



Darwin E-Bulletin

April 2012

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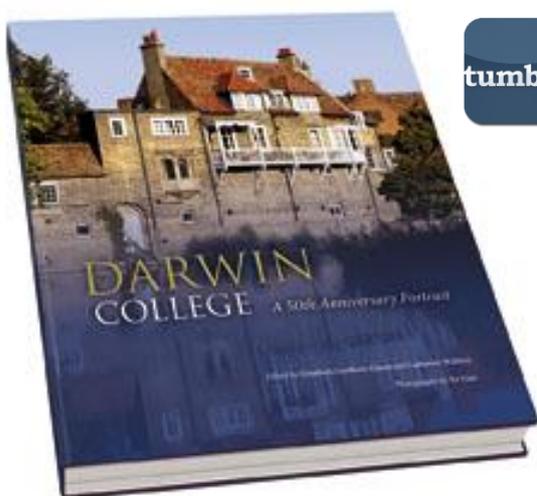
Welcome to the Darwin College April 2012 e-bulletin. Here we list news and alumni events from both Darwin and the wider University community. If you would like more details on anything included, please do not hesitate to phone or e-mail. It is always a great pleasure to talk to our alumni and help them where we can.

Social Media

Keep up with the latest news, articles, jobs and photos from the college and the University through our social media sites!



We are also collecting pictures and memories from your college years! If you have any you would like to share please submit them to our blog, or email them to the Alumni Office. alumni.office@dar.cam.ac.uk



50th Publication

As mentioned in the last E-bulletin, Darwin has commissioned a 50th anniversary publication documenting the history of the college. Within this volume we wish to include stories and photos from students and Alumni of their college experience. So please do get in touch and submit your memories!

The book is available to subscribe to now at a special advanced price. You will also have your name printed in the back as a subscriber! Just follow the Link:

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

Special Request:

The editors of the book would like to put in a special call for all Darwin alumni who are Cambridge Blues/half blues. If this applies to you please contact the Alumni Office.



Personalities, Talks, and Links



Congratulations to Darwin Alum Prof. A. Chakrabarti

Prof. Chakrabarti has been elected as an Honorary Fellow of the Institute of Engineering Designers for "outstanding contribution to design education in the UK and India". The highest honour bestowed by the institution. The picture (left) shows him formally receiving his fellowship from HRH Prince Philip the Duke of Edinburgh. ow.ly/a2Y6v

Darwin Fellow Dr Mark de Rond at Camp Bastion

Many of you may have managed to see Dr de Rond at the Darwin Lecture Series this year with his contribution 'Life in Conflict'. For those of you who did not you can catch the lecture series online:

<http://sms.cam.ac.uk/media/1218131;jsessionid=432B04C2AB8D5D794E54650413D4DE1D>

An article outlining his research can also be found in the Cambridge news: <http://www.cambridge-news.co.uk/Home/Army-medics-biggest-enemy-is-boredom-says-researcher-17042012.htm>



Does Cambridge live up to its reputation?

As Cambridge tops the UK university list in this year's Times Higher Education Survey rankings, Current Student Frances Perraudin finds out if her peers believe the University lives up to the world's expectations in her article for the Independent: ow.ly/a1r15

Beautiful Mind Prof. Jenny Clack

Darwin Fellow Prof. Jenny Clack appeared on the BBC4 programme 'Beautiful Minds' this month recounting her journey through academia and her discovery of the fossil *Acanthostega*: ow.ly/acSm3



Photo Diary: A week in the life of an academic

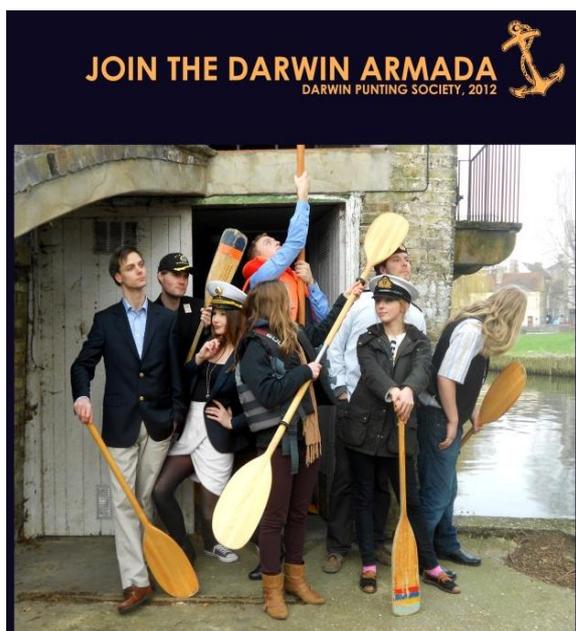
Fellow and Darwinian editor Dr Michael Scott teams up with our resident photography fellow Ihsan Aslam (incidentally also the official photographer of the University- the illusive 'Sir Cam'), to bring you this quirky photo diary on our official flickr stream. An early glimpse before it hits the University's page.



May Ball News

May Ball president Mr Jamie Williams and his team offer you the chance to step inside the Speakeasy with this year's theme 'Prohibition'. So get ready for a bathtub-Gin soaked night of food, liquor, and jazz.

All alumni are welcome to buy tickets to the ball so if you fancy a great night on the 22nd of June grab tickets fast before they sell out! <http://ow.ly/9ja1G>



A message from the Admiral

Darwin College Admiral Cherry Muijsson and her dedicated punt captains invite you to join the Darwin Armada for the new punt season!

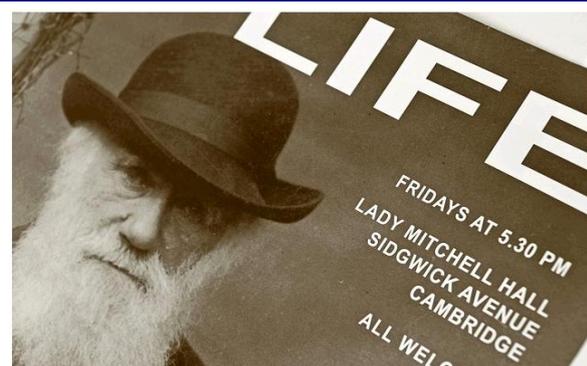
Punt club membership costs £30 for the year and can be bought at the porters lodge. This entitles you to take the punts out whenever you like (subject to booking-also through the porters lodge).

Not in Cambridge that much? No problem! Punts are available to pre-book for £10 a time if you are visiting.

Darwin College Lecture Series

The 2012 Darwin College Lecture Series 'Life' has been a huge success, as ever bringing together world experts in different fields to talk on how they view the chosen topic.

This years series has been the most watched and most downloaded yet. If you missed any of them they are still available to online now: ow.ly/9PKDW



New Boat Funds Appeal

After the capsizing of their boat in February, at -6 temperatures due to a hole, the W1 and W2 teams are having a fundraiser for a new boat.

So on **Sat 16th** of June (11-6pm) the crew have booked a prime river spot to watch the **May bumps** finale at Fen Ditton. You are invited to join them for a day of **rowing, live music, BBQ and drinks**.

Tickets cost **£30** which includes all food and drink along with a welcome glass of Champagne! All proceeds will go towards the purchasing of a new craft for the team. If you are interested in attending please contact the alumni office: alumni.office@dar.cam.ac.uk



Alumni Office Notes

Many of you have been kind enough to help out with our new survey sent in the last month. We have had a lot of positive feedback and some very helpful suggestions about how you would like us to celebrate our 50th anniversary year in 2014-15.

We will of course be organising a number of special events and memorabilia to commemorate the 50th and would like your ideas on how we are doing, helping us to better tailor our efforts and create an engaging year to remember.

If you have not yet filled out our survey and wish to do so we would be very grateful for your input:

<http://www.darwin.cam.ac.uk/alumni/survey>



Dates for the Diary....

If you are interested in attending any of the events listed please get in touch! alumni.office@dar.cam.ac.uk

Friday 11th May

Career Network and Darwin Society Dinner

Friday 18th May

Reunion Dinner 1972-85 and 1995-2005

Saturday 9th June

DCS coach trip to Down House

Tuesday 26th June

Academy of Ancient Music

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>



Changing your contact details



If your contact details have changed recently, please take a few moments to go to <http://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.

Best Wishes From The Alumni Office

