



THE EMMANUEL NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE MASTER

The combination of the start of a new academic year and the return of in-person events in college created a whirlwind of a term for our new Master, Douglas Chalmers. Michaelmas is always a busy time for the Master. But we added to his programme by catching up with events that we delayed due to COVID. He's been recording weekly videos about his first impressions as a 'fresher': to watch them, go to our Members' Facebook Page. In conversation with us, Doug said:

'I've been spending this term getting to understand the character of Emmanuel by meeting and spending time with students, staff, Fellows the Emmanuel Society and the wider membership. Those conversations have given me an insight into the traits and behaviours that make this such a special community. I have been made to feel welcome and included at every turn. They have also provided me with a



sense for the difficulties that everyone has managed for the past two years. Listening to the community has got me thinking hard about how we will be bringing Emma enables to life. After all, as Dame Fiona told me, repeatedly; 'it is a people project, not a building project'. I'm looking forward to the years that lie ahead.'

SARA RAWLINSON

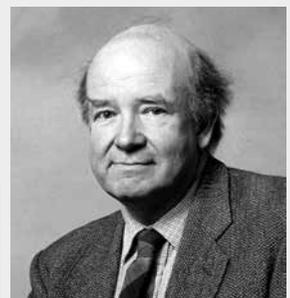


Fellows' News

We are sorry to report the recent deaths of two of our Emmanuel Life Fellows. Dr Rick Martin, a biochemist, died peacefully on 28 September after a short illness and Dr Mike Sayers, former Director of the University Computing Service and Head of Information Systems at Emma, died suddenly on 4 October. The college community sends its deepest condolences to both families



Dr Rick Martin



Dr Mike Sayers

FACT OR FICTION: *an occasional series examining the truth of some Emmanuel traditions*

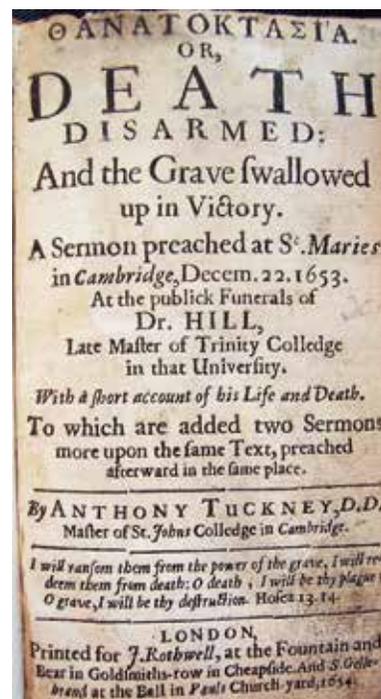
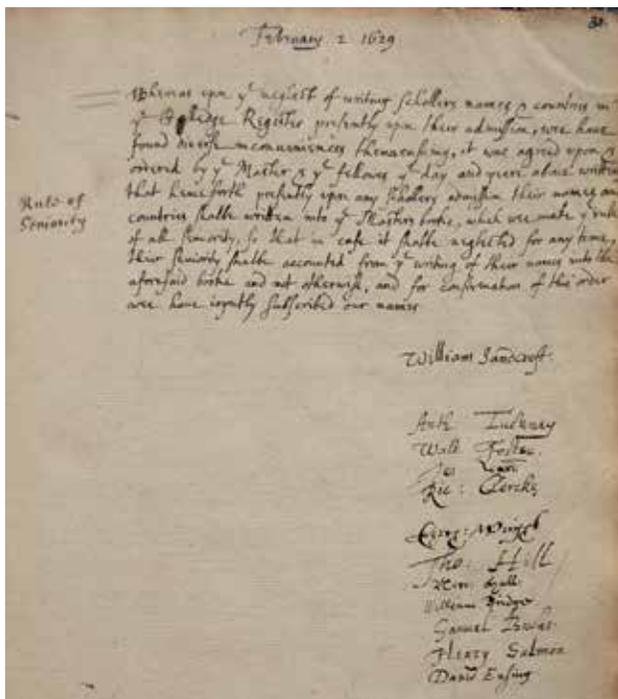
The recent appointment of Emmanuel's new Master, Doug Chalmers, generated a query as to whether he was the 28th or 29th person to hold that office, for there is a discrepancy between the official college canon, which regards him as the 28th, and certain other listings. The anomaly arises from the debatable status of Dr Thomas Hill, stated in several printed sources to have been Master of Emmanuel 1644–45. It might well be asked how there could be any doubt in such a case, but the answer lies in the dire effect the Civil War had on institutional record keeping.

In the purge of Royalist heads of house and dons at Cambridge University carried out by the Earl of Manchester in the spring of 1644, one casualty was Richard Holdsworth, Master of Emma, who was formally deprived of his office in April, although he had already been in prison for some months. What happened next is unclear. The earliest official history of Emmanuel, written in 1904 by the college librarian and former Fellow, Evelyn Shuckburgh, states that following Holdsworth's ejection, Lord Manchester 'seems to have sent' the college an official notification of Hill's appointment; a carefully worded phrase papering over the fact that no such document is known to exist.

Thomas Hill was a graduate (BA 1622, BD 1633) and sometime Fellow of Emma. A staunch Puritan, he became rector of Titchmarsh, Northants, in 1633, and was a founder

member of the Westminster Assembly of Divines, a body set up in 1643 to advise on the reform of the established Church; an ideal candidate, then, in the eyes of Lord Manchester, to take over the headship of Emmanuel. But did he in fact do so? Three sermons Hill preached in London in 1644, in April, August and November, were printed soon afterwards, and in none of them does he call himself Master of Emmanuel. In a later sermon, delivered in 1648, Hill refers to 'Immanuel-Colledg . . . where I had both my *first Universitie beeing, and wel-beeing*', but, again, does not say he had been its head of house. It is worth noting that after Hill was appointed to the headship of Trinity in April 1645, he invariably styles himself Master of that college in his publications.

There is, though, one contemporary piece of evidence suggesting that Thomas Hill was at least considered for the mastership of Emma. The eulogy at Hill's funeral in December 1653 was given by his old friend Dr Anthony Tuckney, who earlier that year had exchanged the Mastership of Emmanuel, to which he had been appointed in April 1645, for that of St John's (Cambridge heads of house were moved around like chessmen during this period). Tuckney recalled that Hill had been 'ordered to be Master of *Emanuel Colledge* . . . which not being a sphere large enough for his activity, he was from thence removed to the Mastership of *Trinity Colledge*'.



LEFT: Thomas Hill's signature, as Fellow, in the college order book, 1630. Anthony Tuckney, Senior Fellow, signs immediately below the Master, William Sandcroft the elder; RIGHT: l: Anthony Tuckney; r: title page of Tuckney's eulogy for Thomas Hill

In view of this statement, it seems pretty certain that Hill was put forward for the Emma mastership, and may have accepted it provisionally. He is most unlikely to have acted in that capacity, though, since he remained in London for much of 1644, as noted above, and he may well have had scruples about intruding himself into his old college, where Holdsworth was still regarded as the rightful head. It is surely significant that a seventeenth-century listing of Emmanuel dons, held in the college archives, shows Tuckney succeeding Holdsworth as Master, with 'Thomas Hyll' only described as a Fellow.

Since Dr Hill's headship of Emma seems to have been notional, at best, there are no plans to add him to the official roll-call of college masters. A final mystery: given the disruptions to Emma's mastership in the mid-1640s, it is surprising to see, in the college accounts, the continuing half-yearly payments of £30 to 'The Master his wages'. One wonders very much to whom (if any), of the various candidates, the money was being paid!

Amanda Goode
College Archivist

Interactive College Map

We've launched a new clickable map on the website. Discover each area of college, its buildings and its gardens here:

www.emma.cam.ac.uk/about/discover/clickable

There's information about the history of the college, its design and materials over the years and snippets of anecdotal Emma information, all put together by our archivist, Amanda and IS Manager, Tom.



Emma enables UPDATE



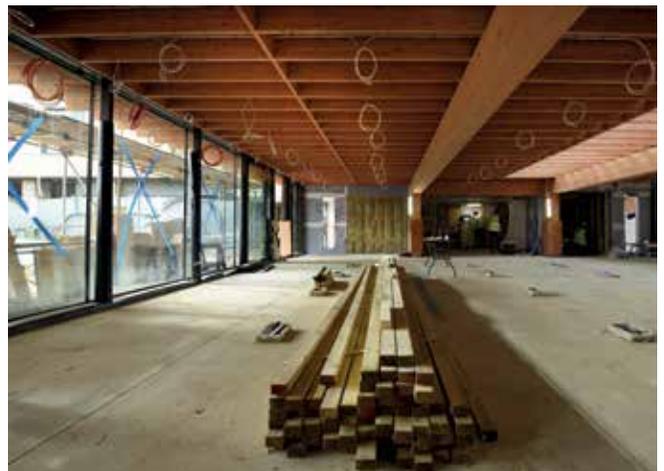
We're continuing to make good progress on the building works and it seems the site is changing almost daily! We're also getting much closer to our ultimate fundraising goal with around £4 million left to raise. Whilst there is work still to do, we thank everyone for their generosity so far, we're very excited for you to see the project start to come to life in the coming months.

Below left is a view from Furness Lodge, overlooking the bar/lounge space, the new events space (in the centre, between Furness Lodge and the two-

storey building, with an oval skylight) and the new accommodation beyond.

The interiors are also starting to develop in some of our spaces. In the image below you can see what will be the interior of our new Hub, which we hope to start using in spring 2022.

We are looking forward to all the activities that these spaces will make possible, and are putting arrangements in place to welcome post-docs and introduce the *Emma experience* programme. Support of our outreach, hardship and graduate student funds is also making a real difference. Thank you.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

1 March 2022

Zoom talk from Alex Thomas

4 March 2022

Burnaby Recital in college with
Clare Hammond (2003) piano

Programme: *Doreen Carwithen* – Sonatina, *Richard Birchall* – Abstracts, *Nikolai Medtner* – Sonata Romantica, Op. 53 No. 1

8 March 2022

Emmanuel Society London Drinks

10 June 2022

Dinner in Leeds

Please do express an interest if you would like to attend this event next year. We will open up bookings at a later date.

The Society would love to see members who are based in the north of England and the Midlands for dinner with the Master. There will be a drinks reception, with a battle of armoured knights, followed by dinner in the Tournament Gallery.

Places are charged at £80/person (pre-2014 graduates & all guests); £45/person (2014 & later).

Further details on all events will be released in due course in Emma Connects and on the website.

REQUEST A BOOKING FORM OR BOOK ONLINE AT:
www.emma.cam.ac.uk/members/events

25 March 2022

Gathering of Members (1989, 90 & 91)

26 March 2022

Gathering of Members (1973, 74 & 75)

To catch up on those Gatherings missed during 2020 we will be holding reunions on two consecutive evenings in March. Members who matriculated in 1989, 1990 & 1991 are invited to a Gathering of Members of the College, to be held on Friday 25 and Saturday 26 March 2022. Members who matriculated in 1973, 1974 & 1975 are invited to a Gathering of Members of the College, to be held on Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 March 2022.

The events will begin with tea, served in the Old Library between 3.30pm and 5.00pm, and to which partners and families are warmly invited. Dinner (for members only, no gowns, and most people like to wear black tie, though this is not essential) will be served at 7.30pm in Hall, preceded by drinks in the Old Library at 6.45pm. Further drinks will be available after dinner.

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Careers Database

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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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