

Award win for West Court

West Court has scooped the Conservation, Alteration or Extension of an Existing Building award at this year's Cambridge Design and Construction Awards.

Co-sponsored by Cambridge City Council, Cambridge Forum for the Construction Industry and Cambridge News, the annual awards celebrate buildings which are judged to have best met the criteria of excellent design appropriate to its context, good quality workmanship and materials, and sustainability.

West Court has also been shortlisted for this year's RIBA East (Royal Institute of British Architects) regional awards. Shortlisted buildings will be assessed by a regional jury in April, with the winners announced at the end of May.



Science Festival success

Four Cambridge Science Festival lectures by College Fellows held audiences enthralled this month, with topics ranging from bioscience research to innovations in dyeing, how science is developing in the modern age to making things colder than anything in outer space.



A fifth event saw sculptor Melissa Pierce Murray lead an interactive workshop exploring questions and examples relating to how artists and scientists develop conceptual and physical metaphors to make sense of the world.

Thank you to Dr Jim Ajioka, Dr Rachael Bashford-Rogers, Professor Jeremy Baumberg, Dr Emily Camm, Dr Jenny Hirst, Dr Ulrich Schneider (pictured), Dr Tessa Sinnige and Dr Sybil Stacpoole for preparing and presenting their lectures. Footage from each of the lectures is being uploaded to the College YouTube account and will be available by the start of Easter Term.

Staff Feedback Survey

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the 2018 Staff Feedback Survey.

We had an amazing response with 80% of staff participating, up from 60% in previous years. The results are very positive and also identify some areas which continue to need improvement.

Key findings include:

- 99% are proud to work for the College
- 98% agree that they are determined to give their best effort at work every day
- 91% agree that the College values the contribution made by its staff

The Summary Report detailing the results, key findings and actions can be found on JNet in the Staff section under HR Information. The full data report can be found there, along with copies of previous surveys.

College HR Manager, Cheryl Few, is happy to answer any further questions or hear any comments about the survey and results.

Contacting IT!

Please remember to send all IT related support emails to it-support@jesus.cam.ac.uk and not to individuals.

The IT Support Mailbox is where all support requests or queries are processed and, if necessary, passed to members of the team for a resolution.

New aquatic accommodation

Paul Stearn, Head Gardener

The idea of a natural water feature has been on people's minds for some years. Refurbishments to bin store area near Lower Park Street left a small piece of land and, having sought permission from the Gardens Committee, we set about digging the area out.

It's been a joint effort from the Gardens and Maintenance teams to add recycled carpet underlay as a protective base, pond liner and a circulation water pump

The area around the pond will be planted with stock from native wildflower meadows in East Anglia. The only fish that will be encouraged are sticklebacks, as they feed from the pond and do not need flakes or pellets. The pond itself will be planted with native water aquatic plants.

The idea is to encourage wildlife as diverse as possible to visit the area – we already have moorhens regularly using the pond - and to enrich the natural wildlife habitat that we already have. We hope that visitors and College members will appreciate this special area in the years to come.



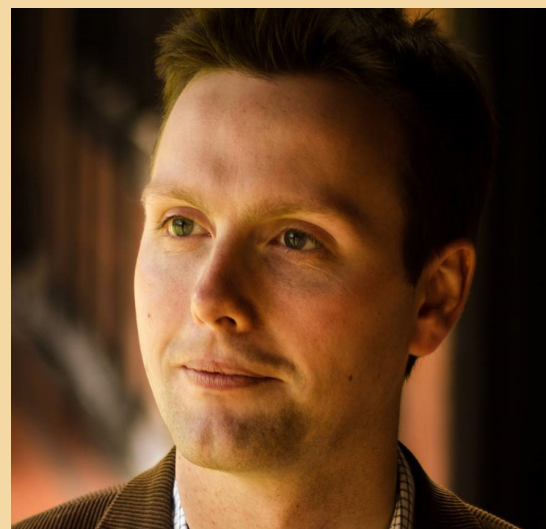
Sport Relief 5-Aside Football

The tournament raised just over £60, with a good turnout of players, officials and spectators. The Maintenance team raised the trophy, winning both their matches, with Catering taking second place with their one win. The Gardens team may not have won a match, but George Soames clinched the Man of the Tournament title. Well done to everyone involved, and thank you to Rhona Watson for the photograph.



A day in the life

Richard Pinel, Director of Music



What is a typical day for you?

Every day is different, it could include long term planning for a tour or concert, to making sure that everything is OK for a rehearsal or service in College that day.

How would you explain your work to a stranger on a bus?

I look after the general music making in the College, with a particular focus on the choirs. We perform four times a week during term time, so are quite busy in that regard!

We have two choirs with different needs and priorities: our boy choristers take more nurturing, while we take a more professional approach with our adult choir members.

What do you do in your spare time?

I try to keep my organ playing up and running, I enjoy cooking and occasionally go running – the approach of summer may see an increase in that regard. I also run a music festival, Edington in Wiltshire, which takes place at the end of August each year - www.edingtonfestival.org.

