



DARWIN COLLEGE E-BULLETIN JUNE 2008

Dear *Old Darwinian*,

Welcome to the Darwin College June 2008 e-bulletin. Here we list news and alumni events from both Darwin and the wider University community. If you would like more details on anything included, please do not hesitate to phone or e-mail. It is always a great pleasure to talk to our alumni and help them where we can.

Nº 4 Newnham Terrace

As noted in the 'Stop-Press' in the recent *Darwinian*, The College has the unexpected chance to buy Nº 4 Newnham Terrace. This is the final house in the Terrace not owned by The College and the last piece of the jigsaw to consolidate our footprint from the Silver Street Bridge around the whole reach of the river to the Mill Pond and Granta Public House.



Newnham Terrace would allow the College to extend the main site and gardens round the entire Mill Pond reach of the river (Nº 4 is just to the left of the tree).

The Diocese of Ely currently owns Nº 4, but 'out-of-the-blue' contacted the College to ask our interest in buying the house – we were very keen, but displayed admirable control during the discussions! Nº 4 would immediately provide more student accommodation right on the main site; it would also allow the rear gardens of Nº 4 to Nº 12 to be joined to the already beautiful main gardens, and hold out the potential to develop the Terrace further at some future point.

Nº 4
Newnham Terrace!



In order to take such a major project forward successfully, the College needs to raise funds. We plan to do this by approaching grant-making organisations, College alumni/ae, and other friends. At the outset, we are delighted to be able to announce that one of our *Emeritus* Fellows, **Richard King**, already a very generous benefactor, has given another **£100,000** as start-up funding towards this purchase. Alumni will receive a letter later in the year setting out the project and its details more fully. If, however, you already feel you want to be a part of achieving this long-awaited, one-off opportunity, you can support The College now, online, and entirely securely, by clicking on:

<http://www.dar.cam.ac.uk/alumni/fromthemaster.htm>



Buying Nº 4 offers more main-site student rooms and enhancements to already great gardens.

College Alumni Events – 'Dates for the Diary'

Friday, 11th July 2008: 6.00pm-7.30pm – Old Darwinians' Garden Party

This popular event is open to all Old Darwinians and their families; an invitation was in the last Darwinian newsletter. If you would like to attend please e-mail the Alumni Office with your name, dates in College, the names of any guests you will be bringing and a contact e-mail address. Accommodation in College books up fast so, if you will be travelling some distance to attend and would like to see if you can stay here please book early!

Saturday, 27th September 2008: 12.45pm for 1.00pm – Alumni Family Buffet Lunch

The College plans to host a Family Buffet Lunch for our alumni, their partners and children, to coincide with the University's Alumni Weekend. The lunch will be held on Saturday, 27 September, at 12.45pm for 1.00pm in The College's beautiful grounds (if the weather is fine). Do come along and enjoy good food and wine, great company, and beautiful surroundings, and the chance to enjoy the many interesting lectures and tours of the weekend. The cost for lunch will be £12.50 for adults (including wine) and free for children. If you are interested in attending, please e-mail Sophia Smith who will send out invitations nearer the time.

If you want to come along to an event please e-mail alumni.office@dar.cam.ac.uk and we will send you further details. Also, if you live abroad and know you will be coming to the UK within the next 12 months it is worth checking the 'Darwin College Events Diary' to see if anything coincides with your visit. Please bear in mind that we only send supplementary invitations to those alumni/ae living in reasonable range of Cambridge to Darwin Society Dinners and the appropriate year groups within the UK to the Reunion meals, but we are always especially delighted to see alumni/ae from further afield who can unexpectedly can join us in Cambridge to attend an event.

You can also view a full list of planned 2008 events on the following web page:

www.dar.cam.ac.uk/alumni/dcs_cale.htm

University Alumni Events

Wednesday, 13th August 2008: 4.35pm to 9.40pm Glyndebourne 'Love and Other Demons'

A limited number of tickets are available for the first major UK production of Peter Eötvös' opera 'Love and Other Demons' directed by Silviu Purcarete. **Love and Other Demons** is a story of forbidden love set in the tropical and magical world of 18th century Colombia, adapted from the novella by Nobel-prizewinner, Gabriel García Márquez. Alumni are invited to a pre-performance talk from 4.35pm, followed by the opera at 5.50pm. Mr David Pickard (Corpus Christi, 1979), the General Director of Glyndebourne, will personally welcome all alumni attending the pre-performance talk. For more details please e-mail the University Alumni Office on alumni@foundation.cam.ac.uk

Friday, 26th September, to Sunday, 28th September 2008: University Alumni Weekend

On the last full weekend of each September, alumni and their guests are invited back to Cambridge for a special programme of lectures and tours highlighting the current teaching and research of the University. This is the main weekend for College reunions too, so the city has a very special atmosphere and there are many social events to complement the academic ones. The main lecture programme takes place on Saturday, with tours and other events on Friday and Sunday. For more information go to the the University Development Office website <http://www.foundation.cam.ac.uk/weekend.php>

Twenty-fourth Annual Darwin Lecture Series



Here is a sneak preview of the topics in the **2009 Lecture Series**. The theme for 2009 is **Darwin!**

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| 16 th January | Darwinian Evolution Today | Sean Carroll, University of Wisconsin |
| 23 rd January | Darwin's Intellectual Development | Janet Browne, Harvard University |
| 30 th January | Darwin and the Victorians | Jim Secord, University of Cambridge |
| 6 th February | Why Darwinism is right and Creationism wrong | Steve Jones, University College, London |
| 13 th February | Darwinism and Society | Paul Seabright, University of Toulouse |
| 20 th February | Conservation and Extinction | Craig Moritz, University of California |
| 27 th February | Darwin and the Literary World | Rebecca Stott, Anglia Ruskin University |
| 6 th March | The Boundaries of Darwinism | John Dupre, University of Exeter |

Lost Alumni List

Inevitably, colleges lose contact with a significant number of alumni over the years and Darwin is no different during the 43 years we have been in existence. In an attempt to re-connect with all our alumni/ae, we have created a list of 'lost alumni/ae' on our website. If you go to <http://www.dar.cam.ac.uk/alumni/lostalumni> you can try it out! Just click on your matriculation year, and maybe those immediately around it, and you will see a list of 'lost' names; if you have contact details for any of the people listed, please click on their name and let us have the information in the e-mail automatically provided. Once we verify the details we will attempt to recontact the person concerned.

Contact Details

If your contact details have changed recently, please take a few moments to go to <http://www.dar.cam.ac.uk/alumni> and complete our on-line update survey. Alternatively, e-mail alumni.office@dar.cam.ac.uk as soon as possible after the change.

If you no longer want to receive these bulletins once a quarter (we of course hope that will not be the case...!), then please e-mail sas65@cam.ac.uk to let us know to take you off the list.

On the other hand, if you know of someone who might like to receive these e-mails – please forward it to them; they can then register for the bulletins by going to www.dar.cam.ac.uk/alumni.

Don't forget to leave us your feedback on the update survey!

With all best wishes

The Darwin College Alumni Team