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Welcome to the 8th edition of the Robinson College newsletter

Hello and welcome to the 8th edition of the Robinson College newsletter. We have lots to share with you this month, including offers, interviews, award wins and much more.

We're very pleased to start this issue by announcing the return of Rose McDonald as Head of Sales within the Conference and Catering team. Rose has come back to the college at an exciting time and brings with her a lot of fresh and new ideas for the future. It's lovely to have Rose in the team again and having only been back a couple of weeks, it feels like she's never been gone.



In other exciting news, votes are now open for the 2015 M&IT Awards. As you may know, Robinson College won Bronze in the Academic Venue category at this year's M&IT awards. We were absolutely thrilled and really appreciated the support from all of you. This year we are going for Gold! To help us in our mission, all you need to do is to register your vote for Robinson College as Best Academic Venue by clicking [here](#) or alternatively just [scan our QR code](#) – it couldn't be simpler.



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Life at Robinson College

This month we've been talking to Robinson College's Head Housekeeper Angela Coyle as she celebrates 30 years at Robinson College.



How long have you worked at Robinson College and how did you come to be here?

I have been working at the college since March 1984, so I have been here just over 30 years! I started life as a Bedmaker working just 15 hours a week. I intended to be here for about a year until my Son started school. Many years later I am still here and have worked in several roles within the Housekeeping Department before becoming Head Housekeeper in 2000.

Can you tell me a bit more about what your job involves/can you describe an average day?

I love my job and I am lucky that I have a great team to support me. No two days are the same. I come in about 7.15 calling at the Porters Lodge for any reports and to check the guest room bookings. Once in my office I check emails and sort out the staff rota's for the day. In term time we look after accommodation for students, fellows and visitors. We clean the theatres, library, meeting rooms and public areas, so this keeps us busy. I have about 35 staff mostly part time. I usually finish about 4pm on a normal day, later if it is a busy day.

Can you share any memorable moments from working at the college?

It is always exciting to welcome Royal Visitors to the college!

How did it feel when Robinson College won the Bronze for Best Academic Venue at the M&IT awards?

We were thrilled to win the Bronze award. It was wonderful to be recognised for the hard work and contribution my department makes to college life. We were all very pleased to see the trophy, as it is a wonderful endorsement of all their efforts. It gave us a boost to think it was the guests that had voted for us. I think it is the friendly staff and good service that made them vote for Robinson College.



What do you think makes Robinson College stand out from the crowd?

We provide a friendly and efficient environment, guests receive a professional service and are well looked after.

Robinson College wins environmental award



Students and staff at Robinson College were celebrating on Wednesday night (18th June) after winning a national award for its green initiatives.

The college scooped Silver in the National Union of Students Green Impact Awards, which aim to empower individuals and teams to reduce their environmental impact by encouraging, rewarding and celebrating practical and sustainable improvements.

Students and staff have undertaken a range of projects aimed at improving the college and local environment. Initiatives included an awareness campaign around the college, distribution of emails regarding energy-saving ideas, bicycle maintenance and recycling information. A focus on making small departmental changes led to big results as staff and students joined together to make a positive environmental impact on the community.

Over 100 Students' Unions across the UK took part in the Green Impact competition this year, taking actions like combatting the declining honey-bee population, setting up ethical credit unions, and promoting health and wellbeing across the wider community.



Lucky 13 Offer



If you need to find a venue you can rely on at short notice, there's some good luck on its way here at Robinson College, Cambridge. We think thirteen is a fortuitous number for once! For thirteen days between 13th and 25th September 2014 we are offering an exciting choice of added value items- (thirteen to be exact) for any day or residential event for thirteen delegates or more!

Items include, complimentary wine, free car parking, a guided walk of Cambridge, and much more. Click [here](#) to see the full list of what's on offer. For day meetings choose any 2 items from our list of thirteen from this menu and for residential meetings choose any 4 items and we'll include them in your event.

Please call us to book or find out more on 01223 332859 or email conference@robinson.cam.ac.uk and quote "Lucky13". Terms and conditions apply.

Diary Dates

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Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Friday	Sat
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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We've had a very busy month here at Robinson College - here's a few things we've been up to:

26th June - Rose attended Marketing Week at Olympia.

3rd July - Nick and Rose attended Conference Cambridge's Marketing Advisory Group Meeting.

8th July - Nick joined a successful panel session at The Meetings Show for the [mia](#)'s session on Accreditation.

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