Brexit Statement from the President

It cannot have escaped the attention of anybody reading this that the UK is leaving the EU on 29th March. Or maybe. Or on some other date. Or maybe not. Or maybe half-leaving. Like every other organisation, we are in a state of mild despair at the uncertainty, and we are having to plan for a whole range of contingencies in the short and medium term. In common with all other colleges, we are working with the University through the Senior Tutors’ Committee, the Bursars’ Committee and the Committee of Heads of Colleges to ensure that there is a co-ordinated approach. So far as we can see, all the foreseeable short-term risks have been catered for – though inevitably it will probably be the unforeseen and unforeseeable risks which cause the problems. From the College’s point of view, so far as the medium and long terms are concerned, we are in very much the same position as every other college which admits graduate students: there may (and probably will) be a reduction in the number of students coming from EU countries, but Cambridge will remain a world-leading university and we are not envisaging any substantial fall-off in student numbers. We are unique in having a large Visiting Fellow programme, but we have seen nothing to suggest that that will be affected; and unless we expect that Life Members will be able to come to Cambridge very much as they can do today. But we wish all the uncertainty would end...

Best wishes

Professor David Ibbetson, President

Boat Club News

This year has been great for Clare Hall rowing! We had the honour of unveiling a brand new trophy blade after bumping all four days in May bumps with the men’s team last year. This year we had an awesome turnout for the induction with about 40 students expressing interest, which is more than one in five students. The mission of our club is to allow any Clare Hall member to enjoy rowing, coxing and spectating. So far we are doing well and will continue to strive for this!

We are always looking to improve our equipment if you would like to make a contribution to us to repaint our blades, to buy a new cox box, to sponsor our kit or to contribute to a new boat, you can make a donation online and choose to support the Boat Club. We also have plans to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Boat Club in 2020 - watch out for news to come!

Marno van der Maas
Clare Hall Boat Club President 2018-2019

Click here to read the full news item about the Boat Club
Refurbished Common Room area

Clare Hall is widely regarded as one of Ralph Erskine's greatest buildings, so it was fitting that the iconic 20th-century Swedish based architect was the inspiration behind the refurbishment of the Common Room – the College's main shared space, where members relax, converse and study. Interior designer Magnus Englund has written a short piece on how Erskine's take on modernism shaped the new design. A big thank you to our Life Members who made a gift to the Liz Ramsden Appeal in 2016, which partially enabled us to fund this project.

Richard Eden Suite refurbishment

Autumn 2018 also saw the complete refurbishment of the Richard Eden Suite in Gillian Beer house. Part-funded by a generous donation from Fellow Commoner, Graeme Harrower, the College has been able to completely refit the rooms and make them fit for purpose for both internal College functions and external bookings. The project comprised a complete internal redecoration (including new flooring, curtains and lighting), installation of a new, improved, AV system and bespoke conference furniture. Lighting was also added to the glass-fronted bookcases, to illuminate the volumes contained within. Special care had to be taken with the wiring for the AV installation. To ensure that the under-floor heating pipes were not damaged, an infra-red (thermal-imaging) survey of the entire floor was conducted, to identify the location of these pipes. Once the refurbishment was completed, appropriate artwork from the College Art Collection was selected, by Frances Spalding (Emeritus Fellow), for display.

Clare Hall Reunion - the Michael Stoker Years (1980 - 1987)

Save the date - Saturday 13 July 12.00pm -Stoker Reunion
We would like to invite everyone who studied, worked or lived in Clare Hall from 1980 and until 1987; i.e. during the Stoker presidency to our Reunion Lunch on Saturday 13th July 2019. We hope this will be a chance to catch up with old friends and colleagues. Pre-lunch drinks will be served at 12pm with lunch available from 12.30pm. Partners and spouses are most welcome.

We hope as many as possible can join us and we would invite you to bring any photos or memorabilia that you wish to share with us on the day. Invitations will shortly be sent out.

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**CH Connect - launch of networking site for Life Members**

We recently launched our own **Clare Hall Connect**, which is a networking platform to enable Life Members and friends to get in touch with each other and to offer to mentor and give work advice to fellow Life Members around the world. We currently have over 500 Clare Hall people signed up on the platform from around the world and with many different business attributes. You can sign up in less than two minutes by importing your LinkedIn or Facebook profile or just login with an email address. Please join up with other Life Members at [www.clarehallconnect.uk](http://www.clarehallconnect.uk)

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**Watch recordings of the Tanner, Ashby and King Lectures online**

Did you know that you can watch or listen to recordings of previous Tanner Lectures, Ashby Lectures and King Lectures on Cambridge University Streaming Media service? You can watch lectures from other colleges and institutions here too.

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We hope you have enjoyed your Clare Hall e-newsletter. However, we welcome your feedback & suggestions on how we can make this even more relevant to our Life Members.

Best wishes

Marie, Catherine & Heather