



NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2024

COLLEGE COMMUNITY GARDEN LAUNCHES

In the Spring issue of the *Newsletter*, we told you of the vision for the college's new community garden. We're pleased to report that much of the infrastructure is now in-place, situated behind three houses on Park Terrace, and the first shoots and seedlings are emerging, some very quickly indeed!

The gardens were celebrated with a 'soft launch' event with words from the Master, Doug Chalmers, and the college's Head Gardener, Brendon Sims, who championed the project from the outset.

Gardening can be an important tool for students, Fellows and staff to relieve stress, contribute to the Emma community and approach life more mindfully, Brendon believes. The gardens will, he hopes, be a place to slow down and appreciate life's little joys.

'Mental health and gardening are always at the forefront of my thinking,' says Brendon. 'When the project reaches its final stages, it will give the community a non-hierarchical



Raised beds in one of the Community Gardens

place they can take ownership of. A place to learn, through successes and failures, to contemplate, and share!

With ground-level and waist-height raised beds, pea and bean frames (covered in wonderfully fragrant sweet peas at time of writing), composting facilities, picnic benches and a shed for tools already in place, the garden is set to grow into something very special, ready for the returning and incoming community to enjoy for many years to come.

Members recognised in King's Birthday Honours

We congratulate three Emma members who have been recognised in the King's Birthday Honours list:

- **ANDREW STEER (1977)** has been appointed KCMG for services to Global Sustainable Development and Climate Change
- **NICHOLAS OSLER (1978)** has been appointed LVO for personal services to Queen Elizabeth II
- **JOANNA BOURKE (RESEARCH FELLOW, 1989-91)** has been appointed OBE for services to the Social Sciences

Fellows elected to the British Academy

The British Academy has elected two Emma Fellows: Professor Elisabeth van Houts, Life Fellow, formerly College Lecturer in History and Honorary Professor of Medieval European History in the Faculty of History, and Ayşe Zarakol, Professor in International Relations. We congratulate both on this achievement.

Professor van Houts and Professor Zarakol join seven other Emma Fellows and Honorary Fellows in their membership of the British Academy, the UK's national academy for the humanities and social sciences.

Sunshine arrives just in time for family garden party

On Saturday 6 July, with the most uncertain of weather forecasts, the Emmanuel Society held its biannual summer garden party.

An impressive indoors-outdoors juggling act saw members enjoying a sumptuous afternoon tea in the Hall and Old Library, face painting and craft activities, storytelling in the Chapel, music under the Cloister by Cambridge University Brass Band, and, for the brave, a dip in the newly refurbished pool.

Members enjoyed guided walking tours of the new buildings, a peek inside the Museum of College Life, and exciting rounds of Mølkkky, a wonderfully addictive Finnish lawn game.



Enjoying Pimm's and music under the Chapel Cloister

By the afternoon, with the sun high in the sky, most gravitated towards the Paddock for Pimm's, croquet, and a spectacular 'bubble show', which delighted kids and grown-ups alike. All in all, a hugely enjoyable and brighter-than-expected afternoon for all.

Anniversary Cricket Match survives the weather



Old Emma and College cricket teams after the match

On Friday 14 June, a very special fixture of the annual Old Emma v College cricket match took place at our Wilberforce Road ground. The occasion marked 60 years since the staging of the first such match in 1964, thanks largely to the efforts of David Lowen (1964) throughout this period.

Despite the disappointing weather, the players fortuitously managed to dodge the couple of showers that briefly interrupted proceedings and see the match to a conclusion before tea, when the worst of the rain arrived. Old Emma emerged victorious.

A dinner was held in the evening in honour of David's contributions to the college's sporting culture over the years. One member made the trip from Colombo, Sri Lanka, and others joined from Australia and South Africa via video. Cheers!

Summer sports round-up: Netball and lacrosse success in Cuppers

After what one participant described as 'the tightest Cuppers in years', Emma emerged victorious in this season's ladies' Netball Cuppers.

An impressive display of accurate shooting and resilient defending saw Emma edge out their opponents to set up a final against Jesus. Although the match was close for much of the contest, Emma eventually emerged as 10-6 winners.

A matter of days later, our mixed lacrosse team was crowned this year's Cuppers champions. After gaining confidence and momentum during each round en route to the final, a thrilling contest was set up against Magdalene, with Emma scoring the golden tie-breaker goal within the first 20 seconds of extra time.



Victory for Emma at this season's ladies' Netball Cuppers!

Frankland Society lunch



The Frankland Society lunch and panel discussion

On Sunday 23 June, the college held its second lunch for members of the Frankland Society, to celebrate and say thank you to those leaving a gift to Emma in their Will. This year, members of our Loyal Donor Circle, those who have given for ten or more consecutive years, joined us too. It was wonderful to come together once again to celebrate the thoughtful and generous commitment of those remembering Emma with a gift in their Will, and it was also special to say thank you to some of the donors who have loyally supported the college for many years.

Highlights of the day included an engaging panel discussion on the question: 'how does Emmanuel need to adapt for the future?'; a *Past, Present, Future* display, featuring some fantastic and heartfelt memories shared by members across several decades; a delicious lunch in Hall, followed by a lively performance from Emma's brilliant student jazz band over dessert.

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Emma Olympians compete in Paris

The college has had Olympic representation in Paris this summer from two athletes. Representing Austria in cycling, Anna Kiesenhofer (2011) successfully progressed from her time trial to compete in the women's road race. Meanwhile, Freddie Davidson (2017) represented Great Britain's rowing team, coming through his heat to earn a place in the final of the Men's Coxless IV, where he and his crew recovered admirably from a difficult start to win a bronze medal.

Promotion of Fellows

Three Fellows of Emmanuel College have been recommended for the following Professorships, with effect from Tuesday 1 October 2024:

- **PROFESSOR PERLA SOUSI** appointed Professor of Probability in the School of the Physical Sciences
- **PROFESSOR THOMAS SAUERWALD** appointed Professor of Algorithms and Probability in the School of Technology
- **DR ROSS WILSON** appointed Professor of the History and Theory of Criticism in the School of Arts and Humanities (and can now use the title 'Professor')

Swimming resumes at college pool

The college's swimming pool has undergone extensive refurbishment over the last year. A new lining and skimmer, suction and return points, and associated updates to the plant room and electrics systems have been completed over the unusually wet winter and spring months.

David Hobbs, Buildings Manager, said: 'work has required a large trench to be formed for the pipework to come from the plant room to the pool skimmers. Additionally, new lining has been installed and the thatched roof on the changing hut replaced.'

'With the work having taken longer than originally hoped following the disappointing weather, happily the reopening of the pool coincided with a much warmer spell, enabling our graduands to make full use of it in the few days prior to their ceremony.'

The new thatched roof is topped with three duck finials, a playful nod to Emma's famous avian friends. Work to update the changing hut will follow.



The college pool ready for bathers

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Gathering of Members 1984–86

Saturday 28 & Sunday 29 September 2024,
Emmanuel College

Our next Gathering sees members who matriculated in 1984, 1985 and 1986 return to college over the weekend of 28 & 29 September 2024.

Eligible members received invitations in July.

Westminster Abbey Dean's Tour

Monday 14 October 2024, London

A tour of Westminster Abbey arranged exclusively for the Emmanuel Society. We will be joined by the Dean of Westminster for a very special visit to the Jerusalem Chamber, which is usually closed to the public.

Details are being finalised as the *Newsletter* goes to print. Please check forthcoming editions of *Emma Connects* e-news and the college website.

Emma in Edinburgh: Dinner with the Master

Friday 1 November 2024, The New Club,
86 Princes Street, Edinburgh

Join the Master, Dr Sarah Bendall, and Officers of the Emmanuel Society for dinner in Scotland's capital. Expect sumptuous food and great conversation with Emma members from across subjects and matriculation years.

Burnaby Recital by David Ponsford (1968)

Friday 15 November 2024, 6.15pm, Emmanuel
College Chapel

David Ponsford (1968) returns to Emmanuel to perform organ works by J S Bach, Pierre du Mage and Franz Liszt. David was awarded the Royal College of Organists' Medal for distinguished achievement in organ performance and scholarship earlier this year.

Members are welcome to dine at High Table after the concert, which must be booked.

Visit to the Institute of Astronomy

Saturday 16 November 2024, 4.45pm, Institute of
Astronomy, Cambridge

Following last year's fantastic talk and tour of the night's sky, the Emmanuel Society is delighted to offer members another opportunity to visit Cambridge's Institute of Astronomy with Paul Fellows (1982), Chair of the Cambridge Astronomical Association.

London Advent Carol Service

Friday 29 November 2024, 6.30pm, Temple Church,
London

Prepare for the festive season with Emma's annual Advent Carol Service in London. Join members, students, staff and the Chapel Choir in joyful song, followed by refreshments.

Gathering of Members 1976–78

Saturday 29 & Sunday 30 March 2025,
Emmanuel College

Our March 2025 Gathering sees members who matriculated in 1976, 1977 and 1978 return to college for an exciting reunion weekend.

Eligible members will receive invitations in January 2025.

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