

392nd Annual Jesus College Staff Golf Day

Rob Spragg, IT Department, tells all.

The 23rd February 2012 was the warmest February day since 1998. Fittingly it was also the 392nd Annual Jesus College Staff Golf Day. The hot-shots of the College's golfing elite gathered at Pidley Golf Club for 18 holes of scintillating golf.

First of all, special mentions to Paul Stearn, the Event Organiser and to Grahame Appleby, who have attended every year to date. Paul did a fantastic job of organizing the day and my thanks on behalf of all the golfers to him.

The morning started at 8:30am with bacon rolls and coffee, then the first foursome teed off at 9:00am sharp. Stableford rules were the order of the day.

First off the tee was Toby Wingfield, who smashed it straight down the middle, setting the standard for the rest of us. Needless to say, all parts of the course were visited by most of us, but no-one walked further than debutant, John Baker, who probably covered the equivalent of three courses, as he zigzagged his way cheerfully from one side of each fairway to the next, deservedly picking up the prize of 'Rabbit'.

Unsurprisingly, Grahame Appleby came home with the best score and duly won a generous prize of wine and a brand new set of balls (you never know when that will come in handy). I was lucky enough to be paired with Grahame, and in return for his guidance in correcting my waywardness off the tee, I treated him to some trick shots at the 18th: I bet you can't smash it with a 1 Wood and then run and catch the ball? Nor can you leather it at a low trajectory across the water, hit a post and skim the ball back across the water, scattering golfers on the tee for the ball to finish up 30 yards behind you? I thought not!

Toby finished as strongly as he started, earning himself the longest drive and there were Clubhouse with a well-earned pint, four or five hours after we'd teed off, it was generally agreed that a fine day had been had by all.

If you haven't played at Pidley, I recommend it: A nice course and good Clubhouse, whose food and service were outstanding.



National Climate Week

Simon Hawkey, the Domestic Bursar, reports.

The national Climate Week campaign took place this year over the period 12-18 March. As part of this initiative, the University's Environmental Office, alongside the Cambridge City Council and Love Cambridge, organised a free electrical and electronic item recycling collection event for all residents, companies and organisations in the Cambridge area.

The above gave us an ideal opportunity to have a spring clean of old redundant electrical equipment that we had stored in various locations around College. All departments rallied to the cause, and thanks to the efforts made by the team from the Maintenance Department we were able to deposit two full van loads of equipment at the collection point situated on the Sedgwick site.

On depositing the last load, the organisers congratulated the Maintenance Team for being the biggest contributors to the scheme. The pictures show Ted emptying one load, the van fully loaded and all of the items deposited



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in the containers and on the ground in front.

Here below is an example of some of the redundant items that we deposited:



- x 32 televisions - various sizes from portable to 50 inch flat screen
- x 21 computer monitors
- x 4 coffee machines
- x 4 convector heaters
- x 3 catering fridges
- x 13 student fridges
- x 1 commercial dishwasher
- x 1 projector plus screen
- x 21 angle poise lamps
- x 4 microwaves
- x 14 12-volt batteries - including 1 lorry battery
- x 2 portable air-conditioning units
- x 2 hoovers

Many thanks to everyone who contributed towards this worthy initiative.

Chapel Collections - Thank you!

A huge 'THANK YOU' to everyone who gave so generously to the collections at our Carol Services in Chapel before Christmas, which helped to bring the term's collections to an unprecedented total of **£2135.86**.

This has been divided equally between Jimmy's Night Shelter, working with homeless people here in Cambridge, and the Delhi Brotherhood Society, which is the social outreach arm of a Christian community in Delhi, founded by Cambridge clergy in the nineteenth century, which runs children's homes, nightshelters for street kids, an old people's home, a training centre of young people, and various other projects.

If you have charities you'd like to recommend for Chapel collections (normally two a term), please contact the Dean of Chapel (j.hughes@jesus.cam.ac.uk).

Links for interest : <http://www.jimmyscambridge.org.uk>

Liz Megson - Maintenance Manager

I recently joined the College as Maintenance Manager, returning to a task which I previously relished, and feel privileged to be taking care of these beautiful buildings. I am impressed by the enthusiasm and commitment of all my colleagues, and thank them for the welcome I've received – particularly my own team, who refurbished the 'Ladies' in anticipation of my arrival.



Although I was born in Carlisle, and brought up in Yorkshire, I have links to Cambridge through my mother, a local girl, my dad, who graduated from John's, and my husband, Steve, (another Cambridge native) who I met at Cambridgeshire County Council during my RIBA Part 1 practical year. In 1984, we moved to Great Shelford, where I was for 8 years a traditional mum and housewife, although there was always temporary work, including teaching BTech construction at CCAT. Our children Daniel, 26 and Hannah, 24, attended school in Stapleford, (we also have a foster daughter, Sharron, now 39) and among enduring connections there is my involvement in the 'Link' with Nachingwea, in southern Tanzania, which I visited in 2006.



I returned to full-time work as Maintenance Manager at Dalham Hall Stud, centre of Sheikh Mohammed's thoroughbred operation. Over 15 years I progressed to Buildings, then Project Manager, my final work being remodelling the central area, including the global HQ building, which was awarded 'Eastern Region Building of the Year'. I found myself wanting to return to work more closely associated with occupied buildings, and after an interval of 3 years as Estates Manager at Huntingdonshire Regional College, I have reached the place where (as TS Eliot wrote, & now inscribed on the font in Stapleford church) 'the end of all our exploring will be to arrive where we started and know the place for the first time.'



Introducing...

Alice Johnson - Chapel and Choir Administrator

Alice joined the College in September 2011, as the Chapel & Choir Administrator, working for John Hughes, Dean of Chapel and Mark Williams, Director of Chapel Music and is based in East House. Alice came to us from Homerton College, where she worked in the Tutorial and Admissions office. Alice had only been in post a matter of weeks, and was just getting to grips with her new challenging role, when in early December she was whisked off to Eastern Europe, to accompany the Choir on a whistle-stop tour of the Ukraine! Alice's feet have not touched the ground since, and with other tours planned, including one to Germany this year, she has her passport well at hand. Alice is married with 2 teenage children but still finds time for trips to the theatre and cinema, and as John, Mark and indeed the Choir can verify, the odd glass or two of her favourite tippie, cider!

Unfortunately, as Alice is allergic to cameras, it has not been possible to put her photo with this article. However please do pop over to her office in East House if you would like to meet her.

Maternity Leave Policy - *Update!*

Jesus College is experiencing something of a baby-boom this year, with not one, but four ladies expecting a happy event in the near future. This is something of a phenomena for Jesus College, as in recent years there have been more requests for paternity leave than for maternity leave.

This increase in maternity leave requests prompted a review of the College's Maternity Policy, which had not been properly looked at for some time, especially in comparison with other colleges and university practices. The result was that the College Council gave its approval to a revised and most generous update of the Jesus College's Maternity Policy. This will mean that from now onwards, expectant employees will be entitled to continue to receive their normal full pay for the first 18 weeks of their maternity leave, followed by 21 weeks of statutory pay with only the last 13 remaining weeks of their entitled maternity leave without pay.

The revised Maternity, Adoption and Paternity Leave Policy can be found on Human Resources page on JNET :

<https://jnet.jesus.cam.ac.uk/departments/hr/hrpolicies/index.html>

Cataloguing the Malthus Collection

Frances Willmoth, College Archivist, reports.

Liam Sims, our part-time Old Library Rare-Books Cataloguer, began the task of cataloguing the family library of T. R. (Robert) Malthus onto the University's Newton Catalogue at the end of November 2010, and completed it on time exactly one year later.

A detailed report on the work, and on particularly exciting discoveries he has made in the course of it, can now be found on the College website at <http://www.jesus.cam.ac.uk/about-jesus-college/old-library-archives/> along with a link to the relevant section of the Newton Catalogue.

Liam undertook a detailed examination of each volume and recorded information relating to bindings, provenance (that is, evidence of former owners and history), artists and engravers involved with plates or maps, and any defects (missing pages or plates, established by comparison with records of other copies). Details held in the online English Short Title Catalogue were corrected wherever necessary – a not infrequent occurrence, as any one text could have been printed in several editions during the same year – and provenance information was added. At the same time a provenance index was compiled for our own purposes.



Image above - taken in February 2012, this shows our rare-book cataloguer at work (foreground), with a temporary cataloguer of our Arabic manuscripts (left) and a graduate member of the college examining a medieval manuscript.

One of the most fascinating aspects was the identification of some 311 works, bound in 271 volumes, that formerly belonged to Jane Dalton, a cousin of T. R. Malthus' father Daniel. This is a much higher number of books than had previously been recognised as belonging to her. Jane was a highly educated woman and probably the translator into English of two French works; one of these - An

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essay on landscape (London: Dodsley, 1783), a translation of the Viscount d'Ermenonville's *La composition des paysages* - survives here in two copies, one of which bears her own bookplate. Daniel Malthus bequeathed to her books which had once belonged to Rousseau, some of which remain in the Malthus Collection (including MI.1.16 and MK.3.15).



Other provenance information has been discovered in several books. A small volume (MB.6.52) containing five works published between 1542 and 1566 bears the signature of Thomas Knyvett, an important 16th/17th-century book collector, whose collection is now largely held by the University Library (transmitted through Bishop Moore, whose library was bought and presented to the UL in 1715 by George I). Early Cambridge owners include John Parkyn, one of the first fellows of Trinity College, and James Howland, who became a fellow at St John's in 1577. Other owners include the dramatist Ben Jonson (1572-1637), who inscribed his motto, "tanquam explorator", in a volume on the history of St George by Peter Heylyn (ML.3.1 - London, 1633).

The other significant feature of the Malthus Collection is the rarity of some of its editions. For example, our copy of a French prayer book printed at Bourges in 1747 (MJ.2.22) is one of only two in the country (the other being in the BL). The sole edition of a late-18th-century commentary on the Book of Genesis, entertainingly titled *Annihilation no punishment to the wicked* (ME.1.40[4] - London, 1792), survives in only three copies globally and ours has an inscription 'From the author', Philip Burton. There is also a provincial printing of a local tale, *The legend of Saint Robert, hermit of Knaresbro'* (MB.6.61[6] - Knaresborough, 1792), which again survives in only two copies. Finally, Béroalde's *Le moyen de parvenir*, a parody of the work of Montaigne and Rabelais originally printed around 1617, is present in the collection in a mixed set of three volumes (ME.1.34-3: vols. 1 & 3 are London, 1781; vol. 2 is London, 1786). The 1781 volumes are the only recorded copy of that edition in this country.

On reaching the end of the Malthus project, Liam has briefly stayed on to begin the much larger task of cataloguing books in the Old Library. In March he will be leaving us to take up a full-time post at the University Library, and we wish him all the best for his future career.

Ashley Meggit, IT Manager, gives

A **BIG** Thank You

In the summer 2011 edition of @jesus I promised to complete 3 triathlons in aid of St George's School, Bagdad that my late sister in-law, Melanie Wright, supported. The triathlons I chose were the Blenheim Sprint Triathlon (750m swim/ 20km ride/ 5km run), the London Triathlon Olympic distance (1.5km swim/ 40km ride/ 10km run) and the Vitruvian Half Ironman (1.9km swim/ 85km ride/ 21km run). I manage to get through enough training over the summer to complete them all and I would even go as far as to say I enjoyed them – up to a point, which was usually half way through the run! The Vitruvian was hard and it was only the thought of chocolate milk and chips that kept me going. I know, I know not the choice of the food connoisseurs among you but after 5 hours and 17 minutes my body was demanding its reward and I have to say I wouldn't have traded the dubious feast for anything.

So a big thank you to those that sponsored me. I know your support was greatly appreciated by the children and staff of St George's School, Bagdad and it was also greatly appreciated by me. So here's a picture of me demonstrating how not to look cool after crossing the finishing line at Vitruvian and one of the rather more photogenic school children in their new classroom named Melanie. Many many thanks.



NESTBOX NEWS

While a pair of bluetits continues to visit the College's live nestbox we are hoping things will become more interesting in the next week or two as the nesting season really gets going.

If you wish to follow updates and have a facebook account you can do so here: facebook.com/JCLiveNestbox (please 'Like' the page).

Of course, the live camera will continue to operate on the College Website 24/7. <http://www.jesus.cam.ac.uk/college-life/news-events/college-webcam/>

Cambridge Half -Marathon

Lorna Rayner, Housekeeping Administrator, reports.

On Sunday 11th March Chris Brown, Mark Rimmington and myself took part in the first Cambridge Half Marathon along with 3000 other runners.

Starting on Victoria Avenue the route led us through the city centre across Jesus Green and down Elizabeth Way we ran this loop twice and the final 3 miles took us along by the river and back again to the finish line on Mid-Summer Common.

This was my first half marathon and although I was nervous before I started once on my way it was great fun. There was plenty of support and words of encouragement from spectators and fortunately there were no hills!

I raised £350 for Cancer Research – thanks to everyone who sponsored me! Mark raised £615 for the Alzheimer's society.



Above - Mark Rimmington



Above - Chris Brown

Times:

Chris	1 hour 36	283rd
Mark	1 hour 43	497th
Lorna	1 hour 44	536th

There is a group of us running the Cambridge Town and Gown 10km run on Sunday 29th April and the Ragged Rooster's running club meet weekly and is open to all running levels.

So for anyone thinking about starting running or doing their first half marathon – go for it, Jesus College is a good place to start!

David Thomas Head Chef

My name is David Thomas and I joined Jesus College as Head Chef in December 2011.

Having started work in kitchens at the age of 17, and I am very lucky (and humbled) to have worked in some of Great Britain finest Country House Hotels, many of which are the coveted holders of Michelin stars.

My career highlight is sharing a club sandwich and champagne at midnight with Michel and Albert Roux, Godfathers of Modern Cooking, after a high profile gourmet evening held in Kilkenny, Republic of Ireland.

I arrived here from my previous position of Hospitality Head Chef at Aviva Investors, in the City of London, where it my responsibility to make sure the global board of directors of Aviva were properly feed and watered.

Although my time at Jesus has only been a matter of months, I am really enjoying my new role and look forward to enhancing the already high standards of food produced and served to you all.

The aim of the kitchen and me is to work a lot more seasonally and with a food style of modern British cooking, hopefully bring a lighter, more flavoursome offering to the Caff, Formal Halls and High Table as well as all external Customers.

Please feel free to get in touch with me if you have any requests, feedback or any other inquires of a food nature and I will do my upmost to accommodate/ answer them. (d.thomas@jesus.cam.ac.uk)

I look forward to seeing you all around.



Introducing...

Staff Changes :

Starters

Alice Johnson	Chapel & Choir Administrator	September 2011
David Thomas	Head Chef	December 2011
Elizabeth Megson	Maintenance Manager	March 2012

Leavers

Wendy Andrews	Accommodation Officer	August 2011
Anna Harvey	Chapel & Choir Administrator	August 2011
Daniel Launchbury	Temporary Accounts Assistant	August 2011
Alison Green	Finance Officer	October 2011
Andy Kite	Maintenance Manager	December 2011
Miranda Seymour	Development Officer	February 2012
Jane Starnes	Tutorial Assistant/Fellows Secretary	February 2012
Christine Garton	Assistant Finance Officer	February 2012
John Moran	Relief Gate Porter	February 2012
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Glenda Wright	Cleaner	March 2012
Stephen Mathew	Finance Assistant	March 2012

Long Service

Ann Turner	Conference & Events Administrator	10 years
Glenda Wright	Cleaner	10 years
Michael Abra	Maintenance Assistant	10 years
Nicholas Coe	Chef	10 years
Simon Hawkey	Domestic Bursar/Manciple	10 years
Colin Steward	Electrician	15 years
Elaine MacNab	Cleaner	15 years
Terry Dellar	Maintenance Assistant	15 years
Christine Blows	Cleaner	20 years

Staff Changes

Wendy Smith	Appointed - Master's Lodge Housekeeper	October 2012
Sonia Horton	Appointed - Permanent P/T Housekeeping Administrator	October 2012
Marcin Nowosielski	Appointed - Permanent Cleaner	November 2012
Christine Barker	Job Title Change -Deputy Librarian	December 2012
Hugo Brown	Appointed - Permanent Management Accountant	December 2012

JEROME - What's in a name?

In this case more than you would think.

Ashley Meggitt, IT Manager, explains.

Managing rooms is a constant challenge for colleges whether it's here at Jesus College or in the other place at Jesus College Oxford. The idiosyncratic nature of their governance of use just doesn't allow a College to purchase an off the shelf solution for rooms management although many have tried. So, to put an end to the confusion, project JEROME was born. The IT Department has been tasked by the College to create a piece of software that will allow the College to manage everything from a room's occupancy to its rents, to the state of its furniture, to the colour of its walls, to the warranty of its electrical equipment, even to the view from its windows. It is amazing just how much of College life revolves around its rooms and it was an eye opening experience for the Development team when it came to modelling the whole operation.



Confused? Yep, us too!

The project has taken many hours of elicitation, planning, and discussion but finally at the beginning of the year the design was complete and coding started. Developing a complex piece of software such as JEROME is like designing and constructing a new building. The bulk of the time is spent in consultation with users and the design of the building with all of its plans, its services, and fine detail. Once all this has been agreed the construction starts which usually proves to be pretty swift.

The same applies to software and so now having painstakingly done the designing, we are building the system. The ground works of JEROME are done and the outer shell is now taking shape. There is still some way to go but the end (or rather the beginning) is in sight. However, the new system needs plenty of new and clean data for it to be effective and this is going to take a team effort if JEROME is to be truly useful. So to that end the IT Department has also been putting together a data acquisition project, one which will require involvement from every department. More details regarding this will follow soon.

You'll also be aware that the new version of JNet is up and running. JNet was re-written to make it easier to use and to be a bit more eye catching, but as importantly, as the main delivery platform for the College's expanding integrated information environment, it required a better interface by which major web applications such as JEROME could be presented. While I appreciate it may not be the most exciting topic of conversation but JEROME will become a significant College management tool. Please note how I managed not to mention Jerome K. Jerome, a boat, three men or indeed the Thames.