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From the President



WINSTON SANDERS

Dame Barbara Stocking
President

I hope you're feeling really proud about what your College is today – a community of outstanding young women who love life and learning. I often hear it remarked how friendly the College is, how warm and how open – which is wonderful. But I also believe that we should be recognised for our academic excellence: our students thrive here – and for a reason.

Today, Murray Edwards offers a unique environment for young women. One that builds their confidence and self-belief; one that gives them the courage of their convictions and inspires them to change what feels wrong or unjust; and one that pushes them to explore their passion for a subject, not just because it will lead to success but because we want them to love what they study. Whether it's through Gateway, supervisions or extracurricular activities, I really believe that we offer something special and different.

Yet we still attract relatively few direct applicants to the College.

It's time to stop hiding our light and talk more about what makes us special. I need your support to do this. You, as a former student, are a compelling ambassador. You have experienced College life first-hand, and you know the value it brought to your life. So please can you do all you can to spread the word about the College. Talk to your daughters, their friends, their parents and colleagues about why you believe the College is special. Better yet, invite young women to experience the College for themselves – we would love to welcome them. Every day is an open day!

Whether you talk to one person or many, I would be immensely grateful. Collectively, I am confident this can add up to a larger shift in our applications.

Thank you for all your help and moral support.

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COVER IMAGE: PHOEBE THOMSON-BIRD,
FIRST YEAR VETERINARY SCIENCES STUDENT,
PHOTOGRAPHED BY GARDENER PETER KIRKHAM
LEFT: MARTIN BOND PHOTOGRAPHY

Student research

Farhana Rahman, a speaker at our International Women's Day event in Cambridge, shares the life experiences that shaped her PhD research and future ambitions.



MARTIN BOND PHOTOGRAPHY

When people ask me “where are you from?” I have great difficulty answering. Parts of me have settled in so many places that I call home. I was born in Bangladesh, but I spent my childhood years in Zambia. My parents believed in the value of travelling and we visited over 30 countries while I was growing up. We eventually immigrated to Canada, where I completed high school and subsequently my undergraduate degree.

These experiences showed me the value of sharing worldviews across cultures and life experiences and this has remained with me as I carve out my own path – academically and professionally. Over the years, I have continued to travel and have lived and worked in seven countries over the last six years. My positions – though I prefer to see them as my “calling” – involved work in the gender and development sector with organisations across Asia and Africa and I also consult for various gender equality and social policy projects in the Global South.

One such position led me to Afghanistan. I instantly fell in love with the country and its people. I first visited in 2012 and returned to live and work there full time in 2015 following my MPhil (in Multi-Disciplinary Gender Studies at Cambridge). I immersed myself in learning Dari and helped to establish the country's first academic programme in Gender Studies at the American University of Afghanistan. Life as a foreigner in Afghanistan presents challenges that are difficult to conceive. While Kabul is no longer in an active state of war, the security situation remains volatile. Tall cement walls gated our university and accommodation, with armed security posts every few hundred meters. For the women of Afghanistan, growing



FARHANA RAHMAN



insecurity, failed justice and widespread patriarchal norms remain systemic barriers to asserting their rights within society and realising their full potential. However, the countless women and girls I had the privilege of meeting remain determined to secure a better future for themselves. Their stories of resilience and triumph in the face of hardship and inequality are too seldom told (or heard), and continue to inspire me and my studies at Cambridge, where I am doing a PhD at the Centre for Gender Studies.

My personal journey continues to unfold every day. Following my PhD, I hope to use my knowledge and skills to foster a greater understanding of the policies like Afghanistan. As I work towards these goals, I have found Murray Edwards College to be a constant space of support and encouragement, especially through the College's funding opportunities, networking events, and platforms for sharing our research. Moving forward in my passionate fight for women's rights, Murray Edwards College will always hold a fond place in my heart, helping me to thrive and grow as an academic and a humanitarian.



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Celebrating academic success

This year over 93.5% of our Finalists achieved a First or 2:1. Dr Juliet Foster, Senior Tutor, and two of our Finalists reflect on their time at College.



Once again, we celebrate some excellent exam results this year, and are delighted that 93.5% of our Finalists leave us with either a First or a 2:1. As always, this represents a huge amount of effort and commitment on our students' part and it is wonderful to celebrate their achievements. We wish all of our Finalists the very best as they move on to new challenges of many kinds. We have also seen some impressive results across other year groups in all subjects, and congratulate all of our students on their many successes over the course of the academic year.

Dr Juliet Foster, Senior Tutor





After graduation we will depart on an exciting new journey, but one thing we will always have in common is that for all of us Dome is Home. A home full of world-class art by women and inspirational people at every corner. The epitome of the Medwards experience is discussing your day with the porters as you're waiting for your parcel, dancing alongside the Senior Tutor and the President at International Women's Day, and having hour-long lunches in Dome. Where else in Cambridge would you be able to pick different types of mint, spinach, and flowers on your way back from lectures? Where else would you see Tracy Emin's *You Inspire Me With Your Determination* on your way to Cindies? Most importantly, Medwards is about the people we all met here, people that made us better, supported us through essay crises, paid for our late-night Deliveroo orders and shared the joys of May Week. #MTID

Kat Karpenko, History



Medwards is my home; it's where my hummus is. Yet, in all seriousness the College is made up of the people, and although I could talk about the welfare benefits, the better food or female solidarity, there is 'something' about Murray (Edwards!) – and I don't think that is because it is a woman's college. There is a type of person who comes to this strange lovechild of a spaceship and a Swedish prison (sorry... castle, Queen Babs!). We are strong independent women who want to study at the best university in the world; we are united, not in femininity, but intellect, reason and passion.

Meggie Fairclough, Psychology



Fellows' research



Fellow in History, Dr Lucy Delap, reflects on the upcoming centenary of women's suffrage.

IMAGE: GRAHAM COPEKOGA

February 2018 sees the centenary of the first women achieving the right to vote in Britain. Today, with a female Prime Minister, First Minister of Scotland, and First Minister of Northern Ireland, it might seem that women's political status is secure. However, President Donald Trump's objectifying comments about women during the American presidential election, and the tragic murder of Jo Cox in 2016, remind us that nothing can be taken for granted. A recent report from the House of Commons Women and Equalities Committee noted the glacial pace of change in improving the numbers of women MPs, and called on British political parties to be much more proactive in promoting women candidates. The centenary of the Fourth Reform Act of 1918 which enfranchised women over 30, as well as 90 years since the 1928 Equal Franchise Act which finally enfranchised all adult women on the same basis as men, is a moment both to celebrate and to reflect on the slow pace of change.

To mark these historic milestones, on 3 February 2018 Murray Edwards College will host a conference on women's suffrage and political activism, exploring how women's suffrage was conducted and the relationships between suffragists, feminists and other political movements of the early 20th century. A public lecture at the University Library on the art of the women's suffrage campaign will close the day. The Library made an exciting discovery last year of a cache of women's suffrage posters, some extremely rare, and these will be displayed in the entrance hall.

Encouragingly, the 2017 General Election has seen record numbers of female candidates. Women's political participation has seen a powerful upturn in the late 20th century. This has not come about because of the simple passage of time, but through the campaigning of groups such as the Fawcett Society, the 300 Group, and 50:50 Parliament. It's a great time to look back at the campaigning that got women the vote in the first place.



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Our new Fellows

We will be welcoming a number of new Fellows this October. Here, four share their research interests.



Dr Laura Carter

Early Career Research Fellow, History

I am a historian of modern Britain, focusing on education and popular culture in the 20th century. From October, I will be working with Prof Peter Mandler and Dr Chris Jeppesen on a major new Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) funded project that will assess, for the first time, the impact of universal secondary education on individual lives, aspirations, identities and social relations across the United Kingdom in the second half of the 20th century.



Dr Jeff Barda

Early Career Research Fellow, French

I am working on a special volume of essays on the French poet Pierre Alferi and a book on French post-lyricist poetry. My research focuses on the upsurge of creative practices in France since 1968 which challenge traditional definitions of poetry and lyricism. I am interested in how poets overcome the problems of lyricism that limits poetry to an individual endeavour.



Dr Nicola Jones

Fellow in Medicine

I am a consultant in Cardiothoracic Anaesthesia and Intensive Care Medicine, Clinical Lead for Critical Care and the Clinical Sub-dean for specialist cardiology, respiratory medicine and cardiothoracic surgery at Papworth Hospital. My research interests include Patient Blood Management, Critical Care Focused Ultrasound and Extracorporeal Life Support.



Dr Ana Pires

Fellow in Maths - joint appointment with the department

I research symplectic geometry, an area of math with origins in classical mechanics. A symplectic manifold is the phase space of a system in classical mechanics, plus some additional structure given by the laws of motion. Modern symplectic geometry is more abstract; the problems that I work on have unexpected connections to seemingly unrelated areas such as combinatorics and number theory.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all alumnae who gave to honour the retirement of Dr Owen Saxton after many years as Director of Studies in Natural Sciences and Senior Tutor. We are working very closely with the Department of Physics to appoint a linked teaching post and hope to make an announcement about this in the next academic year.

With a very generous gift, John Morris (Liz Acton's widower) has funded a linked post with Engineering that will be a role model for women across the University.

Increasing our visibility

Admission Tutor Andrew Spencer explains how we are working hard to become a College of choice in Cambridge for more women.





We have a great offer to put in front of young students – a Cambridge education, with all the opportunities that provides, but in the environment of a College that is designed to support and promote the needs of female students. We innovate within Cambridge: through the unique Gateway Programme that provides support for students from transition to university; through mentoring from you, our alumnae, to help prepare them for the world of work; and through our joint appointments with Maths and Physics to promote female participation and learning in degree level Science.

By increasing our visibility both within and beyond Cambridge, we hope to increase the numbers of applicants who choose to apply to Murray Edwards, while still offering a happy and encouraging home to those who initially apply to other Colleges. Within the UK, we've more than doubled the number of schools we've visited this year compared to last and are hosting new conferences for teachers, and for high-achieving students from areas where relatively few people progress to university (so-called Low Participation Neighbourhoods or LPNs). This year, for the first time, we're also taking our hugely successful Pathways for Success conference to Singapore and I am visiting the US with the University to promote Cambridge there.

We want Murray Edwards to be a place where young women from any background who have talent and ambition can find a place to succeed and thrive. And, as Barbara mentioned, you can help us to achieve this simply by joining us in spreading the word!



Collaborating with Men



Jill Armstrong, Bye Fellow and Researcher for the Collaborating with Men project, gives an update.

70% of men believe that a more equal society between men and women will be better for the economy

2016 FAWCETT SOCIETY, NAT. REP.
SAMPLE OF 4,000 MEN

It's been more than six months since we launched Collaborating with Men, a groundbreaking report that highlighted how men and women can work together to transform workplace cultures and remove the barriers that impede women's progress into leadership roles. We are delighted that the report is continuing to gather momentum and enjoy hearing that it is inspiring individuals and organisations to think differently.

In early March, the President visited Hong Kong to celebrate International Women's Day and had the opportunity to present the research to a number of high profile organisations, including the Women's Foundation

**5 KEY WAYS TO TRANSFORM
WORKPLACE CULTURE**

- 1

Seeking to understand
women's (and some men's) issues with workplace culture
- 2

Making visible
how things get done in practice
- 3

Building closer relationships
between men and women
- 4

Individual Interventions
to tackle gender biased behaviour
- 5

Actions for leaders
to reward and support male role models of gender inclusive behaviour

43% of women aged 28-40 do not feel that opportunities to progress are equal between men and women

OPPORTUNITY NOW 2014

Hong Kong and international law firm Baker McKenzie. The President also gave a keynote lecture at the University of Hong Kong about the research, which was followed by a panel discussion with HeforShe champions from Barclays and the University of Hong Kong about the importance of men for achieving equality.

Our ideas on how to combat gender bias in workplace culture are attracting interest from public and private sector organisations. Most interest has come from the financial, technology and STEM sectors where women are most under-represented. However, workplace culture issues are a widespread problem that inhibit women's ability to progress into leadership positions so we intend to keep raising the profile of these issues and the actions suggested by the participants in our research.

The next big event is a breakfast meeting at KPMG at which we will report to senior leaders on the progress of the ideas that have been taken up by several organisations. I am also presenting the research at the Cambridge Judge Business School's Women in Leadership conference in June.

We are also preparing another report that features more detailed advice on how some of the suggested initiatives can be progressed. We expect this to be available mid-July.



42% of women aged 18-25 are confident that their gender will have no bearing on their career progression versus 72% of men

THINK FUTURE 2016



View the full report at www.murrayedwards.cam.ac.uk/about/Collaborating-with-Men

My Room, Your Room

Orchard Court is one of the oldest and most loved parts of College. In its 50 year service, it's witnessed the start of lifelong friendships, the first buds of romance and many a celebration!

Here, Deborah Girling (née Mason, New Hall 1979) shares her favourite memories of her Orchard Court room.

MARTIN BOND PHOTOGRAPHY



H23 was home to Fleur Spore, a geographer, and me from 1979 to 1981. I lived in the spacious mezzanine area because Fleur initially found the stairs daunting. (Odd since she is quite a mountaineer!) Our room was at the corner of the building and very bright. The grey décor was soon livened up with maps and Snoopy, Paddington Bear and other posters.

We enjoyed socialising and were able to use the space to good effect. Sherry before formal hall on Tuesdays and endless coffees brought medics, geographers and others together. We became quite creative with the slow cooker. Everyone loved the underfloor heating and we sat on bean bags and piles of cushions on the floor. I kept my half skeleton under the bed.

There was a pay telephone three staircases away and this (pre mobiles!) was the only way for family and friends to contact and be contacted. We all had message pads on our doors and pigeon holes at the Porters' Lodge for communications from the outside world.



The porters were wonderful and knew us all.



New Hall was very welcoming and although, as the first member of my family to attend university, I initially found Cambridge daunting, the College itself was a very supportive academic environment and the porters were wonderful and knew us all – and our friends.

Sharing a split level room was fun and truly life changing. At the end of our third week Fleur was unexpectedly contacted by two distant cousins she hadn't previously met. The elder of the two, Gray, was a postgraduate student at Queens' College – then all male – and Fleur's presence in an all-female college was a motivating factor in re-establishing the family connection. They came to visit and...reader, I married him!

It's now time for us to give to Orchard Court the 'tlc' that it has given us over the years. We need to bring the facilities back up to date - and for this we need your support. If you're able to help in any way, large or small, please contact Catherine Middleton at development@murrayedwards.cam.ac.uk or visit www.orchard-court.org.uk

Thank you - every little really does help.

Current students share their favourite memories



The soundproofing for the rooms is pretty bad – but this has turned out to be a good thing as in the evenings I can knock on the wall to talk to my friend next door!

Magdalen Christie (2014)



I celebrated my 21st birthday in my room. We put speakers on the stairs – it's kind of half way so the music circulated well – and we had champagne and danced around.

Kat Karpenko (2014)



I like that my room is on the corner – it's quiet as not too many people walk by, and I get to enjoy flowers round the window in the spring.

Rachel Attwood (2015)

Murray Edwards mentoring programme

**We are delighted to announce
that the Murray Edwards
mentoring programme is back.**



MY MENTORING
EXPERIENCE

Alumna Kate Wilson (New Hall 1979) shares her experience of being a mentor in our 2014-2015 pilot scheme.



In recent years I have become familiar with the difficulties facing able and talented women in reaching where they want to go in the workplace. I have greatly valued the support and shared experiences of other women, so volunteering to be part of the Murray Edwards Mentoring Programme felt like an obvious fit.

The experience has been very positive. An unexpected pleasure was to connect with other alumnae during the mentoring training – it is remarkable how easy it is to bond with others who have shared that special New Hall experience.

Most rewarding, though, is the connection you make with your mentee. I was paired with a young woman with whom I share many touchpoints around balancing work and family life and the issues of managing a career in a demanding corporate culture.

Our discussions also reflected on self-confidence and self-worth. So many women struggle with this; sharing and unpacking these concerns can be a positive exercise.

Although our conversations continue, I believe that our regular sessions have already led to progress. More than this, they have also led me to reflect on some of the decisions that I have taken in the course of my own career where I felt uncertain and when some mentoring could have made a positive difference.

I strongly recommend taking up the opportunity.

Thank you to those who sent us feedback on how we could make our mentoring programme bigger and better: because of you, the programme is now up and running!

How will it work?

The programme will see a younger alumna paired with a more senior alumna, either from the same sector or who can offer parallel experiences, advice and guidance. The intention is for the mentoring sessions to provide a confidential space in which to discuss and clarify the mentee's career and personal goals, and where the mentee will be encouraged and challenged to deal with any issues and explore their potential.

Mentors

We are looking for alumnae who matriculated between 1979-1996 to apply to become mentors. Full training* will be provided, with kind thanks to Hilary Douglas (New Hall, 1968) and Sarah Gornall (New Hall, 1968) as in previous years, to allow you to make the most of your mentor / mentee relationship. We will be in regular contact with you throughout the programme to see how you are getting on.

Mentees

We are looking for alumnae who matriculated between 1997-2008 to take part as a mentee. We recognise that you are likely at a tipping point in your career, where life / work decisions, career changes and career progression are common challenges. We want to support you through these moments, and have designed the mentoring programme in the hope that it will do exactly that.

Applying

If you are interested in applying to become a mentor or a mentee, please contact: alumnae@murrayedwards.cam.ac.uk.

Please note: although we strive, as far as possible, to match all willing alumnae with a mentor / mentee this is not always possible.

*Training is required for all mentors. We will be offering two dates in September.

Students' activities

Our students continue to inspire us with their courage to tackle issues that feel unjust, even when these issues are outside the remit of their direct studies.

Ellen Robertson is one such student. She is championing gender equality in STEM alongside her PhD, and recently held a conference to place a spotlight on the importance of collaboration for driving change. Here, she explains her motivation and approach.



I'm studying gender development, so I'm already highly aware of the gender differences in participation in STEM. I'm studying under the supervision of Melissa Hines and as a research group we look at the causes of gender difference and the ways it's expressed. It seemed relevant to be able to link this way of thinking to a specific industry where I felt there was a particular problem with a view to finding solutions.

I strongly believe that greater collaboration will lead to more rigorous science. I'd been dissatisfied with the lack of communication, interaction and partnership that the academic world has with external stakeholders so I wanted to create a forum where we could bring all parties together. And that's how the idea for a conference on "Collaborating for gender equality in STEM" was born.



JORG STANGE (@equal4success, @jorg_stange)

Together with the conference committee, I designed a conference that was about collaboration but also functioned collaboratively. We wanted to maximise opportunities for guests from different professional backgrounds to meet each other, hear each other's views, and keep in contact. This meant firstly inviting a range of students, local companies and organisations to attend, and secondly designing a programme that included interactive workshops, discussions on the talks, and catered coffee and lunch breaks to allow for this kind of networking.

The conference went really well – there was a lot of buzz on social media during the event, and since then we've had a lot of very positive comments. Many guests said that they learned a lot, and we are already hearing stories of how individuals are now changing their own behavior as a result of what was discussed. For example, inspired by Michelle Ryan's talk on how women's willingness to do extra tasks can be taken advantage of, some colleagues have told me that they are thinking twice before automatically accepting extra tasks.



You can contact our friendly events team on:
events@murrayedwards.cam.ac.uk
 01223 762267.



Planning a special event or conference?

Whether it's a wedding, milestone birthday, family reunion or academic conference, we would love to help you celebrate - and we offer special rates* to alumnae who use College as their venue!

WHAT CAN WE OFFER?

Seasonal fine dining
 or a bespoke menu created in partnership with our Head Chef

Two conference venues
 able to seat 150 people, with space for breakout sessions and AV facilities

An intimate, contemporary setting
 for drinks and canapé receptions: the Fellows' Drawing Room

The ultimate "wow" factor
 of the Dome for weddings and large parties

Accommodation on site:
 the College has 159 en suite bedrooms, singles and twins available during vacations

We're proud to have looked after high profile clients such as Astra Zeneca, the Royal Society of Chemistry, Deloitte and the Wellcome Trust, and would love to support you!

*Alumnae receive 10% off the total cost of any booking, and 10% off the cost of a wedding package (conditions apply).

Spotlight on the New Hall Art Collection

2017 has been a big year for the New Hall Art Collection. We took the first steps towards seeking Accreditation for the collection. We launched the Collecting Collective. And we started a partnership with Hong Kong.



The New Hall Art Collection is free to visit and open to the public daily from 10am-6pm.

We have a new Eileen Cooper painting on display in the Dome called 'In the Moment' (top right), which we have borrowed while our 'Perpetual Spring' (bottom right) is on loan to Wolfson College for their exhibition 'A Woman's Skin'.



MARTIN BOND PHOTOGRAPHY

The benefits of becoming an Accredited collection are significant for us, not least the new funding avenues that would open up to us. But it was also important to recognise that Accreditation may necessitate changes in how we manage the collection – which could in turn impact the College. We therefore wanted to give all interested parties (students, staff, Fellows, external partners) a voice in our journey to Accreditation, so we held a series of consultations where together we discussed the opportunities and risks.

The launch of the Collecting Collective also marked a turning point for the collection. The Collecting Collective is a new acquisition and fundraising model that will allow us to purchase work for the collection rather than relying solely on donations. The model is simple: become a member, contribute towards acquisitions via a monthly donation / membership fee, once a year vote to select which work should be purchased from a shortlist of four proposed by the Curator and Advisory Group. There are three levels of membership available, each with different benefits. For more information, please contact Eliza Gluckman or Sarah Greaves: art@newhall.cam.ac.uk.

A trip to Hong Kong in March saw us forge a partnership with art critic and researcher Phoebe Wong and the Asia Art Archive to produce research on women artists in Hong Kong over the last fifty years.

Looking ahead to the rest of 2017, we are planning an exciting panel discussion in November with Kettle's Yard including Turner Prize artist Anthea Hamilton and philanthropist and collector Valeria Napoleone. More information and details of our 2018 programme to follow – look out for details on the new Collection website later this year.



The Collecting Collective is a new acquisition and fundraising model that will allow us to purchase work for the collection

Say yes



Keeping in touch. Something we all mean to do, but something we don't always manage. Kate Downer (New Hall, 1998) tells us why she was glad she made the time.



I've never really been a Kander and Ebb person. I've seen *Cabaret* once, I can't bear *New York, New York* and I didn't know who Chita Rivera was until I started writing this and looked at K&E's Wikipedia page. But I just *love* Liza Minnelli. And there's a song Kander and Ebb wrote for Liza-with-a-Z called *Yes*. If you don't know it, give it a go. If you do know it, today's a good day to refresh your memory:

**When opportunity comes your way
You can't start wondering what to say
You'll never win if you never play
Say yes
Yes I'll look, yes I'll walk
Yes I'd love to do such and such
Yes I'll try, yes I'll dare
Yes I'll fly, yes I'll share**



WINSTON SANDERS

I'm smiling even as I type because life is just so busy. I bet I'm not alone in my hesitation to take something else on, to promise to be somewhere, to give up the ever-decreasing pockets of time when I'm not supposed to be doing something else. It's easy to see this level of busyness as a sign of success, or a flourishing career. And while either of those might be true, we all benefit from some Socrates now and again; specifically, his reminder to *beware the barrenness of a busy life*.

So when one of your friends suggests that a few of you go along to the Cambridge Society of Kent's winter lunch, it's easy to say no.



We won't know anyone (we didn't).
 We'll be the youngest people there (we were – it turned out not to be the end of the world).
 We don't live in Kent (we caught the train).
 And the biggie: it'll be boring (it wasn't).

We listened, because hearing Dame Barbara Stocking talk about how our college, Murray Edwards, is helping outstanding young women to achieve their potential was the most engaging thing we'd heard in ages. We chatted. We had lunch. We made some new connections, and we agreed this sort of thing was worth crowbarring into our busy little lives. We'll be back.

**DATE FOR
YOUR DIARY**

Alumnae weekend
22-24 September

Please join us for the much loved Alumnae Weekend. Festivities will include our Alumnae Dinner and New Hall Society Annual General Meeting in College on Saturday evening, as well as activities on Sunday to showcase the New Hall Art Collection, College gardens and library. We hope to see you there – especially reunion years 1957, 1967, 1977, 1987, 1997 and 2007. For more information, please visit our website:
www.murrayedwards.cam.ac.uk/alumnae/events

Thank you

Your generosity this year has helped our students reach their potential and harness their talents in sometimes unexpected and unusual ways. We invited our students to say thank you. Here is what they sent us!

Thank You Donors

for allowing me to see and understand the art and architecture that I have studied for the last two years. Being able to see works in real life, particularly architecture, which is difficult to reproduce in photos allowed me to improve my performance in exams, and revision. Your money helped me go to Paris and Florence with experts, greatly aiding my studies. With thanks, Alice.

I received the Rosemary academic funds to be able to do attend global conferences in the United States & present my work in front of experts & peers.

It was a great opportunity that will allow me to publish research on urban water systems in Egypt, that has not been previously addressed.

Thank you!

Thank you so much for your support in being part of the Blues cricket team. Your funding has allowed me to continue playing the sport I love at a high level, which is a crucial part of my uni experience. Thank you! Hannah

Dear Donor,

Thank you very much for the funding that support my fieldwork in China

This is crucial for my PhD and also for the most trafficked animal in the world, pangolin. So a big thank you from the cute pangolin as well!

~ 謝謝 ~

Best
Yifan Wang





Ask Gardener Jo



We put your horticultural queries to our fabulous Head Gardener Jo Cobb. Here are her answers:

#GardenerJo would it be possible to have an information board of the names and pictures of all the lovely flowers somewhere in College?

Amarpreet Kaur

Jo says: You are right, we should have more information for people about the garden and I like your idea of a simple board with pictures. The Grateful Gardener posts pictures on Social Media for you to follow too (and you can see a sample of his wonderful photography on the next page).

Given that frost has hit so late in Spring - what is the best way of salvaging some of my plants this season who seem to have suffered, such as geraniums?

Daniela Kotzmann

Jo says: Oh dear! I hope some stems have survived and are well enough to sprout when the weather warms. I put fleece on plants in our gardeners' yard when frost is forecast in spring. This year the fleece blew away in the night so the tips of the plants were burned. They seem to have grown out of it quite well. It's all very chancy at this time of year.

I don't have a garden, but I'm keen to grow some herbs. What would be suitable for growing on my windowsill in summer?

Elizabeth Stroud

Jo says: I've only ever grown basil and mint on my windowsill when I was in the same predicament as you. They both need light and quite lot of water. Sow the basil seeds in a pot with multipurpose compost and just let them grow, cutting when needed. I like Genovese basil with nice big leaves, but there are many different varieties in the seed catalogues. Mint is also easy to propagate from slips which root quickly in water. Here in the garden we grow Moroccan mint for tea making. Infuse leaves with a little fresh sage leaf and thyme and lemon verbena (*Aloysia citrodora*) if you have it, for a very refreshing tea. I would also try growing a pot of chives because all kinds of chives are so good in egg and cheese dishes.

IMAGES: PETER KIRKHAM (GARDENER)



**DATES FOR
YOUR DIARY**

2017

5 - 11 SEP
Director of
Development
in Hong Kong

16 SEP
President's
address to
the Surrey
Cambridge
Society

22 - 24 SEP
Alumnae
Weekend,
Cambridge

4 NOV
The
Cambridge
Society in
Derbyshire
annual lunch

2018

1 MAR
International
Women's
Day, London

10 MAR
New Hall
Society
International
Day,
Cambridge

21 - 23 SEP
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