Summer is finally upon us, although the change in weather came too late for the College annual cricket match between the President’s XI and the Students’, which was cancelled due to adverse weather conditions. Spirits may have been dampened by the lack of play, but the Cricket Club concluded their season with a formal dinner at which players and staff enjoyed a celebratory evening.

The academic year may have ended here in Cambridge, however, our graduate students are still working hard finishing their research and writing up their theses. Breaking the cycle of work, albeit briefly, the students held a Summer Soirée with a Lost in Wonderland theme in the Fellows’ Garden last weekend and the weather stayed good!

Summer sees the return of several Life Members who make the annual return to the College, and we wish them and those who are unable to make the visit this year, well.

Best wishes

Professor David Ibbetson, President

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Clare Hall wins Gold at Green Impact Awards

This year is the seventh year of the Green Impact scheme in the University, and on Friday 21 June the University came together to celebrate the achievements of the 50 department and College teams that participated this year. This is the third year that Clare Hall has participated in the scheme and the second time we have won a Gold Award.

Students instigated a trial of recycling food waste across our student buildings in all areas of the site. They recruited like-minded students to assist in food recycling in each student house. This trial alongside the ongoing initiatives we have across the site, British Heart Foundation pack for good, and Terra Cycle writing instruments recycling contributed to this year’s success.

In addition, staff continue to monitor process’ and buying strategies across the site to ensure we are ‘green’ as possible. We have lots of good ideas for next years challenge and hope to support the incoming students to continue food recycling.
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Donate to the Student Mental Health Fund

Over the past year we have learned more about the barriers that some of our students face; barriers that prevent them from making the most of their brief time here, or even force them to consider giving up their studies altogether. To combat two of these most pressing student issues, we need your support.

With rising global economic instability, we have seen a sharp rise in requests for financial aid. An average of forty or more students ask for help each year mainly due to unforeseen financial shortage. This is particularly acute for our PhD students, especially if their work extends beyond the period of their grant funding. Other urgent cases appear where students are self-funding their studies, and their source of income or support dries up. By making a gift today, you can directly help students in hardship.

We are also seeing more students asking for help with mental health issues. The empowerment students feel to reach out is a positive sign of an increased awareness and reduced stigma around mental health. We are also in a much better position to help, with counselling or referrals to specialist services available. However, counselling is still very expensive to access and more than one session is often necessary—but you can make all the difference to a student in such a struggle.

In order to help students in the most efficient and expedient way, the College would like to set up a Clare Hall Relief Fund for Student Hardship and Mental Health.

Please consider making donation to directly help the Clare Hall students facing these barriers today, thank you!

Congratulations to the Clare Hall Boat Club!
Clare Hall Boat Club surpassed itself in this year’s May Bumps; on the last day of the races both the women’s and the men’s crews were up for blades. The women narrowly lost out on getting their blades by virtue of running out of the course on the river to chase the boat ahead of them! The men’s crew had a bit more luck and their hard work paid off, earning them blades. The combined achievement of both teams from the College meant that we won the Pegasus Cup. The Cup is awarded to the most successful Boat Club competing in the May Bumping Races. What an amazing achievement for both our crews at this year’s May Bumps. Congratulations to everyone who took part and to all our supporters!

Life Member news please!

We love to hear news from our Life Members around the world. We are shortly about to compile news for the next publication of the Review, so please do share with us any news of appointments, publications, family news and honours and awards. You can fill in our online form or email the Development Office directly on development@clarehall.cam.ac.uk

Join up with Life Members

You are welcome to join Clare Hall Connect – the official networking platform for Life Members. Clare Hall Connect enables you to:

• Re-connect – Find and reminisce with classmates, see what they have been up to and stay in touch.
• Give back – Introduce, employ and be a mentor to our graduate students.
• Expand – Leverage your professional network to get introduced to people you should know.
• Get ahead – Advance your career through inside connections working in top companies and institutions.

You can sign up in less than two minutes by importing your Linkedin or Facebook profile. Join now at clarehallconnect.uk

New videos on Youtube channel

Don’t forget to watch new Clare Hall videos uploaded onto our Youtube Channel, including coverage of our Erskine Symposium, literary talks and celebrations of Marjorie Chibnall and Ann Johnson Bursaries on our video channel.

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