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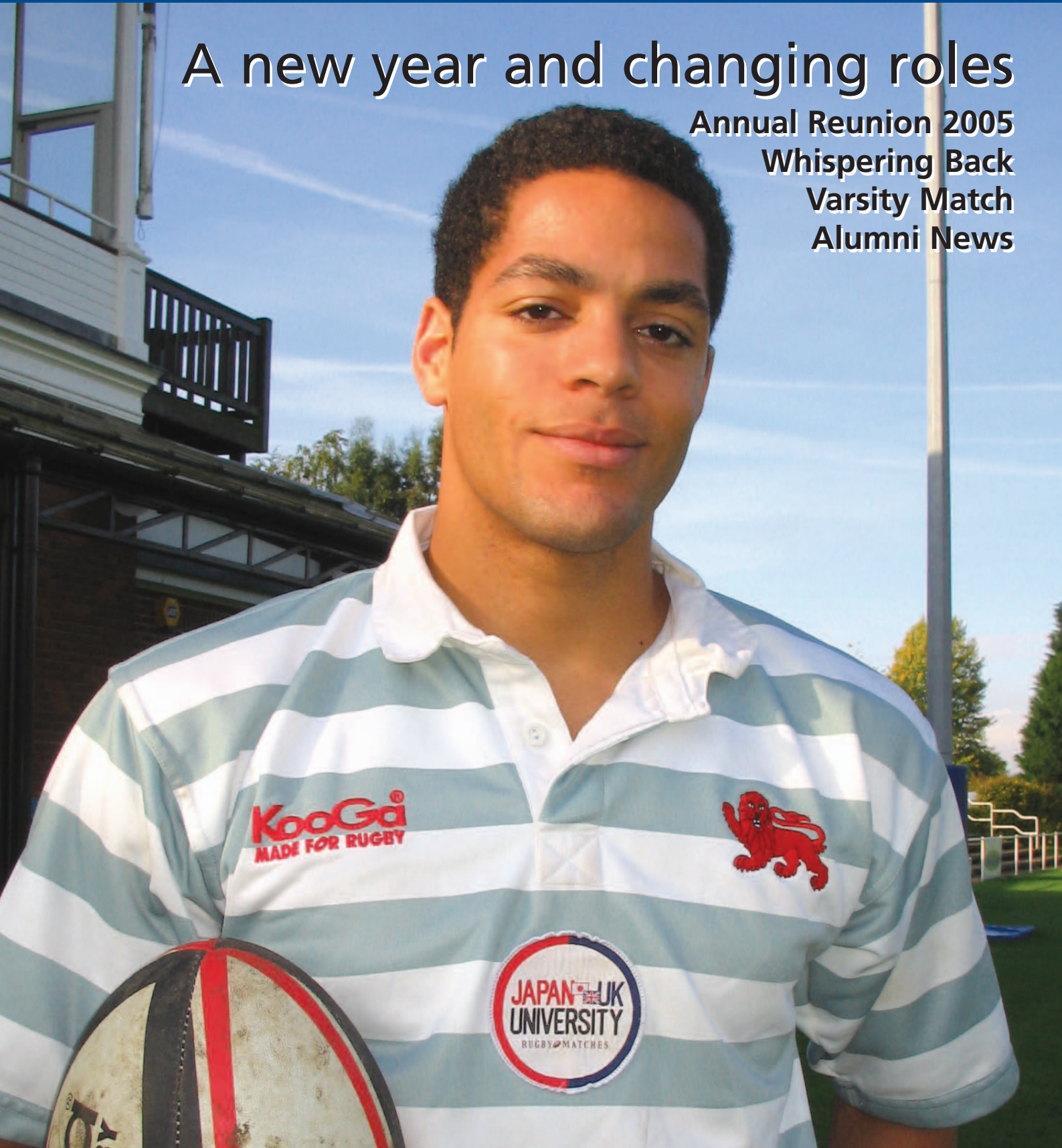
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## Changing Places

This term sees a change in Deputy Warden for Robinson College, as Dr Mary Stewart stands down after seven years in the role and is succeeded by Professor Malcolm Mackley.

Mary has seen the College through many changes during this time, not least the appointment of the College's second Warden, David Yates, upon the retirement of Professor Lord Lewis. Not only did this require her to lead the search and appointment committees, but also to develop the whole process in consultation with the Fellowship, as another first milestone was passed by our young community! Mary will continue in her other role as a Fellow of Robinson, teaching and researching in her field and says:

"After over seven years as Deputy Warden I've decided to stand down, mainly in order to take some sabbatical leave. It's been a challenging and rewarding role, getting to know not just the constantly changing Fellowship, but also more of our wonderful staff, whose humour has often put things in perspective – I shan't forget being asked by a Porter if I was to be called 'Ma'am' now, nor shall I forget Santa's grotto.... I'll remember especially working first with Lord Lewis, then leading the search for his successor and seeing David Yates installed as Warden, before the Governing Body resplendent in scarlet. There have been sadder moments too, like losing Basil Shone and George Coupe, who both supported me with constant wise advice, but the good moments have been far greater in number. What will I do with all my 'spare time' now I'm freed from so many committees, I've been asked: some serious work in German once again, I hope! But I shall remain as interested in the wider life of the College as ever."

Professor Malcolm Mackley, who heads the Polymer Fluids Group in Cambridge University's Department of Chemical Engineering, has been a Fellow of Robinson since 1986. The group's work focuses on oscillatory flow mixing, rheology and processing and has allowed them to develop both instruments and models to compare experimental results with the numerical modelling of the same processes. This work has led to improved polymer melt and extrusion processing, leading to the discovery (amongst others) that chocolate may be cold extruded below its normal melting point – a fact that may have significant commercial applications and which allows for some delicious experiments in the lab!

Professor Malcolm Mackley writes that he is looking forward to being Deputy Warden of Robinson College and hopes to follow a similar role to that carried out by his predecessor. He says:

"Mary was a founding Fellow of the College and during her time at Robinson she has made many significant contributions to the College's life. As Deputy Warden, Mary very successfully masterminded the first Fellows' election of a new Warden and, as chairman of the Education Committee, she has seen the slow, but steady, improvement in College education performance. Mary has consistently set an example to all Fellows in relation to College courtesy and friendliness and I very much hope I can continue in the spirit and standards set by her.

Cambridge Colleges in general, and Robinson College in particular, are entering yet another interesting phase of their evolution. The state, and state funding, are increasingly influencing the way the University is allowed to spend its money and consequently Colleges are now themselves increasingly important as places where full academic freedom is enjoyed. The reality of academic freedom for students, Fellows and our alumni is at the heart of the Cambridge College ethic and it is something I strongly wish to help maintain and build for present and future generations."

Doubtless, readers will join the Staff and Fellows in thanking Mary for all her tremendous hard work and enormous contributions to College life during her time as Deputy Warden, wishing her well on her sabbatical and welcoming Malcolm to his new role.



*Dr Mary Stewart*



*Professor Malcolm Mackley*



## Annual Reception 2005

What a splendid evening at The House of Lords this year! Our sponsoring host, Lord Lewis, first Warden of Robinson, was pleased to see old friends and new at this annual gathering in the Robinson calendar. A total of 250 guests gathered in the Cholmondeley Room to hear the Warden welcome our Guest Speaker, Lord Griffiths of Fforestfach. Enjoying cool champagne and canapés on the terrace overlooking the Thames, it was an evening to be remembered.

The 2006 Annual Reception will be on 14th July, in The Locarno Suite at The Foreign Office. More details will be released closer to the date.

*Lord Griffiths of Fforestfach, guest speaker at the House of Lords*



## 2005 Robinson Lawyers' Dinner

Robinson lawyers enjoyed a memorable evening hosted by Jones Day - thanks to an introduction by alumnus, Sam Millar, who is at the firm - for the 2005 Robinson Lawyers' Dinner. Jones Day's sponsorship allowed us to include current students in the event and they thoroughly enjoyed availing themselves of the opportunity to pick the brains of those Robinsonians who had gone before them. There was much discussion of "Should I go for articles or the Bar?", "What sort of training contract/chambers should I look for?", with much detailed and helpful advice coming forth in return. Honorary Fellow of Robinson, Lord Justice Laws, spoke fascinatingly about how exciting a time this is to become a lawyer, with the impact of the EU and legislation such as The Human Rights Act being increasingly felt on life in the UK. Our thanks go to Sir John as our wonderful guest speaker, to Sam for his introduction to Jones Day and to the partners and staff of Jones Day for hosting such an excellent evening.



*Sam Millar and Lord Justice Laws*

The next annual Robinson College Lawyers' Dinner will take place in central London in the first quarter of 2006.

## Robinson College Online Alumni Directory

Due to popular demand, we are pleased to be launching a new online directory service for alumni, which will be accessed by password via the Robinson College website, [www.robinson.cam.ac.uk](http://www.robinson.cam.ac.uk). We hope to have the service live by early 2006 at the latest and will keep you updated with how the project is developing.

## Annual Reunion 2005 – Matriculation Years up to 1980 and 1985

The Reunion Weekend of 23rd-25th September proved to be a well attended event this year, with over 80 Alumni and their guests returning to College to celebrate 20 or 25 years since matriculating at Robinson.

Yes, these were the real 'Golden Oldies' in Robinson terms, although really still a very youthful lot, as some proved by following on Saturday evening's formal proceedings with a spot of clubbing in Cambridge. The Reunion Dinner itself on Saturday evening was a splendid occasion and much enhanced by Lord Lewis' impromptu speech at Nick Fox's request, when he recalled the early days of Robinson and confirmed how important these early intakes of students were in shaping the College that we all see today. Despite a post-3am bedtime for some, everyone was looking fresh and bright (well, almost everyone!), at the Pegasus Society Brunch on Sunday morning, which was attended by around 60 alumni, fellows, families and guests and hosted by Pegasus Society President, Professor John Williams. Many of those at Brunch had also been at the Reunion Dinner, but we were delighted to also welcome other Pegasus Society members and their families who live locally, or were visiting Cambridge for the weekend.

In September 2006 we will be welcoming back the 1996 year for the 10th anniversary of their matriculation, 1986 for their 20th anniversary and 1981 for their Silver anniversary. We do not have contact details for those members of these years who are listed below, so if you can put them back in touch with us, we'd welcome your help in ensuring that they receive their reunion invitations. Either contact us on [development-office@robinson.cam.ac.uk](mailto:development-office@robinson.cam.ac.uk) or 01223 339036 and let us know where to send the invitation (physically or electronically) and we will contact the alumnus or alumna and ask if s/he would like to be reinstated on the College mailing lists, or ask the alumnus or alumna to contact us directly.

Curtis B Cutter	1981	International Relations
Philip Clifford Hoyle	1981	Natural Sciences (Physical)
Michael Alan Lampkin	1981	Mathematics
Philip Robert Lowe	1981	English
Stuart Giles Morris	1981	Social and Political Sciences
Grange Turner	1981	History
Marcello Corti	1986	Economics
James Howorth Entwistle	1986	Manufacturing Engineering
James Foster	1986	Chemical Engineering
Andrew Morgan Green	1986	Metallurgy
Nigel P Jenkins	1986	Economics
Catherine Mary Kidston (née Hodson)	1986	Natural Sciences (Biological)
Mary M Lane	1986	Natural Sciences (Physical)
Julian Alexander Talbot Lees	1986	Theology
Ernst Maug	1986	Economics
Carl E Newns	1986	History of Art
Alexander Hugh Salter	1986	Botany
Matthew Christian Evelyn Walker	1986	Classics
Lesley G Wilson	1986	Economics
Daniel J Brewer	1996	Manufacturing Engineering
Alex Fazzari	1996	English
Edward James Robert Baring Garrod	1996	Architecture
Andrew James Hamilton Henderson	1996	Law
Clare Elizabeth Hyland	1996	Medicine
Jan Jurjens	1996	Mathematics
Dmitri V Kostov	1996	Economics
Matthew N Luscombe	1996	Economics
William Polmear Locke Mandy	1996	History
Mads Krogh Petersen	1996	International Relations
Daniel K Skelton	1996	Materials Science & Metallurgy
Duncan James Speller	1996	Law
Josephine M Thompson	1996	Geography
John Alexander Towers	1996	History
Jonathan Grahame Williams	1996	English



## Whispering Back

Helping horses to get on with humans, helping humans to move on with horses, is just such a wonderful and rewarding pleasure, it's hard to think of it as work.

Nicole Golding and I met just moments before the Robinson College freshers' photo was taken in October 1988. It was around 8am, and I must confess I was feeling very unsteady indeed, standing on the scaffolding-like structure that had been erected in the main quad, though less because of vertigo than from having been perilously excessive in my consumption of alcohol the night before, which hadn't ended very long before. But for the scrawny-looking wraith that slipped past to stand beside me, later to become my personal and business life partner, the night had not strictly ended, as she had staggered directly from a party to stand and be counted by an extremely agitated Fred Boyne, the Head Porter, who was trying to get the last of the group into place before the rising sun, which had already begun to catch the forehead of one particularly tall individual in the top row, completely ruined the picture.

So began a relationship, which for the first term wasn't a relationship at all, but which has lasted for 16 years. It was given weight by the good fortune that she had a father whose work meant she could get virtually free flights, and had always wanted to return to Africa, whilst my father happened to be the Ambassador to Gabon. Thus we were able to 'honeymoon' at Her Majesty's expense, courtesy of Air Canada. But I suppose this is a less interesting coincidence than the other love that I fell into completely by accident at Cambridge, as a result of a chance meeting of a very different nature. Strangely, given how little work I did, she was named Sensi – teacher in Japanese. Sensi was to be a teacher to us both, and meeting her gave us the chance to meet hundreds more teachers like her, and through them, thousands of people. We met her in a field out by the canal north of Cottenham, where we had bizarrely ended up living in our second year. (Don't ask.) Yes, Sensi is a horse, and yes, even back in the days before the silly league of student debt started, it was still a very impractical idea to get a horse while still at college. Especially when the horse in question

wasn't even 3 years old, and you know absolutely nothing about them, as was the case for me. But then, if I had known anything about them, I would never have made such a crazy remark as I did, not least because I would have known that financially it was tantamount to suicide.

"I wonder how much horses cost? Perhaps we could buy her?" This was a flippant remark, spoken as carelessly as one might do when passing a car showroom, if you have absolutely no idea how much it costs to run one. Of course, as an abstract concept, coming so completely out of the blue, so absolutely off the wall, it seemed a lot more practical than it was. And, of course, Nicole took full advantage and lied her head off as soon as I wondered about things like feed and horse shoes. I had not only reckoned without the true potential cost, but also without the fact that due to her obsession, if I didn't take up horses, I would hardly ever see Nicole again, but that since I had just made her childhood dream come alive, and in the end made it come true, she would love me for ever (although probably not as much as she loves the horse. Or her foal who's now 5, or indeed the 6 others we own).

Not that I'm complaining. Indeed, I really meant it when I titled the first chapter of our book, *Whispering Back*, "Rupert Meets the Luckiest Man in the World". For I certainly have good reason to lay claim to that title. Most people don't seem to work doing something they absolutely love, as I do, earning a decent amount of money, whilst receiving a degree of fame and buckets of gratitude for doing a variety of things to serve the noblest creature who walks the planet, as well as many lovely people who are also on the journey we're on: to become a better person through horsemanship. It's a journey that's led us from a one bedroom flat in Milton Keynes to the stables of a picturesque Cotswold estate, where we run courses in a unique blend of classical horsemanship and the art of so-called 'horse whispering', the work of Monty Roberts.

That bit of the tale starts in 1996, five years after we had graduated and drifted into multiple horse-owning financial madness, barely supported by Nicole's job as a radio operator for Thames Valley Police, my job as a teacher in a Japanese school in Milton Keynes, and our 4 organic allotments. But then we saw the amazing Monty Roberts on TV, "starting" a young horse in around half an hour through a combination of psychology and body language. After Nicole went on the second-ever course in his methods, which was run near Oxford by a former champion jockey called Kelly Marks, we found ourselves drawn into a world whose challenges and rewards seem boundlessly fascinating almost ten years later.

I was immediately hooked the moment I saw Monty work, and yet every time I see him, every time I feel a horse approach me for "join up", or load onto a lorry after conquering years of fear, or accept being ridden for the first time, it brings a wave of emotion over me. Helping horses to get on with humans, helping humans to move on with horses, is just such a wonderful and rewarding pleasure, it's hard to think of it as work. Even the more everyday side of our job, giving riding lessons in which we help people to understand their horse, and communicate gently with the minimum of kicking, pulling and therefore danger, is often full of beauty and revelation for all concerned. Just ask Mike Sewell, American History professor at Selwyn. He came on a riding clinic here very recently.

**Adam Goodfellow**

*Adam Goodfellow and Nicole Golding's book, "Whispering Back", with an introduction by Monty Roberts, was published in 2003. Signed copies are available for £17.99 inc P+P. Please send a cheque made to "Whispering Back" to Moor Wood Stables, Cirencester, Glos, GL7 7EB. For free downloads and more information, visit [www.whisperingback.co.uk](http://www.whisperingback.co.uk) For details of Monty Roberts demonstrations visit [www.montyroberts.co.uk](http://www.montyroberts.co.uk)*

## Planning your legacy

In spite of its relative youth, Robinson College has always been fortunate in the support that it has received from Members and Friends. Without that support over the last twenty-five years or so, the College would not have become what it is today. Now, as never before, it needs the support of its Members and Friends to preserve its autonomy, to build on the developments of the past and to provide its current and future Members with the same excellent facilities and opportunities for teaching, learning, research, living and recreation, as were enjoyed by those who studied here in earlier years.

Many colleges in Cambridge, with membership going back generations – and even centuries – beyond the foundation of Robinson College, understand very well what a significant part legacies have played, and continue to play, in securing their financial stability. Bequests have provided them with invaluable resources including, for example, much of the cost of building additional student accommodation, maintaining and enhancing College buildings and grounds, hardship bursaries, scholarships and teaching posts.

While all of us hope that legacies to the College from our Members and Friends are some

years away from becoming a reality, all of us recognise the need for long-term planning. We all also recognise that, for the sake of our peace of mind, especially where we have dependants, thoughts will invariably turn to ensuring that our financial affairs and responsibilities are in order and this should include the preparation of a Will. Robinson has a booklet available to explain how a legacy can help Robinson College in the future and how your support would help future generations of Robinsonians.

The Crausaz-Wordsworth Society was created to recognise the generosity and commitment of those who have pledged legacies

to Robinson. Membership of the Society acknowledges those who have informed us of their intention to leave a legacy. Members are invited to return to Robinson annually for the Commemoration of Benefactors' Service and Tea and to attend other Robinson events.

If you would like a copy of the Robinson College legacy information booklet, please contact the Development Office by post, email or telephone. Together we can make a real difference to the opportunities that the College is able to offer to students, teachers and researchers today and in future.

## The Varsity Match

**Tuesday 6th December – £60 per head**

In 1823 William Webb Ellis, a pupil at Rugby School, collected a ball in his hands and with "a fine disregard for the rules" ran forward with it. Thus, Rugby Union as we know it was born. Cambridge University Rugby Union Football Club (CURUFC) was officially founded in 1872, some three years later than Oxford University RUFC. The first Varsity Match was played in that year.

CURUFC has a policy of encouraging Club tours to both established and developing rugby-playing countries and in recent years has toured Japan, Argentina and Zimbabwe, interspersed with short tours to the Home Countries and to Europe. However, the highlight of the season for any player at Cambridge will undoubtedly remain that Tuesday in December when he turns out at Twickenham in front of about 50,000 people to challenge the old enemy – Oxford.

Join us this year to experience that extraordinary atmosphere at Twickenham on Varsity Match day. Robinson College tickets include: a sandwich lunch, coach travel to and from The Old Deer Park (home of London Welsh) to Twickenham, entrance to the game, programme and bangers and mash supper back at The Old Deer Park for post match analysis! For more Varsity Information and details of players see [www.curufc.com/](http://www.curufc.com/)

### 10 minutes with Joe Ansbro 5th October 2005

Playing Rugby since the age of 7 hasn't affected the charm or good looks of a still youthful Joe Ansbro. And whilst he's absolutely delighted to be at Robinson pursuing academic excellence, the draw of the Rugby pitch and the forthcoming Varsity Match are not far from Joe's thoughts. Training is intense now, with matches almost every week and with his experience as an England Under 18 player, Joe is keen to show he means business on the field, as well as in the lecture hall. Something of a strategic thinker, he is well suited to playing Outside Centre position and enjoys the responsibility this position demands. He confesses to his current struggle – the transition between 'School Rugby', where strength and power are less an issue than size and skill, and 'Adult Rugby' where skill and condition are everything. Joe is keen to build on his current form and if he manages to avoid injury this year, we just may see him on the field in December!

The Team will be announced only a week before Varsity – see [www.curufc.com](http://www.curufc.com) for details.

Thanks to Joe for his enthusiastic response to questioning. We wish the Team success on the field in December!



### Player Profile

<b>Name</b>	Ansbro, Joe
<b>Date of Birth</b>	29/10/1985
<b>Place of Birth</b>	Glasgow
<b>Position</b>	13
<b>Height</b>	6ft
<b>Weight</b>	85kgs

### Additional Information

Joe was educated at Stonyhurst College, Lancashire and is now in his second year reading Natural Sciences at Robinson.



A booking form for these events can be found in the centre of this issue of *Bin Brook*. Please note the booking deadline dates and book as far as possible in advance to avoid disappointment!

## Christmas Carol Concert

**Saturday 3rd December**

**£4 per head**

11-11.30am Mince Pies and Coffee in the Chapel  
11.30am-12.30pm Concert in the Chapel. A Concert of Christmas Music, with readings, including carols sung by the Chapel Choir

Tickets MUST be booked in advance through Development Office.

## Freshers' Parents Lunch

**Saturday 3rd December**

**Courtesy of the Warden**

12.30pm -2.30pm, by invitation only.

## Varsity Match

**Tuesday 7th December**

**£60 per head**

We will meet at London Welsh RFC, Old Deer Park, Kew Road, Richmond at 12.00 noon for a pre-match sandwich lunch. Coaches will take us to Twickenham at 1.00 pm prompt in time for kick-off at 2pm. We will return to London Welsh after the final whistle for a sausage and mash supper.

*Deadline for Bookings: 21st November 2005 (4pm).*

Tickets MUST be booked in advance through Development Office

## Graduands' Parents Lunch

**Saturday 15th January 2006 - Courtesy of the Warden**

12.30pm-2.30pm, by invitation only.

## Year Representatives' Conference

**24th/25th March 2006**

Dinner in the SCR on Friday will provide an informal start to the Annual Year Representatives Conference. We are joined by the Warden and this event provides an opportunity for Year Representatives to give feedback on the Alumni Events and Fundraising programmes. We also catch up with 'lost' Alumni and news from the Year Representatives and seek advice and help with ongoing and forthcoming projects and services to our members.

## 'Career Corners'

**25th March 2006, 4-5pm**

**£5**

Do you want to find out who shares your career interests and aspirations? Would you like to share news and views about a particular career path/profession? Is career networking important to you and your profession?

We've been asked to organise a specific networking opportunity for Robinson Alumni. If we offer 'Career Corners' over the Pegasus Society Weekend and offer quite simply tea/coffee and biscuits and a forum in which to make contact with similar professions, would you be interested? Everyone attending would need to provide details of their current work place/position at work/a brief resumé/contact details to make this hour valuable. This would be an informal networking opportunity, rather than including specific speakers or workshops. Initial suggestions include – Government & Politics, Law & Economics, IT, Financial Services. If you have any other 'Career Corners' to add please email Amanda at as709@cam.ac.uk

Tickets MUST be booked in advance through Development Office.

## Pegasus Society AGM & Dinner

**25th March 2006**

**£19**

Members of the Pegasus Society are invited back to College for the Annual Dinner and AGM. Members are invited to bring a guest and this is a great opportunity to see Robinson friends and make new contacts from College. Why not take a table and fill it with your friends from Robinson? We can help put you in touch.

Tickets MUST be booked in advance through Development Office.

## Geographers' Table at Formal Hall

**Tuesday 28 February 2006**

**£7.15, or this meal can be taken as an MA entitlement for those who have collected their MA and have not yet used their entitlement to dine for this academic year**

Lent term 2006 marks the tenth year of Dr Steve Trudgill's time in Cambridge and at Robinson. To celebrate this occasion, Dr Trudgill will be hosting a Geographers' table at Formal Hall on Tuesday 28 February for current Geography students and any who matriculated 1996 onwards, for whom he has been DoS.

Tickets MUST be booked in advance through Development Office, closing date Thursday 23rd February 2006.

## Geographers' Table at the Pegasus Society Dinner

**25th March 2006**

**£19**

Lent term 2006 marks the tenth year of Dr Steve Trudgill's time in Cambridge and at Robinson. To celebrate this occasion, Dr Trudgill will be hosting a Geographers' table at the Pegasus Society Dinner, where he hopes to meet all students from 1996 onwards, for whom he has been DoS. If you would like to be part of this Geographers' dinner at the Pegasus Society, please put "Geography Table" on your Pegasus Society Dinner booking form when you send it in.

Tickets MUST be booked in advance through Development Office.

## Historians' Lunch

**26th March 2006**

**£21 Alumni & Fellows / £16 Current Students**

**12.15pm-2.30pm Buffet Lunch**

Robinson Historians are invited to help Dr Martin Brett celebrate his retirement after 28 years at Robinson. An informal gathering in the Hall will give Historians, past and present, the opportunity to join Dr Deborah Thom in wishing Dr Brett well for the future. We regret that due to space limitations, this event is open only to Historians; however, Dr Brett will also attend the Pegasus Society dinner on the previous evening and if you are not an Historian, but would like to have an opportunity to wish Dr Brett well in his retirement, please book for the Pegasus Society dinner.

Tickets MUST be booked in advance through Development Office.



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The Internet Phone Company has been providing Robinson College with an Internet Telephony service since September 2004. We have worked closely with the Domestic Bursar, Peter Milloy, to provide this service to staff and students, utilising the college network to allow free and heavily discounted phone calls over the Internet connection. Our association has continued to grow and this year the Internet Phone Company was proud to sponsor Robinson College's Telethon, by providing all of the phone calls free of charge using our services.

Currently (VOIP) Voice over Internet Protocol is the buzzword on the lips of the telecommunications industry, and is a rapidly growing sector of the IT and telecoms marketplace. VOIP enables everyone to fully utilise their broadband connection to make FREE and significantly cheaper phone calls via the Internet. Therefore, if both parties are using the Internet Phone Co's VOIP service – 'Connect', the call will be totally FREE, whether you are in the same country or indeed, in totally different parts of the world! All you need is a Connect Phone or Box and a Broadband connection.

Of course VOIP couldn't be considered a real telephony solution unless non-Internet phone users could contact you too via their ordinary telephone. The Internet Phone Company provides its customers with an ordinary UK telephone number, such as an 0845 number, or a UK geographic number like 01223. Customers have the ability to choose which type of number you require, depending upon their needs.

Whether you decide to purchase the 'ConnectPhone' or the 'ConnectBox', all units are shipped fully configured, so all you need to do is plug them into your network and start making and receiving calls within minutes. You also have the ability to view your own personal Control Panel from the website which allows you to seamlessly divert your phone to another, as well as many other features, including phone bill viewing whenever you wish, enabling you to see how much a call has cost within minutes of making it.

As our company moves into its third year as a VOIP provider, we strive to continue to add new and innovative features, whilst remaining focused on the stability of our service. The extra features we list on our website provide both our home/student users and business clients with many benefits, from allowing parents to control the use of the phone, to hunt groups and numerous types of call diversion, of which all users can take full advantage at no extra cost.

If you would like to know more about The Internet Phone Company and the services we can offer you, please contact us either by email to [info@internetphoneco.com](mailto:info@internetphoneco.com), by telephone on 0845 345 8987, or visit our website [www.internetphoneco.com](http://www.internetphoneco.com), where you can view our unique list of features and try out our Call Coster to see how much cheaper your calls will be using Connect!

## Thank You!

A big thank you to everyone who has been involved in our first telephone appeal for the Annual Fund. 1,465 Robinsonians were contacted at the end of the Easter Term with a letter from the Warden to ask if they would be willing to take a call from one of the current undergraduate or graduate students to provide feedback on events and communications, to update their records and to consider making a regular or single gift to the Annual Fund.

Over 11 days following May Week our wonderful team of student callers ensured that the Development Office was full to bursting point whilst they followed up that letter and spoke to 547 Robinsonians in person. Anyone whom they were unable to contact by phone was sent a letter to let them know that they had tried to be in touch in person and to give them a chance to support in the Annual Fund. The team worked incredibly hard (fuelled by the occasional injection of chocolate cake!) and had long discussions with many of the Robinsonians they were able to contact. They really enjoyed hearing about the College over the last 25 years from those who had been involved at all the different stages and received a great deal of valuable career, travel and sporting advice!

The response has been tremendous – thank you all! We have been able to improve our contact details for many members, which will help us to tailor and improve the events that we offer and the way in which we let you know about them. We have a new, updated list of Robinsonians who are willing to offer career advice to their colleagues. We have received a tremendous number of gifts towards the Annual Fund – to date just over £100,000 has been given or pledged in single gifts ranging from £5 to £2,000, or as regular amounts ranging from £5 to £100 per month, and in one case £2,000 per year, for between 4 and 7 years.

Support from our alumni – no matter how large or small the gift – demonstrates that those who know our College best, our Members and Friends, care enough to make their own contributions. This also helps the College significantly in its subsequent approaches to other potential major sources of funding, such as trusts and foundations. In addition, in a recent White Paper on university funding, the Government has proposed that it will reward those institutions that are particularly successful at attracting gifts from their alumni.

We are especially grateful to the students who helped to make this campaign such a success and who were such a pleasure to work with in the Development Office. Thank you Alec, Alice, Adam, Andy, Elena, Jude, Judith, Laura, Mathuri, Mike, Rhiannon, Ruth, Susan, Tamsin and Tom!

Together Robinsonians are making a real difference to the opportunities that the College is able to offer to students, teachers and researchers today and in future.

If you would like to know more about the Annual Fund, see our website at [www.robinson.cam.ac.uk/alumni/annualfund.php](http://www.robinson.cam.ac.uk/alumni/annualfund.php)

## Wishing you all the best Cynthia

We said a fond farewell to Mrs Cynthia Murden as she retired from the Development Office at the end of the Easter Term after 10 years in post. Many readers will remember her in her many roles, from organising Reunions, to providing Year Book committees with office space and access to a PC to produce their annual works, preparing information for our donors and supporters, co-ordinating the production of Bin Brook and organising the parents' lunches.

Mrs Jo Utting has joined the Development Team and has wide experience of college life, having previously worked in a variety of roles at St John's and at Girton colleges. We're delighted to welcome her to the team at Robinson.



Friends and well-wishers bid Veronica Smith a happy retirement

There has been quite a flurry of comings and goings in other departments too and we wish them all well:

### Arrivals

Lyes Auone	Cleaner
Valerie Darking	Library Supervisor
Lynne Freestone	Domestic Supervisor
Graham Grant	Lodge Porter
Robin MacPherson	Apprentice Gardener
Alix Rowland	Events Co-ordinator

### Departures

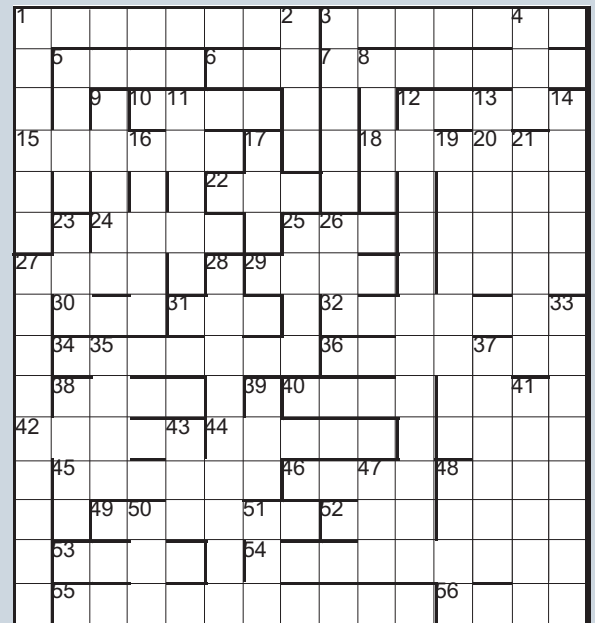
Valerie Berryman	Library Supervisor
Barry Chandler	Electrician
Anna Debicka	Food Services Assistant
Mike Gooch	Deputy Bar Manager
Jean Nelson	College Sister
Brian Potter	Lodge Porter
Brian Smith	Domestic Supervisor
Colin Smith	Cleaner
Veronica Smith	Domestic Supervisor
Gill Stannard	Payroll Clerk

## Crossword

The first three correct entries out of the bag on 12 December will each win a new Robinson College lapel pin.

### Across

- You, Dear Reader, are holding the flower in the gardens (3,5)
- Spigot, as American, forms your society (7)
- After the first of January, a French month when 25ac,40ac actually happens (4)
- Litigate against wife of 14d, 9d (3)
- See 25d or 18ac
- Church land without second class song for at least three unaccompanied men (4)
- Italian river (2)
- 41d Do we initially worship Chaplin reconstructed as the Light of the World? (6,6)
- 7ac Singer - surely not related to 25d, 7ac? (3,7)
- E.g. roe (3)
- Short mentor (3)
- Short film comes after English grand film (4)
- 40ac Hawthorn sphere is actually in 5ac (3,4)
- Merge or it may blow (4)
- Anne Bronte's Wildfell can be formal (4)
- Elevated place for a Conservative like one of Schubert's (4)
- Boat person eponymous for apple (3)
- See 19d
- 44ac Orkney etcher artfully shows old house in gardens (12)
- What may be done to 47d as essential to play (4)
- Overly or as well (3)
- 14d Hoot abuse about a place to keep 38ac ready for 42ac (9)
- See 25ac
- Afterthought for tramp rowing? (5)
- See 34ac
- Renoir's without right to be re-arranged and can go with second half of 19d, 32ac to manage money (6)
- 11d Wise, droll wordplay for first 54ac (4,5)
- 54ac English place, unknown hospital section in lair for 25d, 7ac (6,6)
- Follow that cur (3)
- For betting in 38ac on water? (4)
- Head brings strife to the study, so far 46ac, 11d and 14d, 9d (6)
- Accountant, one with hesitation, finds seats to listen (9)
- String which I possess worn in 29ac (4)



### Down

- Their relationships have to be cemented to form the College body (6)
- University sounds at the bottom of 38ac (4)
- Twenty third Greek on computer (5)
- Yorkshire River flows from Nuremberg (3)
- 16d Bunyan's first leads to pied leader who designed the 15ac, 41d (4,5)
- Michaelmas, Lent or Easter (4)
- See 14d
- See 46ac
- Dark brown bitter beers found at beaver's place where 27d was Head (5)
- 32ac Cleaner has old purse and right to become College manager - absurd mortices to be re-made (8,6)
- See 38ac
- 9d Steady, avid reformation for 54ac ....(5,5)...and...
- 33d ....Eager birds nest in 18d and founder (5,8)
- See 5d
- Fellow flows quiet according to Sholokov? (3)
- Clover chewed for fastener (6)
- Stag's activity makes impression (3)
- 7ac Queen has Scottish clan to become 49ac, 54ac - tasty warmer cooked (4,7)
- Vestment from St. Albans (3)
- Ref. beyond running about in the 12d (4,5)
- Yearn to woo in rectangular College space (4,5)
- See 14d (second clue)
- Page starting web site (4)
- Drunkard coming up round epitaph for examination (6)
- Shrub leader (4)
- Stray in terror (3)
- See 15ac
- Drink daintily (3)
- Old measure which may be 36ac in fishing (3)
- As the choir does in 15ac (4)
- Audley or Howard's? (3)
- Ark number (3)



# Changing Faces

The new academic year sees many changes amongst the Fellowship, as retirement and career progression take existing Fellows on to pastures new (though, we hope, never too far from Robinson) and bring new faces into their previous roles around College.

## Admissions Tutor

Dr Ian Rudy hands over the reins of the Admissions Office to Dr Chris Warner this term. Dr Warner will continue to build upon Dr Rudy's work to ensure that applications to Robinson are considered in an efficient and equitable manner and that suitable candidates are able to come forward even if they come from a school or family without a history of sending students to Cambridge. He is already testing his communications ideas on his teacher wife and teenage daughter, as well as via more conventional routes!

Dr Rudy will continue in his other roles as Fellow and Director of Studies (DoS) in Management Studies, as he becomes the Proudfoot Consulting Director of Studies – see over for more on this initiative.

## Computer Science

We are delighted to welcome Dr Alastair Beresford (1996) and Dr Richard Sharp (1996) to the Fellowship as Fellows in Computer Science. They add this role in College to many that have gone before, as both were undergraduate and graduate students here and were Senior Members of Robinson before their election to the Fellowship. Richard will also be DoS for Computer Science at Robinson.



Alastair may also be known to readers as President of the RCSA in 1997/1998, President of the MCR in 2001/2, and Alumni Year Representative for 1996 matriculands. He has already volunteered to join the Development Committee, so the Development Team is looking forward to working with him further and is already picking his brains about online directories and other electronic services for members. See later in this issue for more news about the online directory for alumni.

## Economics

Thanks to support for the post from a consortium of alumni over five years, Dr Miriam Teschl has been appointed as Fellow and Director of Studies in Economics. This is a splendid example of how supporters can make a real difference to the life of students and academics in College today, alongside initiatives that allow colleges to work together, so offering high quality opportunities for learning and research. The consortium, whose members we have not named here as some wish to remain anonymous, but to whom we are tremendously grateful, have all committed to "shares" in the post at £21 per month, per share (or £250 per year) for 5 years. Share holdings range from half a share (from an alumna on maternity leave who nonetheless wished to show her commitment to the subject) to 51 shares, with most of the consortium holding 1 – 5 shares. The consortium's support funds one half of the post, whilst Homerton College meets the other half of the post's costs. Dr Teschl was previously a Marie Curie Fellow at the Faculty of Economics at the University of Cambridge and then became a Senior Member of Robinson, temporary DoS and Supervisor in Economics, whilst completing her PhD in Economics at the GREQAM, University Paul Cezanne (Aix-Marseille III).

Dr Teschl says:

"I am very happy that I have been offered the Fellowship and DoS position in Economics at Robinson College, especially because this means that I can continue not only with my own research on the "Identity of the Economic Agent", but also with what I already started doing to some extent last year - when I was DoS and supervising the Robinson Economics students on a temporary basis alongside my research work. This position also means that Robinson College initiates a new partnership with Homerton College, where I will also direct the studies and supervise the students of the Economics Tripos. I am looking forward to taking up the role because I've really appreciated the close contact with the students. Indeed, one of the most rewarding moments last year was when students contacted me to tell me how happy they were about their good results. There is nothing more that a Director of Studies could wish!"

## Engineering

The Fellows are particularly pleased to welcome not one, but two, University Teaching Officers in Engineering to the Fellowship. Dr Nedunchezian Swaminathan and Dr Christos Markides will bring their expertise to teaching and learning in engineering at Robinson.

## English

Dr Judy Weiss, one of the Founding Fellows, has retired at the end of the 2004/5 academic year – although we will still see much of her around College, we hope – and thanks to support from Trinity College towards the cost of a new College Teaching Officer in English for up to 5 years, we are able, and very pleased, to have Dr Michael Hurley joining the Fellowship. Dr Hurley will be the DoS in English and will doubtless build on Dr Weiss's legacy. If you would like to support teaching in English, please don't hesitate to complete and return the gift forms in the centre of this issue of Bin Brook!

## Law

### The Beachcroft Wansbrough Fellow in Law

Dr Rebecca Williams has departed for a post at Pembroke College, Oxford, this term and we are sorry to see her go, as she brought great energy and skill to the role of Fellow and DoS in Law at Robinson. Thanks to very generous financial support from law firm, Beachcroft Wansbroughs, however, Robinson is pleased to welcome Isabella Alexander as her replacement. Managing Partner of Beachcroft Wansbroughs, Paul Murray, said in announcing this partnership "We regard this as an excellent way to bring together academic lawyers of the highest calibre with those in practice at Beachcroft Wansbroughs so that each may benefit from the experiences of the others and offer rounded and high-quality teaching, learning and research opportunities to students and staff alike."

Isabella Alexander will be supported in her work as DoS not only by Professor Christopher Forsyth and the Warden, but by Dr Markus W Gehring, who joins the College as a Law Fellow under a joint appointment as a Lecturer in International Law with the Centre of International Studies. Dr Gehring specialises in European, International Trade and Sustainable Development Law.



Faculty of Law



## Management Studies

### The Proudfoot Consulting Director of Studies in Management Studies

Robinson College will be working with Proudfoot Consulting over the next five years, following the company's commitment to sponsor the post of Director of Studies in Management Studies. The Director of Studies, Dr Ian Rudy (1981), will be known as the Proudfoot Consulting Director of Studies in Management Studies and will be a key link between the College and the company.

Proudfoot is one of two companies that comprises The Management Consulting Group (MCG), whose CEO is Kevin Parry (1980), and is a specialist firm of consultants that implements sustainable operational improvements at no net annualised cost to their clients. MCG is an umbrella organisation for a diverse range of consulting and professional service offerings and the combined organisation (including sister company, Parson Consulting) operates globally with offices on five continents.

The Warden, David Yates, commented "We are most grateful to Proudfoot Consulting for its gift and for Kevin's advocacy on the College's behalf within the firm. The company's support will help the College to ensure that it maintains the highest standards of teaching in Management Studies, whilst introducing the students to a "hands-on" consultancy that not only seeks to identify potential efficiencies, but also to help clients to implement those recommendations. We look forward to working with Proudfoot over the next five years."

To learn more about Management Studies at Robinson today, please initially contact Helen Cornish on [hec39@cam.ac.uk](mailto:hec39@cam.ac.uk). To learn more about Proudfoot Consulting, see [www.proudfootconsulting.com](http://www.proudfootconsulting.com).

## Mathematics

Professor Ian Drummond (Mathematics and Theoretical Physics) and Professor Charles Thomas (Pure Mathematics) have retired this term, though we hope to continue to see them in College on a regular basis, like Dr Weiss. Thanks again, as with English, to support from Trinity College towards the costs of a College Teaching Officer, we are able to welcome our new Fellow in Pure Mathematics, Dr Tim Dokchitser, to Robinson for five years. If you would like to support teaching in Mathematics, please don't hesitate to complete and return the gift forms in the centre of this issue of Bin Brook!

At the same time, we say farewell and best wishes for the future to Dr Paul Smith, Research Fellow in Engineering, who departs for a new research post in Oxford, to Dr William O'Reilly, Research Fellow in History, as he moves to Trinity Hall and to Dr Edouard Challe, Research Fellow in Economics, on his return to Paris.

# Alumni news

**Jonathan Ayres (1989)** married Charlotte (Selwyn College, 1992) on 4th June this year. He says "Now all the planning for the wedding and moving house is out of the way, hopefully we'll be able to pay a visit to the old place!"

**Alex Bond (1994) and Rachel Anderson**, below, (St Catharine's, Cambridge, 1997) were married last summer on the 31st July 2004 at Hillside museum, Mow Cop, Staffordshire (an ex-Methodist Chapel, and currently occupied by Rachel's parents), with the reception at Astbury Village Hall, nr Congleton. A number of Robinsonians and other Cambridge graduates were in attendance.



**Alex Bristow (1998)** has been awarded a Daiwa Anglo-Japanese Foundation Scholarship and will be based in Tokyo from September 2005 until March 2007. During the scholarship period he will receive intensive language training and undertake work placements at organisations relevant to his career goals. Alex is one of only seven new Daiwa Scholars and it is a great compliment to his abilities and character that he was successful after a very competitive selection process.

**Professor Len Conolly (1981, Senior Member, Former Bye Fellow, Visting Fellow)** became a grandfather for the first time in February 2005, and again in the summer, whilst Trent University, Ontario, presented him with the University's 2005 Distinguished Research Award.

**Alicia Cropley (née Robinson, 1981)** has been married to Ian Cropley, a Caian, since 1997 and they have two children, Katie (almost 5) and Jessica (3).

**Clare de Castella (1989)** has been living in Sydney for the last 8 years, which she loves. In February this year, she cemented her Australian connections by marrying Migsy Mackay, a Melburnian. She is currently Marketing Manager for Peppers, a boutique Australian hotel group, but they have plans to return to the UK for a while, probably within the next 18 months or so.

**Alison Davis (1990) and Richard Westlake** are delighted to announce the birth of Meriel on 31 May 2005.

Following three years in Poland and the same in Coventry, **Jonathan Fowler** (History, 1987) is now a journalist in Switzerland, where he moved in the dying days of the last century. After a year in Bern with Swissinfo, the country's international Web and radio service, he moved to Geneva to become a correspondent for The Associated Press at its United Nations bureau. Earlier this year he crossed over to the AP's French news agency counterpart, Agence France Presse. After failing shamefully to keep in touch with Robinson friends, Jonathan would be pleased to pick up any news from old acquaintances. He can be reached at [jonathan.fowler@afp.com](mailto:jonathan.fowler@afp.com).





**Ed (1989) and Lisa Furness** are delighted to announce the arrival of Daniel David Furness, born on Friday 29th July 2005 and weighing in at 8lbs 2oz. Ed is currently working as a management consultant with The Berkeley Partnership, based in central London.



Congratulations to **Tom Hartley and Jennie Lloyd (both 2002)**, below, who have announced their engagement and would like to extend a sincere invitation to all those wishing to attend the wedding ceremony. It is to be held at St Mary's Church, Henley-on-Thames, on Saturday 7th January 2006. For more information, please phone Tom on 07734 652167, or visit their aptly-named website, [www.tomandjennie.com](http://www.tomandjennie.com).



**Rob Hoey (2000)** has been commissioned into the Royal Engineers and was awarded the Sword of Honour for his year at Sandhurst. He is in touch with Mr Fred Boyne, MBE, who alerted us to the news of this tremendous achievement.

**Dr Roger Glen Morris (1994)**, X-Ray Astronomer at the IOA Cambridge has been appointed Software Developer/ Astronomer within the Kavli Institute for Particle Astrophysics and Cosmology at the Stanford Linear Accelerator Centre, Stanford, California.

**Ruth O'Keeffe (née Pearce, aka Jones, 1981)** was elected to East Sussex County Council as an Independent on 5 May 2005.

**Luke and Ruth (née Irvine) O'Shea (both 1996)**, below, who were married in the College chapel in 2002, were delighted to have a baby girl, Ella, on 17th January this year.



**John Reynolds (2001)** says "I have just announced my engagement to my childhood sweetheart, Barbara (non-Robinson, but well known to my friends). The wedding's planned for the summer of '06 in Devon – invitations will be sent out to friends closer to the time, but expect a strong Robinson contingent!"



"Dr and Mrs James Rubin, left, (**née Antonia Collins 1996**), whose wedding was announced in the last edition of Bin Brook".

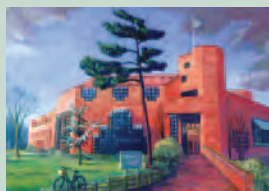
**Stacey Schultz (née Blades, 1997)** was married to Arthur 'Skip' Schultz on July 2nd 2005, a Texan she met while teaching on the JET programme in Japan. The wedding took place in her home town of Grimsby. One of her three bridesmaids was Jessica Hyde (St John's, 1997) and two ex-Binsons, Anne Carnall (1997) and Emily Smith (1996), also attended the wedding. Skip and Stacey are now based in Nottingham; she's a copywriter at Nottingham Trent University and he's a teacher in Derby.

All prices include UK packing and postage. Please enquire on [development-office@cam.ac.uk](mailto:development-office@cam.ac.uk) for overseas packing and postage prices.

## Robinson College Limited Edition Prints

A local artist has produced this wonderful series of framed prints. They are on sale here at Robinson at a specially discounted price for Robinsonians and visitors to the College. £15 from the sale of each framed print is donated to Robinson to help support its work.

Each image is also available as a greeting card, sold individually with envelopes for £1 each or in packs of 5 for £4.50.



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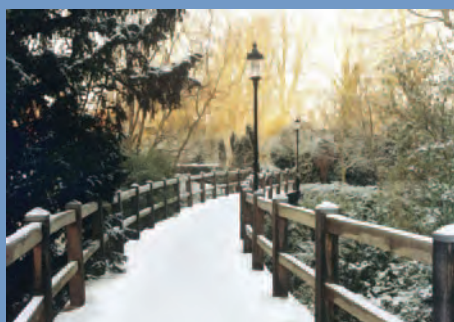


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Additional sizes of mounted prints are also available from the artist via [www.cambridgeart.com/robinson](http://www.cambridgeart.com/robinson).

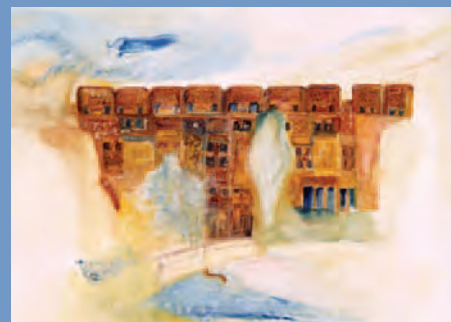
## Robinson College Christmas Cards



Bin Brook Bridge  
£5.50 for a pack of 10



The Beginning and the End  
By John Piper (Detail)  
A window in Robinson College Chapel  
£6.25 for a pack of 10, 65p for individual cards



The Mystery of Communion  
by S Edwards McKie.  
£4.50 for a pack of 10



## Cufflinks in plain gold and silver colours, or enamel

£15 per pair, or £10 per pair for UMS card holders purchasing from the Robinson College Porters' Lodge

## Robinson College Choir CDs

are available at £10 each. Two titles are available: "Sing for the Morning's Joy", a collection of pieces including *A Hymn for St Cecilia* and *Greater Love Hath No Man* directed by Huw Jones with Ryan Hepburn on organ and "Nowell, Nowell", a collection of Christmas carols.

## Robinson College Lapel pins

£1 each with the college crest in enamel as per the enamel cufflinks.

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