Dear Life Members and friends,

Clare Hall has enjoyed a vibrant Michaelmas Term. The College was full, having awoken from many months of lockdown. It was sad for us all to cancel the Christmas Feast and empty our December diaries, however, the past year has taught us how to throw virtual gatherings and several are coming up.

The Fitzwilliam String Quartet’s first concert with us is on Saturday 8 January and our 2022 Tanner Lectures on the philosophical and moral challenges of providing for the health of a nation are being hosted in early February. In whatever form, we really look forward to seeing many of you there.

A very Happy Christmas to all, and best wishes,

Professor Alan Short
President of Clare Hall

The latest news

A star honoured

The research of the late Professor John Barrow, former Fellow of Clare Hall and Professor of Mathematical Sciences at the University of Cambridge, was recently honoured during a specialist discussion organised by the Royal Astronomical Society. Professor Barrow’s research used astronomy to probe fundamental physics, determining the slow variations in the ‘constants of nature’ during earlier epochs of cosmic history.

Ancient party

Clare Hall Visiting Fellow Professor Georgia Mouroutsou’s paper on ancient hedonism has been published in Ancient Philosophy. Georgia tells us that “Rather than offering an overwhelming argument against hedonism, the paper shows that Socrates discusses three fundamental possibilities of life as candidates for the good human life”. An interesting read as we all spend the season indulging a touch more than usual!

A knight’s tale

Breathing easier
Learn something new

Life Member Dr Natalia Petrovskaja has won the *Journal of the International Arthurian Society*’s essay prize for 2021 with her paper titled ‘Peredur and the Problem of Inappropriate Questions’. Her article questions the relationship between the medieval Welsh version of the Grail narrative, the *Historia Peredur van Efrawc*, and the French *Conte du Graal* of Chrétien de Troyes and the seeming inconsistencies in the Welsh tale’s presentation in the context of medieval Welsh customs and legal tradition.

Kevin Kung, a Life Member of Clare Hall, co-leads an effort to tackle northern India’s smog crisis and has been awarded the Earthshot Prize and £1 million in recognition for its innovative and environmentally beneficial work. The Takachar Project has developed a cheap, small-scale, portable technology that attaches to tractors in remote farms, converting crop residue into sellable bio-products like fuel and fertiliser and reducing smoke emissions by up to 98%.

To catch-up on all of our stories from the past term, visit clarehall.cam.ac.uk/news.

**Supplying Covid-19**

*Available now*

Life Member Dr Yossi Sheffi, the Elisha Gray II Professor of Engineering Systems at MIT, appears in a podcast focusing on global supply chains in the pandemic. An expert in systems optimisation, risk analysis and supply chain management, Dr Sheffi discusses the unprecedented global supply and demand shocks created by the Covid-19 pandemic and how the world economy has adapted to provide consumers with food, goods and vaccines in record time.

**The Tanner Lecture on AI & Human Values**

*Available now*

2021’s Obert C. Tanner Lecture was led by speaker Ruha Benjamin, Professor of African American Studies at Princeton University. The lecture ‘Black Mirror: Race, AI & Inequity in the 21st Century’ explored how technology has the potential to hide discrimination and how one can decode tech promises by using historical and sociological insight.

Look out for news in January of the upcoming 2022 Tanner Lectures!
**Book Club**

*Tuesday 4 January, 8pm*


Follow the link below to join the Clare Hall Book Club.

[Click here](#)

**Fitzwilliam Quartet concert**

*Saturday 8 January, 7.30pm*

We are delighted to announce the College’s new Quartet-in-Residence, the Fitzwilliam String Quartet, who shall be performing their first Clare Hall concert in January featuring the works of Purcell, Haydn and Beethoven.

This concert is now expected to be streamed online due to the recent rise in Covid cases. Please click the button below for news when it is released.

[Click here](#)

**'The Art and Heart of Leonardo' art exhibition**

*13 January - 10 February*

Clare Hall's Art Committee presents 'The Art and Heart of Leonardo', an exhibition chiefly of Leonardo da Vinci's anatomical drawings, celebrating both art and science through contemporary eyes.

Co-curator and Honorary Fellow, Francis Wells, is a cardiac surgeon at the Royal Papworth Hospital and author of *The Heart of Leonardo* (2013), exploring the accuracy of Leonardo's observation and physiological reasoning.

If you wish to attend this in-person exhibition, please note the Clare Hall safety guidance included at the bottom of the page linked below.

[Click here](#)

**Lecture on John Piper's stained glass**

*Friday 21 January, 7pm*

Emeritus Fellow Professor Frances Spalding will give a talk on John Piper's stained glass for the British Society of Master Glass Painters. The Society's first online lecture of the new year coincides with the Centenary touring exhibition of Piper's windows in Bristol. Piper's work often focused on the British landscape, especially churches and monuments, and included tapestry designs, book jackets, screen-prints, photography, fabrics and ceramics.

This talk is being streamed online, please click below for further information on attending.

[Click here](#)

**Ongoing opportunities & information**

Clare Hall was sad to cancel all festive feasts and carol services from mid-December following the rise in Covid cases in the UK. January in-person events are uncertain at this time and we shall let our Life Members know what is available in the new year.

Formal Halls are currently not taking place and we will alert Life Members when they are available again. Please email lifemembers@clarehall.cam.ac.uk with any questions.
Visiting College

Clare Hall is currently still open to visitors and if this changes, Life Members will be notified in January. We recommend visitors to check the Domestic Bursar’s latest update.

Guests are asked to wear a mask at all times whilst indoors unless they are dining; to exercise social distancing; and are strongly encouraged to complete a lateral flow test in advance.

[Read the latest on visiting College]

Swimming pool

The swimming pool will close between Friday 24 December and reopen on Monday 3 January, with the exception of Monday 27 December to Wednesday 29 December.

Clare Hall is using a new software called Booker to allow members to book their place in College facilities. Members must create and use a Booker account, which they can request by following the link below. Although every effort will be made to approve new accounts during the festive period, please allow for a delay during a time of reduced staff.

[Create your Booker account now]

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.

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