



THE EMMANUEL NEWSLETTER

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FELLOWS' NEWS



The College is delighted that our Life Fellow, Professor Stephen Young, has been appointed CBE in the Queen's 2022 Birthday Honours. Professor Young, who has been a Fellow of Emmanuel since 1985, was awarded the honour for his services to Software Engineering.

Steve Young's research interests lie in the area of spoken language systems including speech recognition, speech synthesis and dialogue management. He is the original developer of the HTK Toolkit for building hidden Markov model-based recognition systems. He led the team that developed the HTK Large Vocabulary Speech Recognition System. He has written and edited books on software engineering and speech processing, and he has published, as author and co-author, more than 200 papers in these areas.

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In other good news, one of our Honorary Fellows and epigeneticist & developmental biologist, Professor Edith Heard, was awarded an Honorary Doctorate by the University of Cambridge. Professor Heard matriculated at Emmanuel in 1983, reading Natural Sciences,

before obtaining her PhD at Imperial College London, investigating gene amplification in rat cells. She is currently Professor of Epigenetics & Cellular Memory at the Collège de France, and Director General of the European Molecular Biology Laboratory.

Professor Heard said: "I'm incredibly grateful to receive an Honorary Doctorate degree from the University of Cambridge. My years at Cambridge as an undergraduate were the foundation of my career as a scientist. Today we are living in a truly exciting time for the life sciences. I believe that the University of Cambridge and EMBL are two great institutions that exemplify how science and

technology can come together to advance discovery and inspire the next generation of scientists".

After graduating from Emmanuel, her postdoctoral study began at the Pasteur Institute in Paris. This was followed by a year as a visiting scientist at the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory in the USA, before returning to Paris and the Institut Curie, as Director of Genetics & Developmental Biology. Heard's own laboratory focuses on epigenetic processes in mammals, and on chromosome biology and the role of non-coding RNAs, chromatin structure and nuclear organization in the establishment and maintenance of differential expression patterns.

A Fellow of the Royal Society, she is a member of the Academia Europaea, the European Molecular Biology Organization, the US National Academies of Science and Medicine, the Senate of the Max Planck Society, and the Science Council of the WHO. A Silver Medallist of the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, Professor Heard has also won the Hansen Family Prize and the L'Oréal-UNESCO Women in Science International Award.



We are sorry to report that Professor John Coates, a Life Fellow, died peacefully on 9 May 2022. From 1986 to 2012, he was Sadleirian Professor of Pure Mathematics at the Department of Pure Mathematics and

Mathematical Statistics, and was head of department from 1991 to 1997. His research interests included Iwasawa theory, number theory and arithmetical algebraic geometry. He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of London in 1985 and was President of the London Mathematical Society from 1988 to 1990. A memorial service was held in College on 11 June. We send his family our deepest condolences.

ARCHIVES BLOG

The Queen Visits Emma



The Royal Party passing through Front Court in 1984

In this Platinum Jubilee year, it is interesting to look back at the two visits made by HM Queen Elizabeth II to our College. On both occasions, she was accompanied by HRH The Duke of Edinburgh, who was Chancellor of the University of Cambridge between 1976 and 2011.

The Queen and Prince Philip first came to Emma on 16 May 1984, their visit being the grandest of the various jamborees put on in 1983–84, to celebrate the quartercentenary of the College's founding by Sir Walter Mildmay. The itinerary opened with a tour of the Gallery, followed by lunch in Hall, where only the Fellows and Scholars could be accommodated – the rest of the students were billeted in other colleges. The light but appetising menu comprised melon, sole and champagne sorbet. Afterwards, the party visited the Chapel and the Library, where some of the treasures from the books, manuscripts and archive collections were on display. While there, the Queen and the Duke signed a large formal photograph of themselves. Everyone then moved to a marquee, where students and staff had an opportunity to meet the royal couple.

The visit concluded in the Fellows' Garden, where the Queen planted an English Oak not far from the wicket gate. Prince Philip planted a Smoke Tree nearby. The Master, Derek Brewer, reported in the annual *College Magazine* that the royal visit had been 'marked by its gracious informality and the warmth of feeling it aroused'. Well, informal up to a point, perhaps, but the visit had involved

weeks of meticulous planning. It is not surprising that the commemorative photo album shows a certain amount of strain visible, at times, on the faces of those responsible for the day's smooth running. The Queen's Private Secretary congratulated the College on the 'excellent' day, which the entire royal party had enjoyed 'enormously'.

When the Queen and the Duke returned to Emmanuel on the afternoon of 19 April 1995, the atmosphere was perceptibly more relaxed. This was due largely to the fact that the Master – Lord St John of Fawsley – was at ease with royalty, and relished being Master of Ceremonies. Some months earlier, the sovereign had accepted the Master's invitation to open the innovative and prestigious building that was being erected near the Master's Lodge, concurrently agreeing that it could be named 'the Queen's Building'. This exciting news had to be kept secret for a time, even from the College's Governing Body, and in the face of mounting speculation.

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Lord St John with the Queen & Prince Philip

On arrival at Emma, the royal party proceeded to the Queen's Building, where the opening ceremony took place. A tour of the Fellows' Garden followed, allowing the Queen and Prince Philip to inspect the growth put on by the trees they had planted in 1984. This was followed by a short concert in the Chapel, after which everyone had a chance to meet the royal couple. The visit ended in the Parlour, where the Queen signed the visitors' book and the inevitable formal photo. The Master then presented Her Majesty with a silver salver, designed to hold Post-Its, with a starter pack of notes!

The speech given by the Queen on this visit concluded with these words: *In founding this College, Sir Walter*

claimed to Queen Elizabeth that he was planting an oak tree. In 1984, on the 400th anniversary of the College, I actually did plant a real oak tree in the Fellows' Garden. Today, I am unveiling the two plaques to mark the occasion of the opening of this fine new building. In doing so, I feel that I have planted an acorn from Sir Walter's tree.

The Queen's 'real' oak has already grown to a most impressive height. May it long continue to flourish, as a memorial of our sovereign's visits, and a representation of the Founder's vision.

Amanda Goode
College Archivist

Emma enables: one year on from the launch



MARCUS GINNS



Sunday 26 June marked the anniversary of the public launch of *Emma enables*, and we would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to everyone who has made a gift so far; you have enabled us to make huge progress and there's more still to come. To say thank you, names will be incorporated into the decoration of the new facilities. There are recognition opportunities for gifts at all levels. They must be made by the end of 2022 to be eligible, so if you've been considering making a gift, now is the time.

Please get in touch if you would like to discuss any aspect of helping with *Emma enables*.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

24 & 25 September

Gathering of Members 1960 & all previous years

Members who matriculated in 1960 & all previous years are invited to a Gathering of Members of the College, to be held on Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 September 2022.

The weekend 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 and accommodation on the Saturday night.

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

11 November

Burnaby Recital with Peter Hewitt (Piano) and Hannah Lang (Flute)

6.15pm Queens' Building Lecture Theatre
Programme: Mozart Sonata in A major K305
Prokofieff Flute Sonata No.2 in D Major Op.94

All are welcome. Please let us know if you want to dine at High Table after the recital

18 November

Emmanuel Society AGM

Join the Emmanuel Society for its AGM at 6pm in College followed by dinner at High Table. Papers will be published on the website in the week beforehand.

6 December

Emmanuel Society Carol Service

Members are very welcome to our annual Advent carol service in London. Join members, students, staff and the Chapel Choir to sing carols and meet up with each other to share festive greetings! There is no need to book, but it is helpful to have an idea of numbers and a booking form will open closer to the date. The service is in the Temple Church, and starts at 6.30pm.

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Entrepreneurs' Workshops

Workshops will return from September. They will be publicised in Emma Connects and emails will be sent to those on the entrepreneurs' distribution list. If you would like to be added to the list, please email events@emma.cam.ac.uk

20 September: Nathan George

18 October: Sam Franklin

15 November: Peter Wake



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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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