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New Master spotlights the challenges
facing the future of funding



Shaping the future of Clare

New Master Professor Tony Badger outlines what he sees as the main challenges facing higher education in general and Clare College and Cambridge University in particular

Every week in my last year as an undergraduate I walked through Old Court on my way from Sidney Sussex to Geoffrey Elton's room in Memorial Court.

I was taking his special subject on the Enforcement of Henrician Reformation with a small group of students that included Tom Scott (1965), who is now a distinguished historian of early modern Germany, and Richard Chartres, now the Bishop of London.

I was impressed both by the restrained beauty of Old Court and by Elton's great tolerance and support of our faltering steps as historians.

The care and humanity of Clare historians was also epitomised by the immense kindness of Charles Parkin who guided Sidney students through the complexities of the History of Political Thought with care, clarity and concern.

I know that it is a great privilege to be invited to be Master of a College that nurtures such great teachers and to live in Old Court.

That privilege has been further brought home to me by friends and colleagues who have congratulated me on my good fortune in becoming part of a College that combines great academic distinction and genuine friendliness, a combination not always to be found in British universities.

My sense of that good fortune has been reinforced by messages received from countless old members of Clare, most of whom I have not yet met.

To be Master of a college which inspires such loyalty and affection

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THE NEW MASTER – PROFESSOR TONY BADGER

Professor Tony Badger was inducted as Master on October 2 by the new Vice-Chancellor, Professor Alison Richard.

Tony is the Paul Mellon Professor of American History in Cambridge. He has specialised in the history of the New Deal and of the American South. He is working on a biography of Senator Albert Gore Sr., leading civil rights moderate and opponent of the Vietnam War.

He spent 20 years at Newcastle University before coming to Cambridge in 1992. His recent service on the University Council, including chairing the Audit Committee, culminated in him chairing the Search Committee for the new Vice Chancellor.

Tony Badger has firmly nailed his colours to the Colleges' mast by stressing the importance of undergraduate teaching and support to complement the world-class reputation of the University's research.



Picture: Eaden Lilley

amongst its members is a signal honour.

Yet I am also conscious that the Master and Fellows face significant challenges during the next few years.

Cambridge University will make decisions soon about funding and governance that may well determine whether or not the university retains its position as a world-class institution in the years to come.

These decisions may have great repercussions for all colleges. Whilst the university pays the salaries of most teachers in the colleges, awards the degrees, and controls the payment of the college fee, it is the colleges that can provide a world-class undergraduate education and the welfare and tutorial support that is an indispensable part of such education.

Clare's academic results testify eloquently to the quality of the education in this college. To sustain teaching and tutorial excellence in the face of declining college fee income and in the face of frequently competing pressures on teachers by their departments, anxious to sustain world-class research, will be a considerable task.

Clare has been a model for other colleges in increasing the diversity of its student body. Its initiatives with the Sutton Trust and its bursaries are designed to ensure that the very best students come to Clare whatever their social or economic background may be.

An unexpected pleasure in recent years has been that students are taking American history at A level in greater numbers for the first time. I speak at sixth forms all over the country. I look

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forward to continuing these visits as Master, encouraging students who might not otherwise do so to apply to Cambridge and to Clare.

The pressure to widen access will not let up, nor should it. The likely changes in government funding of higher education will inevitably put pressure on students from lower-income families.

The generous response to the appeal to fund Hepple bursaries not only testifies to the great regard in which Bob Hepple is held but also points the way forward for the College. The scale of the task cannot be underestimated and it is a challenge that must be met not just by the individual efforts of the colleges, crucial though those will be, but also by a university-wide response.

Lest these comments sound unrelentingly sober and narrowly academic, I would like to stress that I have also greatly enjoyed teaching the comedian Ali G and the cricketer John Crawley.

I have been in my time an enthusiastic, albeit limited, rugby player and choral singer. I relish the opportunity as Master to be an avid supporter of the College's great sporting, artistic and musical heritage, as well as a steward of the College's great historic buildings and academic resources.

To end on a personal note, my wife Ruth and I are extremely grateful for the warmth of the welcome we have received from all members of the Clare community.

But we owe a particular debt to Bob Hepple and Mary Coussey who have shown us great consideration and kindness in facilitating the move into the Master's Lodge. Sitting with Bob on the Executive Committee of the University Council, I had the opportunity to appreciate his wisdom and insight at close quarters.

I am sure all members of the Clare community will delight, as I do, in Bob's admission as a Fellow of the British Academy just two days before his term as Master comes to an end. His is a formidable act to follow.

Clare appoints new Development Director

DR TOBY Wilkinson joins Clare as Fellow and Development Director in January 2004.

Like the arrival of Professor Tony Badger as the new Master, this will kick off a dramatic new phase in the College's continuing development campaign.

Toby Wilkinson brings extensive experience of development from his four years at Christ's where he led a highly successful campaign.

Previously he had been researching in Egyptology at Cambridge and spent two years as an academic at Durham University.

Dr Wilkinson says: "Clare played an important part in my student experience at Cambridge. From my first term, I used to attend regular meetings of a university society in Old Court – first in Dr Ken Riley's office, then in the Thirkill Room – presided over by Gordon Wright.

"When I became President of the society, my pleasant duties included arranging menus with the Catering Manager Riccardo Chieppa (who I am delighted to discover still presides over the kitchens) for dinners in the Small Hall.

"I vividly remember the Clare May Ball in 1991, when waltzing on a rain-soaked and slippery dance-floor in Old Court nearly resulted in injury!

"Equally unforgettable was my very first

Picture: Eaden Lilley



■ Dr Toby Wilkinson

student bop in Clare cellars.

"So it is with a great sense of excitement, and feeling of home-coming, that I look forward to joining the College in January 2004.

"Renewing my acquaintance with the world-class Chapel choir and the incomparable Fellows' Garden will be particular pleasures.

"Above all, it will be a great privilege to get to know members of Clare of every generation, and to work with you all to ensure that the College has the brightest of futures: as a place of education, learning, research...and life-enhancing experiences."

Who's who in the Development Office



Lynne Isaacs

In her role as Information Officer, Lynne has responsibility for the maintenance and management of the alumni database. The database allows us to keep in touch with Clare members

and is also a crucial tool for the fundraising and other related activities of the Development Office. Lynne liaises with both members and Fellows on a regular basis to ensure its continued integrity and usefulness.



Corinne Lloyd

During the recruitment of a new Development Director, Corinne's responsibilities have expanded to include some of the director's as well as her usual duties of Development and Alumni Relations Officer.

Corinne's activities involve organising Reunion Dinners, Benefactor's Dinners, events in the City and receptions. Corinne is also involved in fundraising, mainly annual fund gifts and legacies.



Paula Lowdell

As Office Administrator, many of you may have already had some contact with Paula as she is usually the first point of contact with the Development Office.

Paula helps with the smooth running of the office – being closely involved in all administrative aspects of the team's activities, assisting with the database, research, the alumni web pages and responding to alumni queries.



Alice Worth

Members' Open Day, held annually in June, is Alice's main responsibility as Alumni Relations Officer. Over 400 members and guests attended this year's event and so Alice works closely with the rest of

the Development team and other colleagues around College to ensure its success. Alumni and student liaison is another part of Alice's duties; which neatly ties in with another aspect of her role as Editor of Clare News.

All pictures: Alys Tomlinson



Sciences show upward trend

Senior Tutor Dr Polly O'Hanlon evaluates the latest Tripos examination results

This year's Tripos results contained some very good news for Clare students and their Directors of Studies.

Overall, we lost a little bit of ground compared to last year, coming fifth overall in the Baxter Table for 2003, down from second last year.

This still meant that 77 per cent of all our students gained Firsts or Upper Seconds, compared with 81 per cent last year.

Unusually for Clare, this slight decline is most marked on the Arts side, where we have traditionally been extremely strong.

In some Arts subjects – English, Music, Modern Languages – there were outstanding performances. Clare students this year carried off university prizes in a whole range of Arts subjects.

In other Arts subjects, though, we had plenty of Upper Seconds, but not quite the number of Firsts we managed in 2002. We hope to put this right next year.

On the Science side, however, the College has continued to see a remarkable upward trend.

This is most evident in the Natural Sciences. Old members may remember that we hit a low



point here a few years ago, coming 22nd in the Table in 1999 and 24th in 2000, in part as a consequence of our reduced numbers of applicants before we abandoned the STEP examination.

From that low point, we have seen a most impressive recovery – Clare Natscis were 12th in 2001, 10th in 2002 and now, in 2003, they rank 3rd overall in the University.

Our worries that abandoning STEP would lead to a reduction in quality have proved groundless.

Without the deterrent effect of a special examination, our own Directors of Studies and teaching fellows in the sciences have clearly demonstrated their effectiveness in the difficult task of selecting the best candidates from fields where almost every candidate has three or four grade As at A level predicted.

This is now feeding through to our science results in a way that reflects great credit on Directors of Studies, teaching fellows and students alike.

For next year, the challenge for our Arts Directors of Studies will be to match this record.

■ LEFT Senior Tutor Dr Polly O'Hanlon with a Clare student

Hepple Fund aims to endow student bursaries

■ Anyone wishing to contribute to the Hepple Bursary or would like further details should contact Corinne Lloyd at the Development Office email: cdl28@cam.ac.uk phone: +44 (0)1223 333218

AFTER ten marvellously successful years Clare College has bid farewell to Professor Bob Hepple as Master.

During his period of office, Bob Hepple instigated a number of proactive developments for Clare.

His leadership of the College's successful fundraising campaign has helped to secure a brighter financial future for Clare in an increasingly unsettled financial world.

In recognition of his dedication to the cause of equal opportunities, Clare has now launched the Hepple Bursary Fund in his honour.

Initially, the short term aim is to raise £228,000 to enable the College to endow four bursaries.

The ultimate long term aim is to raise £2.8 million which will endow 50 student bursaries per year.



■ The Hepple Bursary brochure

This will enable Clare College to continue its 'needs-blind' admission policy that offers the most able applicants places at Clare, regardless of whether or not they have the ability to pay.

The first Hepple Bursary will be awarded at the beginning of this



■ Professor Bob Hepple

academic year.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the Hepple Bursary, should contact Corinne Lloyd in the Development Office for further details.

Corinne can be contacted by email at cdl28@cam.ac.uk or call + 44 (0)1223 333218.

Archive work continues to move forward

TWO fresh initiatives are expanding Clare's Archive facilities.

New shelving has expanded the Archive by 50 per cent and the entire catalogue will soon be available online.

Archivist Elizabeth Stratton, who has recently completed her first year at Clare, said: "We have installed new mobile shelving to increase the storage capacity of the Archives which will be a great benefit."

"It will mean more efficient storage of incoming records from members and College departments."

"The new online facility will also be a real bonus for everyone as they will be able to search for images and information through the internet."

The moves are not without their problems though. The new shelving has required the removal of a large proportion of the Archives from the store – and a rather chaotic few weeks while items were temporarily stored elsewhere.

A new fire suppressant system, as required by law, has also been installed at the same time.

The Archive has also been boosted by members who were particularly interested by displays on show during



this year's annual Members' Open Day.

Ms Stratton said: "There were many offers received of material, particularly photographs, for the Archives. Several members also requested details about aspects of Clare's history and student life."

The Open Day display was also visited by several members of the Bowring family, who are funding the Archivist's post.

"Anthony Bowring had already visited the Archives earlier in the year but this was the first opportunity for his brother Philip and nephew Simon to learn of the progress in the Archives."

The web pages describing a section of College records maintained by the Archivist will soon be available to search online on the Janus website at <http://janus.lib.cam.ac.uk/home.xml>.

■ RIGHT Elizabeth Stratton and the Bowings: (left to right) Anthony Bowring, his nephew Simon and Philip Bowring

Association planned to support Clare Choir

Tim Brown, Clare's Director of Music, has been in charge of the College Choir for nearly 25 years. Now, he says, is the time to take another positive step forward



Picture: Alys Tomlinson

After nearly 25 years in charge of Clare Choir, at a time when the College is increasingly involved in establishing contact with alumni, and encouraged by former members, it seems to me that the time is right to establish a Clare College Choir Association.

The chief purposes of the Association will be:

- to meet once a year in Clare, when there will be an opportunity for former members of Clare Choir to sing together, and to dine

- to support and foster the activities of the current Chapel Choir

- to establish an up-to-date register of former choir members, in order to facilitate contact

- to publish a regular newsletter with information about the current choir and former members.

It is planned that the launch of the Association will take place on 17 April 2004, at St John's, Smith Square, London (many of you will remember two previous choir reunions, in 1994 and 1998, which attracted well over a hundred singers and proved highly popular events).

On this occasion, the programme

will include music for chorus, brass, percussion and organ, including Rutter's Gloria and Bernstein's Chichester Psalms. It is hoped also to premiere a short new work on this occasion.

There will be rehearsals in the morning and afternoon followed by an evening concert.

The College Development Office will host a reception after the concert, as on previous occasions.

I am very pleased that our new Master, Tony Badger, has agreed to take on the position of President of the Choir Association.

We need to recruit a committee to oversee the formal setting up of the Association, to organise its finances, and to plan its future activities. It is not intended that the committee will meet very often – twice a year will probably suffice.

If you would be prepared to serve on the first committee, or can offer to help in other ways, I would be delighted to hear from you – please email me: tcb21@cam.ac.uk.

Further details about the launch concert will follow. Meanwhile, please mark 17 April 2004 in your diary now!

■ Anyone who is prepared to serve on the committee overseeing the setting up of the Association should email Tim Brown at tcb21@cam.ac.uk

CHAPEL ORGANS OVERHAULED

Over the past year the two chapel organs (Beckerath 1971 and Snetzler Chamber Organ 1755) have been overhauled.

The work to the Beckerath was extensive and included the addition of two new stops to improve the organ's ability to function as an accompanying instrument.

A massive cleaning operation was undertaken and has resulted in a noticeable improvement to the tonal quality of the organ, recapturing its original sound quality.

A state-of-the-art digital setter system enables the organ scholars (and visitors) to store 4,000 stop combinations!

An article about this refurbishment will appear in the Spring/Summer edition of Clare News.

Hope and despair in Iraq

The war is over but the peace is yet to break out. Two Clare members – Dr Celia Duff (1972) and Canon Andrew White (Visiting Fellow) – have very personal connections with the country still racked by inner turmoil. Here are their unique perspectives told in their own words

DR CELIA DUFF (Clare Fellow) is a senior public health physician who returned from Iraq in the summer

What a difference a week makes. From a balmy, peaceful Cambridge evening in May to the heat and political instability of Iraq.

For six weeks in the early summer I was seconded from the Department of Health (I'm Deputy Regional Director for the East Of England) to work for the American led Coalition Protection Authority (CPA) in Basrah.

Three of us were tasked to regenerate the health service as part of the post conflict reconstruction.

We were there three weeks after cessation of hostilities. We found a health service damaged not by war but by years of deliberate resource starvation: deliberate withdrawal of essential clinical supplies coupled with widespread and condoned corruption. The widespread looting in the aftermath of war left the south of Iraq with a health service able to provide only the very basics.

Water was contaminated, there was no fuel to boil it, waste piled in the streets, immunisation programmes stopped, food was scarce, facilities were in appalling condition, essential clinical services trashed and drug supplies non-existent.

There was cholera, malnutrition and a return of childhood infectious disease. The demoralised workforce had not been paid for months.

We had an uphill battle ahead.

Reconstruction amidst chaos is a tall order. As a team we developed a

work plan which covered both the immediate health issues and a longer term strategic aim.

We got the basic health service working with essential supplies, oxygen, drugs and other equipment brought in by non-governmental organisations (NGOs). We worked with Iraqi doctors to form a health advisory board to oversee development and needs assessment. We co-ordinated the activities of NGOs and worked with WHO to reduce the burden of infectious disease and to increase disease surveillance.

We met with our colleagues in Baghdad to ensure our work was in line with developing central policy. Our watchword was self-determination with our guidance, facilitation and support.

Iraq has always worked from a central directive and it will take time for the Iraqi people to believe they can determine their own future. We could see that the political vacuum in the Ministry of Health, with obvious elements both of the old regime and of fundamentalists wanting the Coalition to fail, could lead to trouble.

This started while I was there: daily protests and security threats. The ugly incidents in Baghdad began to affect us and we had threats expressed against our office. It was frightening to be caught in live gunfire. Since my return the situation has obviously worsened.

This was real public health work, but slow and frustrating with



■ CLOCKWISE
Dr Celia Duff
talks with a
British medical
officer in
Nasiriyah;
looted WHO
flour for sale
at the side of
the road;
Dr Celia Duff
meets US
Ambassador
Bremer and
British Army
officers;
a public health
laboratory
deliberately
targeted by
arsonists

communications all but impossible and information non-existent. These elements are fundamental to reconstruction.

The NGOs fell over each other, each wanting their own profile and each conducting an assessment before thinking of supporting a development project.

We worked and lived in spartan conditions in the centre of Basrah in the old HQ of the former electricity company. Let me try to paint a picture. Basrah was hot. The summer desert winds turned the sky brown and covered us with a fine layer of sand and we could only wash when there was water to spare.

My bedroom, which I shared with two others, was next door to our office. The air conditioning ran from a generator which often failed. Internet connections were flaky and there were no landline telecommunications.

Travel was in two vehicle convoy,

preferably with armed escort. We took our meals with the infantry regiment next door on trestle tables.

There were four portaloos in the yard for 80 people, with a jerry can for hand washing. The shower, when there was water, was improvised over a hole in the floor. Our working day ran from 7.30 in the morning to 10.00 at night – seven days a week. There was respite in the hour before supper with tea and circuit training – run by me. Harsh living but our conditions were better than those in the city.

Since returning, our team has received commendation from the Foreign Office and from the General Officer Commanding in Basrah for succeeding in moving health reconstruction to a point where civilian take over from the military was possible. In all other sectors progress has been slow and the military continue to lead the effort.

It will take years to rebuild this country and I am proud to have been a part of the beginning.

■ For a more detailed account of Dr Celia Duff's experiences in Iraq please read Duff CH. Poppies in Kosovo, gerbera daisies in Basrah. British Medical Journal August 2, 2003, Vol 327, p297

Surreal experience of revisiting Baghdad

CANON ANDREW WHITE is an author who has worked closely with key Middle Eastern politicians

Canon Andrew White is a Visiting Fellow at Clare and Director of the International Centre for Reconciliation at Coventry Cathedral handling practical conflict resolution and prevention in Iraq, Israel/Palestine and Northern Nigeria. Here is his story.

I had just left Clare College and returned to Jerusalem when the war against Iraq began.

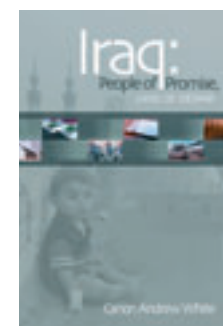
Israel was on high alert. Being in the midst of the second Intifada it was all rather reminiscent of the previous Gulf War when the Palestinians were seen to have backed the wrong side. So in one of my regular meetings with Yasser Arafat I stressed to him the importance of staying very quiet this time. He did.

We did not want this war and for five years my colleagues and I had been working for reconciliation with Iraq. We had failed.

My mind returned to my meeting with Tariq Aziz exactly one week after the tragedy of 9/11. As I walked into his office he shouted: "Andrew, tell them we are not terrorists, we are revolutionaries." Without thinking I responded: "It doesn't matter if you're terrorists or revolutionaries. They are still coming to get you."

The Iraqis are a courageous, loving and generous people who have suffered so much in the past decades, both at the hands of the evil regime of Saddam Hussein and immoral and unjust sanctions.

Returning to Iraq after the war was a surreal experience. The main place of work was now the former palace of Saddam in



Iraq From Despair to Hope is available from Sovereign World Trust (ISBN: 1-85240-350-0)

Baghdad. My role was one of interaction between Iraq's religious leaders and the Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA).

I was the only non-Iraqi in the operation who had been in Iraq before the war. With a clear added advantage I began the process of re-engaging with the Shia religious leaders. The reunions were emotional as for the first time these leaders were able to speak to me openly.

What I heard was a litany of torture: wives raped, children killed and imprisonments with slow torture.

Despite the negative images in the press about the reconstruction process, on the ground my experience is very different. I have not yet met one Iraqi who still wishes Saddam's Baathist rule remained.

Yes, there are still loyalists around but they are by far a minority. The CPA is doing an impressive job.

Despite its many problems Iraq is a better place today than it was last year.

Rebuilding a nation is never easy. The book I wrote earlier this year was called *Iraq: People of Hope, Land of Despair*. The next edition to come out later this year will be entitled *Iraq from Despair to Hope* (www.sovereign-world.org).

For this is indeed how most Iraqis see their situation.



Even losing is a pleasure at the Relics' Regatta

■ ABOVE
The
Fellows'
Crew
preparing
for battle

FIVE CREWS – Happy Families, the Internationals, the Whippersnappers, the Swingin' 60s and The Fellows – raced for honours in the third Clare College Relics' Regatta on Open Day.

After the success of events in 2000 and 2001, around 45 alumni rowers and supporters returned to the River Cam, gathering at the boathouse to be welcomed by Clare Boat Club President Nigel Woodcock (1987), organisers Adam Bradley (1999) and Gareth Buckley (1999), and other resident members of Clare Boat Club.

The faded elegance of several generations of Clare rowing kit brightened the river as crews formed eights and rowed down to the riverside public house (The Pike and Eel) for an afternoon of side-by-side racing up the Long Reach.

Competition was informal but intense, with sound technique making up for some of the fitness surrendered since student days!

The Happy Families, built around three Elkingtons – Julian (1952), George (1982) and Henry (1983) – steadily emerged as the crew to fear, and efficiently beat each of the other crews in turn.

With fine weather and good company, this was a day when even losing was a pleasure.

Racing over, most participants reconvened in College in rowing blazers and formal dress for an evening dinner, and a rare chance to talk rowing all evening to friends guaranteed to be receptive.

Toasts were proposed by former captains Francis Todd (1998), David Walker (1971) and Roger Heise (1965).

A special presentation of an engraving of the College was made by Jeremy Hazzledine (1972) to the Hon Anne Brewin in recognition of her long and continuing support for the Boat Club and of her re-appointment



as Vice-President.

A particular topic of conversation at the dinner was the forthcoming 175th anniversary of the Boat Club in 2006. The club is already considering the appropriate way of marking this milestone.

Another Relics' Regatta must be a strong possibility, but preceded by at least one more regatta in 2004 or 2005. Three years is generally thought too long a wait for such an enjoyable event.

If you have any suggestions for the 175th anniversary of Clare Boat Club in 2006, please contact the CBC Development Officer Gareth Buckley at the following email address: gjb37@cam.ac.uk.

Photographs of the Relics' Regatta can be seen on the Relics' website at www-boatclub.clare.cam.ac.uk/~relics and purchased through the Ede & Ravenscroft site at www.everybody-smile.biz/edeandravenscroft/.



Picture: Ede and Ravenscroft

Clare thrives with financial pragmatism – but many challenges are still to be met

Bursar Donald Hearn looks at the facts and figures and gives his overview of the College's finances



■ Bursar
Donald
Hearn

Faced with a very difficult economic climate in the higher education sector, Clare continues to thrive, with sensible financial pragmatism.

Income in the last academic year was £7 million of which only £1.4 million came from tuition fees.

The squeeze on the College fee received from the Government has reduced this essential source of funding for teaching undergraduates from 32 per cent of total income to now only 20 per cent.

This is unlikely to be reversed in the future. At present it is unclear whether 'top-up fees' from 2005 will benefit the Colleges.

The University itself is in dire financial straits, so there are some interesting discussions to be held about the way 'top-up fees' will be shared between the University and the Colleges.

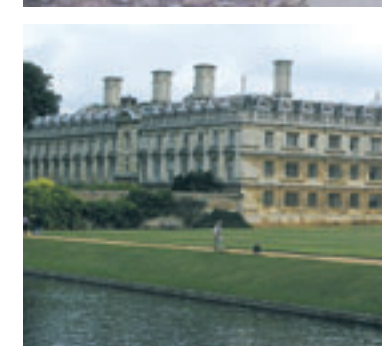
What is, however, abundantly clear is that Colleges are going to be taking the strain in supporting students from lower-income families.

If outstanding students are no longer able to come to Clare on the grounds of the prohibitive cost, not only will they suffer but so will Clare.

The maintenance costs for an



Picture: Alys Tomlinson



its business affairs sensibly. Income from Conferences reached a record level last year, bringing in £700,000.

Using the newly refurbished kitchens, the College has re-launched its very successful catering business outside term.

Canny investment advice from Clare alumni has protected the College's Endowment of £50 million from the ravages of the stock markets, with 30 per cent invested in property and 40 per cent in fixed interest.

At the top of the cycle the College sold all its US equities in late 1999 and when fixed interest markets peaked this summer, we sold our long holdings.

Most of the College's income is spent on teaching (£2.3 million) and on repairing and refurbishing our historic buildings (£1.5 million). The small surplus for the year was added to the Endowment, together with the generous donations received from Clare alumni.

We are enormously grateful for this marvellous support.

undergraduate are reckoned to be £4,000 per annum and yet the maintenance grant will be only £1,000 and it will be available only to those from very low-income families.

Although up-front payment of tuition fees will no longer be required, students will be deterred from applying because of the prospect of incurring debts of £21,000.

We will need to set up bursaries to help those who otherwise would not be able to come.

Clare is thought to be among the most effective Colleges in managing

“I stepped into the familiar Old Court and back half a century – it was brilliant”



John Powell has not been back to Clare since he left in 1955. This year's Open Day gave him that chance. Here's his intimate account of how he felt on his return

■ RIGHT Sir David Attenborough meets one of his audience after his keynote lecture; Professor Kurt Lipstein in conversation with Colin Turpin; Dr Polly O'Hanlon and Dr Tim Hunt

What was it like to attend an Open Day at Clare for the first time since I left the college 48 years ago? It was brilliant!

The weather was glorious as we set off across the Backs to a warm welcome from staff at the College gates.

My wife had been anxious about how we would manage throughout the day as I can only walk a few paces and use an electric buggy, but the efficient welcome we received instantly reassured us.

We entered Old Court, which was looking magnificent. No wonder that John Evelyn noted in 1654 that Clare was being elegantly rebuilt to a 'new and noble design'. Soon we were drinking coffee and chatting to all around.

Then off to our first lecture: Hugo Rose, Master of Wine, intrigued us with his demonstration of the effect of different foods on our perception of wine.



We were presented with several wines and some salt, a wedge of lemon, a slice of apple and some tomato. We scored each wine for sweetness, tannin and acidity before and after tasting our food samples.

There was a fair measure of agreement that the apple and the tomato made the wines taste more tannic, more acidic and drier, while salt and lemon made them taste sweeter, less tannic and more fruity.

The good humour of the audience was plainly evident – this was not just the result of drinking in the middle of the morning!

Meanwhile my friend and contemporary Roger Bland (1954) had been listening to Prof Kurt Lipstein in conversation with Colin Turpin.

Roger reports thus: "I experienced

joy and awe as that wonderful man of extraordinary gifts spoke with wit, compassion and sensibility – but no trace of sentimentality – about his vanished world; all, incidentally, without notes.

An enriching, almost magical, experience for those who chose this option. More of his tale next year, please."

Though I have no detailed account of their talks I was told by several people that they had greatly enjoyed Dr Patricia Fara's *Edmond Halley and Victor Frankenstein* and Nobel Prize winner, Dr Tim Hunt's *About finding things out: how our cells divide*. It is a pity one cannot attend all of the lectures.

The keynote lecture by Sir David Attenborough – *Discovery and the*



Camera – was fascinating. He discussed how the evolution of photographic apparatus and techniques (time-lapse, slow motion, infrared lighting, thermal imaging, microscopic, digital etc) had enabled fresh and novel studies of the living world.

As expected the lecture was expertly presented. Among the many highlights was an amazing film sequence of a lone crocodile seeing off a pride of lions. We were spellbound. It was the sort of lecture you just did not want to end.

The only other medic from my year was Julian Elkington, whom I remember well. After a most congenial lunch I paged Julian but heard he had left for the Clare Relics' Regatta.

I have since spoken to him on the phone. He says that he does not remember me at all (!), but that the Regatta was a happy, if breathless, time.

He was in the winning boat, called *Happy Families*, which seems appropriate as he had his two sons rowing with him.

In the afternoon we toured the college gardens, which were breathtakingly beautiful. I cannot believe there is a finer garden in Cambridge. Congratulations to the Head Gardener Steve Elstub and his team.

I take away with me memories of great kindness and friendliness, coupled with the warm efficiency with which everything was organised. Well done all of you.

Prof Lipstein is a wonderful man of extraordinary gifts and sensibility. He spoke with wit and compassion about his vanished world



Onwards and upwards – Malcolm Grant will be a hard act to follow

By Dr David Hartley (1956) – Steward

UNIVERSITY College London (UCL) is, without any doubt, one of the top universities in the country.

The fastidious would say that UCL is not a university but a constituent college of the University of London. This may be so, but UCL on its own ranks amongst the top five or so higher education institutions by any measure, be it research assessment, teaching quality or the attraction of non-government funding.

When you hear that a close colleague has been appointed to head such a major institution, your breath is momentarily taken away by the realisation of a singular achievement.

This happened to me when in April this year it was announced that Malcolm Grant had been appointed to be Provost and President of University College London.

Malcolm has sustained a distinguished track record since he came to Cambridge in 1991 as Professor of Land Economy and Professorial Fellow at Clare. Prior to this he was Professor of Law and Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Laws at UCL. So we realised that UCL knew what they were doing appointing him to head their institution.

There's a story, which undoubtedly is true, that when Malcolm was offered the Cambridge chair, he first sought the advice of his boss at UCL, the Dean of the Faculty of Law, who expressed some doubts as to whether this would be a good move.

Malcolm ignored the advice, and must have realised he had made the right decision when that advisor, who was Bob Hepple, followed him to Clare as Master just two years later.

Malcolm Grant is both an academic environmental lawyer and a barrister at Middle Temple. His research interests, in which he has published widely, include planning and environmental law; regulation of biotechnology; local government structures, finance and political management; central-local government relations; human rights, property and participation; and environmental dispute resolution.

In Cambridge he was Head of the Department of Land Economy from 1993 until he was appointed Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Research.



■ Professor Malcolm Grant

In this latter role, he led the review of the University's financial strategy – excellent training for his future at UCL.

In Clare, Malcolm has been a member of the Finance and Development Committees, as well as acting as a strategic advisor to the Master.

Born and educated in New Zealand, Malcolm was awarded the CBE this year for services to planning law and local government.

He was Chair of the Local Government Commission for England (1996-2001), having served as a member of the commission from 1992.

Then, in 2000, the government appointed him to chair the Agriculture & Environment Biotechnology Commission. This political hot potato involves providing strategic advice to the government on the implications of biotechnology, including genetic modification, for agriculture and the environment.

It is a tribute to Malcolm's skill in such matters that he has steered a group of commissioners with strongly opposing political views to provide consensus advice in the public service.

Someone who can achieve all this has more than an even chance of being a successful leader of a major university.

The College wishes Malcolm all good fortune in his new job, which is arguably one of the greatest challenges in UK higher education.

We thank him for his contribution over 12 years to Cambridge, both to the University and to Clare College. As the saying goes, his will be a hard act to follow.

Picture courtesy of UCL

A golden era of theology

Pictures courtesy of Lambeth Palace



All nine Deans of Clare in the past century made valued contributions to theology including today's Archbishop of Canterbury

Lambeth Palace will be the setting for the Autumn gathering of the Clare Association by kind permission of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams.

Archbishop Williams was Dean of Clare from 1984 to 1986 and is married to Jane (1975 née Paul).

Since his election in December 2002, his leadership has been tested by the build-up to war in Iraq and internal conflicts within the Anglican communion.

As he said recently: "It is still less than 12 months since I learned that I was to take up this post. There are moments when I felt it must have been 12 years, others when it feels like 12 hours!"

Rowan was one of the nine 20th century Deans of Clare who all made important contributions to theology.

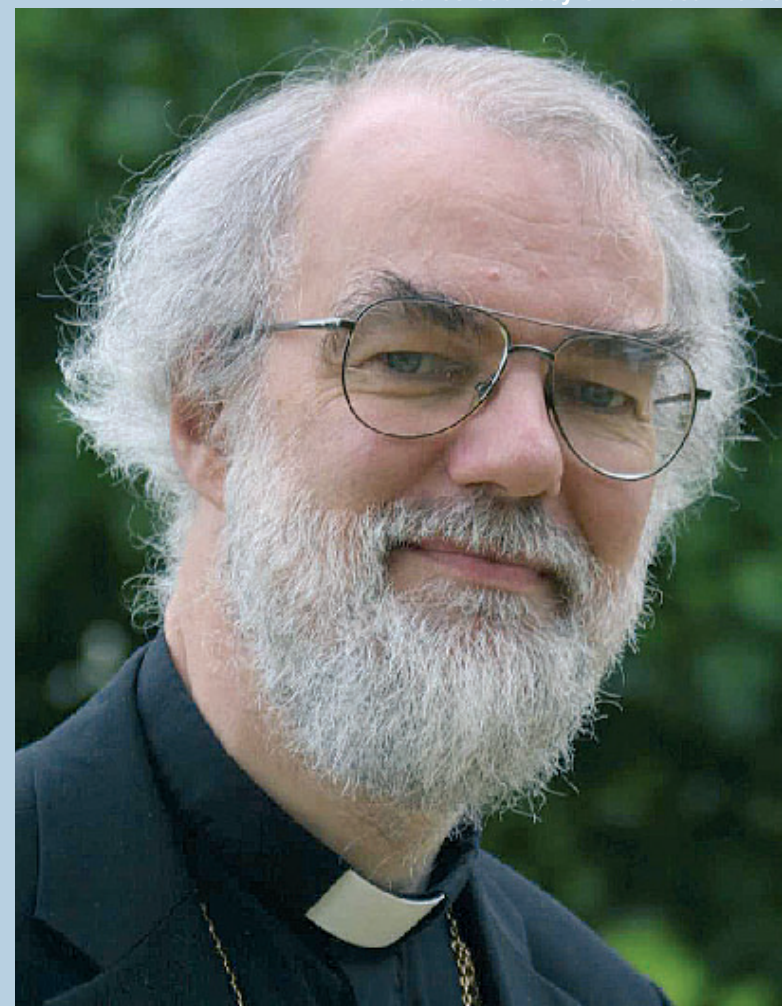
William Telfer (1921), later Master of Selwyn, became Ely Professor of Divinity.

C F D (Charlie) Moule followed him in 1944 and was closely involved in the translation of the

New English Bible. In 1951, he became Lady Margaret Professor of Divinity, the oldest chair in the University.

John Robinson succeeded him, and was also a New Testament scholar. In *Liturgy Come to Life* (Mowbray 1960) he wrote about 'the church in Clare' and his forward-looking experiments in Chapel liturgy. He continued in a radical vein as Bishop of Woolwich, where he wrote *Honest to God*.

From 1952 to 1959 the Chaplain at Clare was Bill Skelton, who died in May 2003. His memory is being honoured by a special bursary fund (see page 16), established by



a group of his friends.

In 1959, the Deanship passed to Maurice Wiles, a penetrating theologian who went on to a chair at King's, London and the Regius Professorship in Oxford.

Mark Santer (1967) went on to be Principal of Westcott House and Bishop of Kensington, then Birmingham. Arthur Peacocke (1973) was a scientist, ordained in 1971, who focused on issues in science and religion.

Rowan Williams was whisked away in 1986 to become the Lady Margaret Professor in Oxford, to be succeeded by Nicholas

Sagovsky, a theologian much engaged by social questions, now a Professor at Liverpool Hope University.

In 1997, Jo Bailey Wells became Dean and Chaplain, the only one of this galaxy to be an Old Testament specialist.

In previous centuries, Clare produced her fair share of noted churchmen, such as three of the translators of the Authorised Version - the martyr Bishop Latimer (1510), Nicholas Ferrar (1610), Archbishop Tillotson (1650) – William Whiston (1686) and Sabine Baring-Gould (1852).

But those 20th century Deans were truly a golden succession.

■ LEFT
Lambeth Palace which will host a Clare Association Autumn gathering. Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury and former Dean of Clare

■ Article written by Roger Greeves, Dean

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- **12 November**
Clare College Choir:
Berlioz Messe
Solennelle (Cambridge
Music Festival)*
- **14 November**
Clare Association
reception in Lambeth
Palace
- **9 December**
Clare College Choir:
Le Manoir – Carol
Concert*
- **12 December**
Clare College Choir at
Spitalsfield Festival in
London. Ticket hotline
is +44 (0) 20 7377 1362
(booking from 10
November)
- **13 December**
Benefactors' Dinner
- **6 March**
Legacy Society
Luncheon
- **19 March**
1970/1971 Reunion
Dinner
- **20 March**
MA Dinner, for those
receiving their Masters
Degree on this day
- **17 April**
Choir Association
Launch Concert at
St John's Smith
Square, London
- **23 April**
Master's Lodge
Concert
- **10 June**
Reception in the
House of Commons –
fundraising event for
the Hepple Fund
- **25 June**
Benefactors' Dinner
- **26 June**
5th Annual Members'
Open Day
- **29 June**
Clare College Choir:
Le Nozze di Figaro –
Barbican, London*

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Help rekindle the glow of May Ball memories

PREPARATIONS for the 2004 annual May Ball at Clare are already under way.

Organisers are appealing for ideas, contributors and sponsors to help the event go with a bang.

President Jodie Gray says: "As winter draws near the possibility of a dusk-till-dawn ball attended by young women in ethereal gowns, needing only the extra warmth of a gallant gentleman's dinner jacket, seems most distant.

"Yet for many of us on the committee, the College's annual May Ball is at the forefront of our minds.

"Preparations are well under way, and in particular those for sponsorship. Successful sponsorship is vital if we are to create a memorable evening for our guests.

"As many of you may recall, especially former Ball Committee members, the Clare May Ball is a great college event.

"Many students attend either as a guest



or as one of the many 'workers' and many of the bands and entertainers include Clare students."

The Ball Committee has been trying to capture the interest of alumni to ensure as many people as possible are involved – as guests but also as contributors.

Jodie adds: "If any of you can remember how taxing this event can be in its organisation and can offer any help with ideas, contacts – especially with sponsorship – we would really welcome your input."

To offer help either contact Jodie by email: jamlg2@cam.ac.uk or Amy Blakeway (in charge of sponsorship): ab467@cam.ac.uk.

Tribute to a caring Chaplain

THE Bursary Fund set up in the name of the Reverend Bill Skelton has already raised £16,000.

Bill, who was Chaplain of Clare College from 1952 until the end of 1958 and was primarily responsible for the pastoral care of undergraduates, died aged 82 in May this year.

Several members of Clare, who found him immensely supportive during their undergraduate years, have set up a Bursary for Clare students in his name. They felt that this was the sort of project he would keenly support.

Mr Clem Gibson (1957) said: "Even though Bill Skelton has now sadly passed away, and so will not see this plan come to fruition, the College and those old members who knew him well, have decided to continue with this project."

The initial target is to raise £57,000, enabling the College to award a Bill Skelton Bursary of £1,500 per annum.

This will be awarded to a deserving student who can be assured, on securing a place at Clare, of continued support throughout their time as an undergraduate.

Bill also left a legacy to the College, which will be dedicated to the fund.

Anyone who wishes to contribute to the Bill Skelton Fund, please contact Corinne Lloyd, Development Office, Clare College, Cambridge CB2 1TL. Tel: +44 (0)1223 333218, email: cdl28@cam.cam.ac.uk.

On the move to Dorset

Members may be interested to learn that the Reverend Professor Charlie Moule (Dean 1944 to 1951) has moved to Dorset. If you wish to contact him, please let the Development Office know, and we will happily put you in touch.