



# THE EMMANUEL NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2021



## *Emma enables* VIRTUAL LAUNCH



We were delighted to welcome many members to our virtual launch of *Emma enables* on Saturday 26 June. The success of the day has increased our excitement and determination to make the *Emma enables* programme the best it can be for all at Emmanuel.

We're grateful to our wonderful presenters, Vick Hope (2007) and Bobby Seagull (2015), for their hard work over the weekend of the launch and support of all things Emma. It was announced earlier this summer that Vick will be taking over as Drivetime host on Radio 1 with Jordan North in September, and we send our warmest congratulations!

After the launch we reflected on our experiences planning the project over the past year and we've enjoyed all the lovely comments from Members. If you were unable to join us and would like to find out more about the *Emma enables* project, you can watch the launch in full at [www.emma.cam.ac.uk/emmaenables/video](http://www.emma.cam.ac.uk/emmaenables/video)

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## *Emma enables* UPDATE

This summer, we are installing an open-loop ground source heat pump to provide heating and cooling to the accommodation on our new site and to South Court. Piping will run from Park Terrace to the eastern end of the Paddock.

For more information about the strategy to minimise the environmental impact of the design, construction and running of the new buildings, see [www.emma.cam.ac.uk/about/conservation/sustainability](http://www.emma.cam.ac.uk/about/conservation/sustainability)



## EMMA AWARDS



Our Emma Awards celebrated members who embody the spirit of all things Emma, whether that be impact, innovation or inspiration. All the nominations were submitted by Emma members, and our eventual winners were

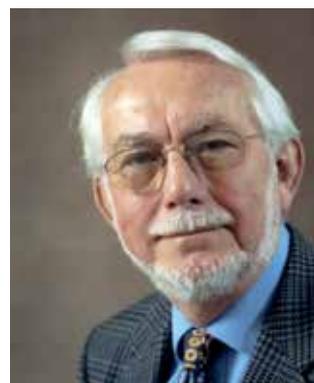
voted for by the Emmanuel community. We announced the winners as part of the launch of *Emma enables* and extracts of their comments are included below. To read about the winners and all the nominees' inspiring stories in full, please visit [www.emma.cam.ac.uk/emmaenables/awards](http://www.emma.cam.ac.uk/emmaenables/awards)

Congratulations again to Michelle, Alan, Paul and Janet!

### Emma Impact (top left and right)

**Michelle Still (1982):** "Thank you so much to all who voted for me... My time at Emmanuel transformed my path through life, from the inspirational role models of my tutors and the career opportunities it opened up for me, to the lifelong friends and husband it introduced me to. Thank you for then and now."

**Alan Baker (1970):** "I am flattered to have been voted a joint-winner of the Emma Impact Award. I had the good fortune to be elected in 1970 as Emmanuel's first Fellow in Geography. For me, Emma has been and is a vibrant, cultural, community, an extended family... For more than half-a-century, Emmanuel has been one of my three loves, – the others being (as this is not a Bobby Seagull quiz, no guessing or calculating required) Sandra, my wife, and the historical geography of France."



### Emma Innovation (bottom left)

**Paul Fellows (1979):** "I'm especially pleased to receive this Emma Innovation Award as it comes with the knowledge that it was voted for by the membership of College whose support and recognition means a lot to me!"

### Emma Inspiration (bottom right)

**Janet Gough (1980):** "Gosh, well this was a delightful surprise – and thank you to whoever nominated me and all those who supported me. I'm so pleased to be part of the *Emma Enables* development campaign, and equally as a long-term advocate for historic church buildings, to raise awareness of the joys, history and usefulness of our cathedrals and church buildings..."

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## MASTERS' NEWS

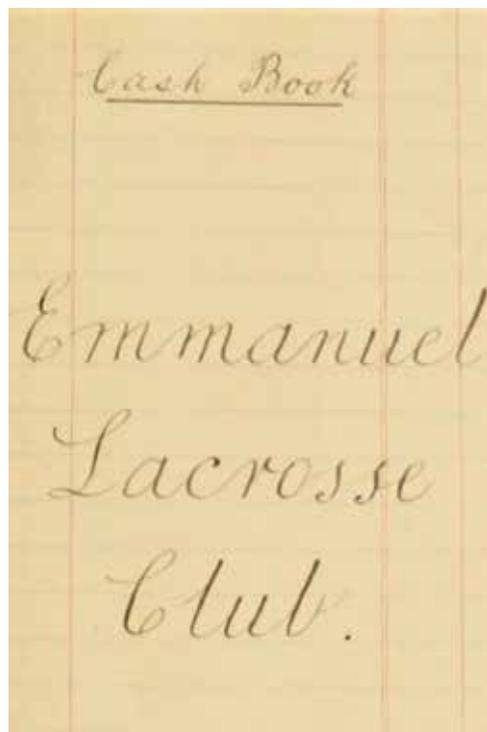
We've been saying 'goodbye' to our Master, Dame Fiona Reynolds, over the summer. It isn't goodbye, however, as she'll become a Life Fellow and we're looking forward to seeing plenty of her as she moves into a new chapter of her association with Emmanuel. Before she passes on the baton, she'll be busy in September welcoming back those eligible for their MAs this year for a garden party, the Master's Circle dinner and the Gathering.

We're all looking forward to welcoming Doug and Helen: and to admitting Doug as Master on 1 October. He's looking forward to getting to know our Members and you'll be hearing from him soon.

## SPORTS NEWS

Anna Kiesenhofer (2011) won gold in the women's road race at the Tokyo Olympics. Anna came to Emmanuel to study for a Masters in Mathematics, and competed with the Cambridge University Cycling Club and Triathlon Club when she was here. Her win is Emma's first gold medal, and the first Emma medal at the Olympics since 1908! We're also delighted that Emma undergraduate Veterinary Medicine student Emma Jones has been selected to play cricket for the Oval Invincibles. Congratulations to Anna and Emma from all at Emmanuel!

## SIR NORMAN WHITLEY – *Emma's first Olympic medallist*



Images left – right: Emmanuel Hockey Club, 1902, Norman Whitley standing on the extreme right; title page of the Emma Lacrosse Club account book, 1904

The gold medal won by former Emma student Anna Kiesenhofer in the 'Tokyo 2020' Olympics cycling road race feels long overdue, for it is more than a century since an Emmanuel member took home an Olympic medal: our solitary medal, until now. The victor on that occasion was Norman Henry Pownall Whitley, who won a silver at the London Games of 1908. Whitley, who graduated in 1904 with a degree in Medieval and Modern Languages, played hockey for Emma in winter and cricket in summer, but the sport at which he really excelled was lacrosse. This fast-paced ball game, which originated in Canada, was only much-played in Britain in the grammar schools of the north west of England. It was during his years at two of Manchester's schools that Norman Whitley honed his skill at the sport.

There was no lacrosse club at Emma when Whitley matriculated, but there was a fledgling one by the time he left: the Emmanuel Lacrosse Club was formed in 1904, and in 1907 it paid £5 to the Cambridge University Lacrosse Club, presumably for use of its facilities, and also spent £4.17.6 with Gray & Sons, a Cambridge firm that supplied bats and racquets for various sports. However, at the end of Easter Term 1909 the club folded.

Norman Whitley continued to play lacrosse after graduating, captaining the All-England team, and he was selected for the British Olympic squad in 1908. The event only attracted two competing teams, the other being the

favourites, Canada. The match was played on 24 October, an unseasonably cold day during which hail fell at one point, but despite this the official match report described the event as 'the best exposition of lacrosse ever given in this country, and... the English side was by far the strongest ever put into the field'. Whitley is reported as having 'got the best of the face' in the third quarter. The final score was 14-10 to the Canadians, but the British team could feel proud of their performance, for 'it was the finest effort our own players have yet made against any Canadian team'.

Whitley was called to the Bar in 1907 and practised in the Northern Circuit until 1914. During the First World War he met his future wife, Florence Erskine, who nursed him after his wounding at Gallipoli in 1915. He was awarded the Military Cross in 1916. After the war Whitley entered the colonial legal service and went on to be a Judge and Chief Justice, his postings including Penang, Singapore, the Federated Malay States and Uganda. In the New Year Honours of 1941 he received a knighthood. Sir Norman Whitley died at Cape Town in the spring of 1957, but his Olympic silver medal presumably remains a cherished family heirloom.

**Amanda Goode**  
**College Archivist**

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[www.emma.cam.ac.uk/members/blog](http://www.emma.cam.ac.uk/members/blog)

## Emmanuel Entrepreneurs' Network

We are forming a network for all Emma entrepreneurs, to develop and enhance the support we give to students and the ways that Emma members can interact with and help each other. So far, members have met to discuss remote working and giving effective feedback, and more events are planned. To join the network and to hear more, please send an email to [events@emma.cam.ac.uk](mailto:events@emma.cam.ac.uk)

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## Emma connects

We send round a fortnightly email newsletter, *Emma connects*, which gives the latest news, details of forthcoming events, and has videos to watch and puzzles to try. If you are not receiving it and would like to do so, please send an email to [development-office@emma.cam.ac.uk](mailto:development-office@emma.cam.ac.uk)

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## MERCHANDISE

Our online Emmanuel Merchandise shop is the perfect place to buy gifts for family and friends. We have everything from Emma lion face masks, to mugs, books, and CDs of the College choir. To find out more, please visit [www.emma.cam.ac.uk/members/merchandise](http://www.emma.cam.ac.uk/members/merchandise)



## 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.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### Gathering of Members (1981–83)

Members who matriculated in 1981, 1982 & 1983 are invited to a Gathering of Members, to be held on Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 September 2021.

Further information, including details of the COVID-related precautions we're taking, is being sent in September to all who book.

REQUEST A BOOKING FORM OR BOOK ONLINE AT:

[www.emma.cam.ac.uk/members/events/gathering](http://www.emma.cam.ac.uk/members/events/gathering)

### Emmanuel Society Day: talk, Messiah & AGM – Saturday 13 November

We are planning to hold the traditional Emmanuel Society Day in college on Saturday 13 November. Not only will there be a talk in the morning and a sing- and play-through of Handel's *Messiah* from scratch after lunch, but this will also be a very good opportunity to meet our new Master, Doug Chalmers. The Day will start with the Society's AGM.

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### Emmanuel Society Book Group Thursday 30 September

The next meeting will see the book group discuss Dr Rosy Thornton's, *More Than Love Letters*. Further information will be released on the website and in *Emma Connects*.

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We are arranging other events for Michaelmas term and will publicise them in *Emma Connects* and on the website.

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