Dear Life Members,

Last August, our President shared the crisis colleges were facing and asked for your support. As Bursar, I am writing today to give you an update. Pandemics and lockdowns bring many challenges to colleges, not least financial. We felt a profound personal absence from the emptier halls, but the impact of these vacant buildings also significantly reduced our annual income, while additional expenditure was required to undertake initiatives to support our students remotely, as well as those few who remained on-site.

Thanks to the loyalty of our Life Members, Clare Hall has been able to face the consequences of the pandemic with some financial resilience and continue general operations, while maintaining the endowment we were forced to pluck from.

It is a credit to our Life Members giving unrestricted donations to ‘general support’ that we have weathered this economic storm. On behalf of the College, I want to thank you for all you have done for us over the past year; it has kept us afloat where we could have been swept away with the deluge.

I think I speak for everyone when I say how heartened we continually feel by the numerous ways our members remain involved in College life, and I’m sure you will enjoy but a handful of these instances below.

With best wishes,

Ian Strachan
Bursar of Clare Hall

The latest news

Honorary Fellow Ali Smith to present film at Hay Festival
To celebrate the conclusion of author Ali Smith’s seasonal quartet, she will be presenting a one-off film at this

Sustainable start-up star
Phycobloom, a start-up co-founded by Life Member Ian Hu, was named in the top 100 sustainability start-ups to watch by Sifted. The company conducts research on producing
year’s Hay Festival titled *SUMMER*. The online screening will take place Sunday 6th June.

Photo: Christian Sinibaldi

Learn more about Ian’s work

Read our news story

A cultural and academic journey of words

Former Visiting Fellow, Thomas Glave speaks on his journey to become Associate Editor of Wasafiri, a leading UK journal on international contemporary writing. Thomas also tells us about his current manuscript exploring racial barriers he experienced at the University of Cambridge back in 2012.

Read Thomas’ story

Learn more

Fitzwilliam Museum exhibition curated by Associate

Hettie Ward is Assistant Keeper in the Paintings, Drawings and Prints department at the Fitzwilliam Museum and has curated *Scent From Nature: Beauty’s Botanical Origins*, which features watercolours from the Fitzwilliam’s exceptional botanical collection. The exhibition is open now, and runs until 29th August 2021.

Further details

Dates for your diary

The GSB presents its Easter seminar series

**Thursday 27th May onwards**

Join Clare Hall's Graduate Student Body as they host a series of fascinating seminars. Things will kick off with Dr Priyali Ghosh discussing 'David Lester Richardson (1801-1865): A Romantic Anglo-Indian' and Loïc Lannelongue speaking about 'The hidden carbon footprint of computational research'.

Learn more

Clare Hall’s Boat Club returns to racing

**Wednesday 9th June onwards**

Bumps may have been cancelled this year, but from Wednesday 9th–Saturday 12th June, Clare Hall will be releasing daily digital CHBC content. Keep an eye on our social media, and if you are in the Cambridgeshire area, the CUCBC will also be running alternative races from Sunday 20th June.

Check back here from Wednesday 9th June!
Mehboob Nadeem
Saturday 12th June, from 8pm
Celebrated sitar-player Mehboob Nadeem presents an exclusive virtual concert, live from Clare Hall.

Further details

Ronan O’Hora
Saturday 26th June, from 8pm
Intimate Engagements 2021 continues with pianist Ronan O’Hora sharing a rendition of major works by Beethoven.

Learn more

For your information

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 account details by visiting our ‘Support us’ page as below:

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Swimming pool
The Clare Hall swimming pool has recently reopened on a limited basis due to the need for increased safety at this time. 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. Life Members are invited to use our booking system from Monday 7th June.

Further details

Stay connected with us

Clare Hall Connect
This dedicated platform allows Life Members to video chat and message each other, volunteer to mentor, or even post job adverts to Clare Hall peers!

Join us there
Share your news

Do you have a story, project or other news to share with the Clare Hall community? Email our Alumni Relations team on lifemembers@clarehall.cam.ac.uk as we gather blogs, news stories and social media content year-round.

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