Summer has arrived in Cambridge with the presence of masses of tourists in the city centre and on the punts on the River Cam, and for us at Clare Hall with the start of the major building programme on our main site. Whilst coping with the restrictions on movement around the main site, we have been able to undertake the necessary concrete repairs which will see the college become structurally stable for the future. This has meant that some of our Life Members have not been able to stay in college during their annual return visits to the college this year however, we hope that they will return to college finding it in a better shape next time they visit.

I am very pleased to be hosting our first ever Garden Party to thank all our supporters in September at West Court. This will be our opportunity to say thank you and for you to find out about our future plans for the next phase of the college, I do hope you will join us.

Professor David Ibbetson, President

Clare Hall Garden Party

Clare Hall is holding a Garden Party for all its supporters

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 about the programme for the day are available on the website

Liz Ramsden Fund - update / Life Member events in Canada

Last year we set up the Liz Ramsden Fund to which so many of our generous Life Members...
made a gift. Part of the remit for establishing the Fund was to enable Liz to travel to places which hold a special significance for her and she has chosen to make a return visit to Canada as a result of this. Whilst in Canada, Liz will be kindly hosting two Life Member events in Toronto and Calgary. Please visit our website for further information and to book a place.

Clare Hall Reunion - the Pippard Years

On the 14th July, Clare Hall hosted our first ever reunion for anyone who was at Clare Hall during the Pippard years, 1966 to 1973, whether as a student, Visiting Fellow or Fellow. 35 guests took part in the celebrations and reminiscence and were joined by Lady Charlotte Pippard, and daughters Eleanor, Corrina, and Debbie. A wonderful lunch was provided and many memories were shared amongst friends and colleagues. You can read the full news item here, and view the photos from the day as well.

We are now looking ahead to our next reunion event which will take place in 2018: the Honeycombe years 1973 to 1980. More information to follow.

Maintenance Works at Clare Hall Summer 2017 - update

Our plans for the concrete repairs have gone very well and we have had less noise and disturbance that we expected. The contractors are working to their time plans, and at this stage are a few days ahead – great news for us all. On the date of having to move everyone out of the main site accommodation, Sunday July 16th, we had a team of our staff from housekeeping and maintenance departments helping our members relocate and move to West Court. This was carried out very smoothly, and by 12 noon everyone had moved to where they should be. Thank you everyone for working so well together and ensuring that this went without a hitch.

We have completed our complex electrical refit project and had a trouble free weekend of power by generator for main site building while our main incoming power supply cables and fuse boards were replaced. Our thanks to those residents that had to go without hot water during this shut down – we are very grateful to you for being so understanding.

We have now got many more projects underway. We have refurbished the ALB computer room and music room and they look lovely and provide much better facilities. We have refurbished the servery and the area looks very smart and much more spacious.

The other projects to tackle are painting exteriors of buildings, painting fences and keeping the gardens looking colourful and welcoming. We have many visitors due to come in August, including a group from China that are going to be in residence from August 13th. I am sure that they will be very pleased with our College and enjoy their time in Cambridge.

Jane Phelps - Domestic Bursar
Friends of Clare Hall Art Society

Friends of Clare Hall Art Society (FCHAS) is a new initiative led by Helaine Blumenfeld OBE in support of art projects at Clare Hall. The College holds a significant art collection of mostly contemporary British artworks. FCHAS aims to strengthen and promote Clare Hall’s network of artists, art historians and Fellows from other disciplines from the UK and abroad with an interest in the arts. It is also an opportunity to meet other like-minded individuals with an interest in art. Life Members can join FCHAS by taking up an annual membership which includes free attendance to FCHAS events and one formal dinner in college. For more information about membership and forthcoming events see FCHAS webpage.

Canadian Tax Laws changing

For many years the Development Office at Clare Hall has been able to issue tax receipts to enable our Canadian Life Members to claim tax relief on donation to Clare Hall. However, there have been some recent changes in advise from the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) regarding the issuance of tax receipts you need to be aware of.

In summary, with effect from 11th May 2017, the University will no longer be able to issue Canadian tax receipts for donations received by Colleges or the Cambridge Trust. This guidance also applies to donations received by the University on behalf of another entity. Note that all previous donations are unaffected by the guidance as it does not have to be backdated. We, along with all the Cambridge colleges are working with the University and its Development department, CUDAR, on finding a way forward and are taking legal advice on this. You can of course still donate to Clare Hall, but not claim tax relief. I am very sorry to have to share this while unable to bring a solution to the table but we will keep you updated on any changes. Meanwhile, please don't hesitate to contact the Development Office if you have any questions.

Update your details with us

Do we have your updated details? If you have moved house or changed your job recently then please let us know of your new address and new business details in order to receive the annual Clare Hall Review and other notifications about events, reunions, lectures, concerts and art exhibitions. Our online update page allows you to do this easily and filling it in only takes a few moments. Thank you.

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