. As we searched our database for Olympians, we were amazed at the various roles that Selwyn alumni had played in this great sporting event and we were fascinated to read about their achievements. However, no database is infallible and if you know of an Olympian we’ve missed out, please do let us know before next year’s Games.

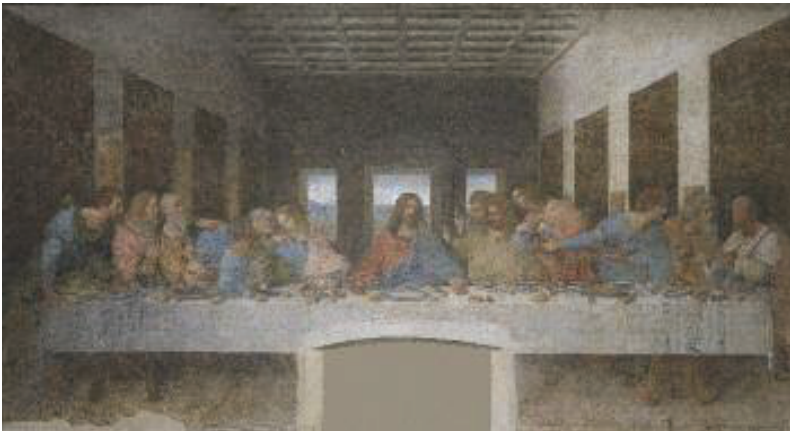
Another of our other features comes from Tom Mercer (SE 1998). Tom left his City job in management consultancy to start his own business, and here he discusses what it’s been like to strike out on his own. Tom may have started out selling breakfast drinks in plastic water bottles from one stall in Waterloo Station, but in only six years, his company MOMA has risen from humble beginnings to having a place on the shelves of multi-national supermarkets. If you haven’t already heard about Tom’s breakfast revolution, you will soon.

Finally, I’ve outlined some of the difficulties the College will face over the next few years as we begin with a new regime of tuition fees in 2012, and how Selwyn intends to meet these challenges. Student support will be at the core of the College’s fundraising priorities.

Please do let us know what you think about the new design, and send us your news. Selwyn alumni are scattered across the globe, taking disparate paths, and we would be delighted to hear from all of you.

Sarah Harmer
Development Director

News



The Last Supper by Leonardo da Vinci

A Royal Fellowship and the penultimate supper

Colin Humphreys (SE Fellow) was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society in May 2011. Sir Colin, who was knighted in the 2010 Birthday Honours for services to science, is Professor and Director of Research in the Department of Materials Science and Metallurgy. The Royal Society recognised Sir Colin for his world-leading research into energy saving LED lights as well as his commitment to promoting science in schools and to the public.

Although his day job is as a scientist, Sir Colin also has a strong interest in theology and in 2011 he published his second book on theological matters, *The Mystery of the Last Supper*. By comparing the use of different calendars in the gospels, the book looks to prove that the Last Supper took place on the Wednesday, not the Thursday, before the crucifixion.

“Whatever you think about the Bible, the fact is that Jewish people would never mistake the Passover meal for another meal, so for the Gospels to contradict themselves in this regard is really hard to understand,” Sir Colin said.



“Many Biblical scholars say that, for this reason, you can’t trust the Gospels at all. But if we use science and the Gospels hand in hand, we can actually prove that there was no contradiction. In addition, this research seems to present a case for finally introducing a fixed date for Easter.”

The Mystery of the Last Supper is published by Cambridge University Press.

To read more about Sir Colin’s latest book, visit www.cam.ac.uk/research/news/the-penultimate-supper

April McMahon (SE Hon Fellow)
Honorary Fellow Professor April McMahon has been appointed Vice-Chancellor of Aberystwyth University from 1 August 2011. Professor McMahon, who was a Fellow in Linguistics at Selwyn from 1988 to 2000, is a native Scots speaker and an expert on the effect of the encroachment of majority languages. She has pledged to learn Welsh.

Jennifer Grayson (SE 2011)
Jennifer, who matriculated at Selwyn this term to embark upon her MPhil in Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, was an undergraduate at Brown University and is one of the thirty Gates Scholars to come to Cambridge this year. Established by the Gates Foundation, the Gates scholarships enable outstanding graduate students from outside the UK to study at Cambridge.

New Pro-Vice-Chancellor from Selwyn

Jeremy Sanders (SE Fellow) has been appointed as the University’s Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Institutional Affairs. A Fellow of Selwyn since 1976 and a Professor of Chemistry since 1996, Professor Sanders is the Head of the School of Physical Sciences. His academic research, which focuses on molecular behaviour and supra-molecular chemistry, has won him numerous accolades, including election as a Fellow of the Royal Society in 1995 and the Davy Medal of the Royal Society in 2009.

He was Deputy Vice-Chancellor from 2006–10 and the Chair of the 800th Anniversary Steering Committee, which oversaw the University’s programme of celebrations in 2009.

There are five Pro-Vice-Chancellors whose role, as well as supporting the Vice-Chancellor in providing academic leadership to the University, is to work in partnership with senior administrators to help drive strategy and policy development. About the appointment, Professor Sanders said: “I see my new role as providing leadership in developing an environment within which the whole University community can thrive. My responsibilities will include developing human resources policy and strategy for our 9,000 employees, and the University’s key relationships with the City and local region. Engagement with the local community will be a key component. It will be challenging, but also exciting.”



Sir CAM

In brief



Warwick Business School

John Benington (SE 1961)
The Emeritus Professor of Public Policy & Management at Warwick Business School was awarded the CBE for public service in the New Year’s Honours list. “I don’t know who put me up for this award,” he said, “...but there was certainly no ‘cash for honours’ in this case! I’m looking forward to the day at the Palace, and a chance to meet Annie Lennox – a fellow ‘commander’.”



Ben Maruthappu (SE 2006)
Ben is one of only seven students to have been awarded a Kennedy Scholarship this year from the Kennedy Memorial Trust. Ben, who read Medicine at Selwyn and is finishing his medical degree at Oxford, will be spending a year at Harvard. He is intending to pursue public health courses

as well as conducting research at Harvard’s Centre for Surgery and Public Health. After graduation, Ben’s aim is to become a plastic and reconstructive surgeon, working in the developing world, and he intends to establish the World Surgical Association (WSA), a transatlantic network of surgeons aiming to facilitate training and promote surgical care in developing countries.

Charlotte Woodford (SE Fellow) and **David Willis (SE Fellow)** have been awarded British Academy Mid-Career Fellowships for 2011–12. Competition for these prestigious grants was fierce, with 46 Fellowships awarded from 470 applicants. This is the first year the Academy is awarding Mid-Career Fellowships, which aim ‘to support outstanding individual researchers with excellent research proposals, and to support outstanding communicators who will promote public understanding and engagement with humanities and social sciences’.

Dr Woodford is a Director of Studies in Modern Languages at Selwyn and a Newton Trust Lecturer. Dr Willis is a Senior Lecturer in Linguistics.



Howard Beaumont

Diary

The diary for 2011–12 should have something for everyone. Bring your family to Dorset to explore one of the UK’s best rehabilitation and rescue programmes for primates; network with your fellow alumni under the fronds of giant palms in London’s second biggest conservatory; or raise a cheer at Twickenham to the Light Blues at the 130th annual Varsity Match. Whatever your interests, I hope you will be able to join us sometime this year for a Selwyn event, either in College or away. It would be wonderful to see you.

For more information about any of the events listed, please get in touch with our Alumni Officer, Shona Winnard at alumni-office@sel.cam.ac.uk

Other forthcoming events				
Other events 2012				
Mar 3	1882 Society Lunch			
Mar 17	The Parents’ Lunch			
Mar 24	MA Ceremony and Dinner (for those who matriculated in 2005)			
Apr 14	1962 and 1972 Reunion Dinner			
May 13	Friends of Selwyn Choir Evensong			
Jun 2	Lyttelton Dinner			
Jun	London Group Summer Party			
Jul 6	Commemoration of Benefactors (for those who matriculated anytime before 1960, 1967, 1977, 1987, and 1997)			
Jul 7	Donors’ Garden Party (for those who have donated to Selwyn over the past year)			
Sep 8	1982 and 1992 Reunion Dinner			
Sep 22	Selwyn Alumni Association Dinner (open to all alumni – especially those from 2002) and AGM			
Choir Events 2011-12				
2011				
Dec 5	7.30pm	Christmas Concert for NSPCC	Southwark Cathedral	
Dec 6	1.10pm	Christmas Concert	St Mary’s Church, Bury St Edmunds	
Dec 8	5.30pm	Choral Evensong	Lichfield Cathedral	
Dec 10	7.30pm	Christmas Concert	Lamberhurst Parish Church, Kent	
2012				
Jan 28	8.00pm	Wagner & Debussy	King’s College Chapel, Cambridge	
Jan 31	6.30pm	Choral Evensong (with the Choir of Clare College)	Selwyn Chapel	
Feb 11	5.30pm	Choral Evensong	Canterbury Cathedral	
Mar 17	7.30pm	Concert for Lent	Hemingford Abbots Parish Church	
Mar 20	5.30pm	Choral Evensong	Wakefield Cathedral	
Jul 11-24		Concert tour of Eastern USA (performances in Boston, New York City, Philadelphia, and Washington DC)		

Event Highlights 2011-12



Harry Lawford

1 St Peter's Eaton Square Carol Service

6 December 2011
All alumni and friends of the College are invited to a Carol Service led by Selwyn’s Chaplain, Hugh Shilson-Thomas and the Selwyn College Choir in the beautiful church of St Peter’s Eaton Square in Belgravia. The service will be followed by mulled wine and mince pies. Families are most welcome to attend.
Time: 6.30pm

2 The Varsity Match

8 December 2011
The 130th Varsity Match will take place at Twickenham Stadium on Thursday 8 December 2011. Join us to see if the Light Blues can make up for last year’s defeat to Oxford. Price: £75, to include match ticket and three-course lunch with wine. Optional afternoon tea also available. Time: Lunch: 12 noon. Kick-off: 2pm



J. Fair

3 Monkey World

16 June 2012
Selwyn alumni and their families are warmly invited to Dr Alison Cronin’s (SE 1986) Ape Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre in Dorset. This event will be a relaxed and casual time to be with Selwyn friends and their families. Breakfast pastries, juice and hot drinks will be provided on arrival, followed by a presentation about the work of the Centre. After a buffet lunch guests will be able to explore the park as they wish, with tea served during the afternoon. Price: £18 per person (includes admission and all meals) www.monkeyworld.org



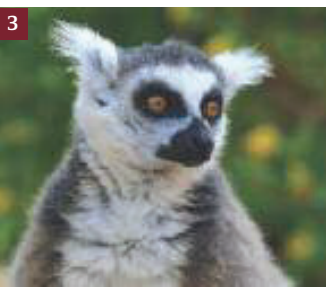
Therrie UK

4 Academy of Ancient Music

Selwyn and the Academy of Ancient Music have partnered to offer our alumni discounted tickets for selected performances, as well as exclusive invitations to drinks receptions. In 2012, there are two performances open to alumni:

28 April and 27 June. Musical Revolutions: The Dawn of the Cantata is the concert to be held at The West Road Concert Hall in Cambridge on 28 April.

In London, at the Wigmore Hall on 27 June, AAM are performing Musical Revolutions: Age of the French Baroque. The music director will give a pre-concert talk at both venues, followed by drinks.



M1/veez



Marco Borggreve



Barbican

5 The Barbican

8 February 2012
Join us for jazz, canapés and networking at the Barbican Conservatory. Home to finches, exotic fish and over 2,000 species of tropical plants and trees, it’s the second biggest conservatory in London, and a perfect place to enjoy an evening in the company of your fellow alumni. Time: from 6pm Price: £25 per person (includes wine and canapés)

MOMA! mia

We talk to **Tom Mercer** (SE 1998) – CEO of MOMA and an alumnus who is in the business of making breakfast the most important meal of the day.

What was the idea behind MOMA?
Six years ago, stuck behind my desk as a management consultant in London, I knew that the time had come to strike out on my own. I was racking my brains for ideas, and it struck me that there was a real gap in the market for a healthy grab-and-go breakfast – there was lots of decent food on the market for lunch and dinner, but a glaring lack of quality breakfast, with people getting by on fatty muffins and croissants, or just their daily caffeine fix, or nothing at all. I wanted to give people something that they really wanted – a breakfast that was genuinely healthy, 100% natural, kept you going through till lunch, and tasted delicious. I settled on our version of a Swiss Bircher Muesli, called the Oatie Breakfast, made with a blend of wholegrain jumbo oats, low-fat probiotic yoghurt, and real fruit – a perfect breakfast, packed full of slow release energy. The plan was to sell my breakfasts to commuters, from mobile stalls in London train stations, and then to progress onto selling into other retailers.

So, how did you get it started?
Before leaving work I had to put the idea to the test. I bought lots of water bottles from Tesco, peeled the labels off, stuck on new labels, courtesy of the printer at work, stocked up on fruit and oats, and armed with a couple of blenders spent two full nights blending fruit, yoghurt and oats. I gave the products out to unsuspecting commuters in Waterloo in exchange for their e-mail address, and

sent them an online survey. It certainly wasn't a sophisticated approach, but I had enough positive replies to give me the confidence to hand in my notice at work. Bain, the consultancy I was working for, very kindly gave me a couple of months to look into developing my idea, whilst keeping my job open. I spent the time prowling the streets of London and the Underground stations, looking for places that would be suitable for a mobile pitch – enough people but sufficient space that we wouldn't cause congestion. I spent many a morning counting the footfall in various London locations so I could have a reasonable indication of anticipated sales – unfortunately, one suspicious police officer at Charing Cross Station didn't take too kindly to this and gave me an eviction notice for loitering!

Where was your first pitch?
Five months after leaving work I secured my first pitch in Waterloo East Train station. The emphasis immediately shifted to getting everything ready to roll as soon as possible – finishing off the branding, finalising products, hiring a railway arch in Deptford for production premises, and buying my first white van. Of course, one key component was our stall – a wide drawer filing cabinet with wheels fixed to the bottom and branding applied to the outside.

The afternoon before we were due to launch I had my laptop stolen (with all my recipes on!) by an opportunist thief who nipped into our arch. Fortunately, unaware that I was chasing him, I rescued my precious recipes half way down Deptford High Street – a rude welcome to our neighbourhood, and a reminder to use the padlocks!

When did you sell your first breakfast?
24th February 2006 – a happy day!

Did you enjoy your time at Selwyn?
Right from our very first 'Freshers' Tea' in the Diamond, I loved my time at Selwyn. Cambridge was a stimulating and beautiful place to study, but, as with a lot of things, it was the people I met that made it. I was lucky to meet a fantastic



Tom and the MOMA! team in Waterloo Station, London.

bunch of diverse people, and am still friends with many of them today. I threw myself into college life, and, in the absence of any musical talent or political ambition at the time, I got busy with the sporting side of things. Rugby and rowing took up a lot of time in my first couple of years (we won blades in the 2000 Mays Bumps), and then I was fortunate enough to get my boxing Blue in my third year. I had some great nights out as part of Hermes, and our year group was very proud to revive The Bishops – the historic Selwyn Society

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that had previously fallen on hard times. I studied Natural Sciences for 2 years, and then switched to the one year Management Studies course at the Judge Institute.

What are the plans for MOMA?
Currently we have seven stalls in Central London Stations, and are very pleased to have some significant wholesale customers: most supermarkets (although currently in a limited number of stores), several airlines (including Virgin and British Airways), coffee chains, most

- CV**
- 1998-01 Selwyn College, read Natural Sciences and Management Studies
 - 2002 Management Consultant, Bain & Co.
 - 2006 Tom sells his first MOMA breakfast in London's Waterloo Station.
 - 2008 MOMA opens breakfast stalls in Charing Cross, Euston, Liverpool St, London Bridge, Waterloo and Victoria
 - 2009 Waitrose list MOMA and Virgin Atlantic start serving MOMA to passengers.
 - 2010 Sainsbury's and Ocado list MOMA.
 - 2010 MOMA becomes an official supporter of the Cambridge University Rugby Team.
 - 2011 MOMA is listed in Tesco, Boots, Coop, Booths, Budgens, British Airways, and Monarch Airlines. Turnover hits £2m.
 - 2012 MOMA supplies Selwyn dining hall?

contract catering firms and the big independents, such as Wholefoods and Selfridges. The team and I are focused on getting MOMA to as many people in the country as possible, and for MOMA to be recognised as the grab-and-go breakfast of choice in the UK. As always, we have some big challenges facing the business, but we have seen growth of 100% in the last year and plan to ensure this continues. I believe MOMA has the potential to be a genuine 'game changer' on the breakfast market. At the moment we're pushing on lots of fronts – supermarkets, airlines, and coffee shops. We're also starting to supply universities, so hopefully Selwyn students will see a bit more of us!

What have you learnt along the way?
This is really targeted at the younger alumni, who have recently left Selwyn and thinking of doing their own thing, or even current students. So, my apologies to the many people reading this with far

more experience than me! With that in mind, here are my thoughts... Firstly, take time to really dream about what you want to do. Look at things around you and come up with something that offers something that no one else does, or at least a different spin on it, and then think about how you can do it better than anyone else Secondly, plan, plan, plan. It's crucial to have a good business plan, and financial forecasts. I should have done this better. Take advice on this – preferably from someone with good industry experience Thirdly, have the courage of your convictions and do it. There will always be people that pick holes in your plans; and in your careers you will be surrounded by talented people for whom there is a big opportunity cost of leaving work, which therefore makes doing so seem like a bigger risk than it really is. If you have thought it through in detail, listened to advice (although not necessarily taken it all), then go for it. ■

MOMA! What they sell

www.momafoods.co.uk

All of MOMA's breakfasts are made with Mornflake Jumbo oats which are grown by British farmers and natural low-fat probiotic yoghurt supplied by British dairies.



Oatie breakfast

The original MOMA breakfast. A blend of oats, fruit and probiotic yoghurt.



Oatie shake

Like an Oatie Breakfast, but in a glass.



Porridge

Just good old-fashioned Porridge, the MOMA! way.



HodgePodge

The only non-Oatie breakfast. A layer of fruit cooked with spices, probiotic yoghurt, and a packet of crunchy granola.

A clerical connection



William Selwyn

Selwyn’s connections with Ely Cathedral have historically been very strong. George Augustus Selwyn’s brother, William Selwyn was Canon Residentiary of Ely from 1833-1875 whilst he held the University post of Lady Margaret’s Professor of Divinity.

He died in 1875, before seeing the foundation of Selwyn, and is buried in the Cathedral. Whilst he was Canon, William lived in the Canonry House, which is now the Girls’ Choir Boarding House.

In current years, Selwyn alumni and Fellows have re-forged these strong links, and the installation in March of the Rt. Rev. Stephen Conway (SE 1983) as the 69th Bishop of Ely further strengthened the bond. Selwyn now has six members actively involved with the Cathedral.



Stephen Conway (SE 1983)



Formerly the Bishop of Ramsbury, a suffragan appointment in the Diocese of Salisbury, Bishop Stephen studied Modern History at Keble College, Oxford, before entering the teaching profession. He came to Selwyn as an affiliated student while at Westcott House before his ordination in 1986. After several appointments in the North-east he was appointed as Archdeacon of Durham before his appointment at Ramsbury. “I arrived at Selwyn in 1983 after two years teaching in Scotland. Undertaking the Theology Tripos as part of my training

to be a priest at Westcott House requires college membership. I requested Selwyn as the Cambridge equivalent of Keble College, Oxford where I had studied History previously. In those days it was possible to spend my first year living in Cripps Court as a member of the MCR. I had a great time, becoming involved with the Chapel and being supervised by Canon John Sweet who was the long-serving Dean of Chapel, a fine but unassuming scholar and a holy man. Studying Theology in Cambridge set me up for my subsequent ministry, although I could never have predicted that this would lead me back to be the Bishop responsible for Cambridge. Now that I am back, I am delighted to find that Sir David Harrison, formerly Master of Selwyn, serves as the Chairman of the Ely Cathedral Council. The Council monitors the work and finances of the Cathedral which is in the hands of the Cathedral Chapter. One of its members is Canon Hugh Shilson-Thomas, Dean and Chaplain of Selwyn. We’ll keep the takeover to ourselves, I think.”



Oliver Hancock (SE 2010)

Oliver read music as an undergraduate at Jesus College, Oxford from 2005–08 where he was also an organ scholar. In 2008, Oliver was awarded Associateship of the Royal College of Organists. He came to Selwyn in 2010 to study for a Masters in Music, and this year, is the College’s Graduate Organ Scholar. “I have been Assistant Organist of Ely Cathedral Girls’ Choir since 2008. Duties in Ely include accompanying the Girls’ Choir for regular services during the week – they sing on Mondays and Wednesdays – and for morning rehearsals. They rehearse at 8.00am five mornings a week, and I will usually take one of these, playing for the rest. I also have particular responsibility for teaching the girl choristers Music Theory, helping the probationers (first-year choristers) get used to the way evensong works, and giving assistance with solos as required. For the academic year 2011-12, I am Graduate Organ Scholar at Selwyn, which – fortunately – fits in very well with Ely commitments: Selwyn Choir sings services on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays, with the Ely girls singing on Mondays and Wednesdays. The main role of the Organ Scholars at Selwyn is to accom-

pany the Choir for services in Chapel, and to assist with rehearsing the Choir. Alongside the ‘professional’ side of being Organ Scholar, a particular perk is putting together social events for the Choir, in collaboration with the Social Secretary. Ely Cathedral and Selwyn College have hosted each other for various concerts and events in recent years – for example, Selwyn Choir has sung evensong and in the Mixing their Music concert in the Cathedral, and ECGC sang a concert as part of the Selwyn College Music Society series – and we hope to enjoy more collaboration in the future!”



Lucy Bolland

David Thomson (SE 1978)



Bishop David studied English Language and Literature at Keble College, Oxford before completing his DPhil. He came to Selwyn as an affiliated student while training for ordination at Westcott House. A keen medievalist, who is a FRSA and has published works on Middle English Grammatical texts, Bishop David worked in several rural parishes before being appointed as Archdeacon of Carlisle. He was installed as Bishop of Huntingdon in 2008. Some memories of Selwyn... “As a Keble man, being bemused by a college which had all the right bricks, but not

in the right order... Enjoying teaching medieval English by day and doing my Theology by night, to make ends meet. Welcoming our first-born Christopher into the world in the freezing winter of 1978-9, with clingfilm up at the windows of our Grange Road flat to try and keep warm. Being amazed when Mary Sweet turned up to help wash the nappies! And still treasuring a Greek concordance John gave me: may he rest in peace and rise in glory. Not realising that the other recent arrival John Sentamu would become quite so stellar, even though he was clearly a star. And now... How strange to back in such a different role! But a marvellous welcome from David Harrison and many others, and the privilege over the last three years of not just preaching but confirming and even ordaining in the College Chapel. There are major benefits both ways if we can build on the Selwyn-Ely link – bridging the sacred/ secular gap, looking out together to build a better, more generous society – and I hope to be part of that in the years to come.”

David Harrison (SE 1950)



Sir David came up to Selwyn in 1950 and has been a Fellow since 1957, serving as both Senior Tutor and Master. He left Cambridge for a few years to serve as Vice-Chancellor of Keele and Exeter Universities before returning to take up his appointment as Master at Selwyn. Still a regular Selwyn Chapel-goer, he acts as Chairman of the Ely Cathedral Council, a position he has held since 2000. “Parliamentary legislation on the governance of English Cathedrals in the late 1990s enlarged the memberships of Cathedral Chapters (a Cathedral’s governing body) and created Cathedral Councils. I have been Chairman of the Council of Ely Cathedral since its creation in 2000.

The Council is an advisory (not executive) body but, nevertheless in furtherance of the Cathedral’s mission, its powers include a duty to ‘review and advise’ on the work of the Chapter and to ‘receive and consider’ the Cathedral’s annual budget, its annual report and audited accounts. More generally and informally the Council provides a link between the Cathedral and the diocese through its membership which includes the Lord Lieutenant, the local Member of Parliament, and representatives of local government, education, the County’s Ecumenical Council, the Appointments Committee of the Church of England, together with the worshipping congregation in Ely. In addition to ordinary business, Council meetings normally receive a presentation on, for example, the Cathedral’s pastoral, educational and outreach work, the Cathedral’s music, its fabric, or the ever-present need to raise funds for mission. The pattern of work varies between Cathedral Councils reflecting whether they were formally monastic like Ely, or formerly a parish church like Chelmsford. Council Chairmen meet very occasionally and there is to be one such occasion this summer in Leicester. Whether the existence of a Cathedral Council would have helped avert the painful difficulties experienced at Lincoln Cathedral 15 years ago is debatable, but Councils have changed the time-honoured (even Trollopian) landscape of English Cathedrals.”

(continued overleaf)



Sarah MacDonald

(SE Fellow, Director of Music)

Sarah was born in Canada and came to the UK in 1992 to study Music at Robinson College, where she was also organ scholar. She was the first woman to be appointed as Director of Music in an Oxbridge chapel. Since 2008 she has combined her role at Selwyn with the Ely Cathedral Girl’s Choir, who have recently released their first CD under her direction.

“I was appointed Director of Music in Chapel at Selwyn in January 1999. My role here involves directing the Chapel Choir in all rehearsals and services, as well as in concerts, cathedral visits, and on recordings, broadcasts, and tours. I audition the organ scholars and choral exhibitioners, and oversee their musical development for the duration of their time in the Choir. I have also recently taken on the more secular musical role in College of Director of Music, overseeing the student-run music society, arranging for the maintenance and tuning of College instruments, dealing with invoices for instrumental and singing lessons from music teachers, etc. I combine these College duties with some supervising for the University Music Faculty.

In September 2010 I acquired the additional hat of Director of Ely Cathedral Girls’ Choir (ECGC). I had held this post for the calendar year 2008 as well, when covering for my predecessor’s previous maternity leave. This year she had twins, so had to give up for good! At Ely, I am responsible for directing the Girls’ Choir in their Cathedral duties (they sing Evensong twice a week during school term). I also take their rehearsals before school four mornings each week, so I have an early start (I take the 06.56 from Cambridge station).

Conveniently, Selwyn’s choral services are on Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, whereas the Ely girls sing on Mondays and Wednesdays. In a ‘normal’ week,

my schedule is busy, but it is generally manageable. There are occasional clashes, since the girls have Sunday duties about once a month, but I have got quite good at coming up with imaginative solutions for these clashes: for example, on Pentecost Sunday 2011, when I had to be in Ely for Evensong with the girls and men, I asked Paul Trepte, the Cathedral’s Director of Music, to be guest conductor at Selwyn in my stead, and of course, both he and the Choir loved working with each other. I’ve also exploited the connection in other ways: ECGC came to sing an SCMS Sunday evening concert in the Michaelmas Term; Selwyn Choir sang Evensong at Ely during the Cathedral Choir’s Half Term vacation in February; members of Selwyn Choir augmented the Cathedral Choir in a June concert which required extra singers; and plans are underway for a joint Selwyn-ECGC Evensong in Selwyn at some point in the near future.”

Hugh Shilson-Thomas

(SE Fellow, Chaplain)



Hugh studied Theology at Exeter College, Oxford, before training for the priesthood at Westcott House, Cambridge. After appointments as Chaplain at Kingston University and Robinson College, Cambridge he moved to Church House as the Church of England’s National Adviser for Higher Education and Chaplaincy before his appointment as Dean of Chapel and Chaplain at Selwyn in 2008. Hugh was installed as a Non-Residential Chapter Canon of Ely Cathedral in 2010.

“I trained for ministry and, after a few years, was a chaplain in the diocese before commuting from here to London each day. So Cambridge has been home for a long time. But strangely, though I have lived in it, I have not been so much a part of the Diocese of Ely, as Cambridge University chaplains occupy a strange place in the church, being employed and answerable to their Colleges first, and not directly answerable to the Bishop in the way that a parish priest is. It was partly for that reason that I was so delighted (and surprised) to have a conversation with the previous Bishop, Anthony Russell, in 2009 asking me to talk to the Dean of Ely about the possibility of my being appointed as a member of the Chapter. I now feel that I have feet firmly in both camps.

The life of a non-resident Chapter Canon is much less time-consuming than a Resident one – the commitment is to a Chapter meeting on a Monday once a month, and to various occasions and services as they arise from time to time. However, the responsibility is a bit daunting – ultimately, the three residentiary canons and four Chapter canons are responsible, under the Dean, for the running of the Cathedral – the building, and everything that happens in it, its ministry, all those who work for it, and its finances. It really is a privilege – the Cathedral is one of the Seven Medieval Wonders of the World and an outstanding architectural treasure. But there is much work to do, and a budget to balance. I sit in Council meetings in College and feel some relief that the bottom line isn’t quite as worrying as it is at the Cathedral; and then I sit in Chapter Meetings and console myself that, after all, things aren’t quite as challenging as they are at Selwyn....” ■

2012 Reunion Celebrations: Messages from year group representatives

Time to dig out the matriculation photo and see how many of your year you still recognise. Make plans to return to Selwyn in 2012 and renew old friendships!

1962

In September 2002, we started the tradition of decennial reunions with the fortieth anniversary of our matriculation coinciding with the Annual Meeting of the Association. Since then, everyone is at it and hopefully deriving great pleasure from meeting the Selwynites of their vintage.

Saturday 14th April 2012 has been set aside for our 50th anniversary reunion and the purpose of this brief note is to alert you to that date; to express the hope that many will attend to share some thoughts about the days when blackberries were seasonal fruits providing delicious jelly, when google was a misspelling of goggle, and when people spoke to each other in relatively grammatical English (or a dialect thereof). So now is the chance to catch up on the craic of the fifty intervening years; to reflect on what we have really learned from our life experiences; to renew, even make, friendships; and to reflect on what we might do to contribute to the future well-being of the students of tomorrow – I have already received two or three thoughts.

This is not a plea for money. It is a heartfelt invitation to celebrate 50 years of association with Selwyn. So please put the date in your diary, please get in touch with people whom you may not have seen for a long time; and please come, accompanied or unaccompanied, and enjoy a day out culminating in Dinner in Hall.

The College would be delighted to receive suggestions about the content of a programme for the afternoon.

It would be helpful if those could be channeled through me – 01505 329696 or minkiedom@yahoo.co.uk

David Denton,(unelected and therefore removeable year rep for 1962).

1972

There is no YGR for 1972; if you are interested or would like to nominate a fellow alumnus for the role, please contact Shona Winnard (alumni-office@sel.cam.ac.uk)

1982

In 1982, we had pixie boots, new romantics, big hair and we were Selwyn’s centenary matriculants. Owen Chadwick, in his last year as Master, toasted our arrival with a centenary feast!

In 2012, we have sensible shoes, old romances and less hair but the College is welcoming us back with a reunion feast to celebrate 30 years since matriculation!

While we were at Selwyn the May Ball was revived, creating concern among some Fellows who had heard that we wanted Bad Manners. We objected to the Kitchen Fixed Charge, but it helped to pay for the new bar in the old kitchens; we renewed the debating society; had whisky tastings at the Wine Society; and Harry Potter arrived at Selwyn.

The Selwyn Calendar records that sports results were mixed, but there

were Blues, and academically we did not move the College’s ranking anywhere close to where it currently lies. However, we embraced College life, had a good time and made friends.

So, get in touch with at least one of those friends, pass on the word and make a plan to return on Saturday 8th September 2012 and stay overnight in College. It will be a chance to catch up with everyone else, share your news, note the changes at Selwyn, re-tell those stories and, hopefully, have a number of laughs. See you there!

Stephen Speak, year representative for 1982.

1992

Twenty years was more than a lifetime for most of us when we arrived at Selwyn fresh-faced and ready to take on life’s challenges back in October 1992. So it is incredible to believe that twenty years has nearly passed since that week of freshers’ week parties, sobering first lectures and first tentative steps towards lifelong friendships.

To mark the event, Selwyn has set aside the weekend of 8th/9th September 2012 for a formal reunion Dinner in Hall to welcome our year back to College. It will be a wonderful opportunity to meet up again, and it is hoped that by giving lots of notice we will get a good turnout, including people from overseas.Accommodation is available in College. Other events across the weekend are possible depending on demand – anyone fancy getting an eight back out on the river, a punt to Grantchester, croquet in the Fellows’ Garden?

Please put the date in your diary and watch out for more information in the coming months. If you have any suggestions, please email me (karen_knighton@hotmail.com) or the Development & Alumni Relations Office (smw59@cam.ac.uk), and we will see what we can arrange.

Karen Swainson (née Knighton), year representative for 1992.

2002

We’ve checked the date, double-checked and checked again but there’s no denying it- 2012 marks 10 years since we matriculated.

It took us a moment to get over the staggering realisation that we really are no longer 18 and more worryingly, that at 28 or thereabouts, we’re knocking on the door of 30.

We immediately took the view that to avoid a great depression setting in, a national celebration was in order involving pool parties, beer pong and naked relay races. We decided that the nine new sporting venues which have recently sprung up in the capital would fit the bill perfectly, with plenty of room for guests and large amounts of overflow capacity. Naturally, on hearing the news, Dave offered to cancel the Olympics and let us take over.

On further consideration, we realised that this probably wouldn’t be fair. Some of us aren’t all that sporty. We duly thanked Dave for his time and politely declined with the happy side effect of avoiding international condemnation for the country.

At about this time, College extended the kind invitation to have us all back for a dinner to mark the occasion. It then hit us. The best and only way to celebrate not being 18 anymore is to make like we’re 18 all over again. That could mean only one thing: formal hall.

We hope that as many of you as possible can make it back for the weekend of 22/23 September 2012. Please put the date in your diaries for now and more information will follow.

Kelly Bond & Shiraz Masood, representatives for year 2002.

In August 2012, the Olympic Games are returning to the UK for the first time since 1948. Several Selwyn alumni have competed at the games, and in this article, two of them, Mike Lapage (SE 1946) and Bruce Tulloh (SE 1959) tell us about their experiences.

Our Olympians

Illustration Lee Woodgate

Michael Lapage (SE 1946) The Last Games in London

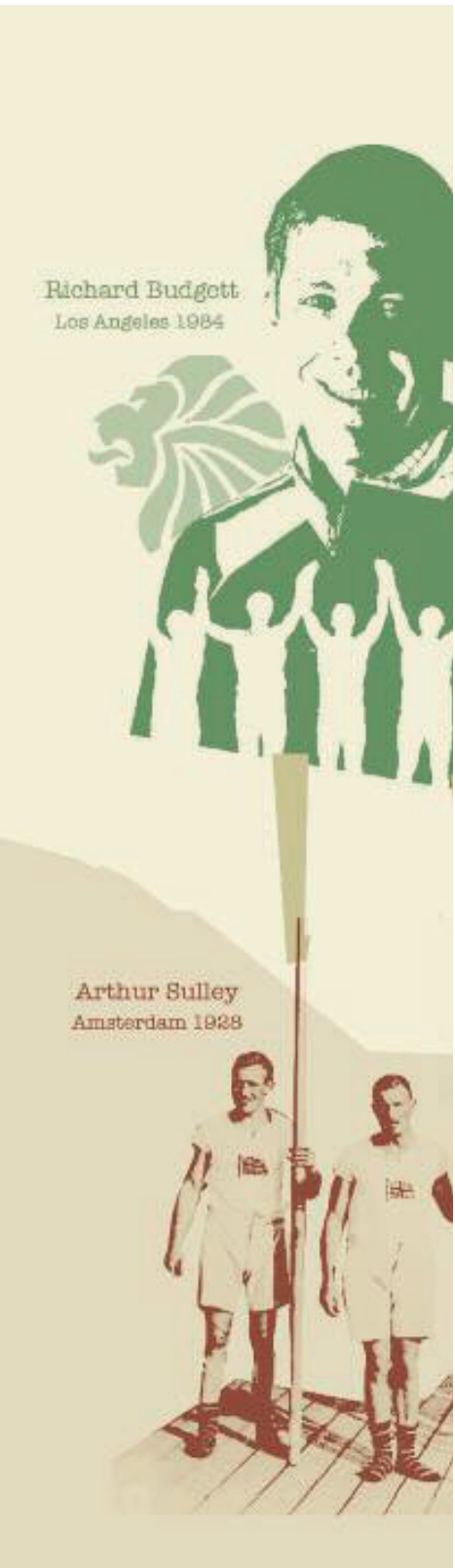
Cambridge in 1946 was still recovering from the austerities of the war. Bread was rationed as well as meat, sugar, chocolate and imported fruit. We were a hilarious mixture of those who had been through the war in the services and the younger entry straight from school. (Gentlemen under the age of 18 may collect their bananas from the College Office!) Application to study and essay writing was not easy after the concentration required to land a Seafire on the deck of an Escort carrier. There were also many distractions to be enjoyed; the 1911 Selwyn crew had contained both my Dad and my uncle, so no prizes for guessing where I headed, the same old ramshackle boathouse by Victoria Bridge.

The May crew of 1947 bumped L.M.B.C., Clare and Christ's and reached the semi-finals of the Ladies' Plate at Henley, after which I secured a place in the Trial VIII's in November. From there it was

touch and go before final selection for the Blue Boat and the race on the Tideway in March. I only just made it. Conditions gave us a record time of 17.50, which we held for over 25 years.

These were the days when Jesus College, protagonists of Steve Fairbairn's style, had made a significant difference to the old 'Orthodox' legacy of fixed-seat rowing. A compromise had been achieved when three of us from the Fairbairn group had been included in the crew. But when the Olympics rather unexpectedly came into view, Chris Barton (JE 1947), the stroke of the Jesus crew, was asked to form an Olympic VIII, and he confined his choices to his own style. The result was the formation of two crews, one consisting of Barton's men, all from his college, and the other, mostly the Boat Race crew without the Australian, which was entered as Leander in the Grand Challenge Cup. Both were beaten by a strong Thames Club crew, but they wanted to divide into IVs for the Olympics. So as Leander's (losing) time had been faster than Barton's, excellent stroke though he was, the basis of the final choice fell to some tubbing outings which began on July 8. Chris Barton came in at stroke and I behind him, followed by the Boat Race men.

By July 26 the temperatures had reached the 80s(F) all day, and we were set to row to Marlow and back. Next day the thermometer touched 89;



Selwyn at the Olympics timeline

1928 Amsterdam	1936 Berlin	1948 London	1960 Rome	1968 Mexico City	1976 Montreal	1984 Los Angeles	2008 Beijing	2012 London
Arthur Sulley (SE 1926) wins silver for coxing the Men’s Eights. Arthur was Selwyn’s first Blue in rowing.	Ran Laurie (SE 1933), father of Hugh Laurie (SE 1978), rows stroke in the Men’s Eights (they come in fourth).	Ran Laurie (SE 1933) wins gold in the Coxless Pairs; Michael Lapage (SE 1946) wins silver in the Men’s Eights.	Bruce Tulloh (SE 1959) competes in Athletics (5000m).	Iain MacDonald-Smith (SE 1964) wins gold for Sailing (Flying Dutchman Class).	Iain Macdonald-Smith (SE 1964) competes in Sailing (Soling Class).	Richard Budgett (SE 1977) wins gold medal in the Coxed Fours with Steve Redgrave.	Neil West (SE 1980) appointed by the British Olympic Association as Deputy Head of Team GB in Beijing.	Richard Budgett (SE 1977) appointed Chief Medical Officer of the Games

we rowed a full course. This had to be started above the Island so as to give room for three abreast; it came out at 1929 metres, the finish being in the same place. Meanwhile, the town had been highly decorated with red and white maypoles each side of the High Street and a bedecked Town Hall.

The Opening Ceremony was held on July 29 in Wembley Stadium in stifling conditions, something we could have done without, but it was a memorable day. Simplicity was the keynote by comparison with to-day’s eye-catching and expensive performances. We arrived by coach at noon and managed to find a shady tree in the holding area for a sandwich lunch. A figure in Pakistani uniform suddenly appeared, Paul Raschid (SE 1945) with his smart green clothes and muslin-draped

turban, I hardly recognised him. As the host nation, we were called in last and made a circuit of the arena where 85,000 spectators packed the stands. A solitary figure, already ill, King George VI took the salute, and then was invited by Lord Burghley to declare the opening of the 48th Olympiad. A fanfare of trumpets gave the signal for the scouts to open the pigeon boxes and 2500 of them took to the air. “Somebody ought to be lucky” was my sister-in-law’s comment. Next a salute of 21 guns and all eyes were turned to the entrance tunnel for the arrival of the flame, all the way from Greece. A closely guarded secret was revealed as the Cambridge sprinter, John Mark, appeared, the epitome of Greek youth.

So, despite all the forebodings of the pessimists, the flame was lit and the Games opened. We sang the Hallelujah Chorus and the

Archbishop of York gave us some encouraging words, after which the Olympic oath was taken by all 6000 competitors from 59 countries. The total cost of the Games came to £732,000 with a net profit of £29,000. How will that compare with 2012, even taking into account the difference in the £’s value?

So back to the relative peace of Henley. There were seven rowing events, 26 countries represented and 300 oarsmen in 86 crews. One of the favourites for a medal was the cox-less pair, Ran Laurie (SE 1933 and father of Hugh) who rowed for Selwyn and Cambridge in the thirties with Jack Wilson (PEM 1933) from Pembroke. Both were aged 33 and home on leave from the Sudan. After ten years ‘where there was no water’, they teamed up and entered, AKA ‘The Desert Rats’ In the final of their event they won by a length from the Swiss, and gained GB’s first Gold on home ground, or water in this case.

In the Eights we drew the Berks station overcoming Denmark and Norway. This put us straight into the Semi-finals against Canada’s Hamilton/Leander. The heat wave was replaced by a vicious headwind. What we didn’t know till afterwards was that our coach, Harold Rickett, had had the (wooden) oars shaved down to an even narrower pencil. After a restful Sunday, the Final gave us Norway, who had won their repechage, and a strong crew from the University of California. Although we led by a length at the Barrier, the heavier (and better fed!) crew gradually wore us down. But at least we did get our silver medals. I shall pass mine on to my grandson, Patrick, who is currently stroking the Harvard Heavyweights. His younger brother, Sam, is also rowing at Shrewsbury, two grandsons at Henley!

What was not reported in the Press was the high-spirited party for all the crews at Remenham Club on the final evening. Sudden access to unlimited sherry and champagne after months of abstinence proved the undoing of a well-planned occasion. Rolls and napkins started flying, waitresses withdrew, and the M.C. had a thin time: “Messieurs, Gentilmen, silence please” Speeches and the Toast list quite out of the question.

But the G.B. Oarsmen came home with two Golds; as well as Laurie and Wilson, Dick Burnell and Bert Bushnell won the Double Sculls, and a silver for the Eights, Selwyn in two of those. “ANDRIZESTHE”

Bruce Tulloh

(SE 1959)

Barefoot in Rome

I graduated from Southampton in July 1959 and applied to Selwyn, at the suggestion of Harry Minshall (SE 1957), who was keen to strengthen both the College and the University cross-country team. My grandfather, a top-class tennis player, had encouraged me to try for Cambridge because he would have liked to have got a blue himself. As a result I found myself doing a postgraduate diploma and training with a very enthusiastic bunch of distance runners. Selwyn had a strong team - Harry and I were both English internationals and the others included Richard Harries (SE 1958), later Bishop of Oxford, and John Offord (SE 1958), who has remained a friend ever since. The Selwyn team won both Cuppers and the relays, and the University team beat the better-fancied Oxford. Three others of that team went on to international level – Tim Briault (JN 1958) ran 5000m for Britain, Mike Turner (Q 1959) became captain of the England cross-country team and manager of the British team at the 1988 Olympics, and Roger Robinson (Q 1958) ran cross-country for both England and New Zealand and was World Veterans champion in the marathon.

My year at Selwyn gave me the ideal preparation for the Olympics. At the start of the vacation I broke the British record for 3 miles, running in bare feet on my favourite grass track, and two weeks later I was runner-up in the AAA championships. This was enough to give me a place in the British Olympic team, which had been my goal since I became a serious runner four years earlier.

In those days there was no sort of centralised coaching, certainly no Olympic preparation camp. All we had to do was collect our uniforms and be at the airport at the right time. We arrived at the Olympic Village in the middle of a Roman heat wave. It was over 100 Fahrenheit (39C) for the four nights before my 5000 metres heat, which was not ideal, but the days went past like a dream. I was in Paradise, amongst the Immortals. I met Emil Zatopek and went running with him. This was my hero,

the man who had won three gold medals in the Helsinki Games when I was a schoolboy, and here I was running with him and discussing training. I was in the stadium, watching Armin Hary winning the 100m, with my friend Peter Radford getting the bronze medal, and watching Herb Elliott (JE 1960) winning the 1500 metres in a world record time. I met a young New Zealander on the training track, an 800 metre runner, on his first overseas trip. “What’s your best time?” I asked. “1.48” he said. “ Well, I’m sure you’ll improve on that”, said I - and he did – he won it. Best of all, I was on the streets of Rome watching the 50 kilometres walk. Don Thompson of Britain was in the lead, trying to break away, and I was running along the pavement shouting encouragement at him. He became our only gold medallist in the Athletics team.

The backdrop to all this was, of course, the Eternal City. I had never even been to Europe before, and I walked for miles, visiting the tourist sites. My greatest memory was seeing a spectacular performance of ‘Aida’ at the Baths of Caracalla. This was perhaps not the ideal preparation for the 5000m, but the fact was that we were just not acclimatised to the intense heat. None of the three British runners made the final. I had the fastest time of the three but I pushed myself into heat exhaustion in doing so and had to be sponged down with cold water for half an hour afterwards.

I had looked at making the Olympic team as the climax of my running career, and so it might have been had I done well, but in fact it was just the beginning of an involvement with running which continues to this day. I went on to break the British and European records for two miles, three miles and six miles, to win the 5000 metres in the European Games and be part of the winning England team in the World cross-country. I never competed in the Olympics again – in ‘64 I over-trained and picked up measles and I retired before the ‘68 Games, rather than face the altitude of Mexico City, but I have been to several Games as a journalist and a coach. For me the Olympic Games remain a great force for good, bringing people together, in spite of the intensity of the competition.

In those days everything was strictly amateur, but there are many other rewards. Sport gave me a lot of fun and a lot of stress, but overall it gave me a sense of identity, and confidence in my ability. It helped me get a good job when I left

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Emil Zatopek

The crew of the 1948 Men’s Eight; Mike Lapage (SE 1946) is seated, second from right.



Noticeboard

The Senile Skiers



Following a hasty attempt to follow up Christmas card promises of reunions and searching for lost friends on the internet, the year of 1975 managed to get a good turnout at the 30 year reunion dinner in College back in 2005. Some of us hadn't met up for over 25 years and it became quite a party. However, a number spent too long in the bar after dinner and agreed that it would be a great idea to arrange a ski trip. It was one of those drunken ideas that often comes to nothing, but in March 2006 Rob Allen, Greg Croydon, Tim Parsons and Mark Weston Smith met up at Stansted and flew to Austria for four days skiing in Obertauern. The Selwyn Senile Ski team had its founder members. This has become an annual event with the sixth trip currently in planning for January 2012 in St Gervais. Mike Rayner joined us for our second season. He would have been a founder member but, as many athletes at the peak of physical fitness discover, there is a fine line between perfection and injury. Steve Flesher-Clark brought the numbers up to six in 2010 and Andy Rose became the seventh team member in 2011.



Main image: Andy Rose, Mike Rayner, Rib Allen and Mark Weston Smith. Above: Tim Parsons, Mark Weston Smith and Greg Croydon.

We keep in touch by email and phone and very occasional meetings (sometimes at Selwyn), despite the fact that Greg, Mark and Mike live or work within a few miles of one other in the Midlands! This annual event has become a welcome escape from the real world during which we can re-live our youth at Selwyn, drink plenty of beer, wonder about what our peers are up to, tell the same old jokes and stories and sing the same songs. It all helps to keep us young. Long may it continue.

From Greg Croydon (SE 1975)



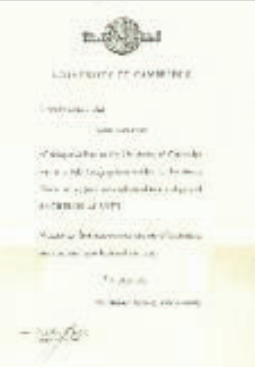
William Brock (SE Fellow) and Owen Chadwick (SE Fellow) both turned 95 this year, and are seen here celebrating with a glass of champagne in the Master's Lodge.



In June, the Selwyn College Boat Club christened a new Men's VIII, the Eivind Dullforce (nicknamed 'The Force'). The Force was purchased through a very generous donation from Fiona Morrison (SE 1976) in memory of her husband, Eivind (SE 1975).

Reunited again

Whilst cleaning out the filing cabinets this winter, George Roberts (SE 2006, Development Officer) was astonished to stumble across the original degree certificate for David Kirby (SE 1957). After 51 years, Mr Kirby and his degree certificate have now been reunited.



Do you recognise this footstool? Sarah MacDonald (SE Fellow, Director of Music) writes: I bought it in 'Simply Oak', an antiques warehouse near Biggleswade in Bedfordshire in mid-April 2011. It is oak, a bit rustic, but carved with a fair amount of woodworking skill and it is Selwyn's Coat of Arms, not just the College Crest. If anyone is able to shed any light on where it might come from, please get in touch.

One hundred not out!

Gerald Gibson (SE 1930) turned 100 in February of this year. Gerald read Mathematics at Selwyn, where he was a successful cricketer and footballer. After graduation, he went on to teach at schools in London and Wiltshire and served in the RAF during the Second World War. Gerald published his memoirs, A Cornish Innings, this year and a copy rests in the College archives. He celebrated his century at home with three generations of his family.



2011 Ramsay Murray Lecture
Empire of Gold

The 2011 Ramsay Murray Lecture was given by Judith Herrin, Professor Emerita and Constantine Leventis Senior Research Fellow of King's College London. The lecture, entitled 'The Surprising Empire: Byzantium between Islam and Europe', explored conceptions of Byzantium and the role of women in the empire. The lecture is available for alumni to download on the College website; please contact the Development Office for a password.



Increasing our bursary provision to ensure that we are able to provide adequate financial support for our students must be one of Selwyn’s core priorities. With the help of our alumni, the 2011 Selwyn Annual Fund will aim to do just that, giving all students of talent and ability the chance to fulfil their potential.

The 2011 Annual Fund: A case for student support...

Since last autumn’s Browne Report and the Comprehensive Spending Review, the landscape of higher education has changed completely. From October 2012, undergraduates coming to Selwyn will face tuition fees of £9,000 per year, on top of living expenses calculated at a minimum of £7,000 per year. On graduation, therefore, the majority of our students will have incurred somewhere in the region of £50,000 of debt. This is quite a different prospect from that enjoyed by those of you who studied at Selwyn in the 1960s, 1970s or 1980s, when Cambridge was able to provide grant maintained education, free from the burden of tuition fees.

In 2010/2011, 28% of Selwyn undergraduates received support worth £208,000 from a combination of the University and the College. In addition, Selwyn also disbursed £20,000 in ad hoc hardship grants for students who found themselves in financial difficulty during the year. This amounts to an average bursary of £1,890 per student: 60% of the current tuition fee but only 20% of the new tuition fee. It is clear that current levels of support will soon be entirely inadequate.

Selwyn has led the way amongst the Colleges with our commitment to access to Cambridge for the most able and brightest students regardless of their background or circumstances. Currently, 67% of our students come from state-maintained schools, against 59.3% at Cambridge as a whole. With the prospect of significant debt adding to the existing historical barriers to access, there is a deep concern that students from lower and middle-income families will be dissuaded from studying at Cambridge.

Increasing our bursary provision to ensure that we are able to provide adequate financial support for our students must be one of Selwyn’s core priorities. With your help, the 2011 Selwyn Annual Fund will aim to do just that, giving all students of talent and ability the chance to fulfil their potential.

Donations received through the 2011 Annual Fund will be used to support students in two critical ways.

The first will be to help the College co-invest with the University’s bursary scheme, in order to improve existing bursary support for students from less affluent backgrounds. These students will need a package of comprehensive



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financial aid to be able to afford to study at Cambridge under the new fee structure as current levels of available funding will be inadequate in meeting the needs of students in 2012 and beyond.

The second will be to bolster Selwyn’s existing hardship funds. In the current economic climate, some students are likely to face unforeseen financial circumstances which will jeopardise their ability to remain here. Such students may need a top-up to their existing bursary grant, or simply help to pay for their accommodation. This is precisely the kind of contingency that the College’s hardship funds can cover. We are determined to ensure that none of our students are



forced to give up or cut short their degree as a result of finance, and our hardship funds are crucial to this effort.

The College is delighted to recognise donors through the Donors’ Garden Party and the Lyttelton Dinner for Benefactors.

For more information about the 2011 Annual Fund contact Sarah Harmer (Development Director) by phone (01223) 330403 or email: sbph2@cam.ac.uk

Inheritance Tax An update



In the Government’s 2011 Budget, an inheritance tax discount was introduced from 6 April 2012 for estates which have left at least 10% of their net value to charity. Although legacies to charity have always been exempt of inheritance tax, the change will affect the amount of the estate left for other beneficiaries. Instead of the standard rate of inheritance tax (40%), estates which leave at least 10% to charity will only be subject to a tax rate of 36%. As previously, the first £325,000 of the estate will be exempt of inheritance tax.

As the example below makes clear, this reduction is good news for anyone who has already left a legacy to the College or is considering doing so. The burden

on other beneficiaries will be reduced, meaning that, in the example, a gift of £100,000 to Selwyn has ‘cost’ them £23,000 less than it does currently.

For information about leaving a bequest to the College, or about membership of the 1882 Society, contact the Development Director, Sarah Harmer (01223 330403 or email: sbph2@cam.ac.uk).

An example legacy

	Current Tax Regime	New Tax Regime
Estate Value	£1,000,000	£1,000,000
Exempt from Tax	£325,000	£325,000
Gift to Selwyn	£100,000	£100,000
Taxable Amount	£575,000	£575,000
Tax Payable	£230,000	£207,000
Tax Rate	40%	36%
Net to Beneficiary	£670,000	£693,000

Selwyn Online

As part of an ongoing programme by the Development Office to make staying up to date with Selwyn as simple as possible for alumni, we have expanded our online presence. Like us on Facebook, join our LinkedIn Selwyn Alumni Group, follow us on Twitter (SelwynAlumni) or look at the latest photos from events and College on our Flickr photostream. Keeping in touch with Selwyn has never been easier.

Early next year, we will also be launching our new alumni website. On the new site, alumni will be able to register and pay for events, update their details and follow along with the latest news and events from the College. The new website will also have the capability to help you connect with your fellow alumni – to arrange informal alumni events, network or just catch up with

old friends. We’ll be sending everyone their new usernames and passwords for the site early in 2012 – in the meantime, we hope you’ll start to take advantage of our improved online presence.

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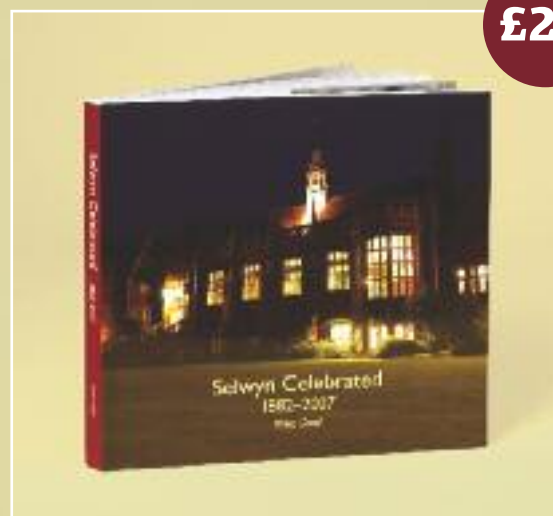
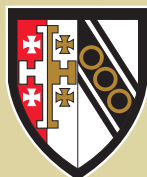
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