



THE EMMANUEL NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM THE MASTER

As I enter my third year, it's remarkable to reflect on the changes that have already taken place in that short time.

Our recovery from the pandemic is now well advanced: teaching, supervisions, College rituals and events, along with our extra-curricular clubs and societies, are all vibrant once again. You can feel it amongst the students and staff. The sense of community and the particularly personal approach of Emma remains strong.

And then there is the stunning new *Young's Court*, with its 48 student rooms, the refurbished *Furness Lodge*, and *Fiona's*, our popular coffee shop that's proving a bright and relaxed space for study, collaboration and socialising. Two years ago, these were holes in the ground. All are now occupied and in use every day. One can feel that corner of College becoming an ever-growing hub of activity. And within it, the *Emma Experience* programme goes from strength to strength. All this is a result of the *Emma enables* campaign that you, our members, made a reality. From our strong foundations, you're helping build an Emmanuel that's fit for the challenges and opportunities of the future. Thank you.



My mind is now firmly on evolving the College so that it stays in the vanguard of Cambridge colleges. To achieve this, we are focusing on three areas. First, ensuring the journey of each individual, be they student, Fellow, or post-doctoral researcher, is as we would wish it to be, and that our community is one from which no talented thinker is excluded. Secondly, enabling greater interdisciplinary research conversations. And finally, making sure all our facilities are fit for our successors.

Over the coming months, we will continue to strengthen the *Emma Experience* programme, establish our Post-Doc Research Society (the first cohort of whom are now with us – and what a great group of talented academics they are!) and launch the *Emma Enterprise* competition – an initiative designed to foster the skills needed for innovative, high-impact entrepreneurship. All of this while ensuring that our academic provision remains of the highest quality.

This newsletter gives you deeper insights into some of these things. And if any of the articles spark ideas or thoughts, please do reach out to me. I am keen to hear what you think.

Funeral of Professor Brian Thrush



Professor Brian Thrush FRS

The College is greatly saddened that our Life Fellow, Professor Brian Thrush FRS, died on 14 September 2023, in the comfort of his home. This follows the celebration of his 95th birthday just months before.

community. He took on various roles, including Acting Master, Vice-Master, Tutor, and Wine Steward.

His funeral took place in College on the beautifully still morning of Monday 16 October. The collected addresses given during the service are available to read, found in the *College News* section of the website.

Professor Thrush, who matriculated in 1946, was a dedicated Fellow since 1960, contributing significantly to the College

A bench dedicated to Professor Thrush and his wife Rosemary has been a place to pause and reflect in the Paddock since 2021.

NEW EMMANUEL SOCIETY CHAIRMAN



Harry Hickmore, Chairman of the Emmanuel Society

Over the last ten years, the Emmanuel Society has met under the Chairmanship of Nicholas Allen (1990). Nick has been a charismatic, reliable and conscientious support to the Society and the College's membership. After a decade of dedicated service, and 21 as a member of the committee, he has decided the time has come to pass the torch.

At the Society's AGM on Friday 17 November 2023, Harry Hickmore (2011) was appointed as the Society's new Chairman. Harry read music and musicology at Emma, and now works as the Development Director at the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment.

On his appointment, Harry said: 'Emma's lasting appeal is why I am so thrilled to become the Chairman of the

Emmanuel Society. Its 10,000-strong global community plays a crucial role in the life of the College and its dedicated committee members have, since the Society was founded decades ago, provided a year-round programme of events around the world that enable members to keep in touch with College goings-on, catch up with old friends and meet new people from the Emma community.

'Since graduating – some years ago now! – I have been constantly impressed by how the College evolves. As it does, so too does the Society. I'm interested to hear from members about what they may like the Society to offer in future. Please do get in touch.'

Reflecting on his tenure, Nick said: 'For most of us, our time at Emma is such a formative part of our lives, and so it is important this relationship is maintained and fostered after graduation. The Society plays an important role in this, giving members the opportunity continually to renew that relationship in a myriad of ways (intellectual, cultural, social etc), and mix with members across the generations.

'It's also important the Society continues to evolve, both in what it offers members by way of opportunities and by working alongside the College in initiatives such as *Emma Experience*. The Society, and its committee, also looks and feels very different now to the one I joined 21 years ago – it has evolved to meet the needs of members and the College – and I'm sure the same will be the case 21 years from now.'

FELLOWS' NEWS



Professor Clare Pettitt

Professor Clare Pettitt has been awarded the prestigious Rose Mary Crawshay Prize for her remarkable book, *Serial Forms: The Unfinished Project of Modernity, 1815–1848*.

Clare's work delves into the fascinating world of 19th-century urban life and the transformative power of rapid information. Her book has received accolades from judges and has won both the North American Victorian Studies Association (NAVSA) Book Prize, and the European Society for Periodicals Research (ESPRit) Book Prize.

We are delighted to announce the following members have been elected as Honorary Fellows: Professor Sally Ann Kornbluth (1982), BA. President, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Dame Amanda Louise Yip (1987), MA. Justice of the High Court; and Professor Saw-Ai Brenda Yeoh (1982), MA, DPhil, FBA. Professor of Social Sciences, National University of Singapore.

The College has elected Dr Juliet Alexandra Usher-Smith (1998) as an Official Fellow in medicine and Dr Florentine Stolker as a teaching-research Fellow in Law, and the following as Research Fellows: Dr Eleanor Myerson (English); Mr Efthimios (Tim) Karayiannides (Social & Political Science) and Dr Nikita Sushentsev (Clinical Medicine).

EMMA TO SUPPORT CARE-EXPERIENCED TEENAGERS

Care-experienced children in Cambridgeshire are to receive significant support with their education and pastoral needs through a new partnership between the College and the charity *First Star Scholars UK*. It will offer young care-experienced people first-hand experience of a college environment to help them develop academically, personally and emotionally from Year 9 through to Year 13, helping them fulfil their potential and work towards entering higher education.

The children will be offered mentoring and will be able to visit the College on Saturdays for extra tuition in English and Maths plus extra-curricular activities. The College will also host a 3-week summer school next year (2024) with a focus on academic, as well as personal, development. In addition to the academic focus, the programme will also teach valuable life skills such as cooking and nutrition, emotional regulation and self-advocacy.

Peter Samuelson (1970) is the Chair and Founder of *First Star Scholars UK*. He says those in care feel they don't have a voice and are often passed around like 'cardboard boxes'. He is keen to raise expectations: 'You may be carrying trauma, horrible things may have happened to you, but "it takes a village to raise a child" and the scholars will find a village at Emmanuel College. There are role models, there are mentors, there are tutors, there's a community that prizes critical thinking, exploration and personal growth. That's for you too and it's a ladder that can help you lift yourselves up.'

The partnership will show care-experienced children what it is like to live and study within a 'Russell Group' institution,



The Master and Peter Samuelson (1970), Chair and Founder of *First Star Scholars UK*

where care leavers make up only 0.4% of the total undergraduate population, and inspire them to continue pursuing their studies in order to make the essential step from care into higher education.

The Master, Doug Chalmers, says 'A lot of children in care simply don't think they can get into higher education, so this partnership is about giving these children, across Cambridgeshire, a platform from which they can aspire to go to universities like Cambridge. This isn't about recruiting students for Emmanuel ... this is about us playing our part in helping the social environment that is around us. When I was in the military, whether you were garrisoned or camped, you worked out what your local environment was like and then assessed whether you could engage with it and add value or not ... we're doing a similar thing at this college.'

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Improvement works on the swimming pool

Emma's historic and much-loved bathing pool is to undergo important improvement works over the coming months. The pool, one of only two remaining cold baths built in the first half of the eighteenth century by Cambridge colleges, is to have a new lining and skimmer, suction and return points, with associated updates to the plant room and electrics systems, installed.

The most significant addition will be an automated salt and chlorine dosing system, allowing levels to be maintained 24/7. In the months the pool opens, daily salt and chlorine dosing has been completed manually, during which time the pool was closed for several hours. These works will ensure the pool can be kept open, safely, throughout the day, meaning more students, members and staff can enjoy

one of Emma's significant (and delightful!) architectural gems. The planned works are scheduled to be completed by Easter Term 2024.



Improvement works begin on the bathing pool

EVENTS

Burnaby Recital: Iain Farrington

Friday 1 March 2024, 6:15pm

Queen's Building Lecture Theatre, Emmanuel College

Entry is free on the door. Members and guests are warmly invited to attend and make use of their dining privileges by booking to dine at High Table afterwards.

Emmanuel Society London Drinks

Tuesday 5 March 2024, 6:00pm

Bunghole Cellars, 57 High Holborn, London, WC1V 6DT

You are warmly invited to our next Drinks Party in London, providing a great opportunity for networking and a chance to catch up with fellow Emma members.

Intellectual Property Law Lecture: Professor Oren Bracha

Tuesday 12 March 2024, time to be confirmed

in *Emma Connects*

Emmanuel College

Professor Oren Bracha, University of Texas at Austin, will deliver the seventeenth annual Intellectual Property Law Lecture. The subject of the lecture and further details will be announced in the *Emma Connects* email newsletter.

Members are welcome to dine at High Table after the lecture.

Emmanuel Society Apsley House visit

March 2024

Apsley House, 149 Piccadilly, Hyde Park Corner, London, W1J 7NT

An exclusive after-hours tour of Apsley House, the London townhouse of the Dukes of Wellington, will take place in March. Details are being confirmed at time of print; please keep an eye on the website and the *Emma Connects* email newsletter for booking details soon.

Gathering of Members (1992, 1993 & 1994)

Saturday 23 March 2023

Emmanuel College

Members who matriculated in 1992, 1993 and 1994 are invited to a Gathering of Members at College, an opportunity to reconnect, reflect, and enjoy a relaxed weekend in the company of friends old and new. Invitations will be sent out in January.

Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment performance and exclusive tour: Mendelssohn's Symphonies Nos. 3 & 5

Thursday 25 April 2024, 5:30pm

Queen Elizabeth Hall, Southbank Centre, Belvedere Road, London, SE1

Over this very special evening event, you'll enjoy Mendelssohn's Symphonies No. 3 and No. 5, known as the *Scottish* and the *Reformation* symphonies respectively, performed on period instruments by the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment, conducted by Sir András Schiff.

You'll be treated to an exclusive tour and talk by Harry Hickmore (2011), Chairman of the Emmanuel Society and Development Director at the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment. Following the tour, you'll enjoy a glass of champagne before taking your seats for the performance.

Tickets for this event are priced at £65, which includes a drink before the performance. The tour is exclusive to members of the college and a guest.

Webinar series: Entrepreneurs' Workshops

Online, via Zoom, all 6:00pm

The series continues in 2024, providing an opportunity to hear from members who have built ventures generating profit and impact.

Visit emma.cam.ac.uk/members/events for all events

Careers Database

Join more than 900 members by adding or updating your entry to the Emmanuel Careers Database.

Do sign up even if you graduated relatively recently, as advice on applications, surviving interviews and getting started in a new job can all be really valuable.

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