

Jesus College Springwatch

Just a reminder that the live feed from the camera in the college birdbox is still up and running on JNET, providing footage of wildlife in action over the Spring season.

In the past we have been able to witness a number of different species nesting, and could even watch baby chicks directly hatching from their eggs! The latest footage is at: <https://jnet.jesus.cam.ac.uk/community/pavilionbirdboxcamera/birdbox.html>



Anyone for Cricket?



Society and staff versus students!



On the evening of Wednesday 1st May 2013, the combined might of the staff and the society will take on the students of the College in a cricket match.

The game will be 20 overs per side, beginning at 5.15pm. Anyone available and keen to play in the game - and please note that all levels of cricketing ability (or inability!) are welcome - should contact Noel Rutter (nar20@cam.ac.uk)

Those less keen to participate actively are very much encouraged to come and lend support from the pavilion on what is certain to be a glorious early summer evening.

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Songbound for India

Development Assistant Natasha Brice reports on how the choir are changing the lives of deprived children through music

In March, Jesus College Choir will be travelling to India to perform for and work with children who live in the slums as part of an on-going project with the charity Songbound. Songbound is an organisation which aims to change the lives of deprived children through music. As part of their commitment to this worthy cause, the Choir are currently raising funds for the charity in strange and wonderful ways; sponsored beard-growing, a fun-run wearing choir robes, cake sales and a fundraising concert which was held in Jesus College Chapel on 1st March to name but a few!



The Choir's sponsored fun run took place on Saturday 9th March and was greeted with a great deal of amusement as we witnessed the students in their cassocks, and Mark Williams dressed as the College Rooster, race around the perimeter of the College. The Choir is aiming to raise £10,000 as a donation to the

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children they will meet. It costs just £400 to establish and run a choir in a Mumbai slum for one year and every penny raised will go directly towards helping to lift impoverished children out of the slums through giving them confidence, aspirations and an eagerness to learn.

Cambridge is well-known for the reputation of its choral music but this trip marks a departure from the tours normally undertaken by college choirs.

This is an opportunity for Cambridge students to make a difference through their music-making. We may often forget what an enormous privilege it is to live and work in this beautiful city, enjoying all its cultural riches, but for the children of the Mumbai slums, the opportunity to sing and work together towards a performance is something that is far from ordinary.

We are sure that the experience will be profoundly important and moving for both the students and the children they will work with. During this tour the Choir will travel into some of the most deprived areas of Mumbai and perform for the children before leading workshops and teaching the children songs and singing techniques that the group hopes they will remember for the rest of their lives.

The ultimate goal of the project is to build up a relationship between the College and the choirs run by Songbound.

The hope remains that, one day, some of the children will be able to come to the UK to perform alongside Jesus College Choir, raising the profile of an important worthwhile charity, which does extremely valuable work with children who have very little else in their lives to give them hope.



Donations can be made to this very worthy cause by visiting the website at:

www.justgiving.com/Jesus-Choir-and-Songbound



We provide accommodation for the over 60's on a beautiful site just on the corner of Victoria Road and Mitcham's Corner. We hold meetings once a month and also do some fundraising. There is a waiting list for prospective residents which anyone can join.

I have too many hobbies to list here but love playing badminton, walking, cycling, photography, family history, etc. My children, husband and friends think I'm particularly peculiar as I love visiting graveyards, the older and more unkempt the better.



Above: Tracey with her husband, pictured in Cumbria

I'm always hoping to discover a grave with my family name of "Pyers" on which is very rare in the UK.

There are lots of them in Australia and our theory is that they were all transported for various misdemeanours and the ones left here just never got caught!

~ Tracey Couch, Secretary to the Master's Office

Springtime word challenge - the answers

1. Segregate
2. Gangster
3. Haunt
4. Reheat
5. Senate

06. Tetanus
07. Usherette
08. Teenagers
09. Reggae
10. Ague



It's a White-Out!

Capturing winter in its tracks

These were the scenes which greeted staff, students and Fellows on the afternoon of Monday 14th January, as the first substantial snow of the season arrived in Cambridge, and blizzard conditions temporarily enveloped the region.

Heavy snow fell for some time, providing significant coverage which contributed to a good deal of disruption on the transportation networks. However, this proved merely a taster for what was still to come, with further snow arriving during the following Sunday, effectively crippling the road system during Monday morning's rush hour (albeit on a temporary basis!)

Many thanks go to **Tracey Couch, Secretary to the Master**, for sharing these lovely photos which remind us of the beauty of winter, as well as the chaos it can cause...!








Springtime word challenge!

Can you make the following words using letters from the phrase 'EasterEggHunt'?

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The Clues:-

1. Separate from others (9) 
2. Al Capone, or the Godfather (8) 
3. What a ghost might do (5)
4. You can use a microwave to do this (6) 
5. The Upper House of the United States Congress (6)
6. A serious infection which spreads to the brain and nervous system (7)
7. Escorts you to your seat at the theatre (9) 
8. A group of young people (9)
9. A music genre blending blues, rock 'n'roll and calypso (6) 
10. Causes fever, and shivering (4)



The answers can be found on page 11.

To Le Manoir Born!

Pastry Chef Mat Harrison travels to the home of a culinary legend

The college has always encouraged employees to better themselves, none more so than the Catering Department. This is mainly to keep up with the ever changing food trends and styles, so I was most pleased to take part in a week's work placement between 28th January and 1st February 2013, at *Le Manoir Aux Quat Saisons*, home of the iconic Raymond Blanc!

Le Manoir is seven miles from Thame, close to Oxford and is set in magnificent grounds with old stone buildings comprising of 32 suites, all having been personally designed by Monsieur Blanc and his team – the most luxurious being a wallet-bending £1200.00 a night!!!



As you might expect, most kitchens are comprised of three sections (starters, main course and desserts) and this was no different. I worked solely on the Pastry section, which included sub sections – front and back (front looking after the desserts for lunch and dinner, and back for all breads, pastries and petit fours)

Most of the desserts had several elements to them, some having to be made days in advance and throughout the week, I had a hand in making everything including a garnish of jellified Lemongrass foam, Tart Almondine, Lemon and Basil Sorbet, Caramel Ice Cream, Eight different types of Bread Rolls and some extremely delicate petit fours, complete with Gold Leaf (of course!!)



Having gained 25 years' experience in the industry, I felt at ease with any task I was given and enjoyed working with this great team of chefs (8 in total, in a relatively small space)

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Jesus College at 'Meet in Cambridge 2013'

Bringing regional flavours to a wider audience

On Thursday 17th January 2013, Ann Turner and I represented Jesus College at a unique event hosted by Conference Cambridge, bringing together 30 academic venues in one place.

Event organizers, from a wide range of sectors and educational establishments, came along to 'Meet in Cambridge', held at Robinson College.

This gave us the opportunity to showcase our fantastic conference and catering facilities to external clients, with the hope of bringing new business to the College in 2013.



We presented the new Chapel Court accommodation facilities, as well as our new Spring/Summer dining and conference menus. Our Head Chef, David (Thomas) has produced innovative seasonal menus that showcase the best of local produce.

We are very excited to be launching a new taste of Cambridge menu and also our 'on trend' British inspired street food finger buffet and grazing board menus for even more choice and variety. These menus are available for the whole of the College community as well as to our external clients.



Special thanks to the kitchen for providing the College-crested macaroons as pictured on the right! >>>



~ Zoe Stubbings, Catering Department

Introducing... the Secretary to the Master's Office

I recently joined the College working as a Secretary in the Master's Office, filling in until December for Alison Barnes who is on maternity leave.

On my first day at Jesus I was greeted with the words "well the chair's dry" due to the fact that Alison had unexpectedly gone into labour the day before in the office!



My first thought was purely selfish - "there goes the handover" - but obviously I was very glad that all went well, and Alison gave birth to a healthy baby boy on 22nd November 2012.

I came to Jesus after working 16 years for a firm of solicitors in Cambridge. I'd decided it was time for a change and this job certainly is different but everyone has been very kind and helpful.



I'm originally from Watford but moved to Cumbria when I married Philip. We absolutely loved Cumbria and spent most weekends walking or windsurfing.

We then moved to Cambridge where we settled and had 3 children, Debbie who is 26 and lives and works in London, Tim who is 24 and works in Cambridge (but still lives at home) and Ellie who is 20 and

is at University in Exeter.

Cambridge initially came as a bit of a shock as it's so flat but it is a beautiful city and we feel quite privileged to live here. In my spare time I'm involved on the Committee of Cambridge Victoria Homes which sometimes proves to be very time consuming.

The Committee is getting smaller and smaller as people don't seem to volunteer like they used to, so if anyone is interested in joining please do let me know!

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A Curious Story About Château d'Yquem

Catering Functions Supervisor **Homero Cabaco** tells all

Not being a great connoisseur of wines, my association with this superb dessert wine only happened because of my job in catering.

Château d'Yquem is, I learned at some stage in my career, produced in the sauternes region in France and made from the semillon (80%) and sauvignon (20%) grapes.

Later in the year, after a long summer the grapes are "attacked" or infected by a fungus - botrytis cinerea - which the English call noble rot. In the harvest (which takes place in the late September), the raisin-like grapes are picked individually, ensuring that only the ripest are used in the production of this unique wine.

Some thirty years ago an eminent master of one of the colleges in Cambridge retired. The governing body of the college decided that a banquet should take place. There was however a slight problem; the departure of the master had been unexpected and therefore money for the dinner was not available or had not been budgeted for. Somebody then remembered that in the well-stocked college cellars lay a considerable amount of Château d'Yquem, which the college had bought in 1936 for 50p a bottle.

They arranged to send some of this wine to Sotheby's in London for auction. It was a success! The wine reached £900 per case and not only was there enough money to pay for the magnificent 300 covers feast, but there was enough so that Château d'Yquem was also included on the menu to be served with dessert.

As I write these lines I can't help but recollect, with some nostalgia, having had that night a surreptitious drop of that wonderful! nectar, (feeling in the mouth its concentration, complexity, sweetness and longevity...) this has prevailed, in my memories of a long career in service, as one of a very few "moments of glory." I sincerely doubt, with the modern policy of keeping stocks to a minimum and the high value of Château d'Yquem, that a story like this will happen again.

P.S: In July 2011, an 1811 bottle of Château d'Yquem sold for £75,000 at The Ritz in London to a private collector, to become the most expensive bottle of wine ever sold!



Connecting Through Science

Helping to inspire scientific innovation for future generations

Pictured below is the Master at the formal opening of the Cambridge Science Centre at 18 Jesus Lane (situated in the space formally known as 'The Shop.')

The Science Centre was officially opened by Professor Sir Leszek Borysiewicz, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cambridge on 7th February 2013 (also pictured below.)

The Science Centre is an educational charity which is now open for business and is guided by three main principles; to develop and host exhibitions and events, to enhance public understanding relating to scientific progress, and to deliver targeted outreach exhibitions which will improve access for underserved communities around Cambridgeshire and East Anglia. Jesus College is one of several official supporters amongst many companies and organisations, including the British Science Association.

The Centre is currently hosting several exhibitions, including Light and Colour which investigates the spectrum of light which can be detected by the human eye, Inside DNA, looking at the relationship between apes and humans, and an exhibit which explores how Electromagnetic Power supplies enough energy to support all of our gadgets within the modern world.

All of these exhibitions are currently open to both schools and members of the public, and are expected to run until July 2013 (pre-booking may not always be necessary!)



Please visit the Science Centre website at www.cambridgesciencecentre.org for opening times or further details.

Many thanks to the Bursar for kindly supplying this photograph of the opening event.

[To Le Manoir Born - cont.]



Unfortunately, it turned out that Monsieur Blanc was not in residence at *Le Manoir* at the same time as me, but I thoroughly enjoyed my culinary experience at his home, nevertheless.

Maybe Monsieur Blanc and I shall meet next time..!



~ **Matthew Harrison**, from the Jesus Kitchen.

I ran, I conquered, I collapsed..!

Housekeeping's Sonia Horton tells us about her Mother's Day marathon

A big thank you to all the staff members who sponsored me in the Cambridge half Marathon which I ran on 'Mothering Sunday,' 10th March 2013, for Cancer Research, raising a total of £150.



I would also like to thank the organisers who were obviously having a laugh or encouraging mums out there to forego their breakfast in bed etc...for a nice jog around Cambridge in what can only be described as less than ideal conditions; conditions in fact that were more suited to the British Antarctic Survey Team!!

All aside, I completed the scenic route in what I considered to be a respectable 2 hours and 16 minutes until I checked the website to find that the actual winning female ran it in 1 hour 15 Minutes. With that in mind, next year I intend to make more of my veteran status by reducing my time by completing the course with the aid of a mobility scooter!!