I am writing this as the sun is shining outside my office window and the Japanese blossom
tree in Fellows Garden is just coming into bloom! 2017 has begun with renewed vigour and
enthusiasm after the end of our celebrations of the 50th Anniversary Year. Whilst we have
looked back over the milestone of the last 50 years, we also look forward to continuing the
programme of renewed relationships and re-engaged Life Members through our
communications, events and through your involvement of Clare Hall life today. Our
Anniversary Campaign will continue into 2017 to fundraise for vital projects and further news of
the progress of this can be found on our website and through our new Anniversary Donor
Report which will be published before the summer.

Professor David Ibbetson, President

**Pippard Years Reunion**

*Clare Hall Reunion 1966 to 1973: the Pippard years*

We would like to welcome everyone who studied, worked or lived in Clare Hall from its founding
in 1966 until 1973 (i.e. during the Pippard presidency) to our Reunion Day on Friday 14 July
2017.

You can join us at any time during the day, but the program will start at **10.30am** with
tea/coffee on arrival. In the morning we will have a series of presentations and reminiscences
of what it was like in this brand new college, from some of those who were here as Fellows,
students or family members.

This is followed by a chance to catch up with old friends over an informal buffet lunch. In the
afternoon there will be a musical programme, followed by afternoon tea and the day will end
with the President's closing remarks at around **4pm**.

We hope as many as possible can join us. For more information and to book to attend please
go to our [website](http://clarehall.cam.ac.uk)

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**Clare Hall Inspires - Inaugural Mentoring Event**

'Clare Hall Inspires' was held on Thursday, 9 March in the Richard Eden Suite at West Court.
This one day personal and professional development workshop was developed by the College
postdoc representatives for the entire College community as a way of exploring the many
benefits of a College affiliation. Attendees were invited to think through the ways their College
connection might benefit them both personally and professionally.

Sessions included a presentation from the Careers Service, 'speed mentoring' with Fellows
and Life Members, a career mapping activity, a panel discussion with CH Life Members from
academia, industry and business and, of course, lots of time for networking together in the early-spring sunshine.

For more on postdoc life at Clare Hall, visit www.clarehall.cam.ac.uk/postdoctoral-members

If you are interested in helping out with further mentoring sessions for our graduates and postdocs, please contact the Development Officer on 01223 332368 / or email directly on development@clarehall.cam.ac.uk

Contact Development Office to offer Mentoring

2016 Telephone Campaign Update

The 2016 Anniversary Telephone Campaign raised over £20,000 including many new legacy pledges and gifts of regular support. Our nine wonderful callers spoke to some 300 Life Members and friends located worldwide over the course of the two-week campaign just before Christmas. Around half of those contacted responded positively by making a gift.

Thanking the students, Fellows and Life Members who took the calls, Development Director Dr Marie Janson commented: “It is always rewarding to hear about the achievements and experiences of our Life Members and friends at Clare Hall and beyond – so inspiring for our callers and for the wider college community. We are deeply grateful for the commitment that our Life Members are willing to offer the College in terms of support, guidance and encouragement. Thank you! Every gift to the 50th Anniversary Campaign collectively has a transformative impact on the college and the community of Clare Hall members.” Fundraising towards the target is still continuing and you can still make your gift towards supporting Clare Hall. All of our donors will be recorded in our Anniversary Donor report which will be published as a hard copy in June and will also be available online.

Make your gift towards the 2016 Anniversary Campaign

Concrete Works at Clare Hall - Summer 2017

The concrete repairs to the buildings on the Main Site are scheduled to happen in the summer and plans are now in full swing. Contractors are appointed and the timetabling for the phases of the work is almost complete. You will recall that in the autumn last year, we first announced the project plan, and mentioned how this vital work may affect college life. The work will take around 6 weeks – hopefully less if all goes well – but will make a significant amount of accommodation inaccessible and will also be rather noisy during the first part of the project when the concrete is drilled away. We are also replacing electric cables and power supplies and this will mean some episodes of turning off the power for a few hours at a time – with plenty of notice of course. The work will be starting at around 8am each day with a break during the lunch period and then continuing until 4pm. The walkways and passages on the main site will be fenced off and college members redirected along a safe route to minimise any risks while work is under way. The work starts on 17th July and we will reopen for business as usual on Sept 4th.

Allocation of accommodation is going to be very difficult and limited during the summer. The buildings in West Court will be the only options available for use by Life Members. During the day our college may feel and look like a construction site for a period, but we will of course
continue to make time to welcome those that are here with us. There will clearly be a shortage of rooms this year, as we have to allocate accommodation to Visiting Fellows as a priority, and then we will know which accommodation we have for allocation to Life Members. The work is costly; around £150K of investment going into the buildings and it is much needed. We will keep everyone informed and pass on more news as the dates draw closer. During this period the College will be open as usual.

However, if you have any questions at this stage about this, please email Tim Cottage tc334@cam.ac.uk or Jane Phelps domestic.bursar@clarehall.cam.ac.uk who will be glad to help answer your queries.

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**Garden Party - September 2017**

On September 23 September we will be holding a Garden Party at West Court, Clare Hall. This event is open to anyone who has made or pledged a gift to Clare Hall, including donors, legacy pledgers and volunteers. This event is by invitation only which will be sent out in the post and via email shortly.

This is a chance for us at Clare Hall to say a heartfelt “thank-you” to our supporters. We hope that you will join us to find out more about the Anniversary Campaign and to see the future projects that lie ahead of us, as well as joining us for lunch and a classic afternoon tea on the lawn.

Further details will be available on the website shortly.

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**Life Member Lunches at Clare Hall - 1st Thursday of the month**

Life Member lunches will continue in 2017 - every first Thursday in the month. The next one will take place on 6 April 2017. Life Members are invited to lunch with fellow Clare Hall members. You can purchase your ticket for £10 for 3 courses from the Porters’ Lodge and present it to the Servery staff when choosing your meal options.

Any queries please contact development@clarehall.cam.ac.uk

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible and making this a regular monthly chance to talk and share thoughts with fellow Life Members.

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**Message from the Bursar - Amanda Walker**

“As I think you may know by now, soon I am leaving the college. After almost three very happy years it hasn’t been an easy decision, and it will be a difficult parting, but sometimes everyone feels the need to change their way and style of life at some point and I am looking forward to changing my life too.

I do rather regret not having been more successful in moving the college beyond where we are today in terms of strengthening the endowment. Endowments are built through both fundraising success and investment performance; the impetus for funnelling even small gifts into the endowment rather than spending them is rooted in financial prudence. There are ramifications to this fiscal philosophy, including tight control over salaries, reining back on spending and an ageing physical infrastructure. Delayed gratification means that the college is now crying out for a fresh modernity and vitally some substantial sums
with which to help the college to elevate the Student, Fellow and visitor experience.

I’ve been asked quite a few times lately about what it’s like to be a Bursar, and now I’ve rehearsed an answer. Provided with sufficient robustness, in a professional sense it is a truly satisfying role. There is constant varied intellectual stimulation and the college consists of so many fascinating people drawn from a multitude of academic disciplines that it has been a privilege and a joy to occupy this role and I am profoundly grateful for the opportunity.”

Amanda Walker - Bursar

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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 & Erica

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