



DARWIN COLLEGE E-BULLETIN NOVEMBER 2008

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Dear Old Darwinian,

Welcome to the Darwin College November 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.

Darwin College Lecture Series



2009 is the bicentenary of Darwin's birth and the 150th Anniversary of the publication of 'On the Origin of the Species'. To mark this occasion the theme for the 24th Annual Darwin Lecture Series is 'Darwin'.

Starting on Friday 16th January, the lectures are given at 5.30pm in The Lady Mitchell Hall, Sidgwick Avenue. 600 people typically attend each lecture so you must arrive early to ensure a place. The programme is outlined below. Over the next few weeks abstracts of the talks will be available on our website <http://www.dar.cam.ac.uk/lectures/index.shtml>.

16 Jan 17:30	Professor Sean Carroll, University of Wisconsin	The Making of the Fittest
23 Jan 17:30	Professor Janet Browne, Harvard University	Darwin's Intellectual Development
30 Jan 17:30	Professor Jim Secord, University of Cambridge	Darwin and the Victorians
06 Feb 17:30	Professor Rebecca Stott, Anglia Ruskin University	Darwin and the Literary World
13 Feb 17:30	Paul Seabright, University of Toulouse	Darwin and Human Society
20 Feb 17:30	Professor Craig Moritz, University of California	Evolution and the Conservation of Biodiversity
27 Feb 17:30	Professor Steve Jones, University College London	Is Human Evolution Over?
06 Mar 17:30	Professor John Dupre, University of Exeter	The Boundaries of Darwinism

Later in 2009 the Darwin College Society (DCS) will be holding a number of events to celebrate the bicentenary – watch this space!

Darwin College Society (DCS)

The Darwin College Society has a new enthusiast committee who are busy organising lots of events. We very much hope you will be able to come along to some of them.

The Committee is entirely made up of College Alumni/ae, all of whom are giving up their spare time to help the College. If you have any ideas for them or would like to become involved please contact Sophia Smith (sas65@cam.ac.uk). Currently, the membership includes:



Gloria Pungetti with the Master Willy Brown

- Chair:** Gloria Pungetti (Geography 1991)
Secretary: Andrew Prentice (Darwin Fellow)
Treasurer: Alex Smeets (Materials Science 1985)
Members: Derek Matravers (Philosophy 1987)
DCSA Rep: Sophia Davis

Friends of the Committee include: Andy Cross (History and Philosophy of Science and Medicine 1984), Ceri Davies (Anatomy 1974), Terry Moore (Computer Science 1985).

The Darwinian Newsletter

The next newsletter will be mailed in February. If you have any news you would like us to put in this issue please e-mail Sophia Smith by Monday 20th December.

Darwin Fellow to give Royal Institution Christmas Lectures

This year Darwin Fellow, Professor Chris Bishop, is to give the Royal Institution Christmas Lectures. These prestigious lectures have been enjoyed by children and adults alike since 1825, when Michael Faraday initiated them. Many world-famous scientists have given the lectures including Baroness Susan Greenfield, the current Director of the Royal Institution, David Attenborough and George Porter. Chris's lectures will be a 'fast paced Hi-tech trek through the fascinating world of computer science'. To find out more go to:

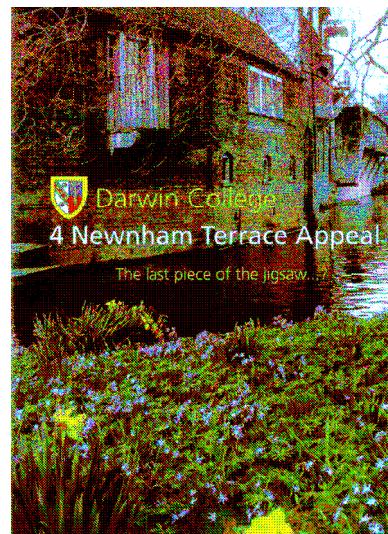
<http://www.rigb.org/christmaslectures08/html/contents.htm>.

Fundraising for the Purchase of No. 4 Newnham Terrace

We are very excited about the potential purchase of N° 4 Newnham Terrace. The College is approaching grant-making organisations to help fund the project, but we certainly need your help as well. **A letter has just been sent to you – please give it your attention.**

N° 4 is the sole house left in the Terrace not in College ownership. Buying it would provide more student rooms right in the middle of the main College site. Owning the whole of the river frontage opens up other possibilities too – it will allow N° 4's garden, currently walled off from and dividing College properties on either side, to be consolidated into the main gardens – this would allow our already wonderful gardens to become quite magnificent grounds. To give on-line go to:

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



College Alumni Events – ‘Dates for Your Diary’

Friday, 13th March 2009 – Darwin Society Dinner

The next Darwin Society Dinner will be held on 13th March 2009 in the College 7.00pm for 7.30pm. More details will be available on the website and invitations will be sent out to Old Darwinians living locally nearer the time. If you live further afield and would like to receive further details, please e-mail Sophia and an invitation will be sent to you in early February.

Friday, 1st May 2009 – 1973-1982 Reunion Dinner

If you attended College between 1973 and 1982, you are invited to a reunion dinner on Friday, 1st May. This time there will be an opportunity to attend a short informal talk about The College, learn how it has changed and its current place within the University, plus take a tour of some of the newer parts of the College.

The tour will take place between 6.30pm and 7.15pm and the meal will commence at 7.30pm.

All UK alumni will receive an invitation by post; however, we would be particularly pleased to see any alumni from overseas who might be able to make arrangements to attend. If you don't live in the UK and would like to attend, please contact the Alumni Office for further details.



Friday, 15th May 2009 – Darwin Society Dinner

More details will be available on the website and invitations will be sent out to Old Darwinians living locally nearer the time. If you live further afield and would like to receive further details, please e-mail Sophia and an invitation will be sent to you in April.

Friday, 12th June 2009 – Subject Group Dinner

Subject to be decided – if you are keen to suggest a subject area that you feel could attract a good attendance across all alumni/ae, please give Sophia Smith a call or email!

Friday, 10th July 2009 – Old Darwinian’s Garden Party, 6.00pm to 7.30pm

This ever-popular event is open to all Old Darwinians and their families – a specific invitation will be in the next Darwinian newsletter. 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.

In addition to these events the Darwin College Society are planning an extra event each term next year! More details will be made available nearer the time of each event!

If you want to come along to, or would like more information on any event, please e-mail

alumni.office@dar.cam.ac.uk and we will get in touch with you right away. Also, if you live abroad, but know you will be coming to the UK within the next 12 months, it is always worth checking the 'Darwin College Events Diary' to see if anything interesting coincides with your visit.

Please bear in mind that we only send specific invitations to alumni/ae living in reasonable range of Cambridge for Darwin Society Dinners, and the appropriate year groups living in the UK for the Reunion meals, but we are always especially delighted to see alumni/ae from further afield who can join us unexpectedly in Cambridge for any 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

Saturday, 17th January 2009 – Literary Day British Library

Enjoy a day of lectures from distinguished experts at the British Library, London and explore the many and varied aspects of the literary world (travel writing, cartoons and historical biography). Tickets cost £55 per person.

Friday, 20th March 2009 – King's College Choir, St. David's Hall, Cardiff

Alumni and guests are invited to attend a concert by King's College Choir as they join forces with Florilegium. The music ranges from the splendour of Handel's Zadok the Priest, the majesty of Bach and the vivacious energy of Vivaldi.

There will be a pre-performance reception in the St Asaph Room, with a talk from the Director of Music at King's College. Tickets cost £40 per person.

Saturday, 18th April 2009 – Imperial War Museum Duxford

You are invited to join distinguished Cambridge speakers, Regius Professor of Modern History Richard Evans and Professor Richard Holmes, for a day of tours and lectures. Tickets cost £45 per person.

More details for all of these events are available from the University Alumni Office:
alumni@foundation.cam.ac.uk.

Your Contact Details?

If your contact details have changed recently, please take a few moments to go to 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 else 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.

...Oh, and don't forget to leave us your feedback on the update survey!

With all best wishes for the Christmas season and 2009,
The Darwin College Alumni Team