Dear Life Members,

It was an immense privilege to award degrees to our students at my first graduation ceremony as Clare Hall’s President and to meet their families, partners and friends. As we processed from the Cloister in the Old Schools towards the steps into the Senate House, I remembered climbing over the railings to see my own exam results as an undergraduate and reflected on how astounded I would have been to be told that I would one day be deputising for the Vice Chancellor!

Colleges are rushing to complete repairs and refurbishments in August, and Clare Hall is no exception. Our own dining hall is being spruced up, ready for the new influx of students in Michaelmas, and Life Members attending Formal Halls.

With best wishes,

Professor Alan Short
President of Clare Hall

The latest news

Graduation
Clare Hall was delighted to have nine of its students graduate last month, with our next group doing so on Saturday 18 September. Click below to take a look at our photo gallery from the day, and join in congratulating our talented graduands!

Get a glimpse of the day

Sustainable structures
Life Member and architect Wesam Al Asali was recently awarded a sustainability Fellowship at Princeton. There he will explore environmental crises and trends of habitation in Syria and ways to address these through sustainable architecture.

Read more
Further details

**A cultural voyage**

Born in the UK and raised as an observant Muslim with liberal values, in his memoir *Border Crossings: My Journey as a Western Muslim* (Unbound, 2021), Life Member Mohammad Chowdhury writes on the cultural isolation he felt as a young man growing up in London and Bangladesh, where relatives labelled him ‘the Englishman’.

The conscious mind

Emeritus Fellow, Professor Barbara Sahakian’s latest collaborative research project has uncovered how the brain chemical dopamine plays a key role in consciousness. Her research shines new light on approaches to patient care and offers better understanding of anaesthesia.

Reach out

**Drawing inspiration**

We are still seeking Life Member illustrators, both amateur and professional, to collaborate with in designing our Michaelmas 2021 wine label and other projects! Should you specialise in another area of the arts, please do still get in touch, as we may find other projects for you down the road.

Please email lifemembers@clarehall.cam.ac.uk with your portfolio. Any work commissioned will of course be paid.

**Stay connected**

The 2021 issue of the *Review* will be released this Michaelmas. Want to enjoy the latest issue and take a look back at Clare Hall’s activities over the past year? Be sure to update your contact details in advance by clicking the button below, so we can be sure it reaches you!

Dates for your diary

**Book Club**

*Tuesday 7 September, 8pm*

Join Clare Hall’s (currently virtual) book club, this month discussing Nobel Prize-winning author, Kazuo Ishiguro’s latest release *Klara and the Sun* (2021). Told through the perspective of an ‘Artificial Friend’ looking out of a shop window hoping to join a family.

**Alumni Festival**

*Sunday 26 September, 4pm*

Click below to reserve your place at Clare Hall’s remote session ‘Where does science stand on the Shroud of Turin?’ with Emeritus Fellow, Professor Peter Wadhams, as part of the University’s Alumni Festival. Guests will be sent a Zoom link and further details the week of the event.
Further details

Ongoing opportunities & information

Formal Halls

Formal Halls are back every Wednesday at Clare Hall. In line with Covid restrictions, a limited number of places are available. Please be aware that if uptake is for less than 15 guests, the Hall may be cancelled. For those who struggle with the Upay system, you can email formals@clarehall.cam.ac.uk to book your spot.

How to book

Swimming pool

Our swimming pool has reopened on a limited basis (due to the need for increased safety at this time) and is currently available free for Life Members. The College is trialling a new booking and cleaning system and users are encouraged to pay careful attention to the new protocols on the website.

Further details

Overseas banking

To our wonderful donors supporting Clare Hall from overseas bank accounts: please note that our IBAN has changed from GB95 BARC 2017 6830 2223 56 to GB20 BARC 2017 6830 2223 56. Any gifts sent to GB95 will return to your account, but your bank may not inform you if it did not reach us. You can compare your records with our full details by visiting our ‘Support us’ page.

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Share your news

Do you have a story, project or other news to share with the Clare Hall community? Email Katherine Selby, the College’s Communications & Marketing Manager, on communications.manager@clarehall.cam.ac.uk.

Read more news from Clare Hall

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