



THE EMMANUEL NEWSLETTER

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EMMA ENABLES CELEBRATION



On Saturday 8 July, we welcomed nearly 500 donors back to Emma in celebration and thanks for all that has been achieved as part of *Emma enables*. It was wonderful to see so many people exploring and enjoying our new buildings and spaces, engaging with our graduate students, staff and Fellows, and celebrating the incredible difference your support has made to so many aspects of college life.

Thanks to you, we've achieved the £50 million needed to make all this possible. The college put in £12 million itself, leaving us with £38 million to secure from philanthropy. The entire college membership and our wider circle of friends came together to help. Your considerable support has helped to create a new court, which we're calling Young's Court, after our eighteenth-century student and polymath, Thomas Young, with 48 student rooms and a set for a resident Fellow. This set and three of the new study-bedrooms are accessible for wheelchair-users, and the new gyp rooms have moveable counters so that they can be raised or lowered as appropriate.

We've refurbished the rooms in Furness Lodge to provide a splendid new MCR boasting a fantastic view over Parker's



STEPHEN BOND

The *Emma enables* celebration

Piece, and a range of teaching and seminar rooms. The coach-house at the back has become a new college bar, with *Mike's* adjacent for a different style of seating and a big screen, and the 1980 Crew Room below: at last, we can have noisy parties without disturbing those trying to rest! Above, are three sound-proofed music practice rooms.

Looking onto one of the new gardens and its reflective pool is *Fiona's*, our informal coffee, meeting and working space that has been in use for a year now and is extremely popular.

Next time you pass through Cambridge, do visit the college to see the transformation.

NEW EVENTS & COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER: *Introducing Jack Cooper*



We are delighted to welcome Jack Cooper, our new Events & Communications Manager, who began his role at the college on 7 August. Jack will be responsible for the Development Office's and the Emmanuel Society's programme of events, including the twice-annual Gathering of Members, leading on the development of publications, and keeping members informed about the latest goings-on at the college. He joins us from previous roles at Hughes Hall and Cambridge Judge Business School, and is very much looking forward to getting to know our community.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

A new King visits Emmanuel



His Majesty King Charles III opens the Douglas Finlay Museum of College Life in 1995

During Lord St John of Fawsley's five-year term as Master of Emmanuel in the 1990s, a succession of royal visitors, including Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip, considerably enlivened the normal college routine. In September 1995 the then Prince of Wales, now HM King Charles III, paid his first and (to date) only visit to Emmanuel College.

Unlike most of the other royal visits to the college, which had involved months of planning, this one had to be arranged in double-quick time. In his invitation, sent out on 24th August, Lord St John reminded Prince Charles that he had long wanted to invite him to Emmanuel, and therefore hoped that he would agree to open the new museum of college life and history in Old Court. 'The room is potentially a really very beautiful room but it had become grottsville filled with rexine armchairs and television sets and laughably called a reading room... An old member, Derek Finlay, is very kindly providing the funds for the museum in memory of his brother Douglas Finlay, who was killed in a flying accident'. Douglas, who was admitted to Emmanuel in 1941, completed his degree after wartime

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service with the RAF and incarceration as a POW in Stalag Luft III. He died in 1948, shortly after graduating.

As an additional lure, the Master told Prince Charles that he would also very much like to show him the Queen's Building, 'which was opened by Her Majesty in April and is really a magnificent example of contemporary architecture'. The Prince responded positively to the invitation, but had only one free evening in the foreseeable future. As Lord St John recalled in the college Magazine, 'it's imprudent to cavil about a royal offer', and so the proffered date of 21st September was accepted. The news had the effect of a 'bombshell' when it was announced to the rest of the college, because the fitting-out of the museum had not, in truth, progressed beyond the planning stage.

The newly designated Curator, Dr (later Professor) Barrie Rickards, instantly rose to the challenge, supported by the 'heroic' Clerk of Works, Tony Smith, 'who had to forget about holidays, and substitute sleepless nights instead'. The Maintenance Department went into overdrive, and in the space of a month had completed all the requisite demolition, reflooring, electrical work, carpentry, building, painting and decorating, and security installation. The Curator then hastily filled the new display cabinets with suitable exhibits. The room's bold colour scheme had been chosen by the Master, but it was decided, at the last minute, that the shade of paint used on the panelling was 'not quite right'. With

only hours to spare, a different tint was applied, to the accompaniment, one imagines, of some smothered oaths.

In the end, all went smoothly. Prince Charles arrived in the early evening and opened the new museum in time-honoured tradition by unveiling a plaque, the ceremony being witnessed by the Finlay family, senior college members, and such student representation as could be mustered in September. The party then moved on to the Queen's Building, where HRH was able to view a model of the building and discuss its design with the architects, Sir Michael and Lady (Patty) Hopkins. This was followed by a cocktail-and-canapé reception, at which a larger number of guests was present. According to the Master, 'The Prince circulated splendidly and talked to everyone, fortified by a dry martini made to his own recipe'. Before leaving, Prince Charles paused to sign the visitors' book (with his own trusty fountain pen) and, to quote Lord St John, 'So ended a memorable day'.

Amanda Goode, College Archivist

King's Birthday Honours for Emma members

Two Emma members received honours in the King's Birthday Honours list: our Bye-Fellow Simon Lebus (2004), who has been appointed CBE for services to educational assessment, and Freya Grimwood (2003), who has been appointed OBE for public service.

We are delighted to announce the following recommendations for promotions for our Fellows:

- Professor Alex Jeffrey in the Department of Geography
- Professor Alex Archibald in the Department of Chemistry
- Professor Ayse Zarakol in the Department of Politics & International Studies
- Dr Patrick Barrie in the Department of Chemical Engineering (he can now use the title 'Professor')
- Dr Bill Broadhurst in the Department of Biochemistry (he becomes an Associate Professor)

Other Emma members in Cambridge have also been promoted:

- Professor Nathan MacDonald in the Faculty of Divinity
- Professor Nick Guyatt in the Faculty of History
- Professor David Bainbridge in Department of Physiology, Development & Neuroscience
- Dr Karen Ottewell in the Language Centre (she can now use the title 'Professor')



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International recognition for Emma Fellow

The Writers' Trust of Canada has announced Professor Robert Macfarlane as the inaugural winner of the Weston International Award. This new award honours the career achievement of an international author for an outstanding body of non-fiction work. Professor Macfarlane writes about humans, landscapes, and the living world. With six non-fiction books published over the last 20 years, he is at the forefront of contemporary writers seeking new ways of illuminating and communicating the complex, urgent questions of relations between people and nature.



The Master, Doug Chalmers (far-right) and his predecessors (left to right) Lord Wilson of Dinton and Dame Fiona Reynolds at the *Emma enables* celebration

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 17 October 2023, 6:00pm

Webinar: The Economic History of English Gardens, with Professor Sir Roderick Floud (1969)

Join us for a talk by our Honorary Fellow, Professor Sir Roderick Floud, which examines the history of English gardens through an economic lens. From the large-scale landscape transformation of Capability Brown to the industries behind humble suburban planting, it will be of interest to economists, historians and gardeners alike. This talk will have a special focus on the changes made to the college's pond and Paddock in the 1960s.

Friday 20 October 2023, 7:00pm

Emmanuel Society dinner in Liverpool

Join the Master and Dr Bendall at a dinner event in Liverpool. Taking place in the city's boutique Hope Street Hotel, this dinner presents a wonderful opportunity to catch up on all things Emmanuel and beyond in great company.

Places are charged at £90/person or £50/person for members who graduated 2019 and later. For members who would like to stay at the hotel, a discounted rate is available on request.

Webinar series: Entrepreneurs' Workshops, all 6:00pm

Hear real-life experiences from members who have built ventures that are generating profit and impact. Details of this series will be publicised in *Emma connects* and via the entrepreneurs' distribution list. If you'd like to be added to the list, please email events@emma.cam.ac.uk.

26 September: Rina Einy (2014), founder of CULTHREAD

18 October: Dej Mahoney (1982)

28 November: Ryan Walter (2021)

Friday 10 November, 6:15pm

Burnaby Recital, Emmanuel College

Sophie Westbrooke (2017) will give a recorder recital for this term's Burnaby Recital. Sophie was a Woodwind category finalist for the BBC Young Musician, 2014.

Saturday 11 November 2023, 2:00pm

Scratch Messiah, Emmanuel College

An opportunity to enjoy a sing- and play-through of Handel's Messiah from Scratch in the college chapel, conducted by Graham Walker, Director of Music. We will be joined by the chapel choir and members of the Emmanuel College Music Society. Singers and players are invited to join in, as well as brave listeners!

Friday 17 November, 6:00pm

Emmanuel Society AGM, Emmanuel College

The Emmanuel Society's AGM takes place on Friday 17 November. Members are invited to join the meeting and use their High Table dining rights for dinner afterwards.

Tuesday 5 December 2023, 6:30pm

Emmanuel Society carol service at Temple Church

Welcome the festive season with our annual Advent carol service at Temple Church, London. Join members, students, staff and the chapel choir in joyful song, followed by an opportunity to catch up over refreshments.

Further details on these events and more can be found on the website. News of forthcoming events features in *Emma connects*.

Information and online booking at:
emma.cam.ac.uk/members/events

Careers Database

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