

## A MOST INGENIUS PARADOX

*par 'a' dox*, noun  
Etymology: Latin *paradoxum*, from Greek *paradoxon*, contrary to expectation.

- 1 : a tenet contrary to received opinion
- 2 : a statement that is seemingly contradictory or opposed to common sense and yet is perhaps true.

Universities in general – and Cambridge in particular – are nothing if not contrary. Fierce in their independence and confident in their traditions, Cambridge colleges can sometimes seem more contrary still. Take for example the Autumn and the Michaelmas Term. For poet and painter alike, the Autumn has generally harboured a sense of foreclosure: the beginning of the end of activity, a signal to batten down the hatches and hold out until the Spring. Yet, here in College, despite an occasional mist and a good deal of mellow fruitfulness (quite a year for quinces), the community is energetically a-stir.



*Autumn* by Thomas Moran (1837-1926)

The start of a new academic year always brings a frisson of excitement. A cohort of Freshers – eager and anxious in equal measure – has arrived; the Fellows refreshed by a Long Vacation spent on the labour of love that is their research have again taken up the reins of the teaching year and the College staff, strangely grateful to see a return to “normality” after months of demanding conference toil, are resuming familiar routines. Taken together, all contribute to the sense of renewal that, paradoxically, the Autumn brings to the life of a Cambridge college.

So it's a matter, not of manning the gates of Winter seclusion, but of opening the shutters to welcome in the world. The Michaelmas Term is a time to greet new faces as well as to realise (perhaps for the first time) that certain long-familiar ones have moved on to new beginnings elsewhere. One particular pleasure of this increasingly international traffic, is to bring into College membership a healthy clutch of distinguished visitors who will be spending the whole or part of the academic year with us. Visiting Fellows and Visiting Scholars are an important and growing part of the College community and their presence amongst us contributes significantly to that sense of connectedness to the rest of the world which is so vital to the welfare of a modern college in a modern university. Globalisation is a feature not just of economics and the environment but of education too,

so it is right that Magdalene should play its part in the world-wide exchange of people and ideas.

Then again, these comings and goings remind us of something else: that the essence and extent of Magdalene's community has little or nothing to do with the confines of our own familiar curtilage. Our non-resident members and our friends vastly out-number the few who pass their time *pro tem* within our walls. They are our representatives and ambassadors, taking Magdalene into the many and varied worlds in which they live and work. So not the least of our paradoxes is that this small Fenland community – once a retreat for those whose studies demanded isolation from the world's distractions – is but a *fons et origo* of the real Magdalene which today exists, and has influence, in every part of the globe.

It is often said – not least by our own members – that Magdalene is somehow different from other Colleges. Doubtless the members of other colleges say the same of their own *alma mater*. Being different in this way, might – objectively – be a proper source of pride and of distinction and yet it is not always a comfortable flag under which to fly these days, especially in a world where a state of difference is typically the target for remedial intervention; where anomalies are seen as the residuum of reform still uncompleted; distinctiveness the survivor of equity as yet imperfectly spread. Collegiate universities with their especial character and distinctive style of living and teaching are often characterised by their detractors as anachronisms to be regularised; playing fields to be levelled; hang-overs to be cured. Being different, they are not normal; the two being held necessarily contradictory by those for whom normality is the only measure of worth.

And yet in the natural world, paradoxically, no such contradiction is upheld. On the contrary, the maintenance of diversity – the simultaneous existence of different forms within a coherent whole – is seen as the very goal of management; just as the vigour of the locality is the proffered bulwark against the encroachment of globalised uniformity. Surely then in the global world of education in which Magdalene and Cambridge compete for survival, remaining productively different should not be seen as an altogether bad thing.

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The instinct to tidiness and to uniformity – whilst bureaucratically and governmentally convenient – rarely encourages enterprise and even more rarely inspires genius or allows it to flourish. The greatest paradox of Cambridge is surely that its loose confederacy of individuals – of people as well as institutions – is the very secret of its dynamism and success. A paradox then: and a most ingenious one.

MARK BILLINGE



## DEVELOPMENT

### With a little help from (y)our friends ...



Many employees (as well as many employers) are unfamiliar with the benefits available to both parties (as well as to their chosen charity) through participation in "matched giving" schemes. Typically such schemes, allow employees' contributions to charity to be supplemented, or even fully-matched, by gifts from their employer.

For employees, the benefits of matched giving are obvious: they can often double the value of their contribution to their chosen charity - at no expense to themselves - simply by asking their company to "match their gift". But for employers too there are significant tax as well

as PR advantages. For example, as part of Give As You Earn (GAYE), employers can match pound for pound what each employee gives (and/or place a cap on their total contribution per employee) and then claim all such contributions against Corporation Tax.

Employers can also match giving through:

- single gifts – if an employee gives a one-off gift to charity, the employer can do the same
- fundraising – money raised by staff from mounting events or collecting for charity can be matched by the employer
- volunteering time – employees can be "paid" for the volunteered time by way of a donation to their employees chosen "cause"

UBS is one of more than 200 UK companies which now run fully-fledged "matched-giving" programmes and three Magdalene members working for UBS in London have recently endorsed the scheme enthusiastically.

James Graham (1977), David Soanes (1987) and Alan Roberts (1976) met with the Development Director over lunch earlier in the

year to talk through some of the details. By the end of that meeting one thing was clear: there may be no such thing as a free lunch, but there is certainly a way of securing a free "donation".

For details of those companies known to be offering a matching gift programme please visit the Alumni & Development website (<http://www.magdalene.cambridge.com/Giving%20to%20Magdalene.html>). Mark Billinge would be delighted to offer further advice to anyone interested in encouraging both their employer and the Chancellor of the Exchequer to give to Magdalene.



Alan Roberts (1976), David Soanes (1987) and James Graham (1977) chew the fat

## LONDON CALLING

**MAGDALENE IN THE CITY (MiC)** is a new College initiative designed to bring together in an informal association, Magdalene men and women working in the city of London.



It aims to help "network" members of different generations who share a professional interest in business, finance, commerce and the law as well as those who simply live in and enjoy the social life of the city.

Its inaugural meeting will take place at the offices of UBS at 1 Finsbury Avenue EC2M 2PP on Thursday 23 November 2006 at 6.30pm by kind permission of UBS and Magdalene members James Graham (1977), David Jones (1977), David Soanes (1987)

and Alan Roberts (1976). If you would like to attend, or simply wish to know more about MiC, please contact Rachelle Stretch ([development@magd.cam.ac.uk](mailto:development@magd.cam.ac.uk)) in the first instance. Similar events are being planned for the late autumn of 2007 and 2008.

It is hoped that Magdalene in the City will develop its own dynamic and that London-based members will be encouraged to meet informally on a regular basis - perhaps for an hour after work - as best suits them and their busy lifestyles.

## new faces

**THE START OF THE MICHAELMAS TERM** traditionally brings many changes to the College. In the Alumni & Development Office, none is more significant than the passing of the heavy baton of responsibility from one Alumni Officer to another. Matt Bullivant has tracked down his last lost member and moved on to pastures new at Deloitte (no doubt tracking "missing" things of a different kind). His place is taken by Hannah Fogg a graduate of Sidney Sussex College. Hannah read music as an undergraduate and has just completed an MPhil thesis on 20th Century Hungarian Music.



We are delighted that she has joined us. Hannah hopes to hunt down - and to meet with - as many Magdalene members as possible over the next twelve months. Her first task? ... to find Matt Bullivant.

## WWW.MAGDALENECAMBRIDGE.COM



**THE NEW ALUMNI & DEVELOPMENT OFFICE WEBSITE** was completed "in-house" over the summer. It offers (we hope) an improved service to all members of the College.

From the HOME PAGE, browsers can navigate, via a convenient left-hand sidebar, to major sections of the site which cover a wide range of college-related materials including sections on members' matters, events, the Campaign, news, publications and merchandise.

The site also provides online access to a number of brochures and forms and offers, for the first time, a facility for online donation to the College. We hope that the site will be a convenient point of virtual entry into the

College and its affairs and that it will help all of our members - here, there and everywhere - to stay informed and to keep in touch.

The Alumni & Development Office website can be found at:

[www.magdalene.cambridge.com](http://www.magdalene.cambridge.com)

### CAMPAIGN NEWS

**£9,703,954**

has been given or pledged to the Magdalene Campaign by 30 September 2006

Contributions totalling £4,954,352 have been received from 1,677 members of the College, i.e. 29% of the membership

**CAMPAIGN TARGET**

**£20,000,000**

# THE COLLEGE

## finishing touches



AS A FINE NEW COLLEGE SHIELD was added to the facade of the entrance building to Cripps Court, news arrived that the scheme was being considered for a *Royal Institute of British Architects 2006 Award*.

In the event, and against distinguished competition, Cripps Court won the *RIBA (East) Spirit of Ingenuity Education Award 2006*, being judged, by a distinguished panel of jurors, the best building in this category in the Eastern Region.

At the awards ceremony at Chilford Hall on 6 October, a commemorative glass plaque was received on behalf of the College by Mr Thompson, Mr Murphy, Dr Billinge and Mr Daybell, four of the Directors of *Cloverleaf* - the wholly College-owned subsidiary which oversaw the building of the Court. They were

accompanied by the architects Tristan Rees Roberts and Graham Riley of FRR (Freeland Rees Roberts). The FRR architectural practice enjoyed a remarkable evening, picking up prizes for their varied portfolio of projects in every available category.

After only a year, Cripps Court is a much-used and already much-loved part of Magdalene's estate. Discussions are now on-going with regard to the completion of Phase II - which has much to live up to if it is to match the achievement of Phase I.



Mr Thompson, Senior Bursar and Chair of Cloverleaf holds the winner's plaque

## NOT SUCH VICARIOUS PLEASURES



**MEMBERS INTERESTED** in keeping abreast of what is going on in the College can now stay right up to date by visiting the "newsflash" as well as "news and publications" sections of the new Alumni & Development Office website ([www.magdalene.cambridge.com](http://www.magdalene.cambridge.com)).

Daily updates highlight events of note and give regular reminders of forthcoming events

open to and (we hope) of interest to non-resident, as well as resident, members.

A particularly important feature of the website is the space devoted to undergraduate clubs and societies. By visiting these pages you can indulge vicariously in the successes (and occasional failures) of the College's sportsmen and women or find reports on college concerts, choir activities and the like. Better still, use the events calendar to make a date in your diary and come along to support and to enjoy the events for yourself. The current junior members would welcome and appreciate your interest.

A comprehensive listing of events can be found in *Magdalene email* which is downloadable from <http://www.magdalene.cambridge.com/magdalene%20email.html>.

## FROM A COLLEGE WINDOW

2006 MARKS THE CENTENARY of the publication of *From a College Window*, A C Benson's most famous, and from Magdalene's point of view, most engaging book. Here ACB explains his "point of view"

*'It is, then, from College Windows that I look forth. But even so, though on the one hand I look upon the green and sheltered garden, with its air of secluded recollection and repose, a place of quiet to and fro, of sober and joyful musing; yet on the other side I see the court, with all its fresh and shifting life, its swift interchange of study and activity; and on yet another side I can observe the street where the infinite pageant of humanity goes to and fro, a tide full of sound and foam, of business and laughter, and of sorrow too, and sickness, and the funeral pomp of death.*

*This then is my point of view. I can truthfully say that it is not gloomy, and equally that it is not uproarious. I can boast no deep philosophy, for I feel, like Dr Johnson's simple friend Edward, that "I have tried, too, in my time, to be a philosopher, but - I don't know how - cheerfulness was always breaking in." Neither is it the point of view of a profound and erudite student, with a deep belief in the efficacy of useless knowledge. Neither am I a humorist, for I have loved beauty better than laughter; nor a sentimentalist, for I have abhorred a weak dalliance with personal emotions....*

*I have always believed that it is better to stimulate than to correct, to fortify rather than to punish, to help rather than to blame. If there is one attitude I fear and hate more than another it is the attitude of a cynic. I believe with all my soul in romance: that is in a certain high-hearted, eager dealing with life. I think that one ought to expect to find things beautiful and people interesting, not to take delight in detecting meanness and failures. And there is another class of temperament for which I have a deep detestation. I mean the assured, the positive, the Pharisaical temper, that believes itself to be impregnably in the right and its opponents indubitably in the wrong; the people who deal in axioms and certainties, who think compromise weak and originality vulgar. I detest authority in every form. I am a sincere republican.'*



## FELLOWSHIP NEWS

*Professor Nicholas Boyle* has been elected Schröder Professor of German and, 'more importantly', President of Magdalene.

*Torwong Chenvidyakarn* has been elected a Fellow and appointed Director of Studies in Architecture in succession to Professor Robin Spence. A graduate of Chulalonghorn University, Torwong is also a University Lecturer in the School of Architecture.



Torwong Chenvidyakarn

*Mrs Aude Fitzsimons* has retired from her position as Assistant Librarian after 12 distinguished years in post. Happily, she continues to grace our presence as a Fellow Commoner.

*Professor Helen Cooper* has been awarded the Litt.D and has been elected to the Fellowship of the British Academy.

*Dr Stefan Halper* has been re-elected *Donner Research Fellow* and has completed *The Silence of the Center: America's Global Role at Risk* which will be published in February.



Stefan Halper

It follows *America Alone* his widely acclaimed study of the rise of the neo-Cons in American politics.

## RESEARCH & BYE-FELLOWS

*Tom Licence*, a Magdalene graduate and Medieval Historian has been elected *Lumley Research Fellow* whilst *Dr Aradhna Tripathi*, an Earth Scientist specialising in climatic change during the earth's remote past (nothing new under the sun, then), has been elected *Nevile Research Fellow*.

This year's Bye-Fellows are *Sarah Van Mastrigt* a Criminologist and *Robert Martin* an Earth Scientist.

## VISITING FELLOWS AND SCHOLARS

This year's Parnell Fellow is *Professor Angela Bourke*, Professor of Modern Irish at University College, Dublin.



Angela Bourke

This year's Visiting Fellows are *Dr Dilip Menon*, former Research Fellow and Visiting Smuts Lecturer (2006-7); *Professor Tony Cockerill*, (Honorary Member) and Leverhulme Emeritus Fellow in Economics; and *Dr Alan M Wolsky*, Senior Energy Systems Analyst at Argonne National Laboratory.

## MEMBERS' NEWS

### A WOMAN OF SOME IMPORTANCE



**DR HELEN LEE** (2003) Honorary Member of the College is no ordinary scientist. The recipient of numerous awards for her pioneering work in developing low cost diagnostic testing kits for a range of diseases, some of her many accomplishments have featured in *Magdalene Matters* before.

However, news has just arrived of her most

recent accolade: she has been named European Woman of the Year 2006 for her part in improving health care in developing countries. In addition to pioneering new scientific techniques, Helen has also founded a spin-out company *Diagnostics for the Real World*, which has enabled her innovative ideas to be delivered quickly to those in greatest need.

Helen is also a generous and enthusiastic supporter of young researchers: she has financed two annual research studentships in Magdalene - one named for her mother and the other for Max Perutz, nobel laureate and one of Helen's early mentors. More details of her work can be found by visiting her University webpage (<http://www.haem.cam.ac.uk/transmed/pages/lee.html>).

### NEWS IN BRIEF

**BRIAN POMEROY** (1962) was awarded the CBE in the New Year's Honours List for services to the homeless.

**BRIAN IVORY** (1968) former Chief Executive and Chairman of Highland Distillers and currently Chairman of the Board of the National Galleries of Scotland as well as of the National Piping Centre in Glasgow, has received a knighthood in the Queen's Birthday Honours List. Sir Brian confesses that he celebrated his knighthood with a "wee dram": joined-up thinking of the Magdalene kind.

**SEAMUS HEANEY** (2000) Honorary Fellow, has presented the College with a magnificent bust of himself by distinguished Irish sculptress Carolyn Mulholland. Simultaneously a fine work of art and a lethal weapon (for those with the strength to lift it) it will adorn the College for many years to come. Seamus suffered a mild stroke in August, though happily speech, mind and movement are unaffected and he is making a good recovery.

**MERCER SIMPSON** (1952) has published *Early Departures and Late Arrivals: Poems Mainly Lyrical*, his third collection of verse. His fourth, *Enclosures and Disclosures* will be published by the Rockingham Press in late 2007.

**MURRAY MITCHELL** (1953) has published the second edition of *The Building Stone Heritage of Leeds*.

**BEN GOODER** (1981) continues to make notable and provocative films. His latest - *Extraordinary People: the Musical Genius* - documents the - literally - extraordinary talent of Derek who is blind, autistic and has the IQ of a 4 year old, but who plays the piano like a maestro. It was broadcast on Channel 5 in late September.

**LEWIS LAPHAM** (1956) legendary editor of *Harper's Magazine* from 1983 until 2006 and now its editor emeritus, has founded a new history journal - *Lapham's Quarterly* which will begin to appear in 2007. Lewis will be the guest speaker at this year's New York Dinner to be held at the Union Club on 3 November.

**RACHELLE STRETCH** (2006) has been promoted to the post of Deputy Director of Development and Alumni Relations.

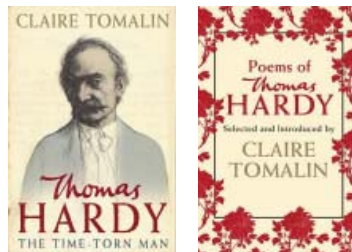
### PERENNIAL HARDY

**CLAIRE TOMALIN** (2003) Honorary Member and award-winning biographer of Samuel Pepys, chronicles, in her latest book, the life of another distinguished Magdalene honorand: Thomas Hardy. *Time-Torn Man: A Life of Thomas Hardy* was published in early October and is already gathering enthusiastic reviews. A new collection of Hardy's poems, selected and introduced by Claire, will appear later this year.

Claire Tomalin was born in London and is a graduate of Newnham College. She first worked in publishing for Heinemann, Hutchinson and Cape before switching to journalism, becoming literary editor of both the *New Statesman* magazine and the *Sunday Times* newspaper. She is a Trustee of the National Portrait Gallery, London and of the Wordsworth Trust, a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature and a Vice-President of English PEN, which champions writers'

freedoms through the world.

Also a playwright, *The Winter Wife* (1991) is based on her own biography of Katherine Mansfield. *Samuel Pepys: The Unequalled Self* was winner of the Whitbread Book of the Year Prize 2002.



### REACHING FOR THE STARS



**PHIL VEALL** (1999) read Architecture at Magdalene and is now working for Allies and Morrison Architects, London. For the past two and a half years, Phil has been involved in developing designs for the new *Time and Space Astronomy Centre* - a set of exhibition galleries and a striking new planetarium for the Royal Observatory, Greenwich.

Phil has been a central figure in the team since the proposals were granted planning

consent, working on some very diverse elements of the project - from producing the 3D design drawings for the conical, patinated phosphor bronze planetarium with its complex formal geometries to co-ordinating the specialist requirements for the state-of-the-art laser projection system to be housed at the core of the building. Work is now approaching completion on site; visible atop the crest of Greenwich Park, adjacent to the Meridian Line. It is set to be open to the public in early Spring 2007.

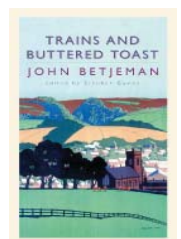
(For further details go to: [www.nmm.ac.uk](http://www.nmm.ac.uk); or [www.alliesandmorrison.com](http://www.alliesandmorrison.com))

Construction of the elaborate and innovative *Time and Space Astronomy Centre* (above); the *Allies & Morrison* Team (right) with Phil Veall (2nd from right).



### Steam radio ...

**STEPHEN GAMES** (1974) has been busily involved in the celebrations surrounding the centenary of one of Britain's best loved poet laureates, John Betjeman. He has recently published *Trains and Buttered Toast*; an anthology of Betjeman's radio talks for the BBC. From fervent pleas for provincial preservation to humoresques on eccentric vicars and his own personal demons, Betjeman's talks combined wit, nostalgia and criticism in a way that touched the soul of his listeners from the 1930s to the 1950s.



Appropriately, the book gave rise to a radio broadcast of its own - *Til Death* - which went on air on 28 August, the 100th anniversary of Betjeman's birth.

# ALUMNI EVENTS

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please note: full details of all events are available on our website; places for many of them can be reserved on line via [webALUMNUS](#)

**Friday 3 November:** 15th Annual New York Dinner, Union Club, 101 East 69th Street, NY  
Contact: [robert@magdalene.us](mailto:robert@magdalene.us)

**Monday 6 November:** Toronto Dinner, University Club, 380 University Avenue, Toronto M5G 1R6.  
Contact: [chrisrobinsonassociates@rogers.com](mailto:chrisrobinsonassociates@rogers.com)

**Wednesday 8 November:** Washington Dinner, Cosmos Club, 2121 Massachusetts Ave, NW at Q Street, Washington  
Contact: [robert@magdalene.us](mailto:robert@magdalene.us)

**Friday 10 November:** Boston CAm Event, The state Room, 60 State Street, Boston 02109, 6pm  
Contact [Eliza@cantab.org](mailto:Eliza@cantab.org)

**Thursday 23 November:** Magdalene in the City Drinks Reception, UBS, 1 Finsbury Ave, London EC2M 2PP. 6.30pm.  
Contact: [development@magd.cam.ac.uk](mailto:development@magd.cam.ac.uk)

**Saturday 2 December:** Cambridge in America Day, *What is the future of life on earth?* CUNY, NY.  
Contact [Kathy@cantab.org](mailto:Kathy@cantab.org)

**Wednesday 3 January 2007:** Hong Kong Drinks Reception. 5.30-7pm in the Mandarin Hotel, Hong Kong. Contact wendy for more info.  
Contact: [wendymeharg@hotmail.com](mailto:wendymeharg@hotmail.com)

**Friday 5 January:** Bangkok Drinks Reception, The Oriental Hotel, Bangkok 6.30pm (tbc).  
Contact: [development@magd.cam.ac.uk](mailto:development@magd.cam.ac.uk)

**Saturday 31 March:** Association Lecture, AGM & Annual Dinner, Magdalene College from 4.15pm.  
Contact: [chrisbabbsuk@waitrose.com](mailto:chrisbabbsuk@waitrose.com)

**March (date & venue tbc):** Cambridge in America Day, *Global Health*, San Francisco.  
Contact: [Kathy@cantab.org](mailto:Kathy@cantab.org)

**Wednesday 9 May:** Association Foundling Museum Visit (Brunswick Square). 8am  
Contact: [chrisbabbsuk@waitrose.com](mailto:chrisbabbsuk@waitrose.com)

**Wednesday 20 June:** Magdalene May Ball.  
Contact: The Secretary, May Ball Committee  
email: [rr318@cam.ac.uk](mailto:rr318@cam.ac.uk)

**Thursday 5 July:** Chairman's Summer Lunch & Local Visit, Magdalene College from 11am.  
Contact: [development@magd.cam.ac.uk](mailto:development@magd.cam.ac.uk)

**Sunday 29 July:** Joint event with Magdalen, Oxford at Magdalene College, Cambridge. Lunch and events. Contact: [development@magd.cam.ac.uk](mailto:development@magd.cam.ac.uk)

**Tuesday 23 October:** Association House of Commons Dinner (details tbc).  
Contact: [chrisbabbsuk@waitrose.com](mailto:chrisbabbsuk@waitrose.com)

### COLLEGE REUNIONS (2007)

**Saturday 5 May:** Lunch (up to 1949)

**Saturday 30 June:** Dinner 1985-1987

**Friday 21 September:** Dinner 1988-1990

**Saturday 22 September:** Dinner 1991-1993

**MA:** For those who matriculated in the year 2000. There will be several congregations (see website) but those eligible to take their MA are encouraged to attend the "reunion" MA Day on **12 May 2007**

Please note the revised schedule for reunions from 2007.

## AROUND THE WORLD IN FOUR ASSOCIATIONS

WITH A LARGE FAMILY OF ALUMNI spread widely across the globe, it is appropriate that 2006-7 should see the College engaged in an ambitious programme of events designed to bring together Magdalene alumni in four continents. Vital to these plans are the four alumni associations run by enthusiastic local members in each of the regions to be visited. At home, the Magdalene Association has a full programme of events, details of which can be found above.

Following his visit to Hong Kong for the annual MAP Dinner, the Master will revisit the SAR in January for a further reception before travelling to Bangkok to meet with members there.



The Development Office is also pleased to announce its programme of North American events held in conjunction with *Magdalene in America (MAM)* and *Cambridge in America (CAm)*. The Master, the Development Director and the Deputy Development Director will attend the New York Dinner (3 November) and the Development Director and Deputy

Development Director will then meet with College members at further events in Toronto (6 November); Washington (8 November) and Boston (10 November). They will be joined in Boston by the Senior Bursar.

In March/April 2007, to coincide with the Vice-Chancellor's visit, the Development Director will travel to Australia to meet with members there. The Magdalene reunion event will be hosted by *Magdalene in Australasia (MOz)* at a venue to be announced.

For further details of these events visit the Alumni & Development Office website <http://www.magdalene.cambridge.com/Magdalene%20Overseas.html>

## MA Day

**SEVEN YEARS AFTER MATRICULATION** BAs of the College are entitled to receive their MA from the University. Many eligible members choose to return to the College to receive their degrees in person at one of several ceremonies organised by the University throughout the year.

It has become clear, however, that many members would prefer to attend a congregation knowing that their friends are likely to be attending the same ceremony. The College has determined to try to help members achieve this aim by designating one of the MA days (12 May) a special day. All those entitled to receive their MA in 2006-7 are encouraged to attend on that day and to regard it as their "first" official College reunion. Full details of the day, as well as forms for gown hire and guidance about what to wear and what to expect, can be found on the website at <http://www.magdalene.cambridge.com/MA%20Day.html>

## REVISED REUNION SCHEDULE

**IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO OFFER MEMBERS** the opportunity of returning to College with their contemporaries on a more regular basis, the College has taken steps to advance the Reunion cycle by adding a third reunion dinner to the calendar each year. This reunion will take place just after General Admission on a Saturday in late June / early July each year. The addition of a third dinner should reduce the interval between most member's reunions to about 5 years. The revised schedule is listed below.

YEAR	LUNCH MAY	MA CEREMONY	DINNER 1 JUNE	DINNER 2 SEPT	DINNER 3 SEPT
2006	1948-1952	1999		1979-1981	1982-1984
2007	up to 1949	2000	1985-1987	1988-1990	1991-1993
2008	1950-1954	2001	1994-1996	1997-1998	up to 1959
2009	up to 1951	2002	1999-2000	1960-1964	1965-1969
2010	1952-1956	2003	1970-1972	1973-1975	1976-1978
2011	up to 1953	2004	2001-2002	1979-1981	1982-1984

Members are asked to note that discussions are ongoing regarding the precise dates of the September Reunion which (from 2008 onwards) may be held on two successive Fridays in late September/early October rather than on adjacent Friday/Saturday evenings. All members affected by any change will be informed in good time.

If any member has concerns or questions about the date of their reunion (which is based upon the year of matriculation) they should contact the Alumni & Development Office.

# MEMBERS' OFFERS

## CHAMPAGNE

### *Champagne Launois Blanc de Blancs, Grand Cru Le Mesnil-sur-Oger.*

A long-established house from the best Grand Cru village in the Cotes des Blancs – “Chardonnay Country”. Taut and graceful wine with a green-apple hit. A great favourite on the Magdalene list.

RRP £24.99 – special offer **£16.00**.

## WHITE WINE

### *Lugana Zenato 2004*

Elegant creamy white from close to Lake Garda. Fine, reserved, fresh and mineral. Many white wines claim to be the perfect partner for fish, but this one really is.

RRP £7.99 - special offer **£6.60**

### *Sauvignon de Touraine Jean-Christophe Mandards 2005*

The best Touraine we've ever tried, truly of Sancerre/Pouilly-Fumé quality. **£6.75**

## RED WINE

### *Angelo Negroamaro/Sangiovese.*

Italian. Shockingly good value. We showed this wine blind to 2 notoriously clever wine buffs and they both estimated the cost at £8. It's soft and meaty with juicy acidity, gentle tannin.

RRP £5.99 - special offer **£4.50**

### *Stormhoek Pinotage 2006*

South African. International Wine and Spirit Competition best Pinotage 2006, overall winner. Huge wine (VERY VERY FULL-BODIED), crazy price. **£4.90**.

*Maranges 1er Cru Rouge Colin-Deleger 1999*  
Outrageous bargain now at an even lower price. Red Burgundy rarely offers such value. Big, dusty, appealingly rustic.  
only while stocks last: **£8.99**

*Malintoppo Orcia DOC 2001* Our Favourite Wine. Surely one of the best top-end Tuscan reds on the British market. This estate has a 250 year history of top-class winemaking yet its home, the Orcia valley, tucked between grand rival wine towns of Montalcino and Montepulciano, only achieved DOC status in 2000. All the better for you as this gem is less than half the price of neighbouring Brunello, and although wine merchants do have a boring habit of declaring any half-drinkable wine made within a day's mule ride of Montalcino as “Baby Brunello”, this is a real find, a rare treat. **£8.99**  
*Tasting note: Tawny red in colour. The nose offers tobacco and mushroom, with a background of raisiny fruit. Juicy astringency dominates the palate, the fruit more stewed than fresh, finishing with nutmeg and cinnamon. Extremely complex and classy wine.*

## DESSERT WINE

*Umatum Chardonnay Beereauslese* Austrian. Austria is justly world-famous for its dessert wines and this one is first class. Mad deep gold, rich oatmeal and honey on the nose, intense and juicy. Doesn't taste a bit of chardonnay. So concentrated that a half bottle would serve 6 after dinner. **£10.50** per half bottle

## SINGLE MALT WHISKY

### *Sound of Islay*

New cask of the our very popular Islay malt. “Sound of Islay” Magdalene College own label single malt whisky. **£14.99** (70cl).  
*The youngest distillery version retails at £28. Single cask (carefully chosen by us), un-dyed, only lightly filtered, reeking of smoke and peat and the essence of young Islay malts. If your Gaelic or geography is good enough you'll know which distillery makes it, for we call it “Sound of Islay”.*

### *An Cnoc*

12 year-old Single Malt Why bother with Cognac? Gold, smells of raisins. Classic Speyside style. RRP £23.99 - special offer **£18.99**

## ORDERING

All of the featured wines (as well as a range of Magdalene glassware) can be ordered by post, telephone or email from:

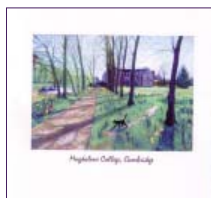
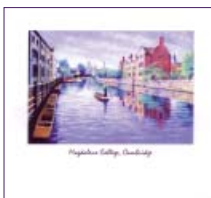
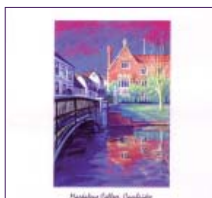
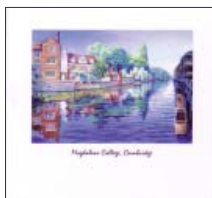
Cambridge Wine Merchants Ltd,  
2 King's Parade Cambridge, CB2 1SJ;  
tel: 01223 309309  
magdalene@cambridgewine.com

Postage and packing is £10 per case (12 bottles) for Wine and Whisky and the minimum order is 12 bottles, which may comprise any mixture of whiskies and wines. P&P for Glassware is £10 per 8 glasses or per decanter.

## CARDS “A” US

Local artist Kathie Lewis has produced a series of four Greeting Cards featuring familiar views of the College. On general sale at *Borders Bookstores* and the like, they retail at c £2.00 each. However, the artist has agreed to make them available to members of the College at a specially discounted

price of £1.75 each plus P&P. Any member wishing to buy cards is asked to do so through the Alumni & Development Office. The cards can be viewed in higher resolution by visiting the website ([www.magdalene.cambridge.com](http://www.magdalene.cambridge.com)). Postal discounts may apply to higher quantity orders.



“some men are born great, some men achieve greatness and some men have teenagers at home so they don't mind spending 18 hours a day at the office.”

## Christmas comes but once...



Christmas may come but once a year but, by long-established tradition\*, the especially commissioned College Christmas Cards come around at least twice.

Two designs are again available this year. One features the stained glass of one of the College Chapel windows (15 x 10.5cm) and the other, larger card, a view of River Court and Bright's Building in the snow (21 x 10.5cm). The message on each card reads *Season's Greetings*.

Cards are sold in packs of five of the same design. The cost is £3.99 per pack (including post and packing).

\*definition: of mist-hidden antiquity; beyond memory: i.e. about four years old

The two complementary designs can be viewed by visiting the Alumni & Development Office website:

<http://www.magdalene.cambridge.com/Christmas%20Cards.html>.



To place an order please contact the Alumni & Development Office by telephone 01223 332104 or email [development@magd.cam.ac.uk](mailto:development@magd.cam.ac.uk). Orders will be dispatched on receipt of a cheque or Credit Card details.

## MA DINING

Members who hold MA status are reminded of their entitlement to dine on High Table free of charge once each term.

Though restrictions apply to certain days (please contact the Alumni & Development Office to check any specific date) most weekdays (excluding Thursdays) are available during Full Term.

In order to encourage MAs to dine, certain Fridays in the Michaelmas and Lent Terms have been designated MA nights. These are: 10 & 24 November; 19 January 2007, 3 February 2007, 24 February 2007 and 9 March 2007. If you wish to dine on any of these dates please contact the Alumni & Development Office on 01223 764410 or email [alumni@magd.cam.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@magd.cam.ac.uk).