



West Court update

Simon Hawkey, Domestic Bursar

Tell us what's happening now

At the moment, the JCSU and MCR are enjoying their new common rooms (photo above) and we're starting to use the Webb Library for some meetings. The Webb Library is an incredibly beautiful room, but of course there is still some noisy demolition work going on nearby between 8am and 5pm most weekdays, so we're primarily using it for meetings outside those times. It will be used much more from the start of the Easter term, when the works will be quieter. As with other College rooms, it can be booked through the Conference Office at the usual rates.

What can we look forward to?

The Dining Room and Common Room are now available for meetings although, as with the Webb Library, we'll primarily book them after 5pm and at weekends.



The café part of the Café-Bar should be open to the College community and West Court guests from Easter term. Initially it will be open from 10am-4pm for drinks and light meals. The full menu and pricing structure will be published closer to the time.

And what's next?

The new West Court entrance, Café-Bar extension, party room and Rank Building will be opened during Michaelmas 2016. The full West Court phase 1 will be really impressive; I'm looking forward to the College community being able to use and enjoy it.



Close up!

Nikki Williams, Development Officer

Thank you to Claire, Sonia and the team for making the Housekeeping Open Day a fun and interesting experience. There was an opportunity to visit external housing and see the Fellows' guest rooms, which many staff members had never seen before.



Much hilarity ensued, as staff and Fellows competed to win the fastest bed making and the neatest bed competitions. Congratulations to Devin McLachlan, Karol Pilch and Hannah Perks for winning the various competitions and the housekeeping quiz. Did you know that last year the College went through 5184 jumbo toilet rolls? That's over 1 million metres!



Save the date

- 5 - 7 Feb - John Hughes Arts Festival
- Tue 9 Feb - Pancake Race
- Evensong for Shrove Tuesday, followed by pancakes in Upper Hall (6.30pm)
- Thu 11 Feb - St Radegund Evensong
- Sun 21 Feb - David Crighton Concert
- Fri 11 Mar - Full Term Ends
- Thu 17 Mar - Bach Concert

Staff Forum in brief

Discussion included updates on equality and diversity training, shared parental leave, and West Court, where all will be welcome at the new Café-Bar when it opens.

Paper payslips will cease at the end of February, but staff will be shown how to access payslips electronically. There will soon be a College-wide consultation about the new College website project. Rob is stepping down after a long stint as rep, with our grateful thanks. Please speak to your rep for further details:
<http://jnet.jesus.cam.ac.uk/staffforum/index.html>

Meet the Manciple

Hello! I'm Charlotte de Buriatte, the new Manciple. If I haven't seen you already, I hope to meet you very soon.

Before I came here, I worked in very similar roles within several other Oxbridge Colleges, most recently spending four years working as the Catering and Commercial Services Manager at St Catharine's College, Cambridge and seven years as Catering and Conference Manager at Somerville College, Oxford. I started my career as a professionally qualified chef in Montreal, Canada. I am originally from London and now live in West Oxfordshire.

I am really looking forward to joining the Jesus College team and taking part in the new West Court development.



A Porter's portrait

Grahame Appleby, Head Porter

Last year a portrait specialist approached all the Cambridge College Head Porters to ask if we would each sit for her, with the final oil paintings going on show in the Pitt Building in April 2016. I was a little reticent, but after she explained what was involved I agreed to take part.

I sat for her on four occasions and must admit that sitting still and doing nothing for two hours at a time is quite difficult, although Louise was very talkative, which helped to pass the time. On completion I had my first look at the portrait and I must say that I was very pleased with it. You can find out more about her on her website <http://www.louiseriley-smith.co.uk/>



A day in the life

Professor Ian Wilson, Fellow

What is a typical day for you?

During Term: think of a circus clown juggling. My wife works at the Rosie Maternity Hospital and we have three teenagers at home. No two weeks are the same. Between set activities — lectures, supervisions, visitors — everything else gets squeezed in. If the to-do list hasn't grown by the time I go to sleep it's been a good day.

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

I study things sticking to surfaces and how to get these layers off the surfaces. I started working on the scum formed on the pan when you heat milk up (pasteurising milk in dairies), moved on to stuff in oil refineries and currently I work with Procter & Gamble on dishwashers.

Somehow I have stretched it to include chocolate, cake, Marmite and other less edible materials.

What do you do in your spare time?

My memory is fuzzy on this one. I used to play a lot of hockey but I retired when my taxi driving career took off. I now help run the university hockey club and I umpire. I run regularly (Milton Parkrun) when I'm not injured, and I am an active member of Cambridge Community Church.

If I did an audit (yawn), keeping up with people near and far would probably come top of the list.

