



Darwin College E-Bulletin February 2012

Dear Evolved Darwinian,

Welcome to the Darwin College February 2012 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 Happenings

50th Anniversary

With the Anniversary of the founding of the college fast approaching, a 50th Anniversary book has been commissioned. The book is set to document the first 50 years of the college's existence, from its beginnings in the proverbial ideas pool, through its evolution into the largest graduate college at the University of Cambridge.

One of the most important aspects of the book will be the personal history of the college told through memories of students, staff and fellows, past and present. And to that end we wish to open the floor to any memories, anecdotes or photos that might be in your possession.

If you wish to tell us about your time in college for the 50th book please do get in contact with us!

Subscription

Subscribe early and you will receive up to £11.50 off the cover price and have your name and matriculation year recorded in the book in a list of subscribers!

To subscribe please follow the link below to our publisher's website and follow the instructions:

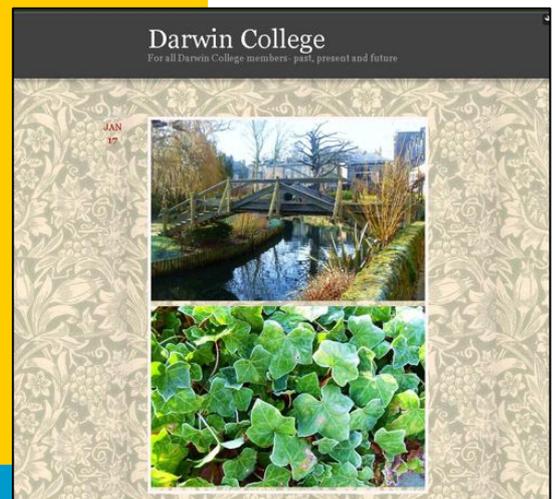
<http://shop.tmltd.com/shop/home/pId/171>

New Blog and Twitter Accounts!

Unfortunately we will not be able to publish every memory submitted for the book. In light of this, and to generally better document anything given to us, we have created a Darwin Blog. You can submit things directly to the blog by clicking 'submit your photos and memories' at the bottom of the page, or email them for us to put up! We only ask that you give your name and matriculation year.

<http://darwincollagecam.tumblr.com/>

HAPPY BLOGGING!



You can now follow us on Twitter!
<http://twitter.com/darwincollege>



College Personalities, Talks and Internet Links



Prof. Sir Patrick Sissons

Darwin Fellow, Professor Sir Patrick Sissons was knighted in the New Year's Honours List for services to research and education in clinical medicine.



Prof. Andrew Fabian, Vice Master

Andy Fabian OBE FRS, has recently been awarded the Gold medal in Astronomy from the Royal Astronomical Society, their highest honour given for 'extraordinary work' in the discipline.

<http://www.ras.org.uk/news-and-press/219-news-2012/2058-ras-honours-leading-astronomers-and-geophysicists>



Student Article!

One of our current students, Jonno Evans, had an article published in the Guardian in December!

The big challenge for a new Egypt: water
Follow the link to read:

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2011/dec/07/egypt-water-nile?fb=naive&CMP=FBCNETTXT9038>

News from the Alumni Office!

The Alumni office is happy to introduce its new member of staff!

Danielle, an evolved Darwinian herself, has taken up the post of the new Alumni Assistant working alongside the Alumni Secretary Sophia Smith.

Danielle completed her MPhil in Human Evolutionary Studies at Darwin in 2011 after receiving her undergraduate degree in Archaeology from the University of Liverpool.

She was also one of our student callers for the 2010-11 annual fund.



Bit of DCSA

After this year's DCSA elections we now have a female Admiral of the punts!

Cherry Muijsson is a first year PhD Student in Economics.

In light of the 50th anniversary we would really like to hear from previous DCSA committee members! Any DCSA memories are very much appreciated!

As a number of the DCSA records have gone missing, we would also really like to hear if Cherry is our first female admiral, or if you know of others that have gone before her....



Events



Darwinians in Oxford and New friendships forged

Darwin College have teamed up with our fellow graduate colleges *Clare Hall* and *Wolfson*! Together we will be arranging events for our alumni outside of Cambridge in various locations throughout the UK and abroad. We hope that this new partnership will allow us to provide interesting and exciting events to alumni who are unable to make it back to outings organised in and around the Cambridge area.

The first of these events took place at Oriol College, Oxford in January. The meal and talk were well received by those who attended, and we hope that future collaborations will be just as successful!



Look Out For:



The New issue of the Darwinian will be hitting your doorsteps at the end of February!! The Darwinian is the yearly magazine produced by the alumni office, and contains everything from college news to articles. Every evolved Darwinian should receive a copy, if you do not then it is worth checking we have your up to date address!

The Darwinian also has a new editor: Research Fellow, Dr Michael Scott.



Social Media



As well as the new blog we have:

Facebook Page:

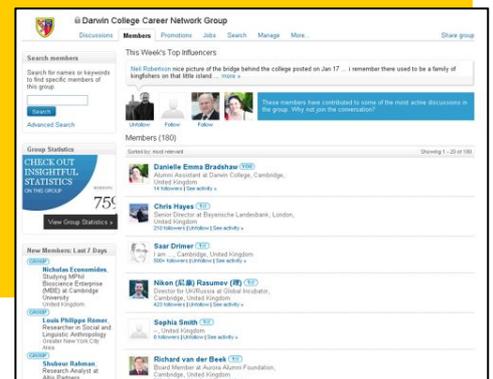
For what is happening in college *right now* join our Facebook alumni page! With all college news, interesting talks, events, photos, DCSA and DCS news snippets!

<http://www.facebook.com/DarwinCambridge>

LinkedIn:

Join a network of fellow Darwinians, past and present, find out and share the latest jobs and opportunities!

http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=3431326&trk=hb_side_g





Darwin Lecture Series

The Darwin College Lecture Series is once again upon us! Playing out to a packed Lady Mitchell Hall (and a couple of overspill rooms), the public lectures always deliver an interesting and insightful glimpse into how various subjects tackle a common theme.

This year's topic: *Life*

If you have missed any of the lecture series, and want to watch them, catch up here:

<http://sms.cam.ac.uk/institution/DARWIN/collections>

Date	Speaker	Title
20 Jan 17:30	Professor Michael Akam, University of Cambridge	<u>From Genomes to the Diversity of Life</u>
27 Jan 17:30	Dr Robert Macfarlane, University of Cambridge	<u>Life in Ruins</u>
03 Feb 17:30	Professor Frances Ashcroft, University of Oxford	<u>The Spark of Life</u>
10 Feb 17:30	Dr Michael Scott, University of Cambridge	<u>Life in the Ancient World</u>
17 Feb 17:30	Dr Mark de Rond, University of Cambridge	<u>Life in Conflict</u>
24 Feb 17:30	Professor Ron Laskey, University of Cambridge	<u>Life and Death of a Cell</u>
02 Mar 17:30	Professor Chris Bishop, University of Cambridge	<u>Artificial Life</u>
09 Mar 17:30	Professor Clive Gamble, University of Southampton	<u>The After Life</u>

Dates for the Diary:

Friday 16th March: 'Darwin Society Dinner' and wine tasting

Friday 11th May: 'Darwin Society Dinner'

Friday 18th May: 'Reunion Dinner 1972-85 and 1995-2005'



Saturday 9th June:

DCS has organised a coach trip to Down House on Saturday 9th June 2012. We will be sending out information in the next few weeks. To register your interest now please email us: alumni.office@dar.cam.ac.uk

Tuesday 26th June:

'Academy of Ancient Music - The Age of French Baroque' West Road Concert Hall



Friday 13th July: 'Old Darwinian's Garden Party'



'Lost Alumni'

The College has lost contact with a number of 'Old Darwinians' over the years. Their names are listed by matriculation year on the Darwin website, please take a look and see if there are any names you recognise! Go to:

<http://www.dar.cam.ac.uk/alumni/lostalumni/index.shtml>.



Changed your contact details?!

If your contact details have changed recently, please take a few moments to go to www.darwin.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.darwin.cam.ac.uk/alumni.

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



Best Wishes From Darwin College Alumni Office!