



THE EMMANUEL NEWSLETTER

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NEW BURSAR APPOINTED AT EMMANUEL



We are pleased to welcome Catherine Webb as our next Bursar. She will join the college next February, taking over from our retiring Bursar, Dr Mike Gross. Catherine matriculated with us as an Economics undergraduate in 1997 and will join us from a highly successful career in the Civil Service. Her current appointment is Director of Operations for HM Treasury.

Doug Chalmers, our Master, said: "I am delighted that, after a highly competitive process, Catherine will be joining us. She has a proven track record of being able to take people with her through complex issues and programmes. And I know that I am not the only one that looks forward to working with her in the months and years ahead."

Catherine said: "I am really excited to be returning to Emmanuel, and to have the opportunity to help ensure future generations benefit from the same opportunities I have had from studying at Emmanuel".

FELLOWS' NEWS



In October, Honorary Fellow, **Dr Yuk Ming Dennis Lo**, of the Chinese University of Hong Kong, was awarded the 2022 Lasker DeBakey Clinical Medical Research Award. The award, presented by the Lasker Foundation, is widely regarded as America's top biomedical research prize, and Dr Lo has been celebrated for his discovery of cell-free foetal DNA in maternal blood, and development of non-invasive prenatal testing.

He has been one of our Honorary Fellows since 2017, was elected as a Fellow of the Royal Society in 2011, and as a Foreign Associate of the US National Academy of Sciences in 2013.

Two of our Fellows, **Professor Anurag Agarwal**, Sawhney Fellow, and **Professor Mark Gales**, as leaders of teams in the Acoustics Laboratory & Information Engineering, won first prize in the 2022 George B. Moody PhysioNet Challenge: a challenge to use machine learning to classify heart sound recordings, entered by 40 international teams.

There was interdisciplinary collaboration between Professor Agarwal, Professor Gales and one of Emma's Research Associates, **Dr Andrew McDonald**, leading to their identifying murmurs and clinical outcomes using heart sound recordings collected from multiple auscultation locations. They designed an algorithm that can use electronic stethoscope recordings to predict whether the patient has a heart murmur. Professor Agarwal's team has been researching automated heart sound analysis since 2016, and they were awarded an MRC DPFS grant to develop an algorithm using stethoscope recordings to classify the presence of valvular heart disease in patients.



Professor Agarwal, Professor Gales and Dr Andrew McDonald

ARCHIVES BLOG

The 'missing' shields of North Court



The original North Court cloister

North Court, completed just before the First World War, may seem to radiate a timeless, unchanging aura, but in fact the western range, comprising the porter's lodge and attached cloister, was extensively altered in the 1960s.

The changes were not of Emmanuel's choosing. In 1957 the row of late-Elizabethan tenements in Emmanuel Street, facing New Court, was demolished to accommodate the increasing volume of bus traffic. The rest of the street was widened for the same purpose a decade later, with serious repercussions for North Court. For one thing, it entailed the loss of the garden slip, complete with railings and holly hedge, that formed a barrier between the buildings and Emmanuel Street. The slip had also contained several crab-apple trees, apparently providing a useful source of missiles (to the occasional detriment of nearby fenestration). The high wall constructed on the new boundary line was quickly screened with half a dozen young hornbeam trees. Another consequence of the 1967 road-widening was that the porter's lodge had to be demolished and rebuilt several yards further back, requiring the demolition of the southernmost cloister arch. The college made the best of the situation by adapting the lodge and cloisters to provide residential accommodation.

The original seven cloister arches and the lodge windows had been surmounted by keystones displaying the coats of arms of early college benefactors. The rebuilding works

resulted in two of these heraldic carvings becoming redundant, as not only was there one fewer cloister arch, but the two windows in the original east wall of the lodge had been replaced with a single, larger casement. The shield from the demolished cloister arch, being particularly ornate, was salvaged and mounted above the new lodge window. Described by the Bursar in 1913 as being the only one of the cloister keystones that had 'much detail upon it', the carving bears the coat of arms of John Barnes, whose tenements in Threadneedle St, London, came to Emma by bequest in 1588.



The Barnes shield in North Court

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The Leeds (left) and Dixie shields in the Hall windows

The two carvings over the original east windows of the lodge were therefore surplus to requirements. The names of the benefactors they commemorated are not recorded in any college paperwork, but an old photo in the archives shows that the keystone nearer Emmanuel Street almost certainly displayed the arms of Doctor Edward Leeds, while the other bore the shield of Sir Wolstan Dixie. Both of these coats of arms can be seen in the stained-glass windows of Emma's dining hall, forming part of a set of twelve fine heraldic panels manufactured in 1877. Sir Wolstan Dixie, Master of the Skinners' Company and Lord Mayor of London, bequeathed the college £600 in 1594 to endow fellowships and scholarships for the study of divinity. Doctor Edward Leeds, a former Master of Clare College, gave Emmanuel

many valuable gifts, including, in January 1586, one thousand marks towards the construction costs of the college's new buildings.

The fate of the redundant Leeds and Dixie carvings is unknown. They may have been given, or taken, away, but it is equally possible that they simply disappeared into storage and have been gathering dust in a forgotten corner of a college cellar for more than five decades. If ever they come to light, perhaps a suitable spot could be found for them in their old home of North Court.

Amanda Goode
College Archivist

Emma enables update



Part of our *Emma enables* project is nearing completion with the building works on track to finish in early 2023. Scaffolding has come down and the crane has been removed from the new court. We're looking forward to the time when we can show these new spaces to our Members, and are planning a celebration on Saturday 8 July 2023, for all those who have donated.

This term we welcomed our new *Emma Experience* Director, Daniel McKay, who is looking forward to bringing to life the new programme. Daniel says, 'The *Emma Experience* programme will be launching later this year after a period of consultation and planning. Working with the college community, I am thinking big about how we build on the academic excellence of the college to provide new events, resources and opportunities. Our ambition is for more of those special "acorn moments" that spark curiosity, unlock new passions and which prepare Emmanuel students for successful and purposeful lives.'



We have recently written to those of you who are eligible to have your name engraved in our new spaces, which is one of the ways we're saying thank you to donors for supporting *Emma enables*. We'll be sending names to the architects in the New Year. If you believe you should have been contacted about having your name engraved and haven't been, please get in touch with us as soon as possible at development-office@emma.cam.ac.uk.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 17 January 2023

Entrepreneurs' Workshop with Ali Safari (2016), 6pm, Zoom
Workshop for Emma entrepreneurs on Zoom, led by Ali Safari (2016), founder and CEO of Farad.ai, a company that aims to make a lasting positive impact on the future of our planet, the global economy and local communities through innovation and developing great products.

Thursday 26 January 2023

Zoom with Rosanna Moseley Gore (1979)
Catharsis in Berlin: Bringing Two of the Six Million into the Light, 6pm, Zoom

A story of memories, and memories of memories, unfolding... through delving in a family archive too precious to destroy but too painful to open; through a distant and previously unknown relative setting in motion a train of events; through a retracing of journeys across Europe in 1939; to a moment in a quiet street in Berlin 80 years after two old people left their home for the last time.

Friday 3 March 2023

Burnaby Recital, 6.15pm, Emmanuel College
Michael McHale (2001) will give a piano recital as part of his 40th birthday tour, which will include music that has played an important part in his musical life and by composers with whom he has a special connection.



SARA RAWLINSON

Tuesday 7 March 2023

London Drinks
The annual Emmanuel Society drinks will return next year and all are welcome to attend. We particularly hope that those who graduated in 2020, 2021 and 2022 will attend. Further details will be released in the New Year.

Tuesday 14 March 2023

Annual International Intellectual Property Lecture, 6pm, Emmanuel College
Lecture in the Law of Intellectual Property (funded by the Herchel Smith bequest to the College) by Professor Jeanne Fromer, New York University School of Law. The lecture will be followed by dinner at High Table.

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www.emma.cam.ac.uk/members/event

Saturday 25 March 2023

Gathering of Members (2008, 2009 & 2010)
Members who matriculated in 2008, 2009 & 2010 are invited to a Gathering of Members of the College, to be held on Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 March 2023.

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.

INVITATIONS WILL BE SENT TO ALL IN THE APPROPRIATE MATRICULATION YEARS.

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