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15/10/16 Biomedical Sciences Alumni Association
Conference and Dinner

6/11/16 - Crausaz Wordsworth Society Lunch

6/11/16 - Come and Sing! with Robinson College Choir

6/11/16 - Commemoration of Benefactors Service and Supper

11/11/16 - Geographers' Formal Hall

27/11/16 - Advent Carol Service

3/12/16 - Christmas Concert

3/12/16 - Freshers' Parents' Lunch

14/1/17 - Graduands' Parents' Lunch

25/3/17 - Pegasus Society visit to Lewis Memorial Garden

25/3/17 - Pegasus Society AGM and Dinner

Lent term date to be confirmed - Robinson Law Dinner.

Please check website for date announcement in due course.

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from the Bridge*.

My Robinson



Nick Milne joined Robinson in 2003 as Conference and Catering Manager and was recently appointed to the new role of College Steward. Here he tells us more about his time at Robinson to date and the work of a College Steward.

How and when did you first come to Robinson?

I was appointed Conference and Catering Manager in October 2003. However some years beforehand I had expressed interest in the post of General Manager at the Robinson Executive Centre. As a part of that process, I had chance to visit College, stay overnight and hit the high spots of the “canteen” and the bar (as it was then), before having an interview in the Linnett Room the following morning. So by the time I actually took up my new job, it already felt like I knew the place.

What is the role of College Steward?

Good question – my father would think I serve G&T’s all day. When the Bursar told me the title, he added that once upon a time, the Steward was the most powerful post in England, after The King. Fortunately (for everyone) my role is far from that and I only have responsibility for the domus departments in College, essentially ensuring that we provide the domestic services to enable our members (Senior and Junior) and our conference and other visitors to live, stay and work in a safe, clean and comfortable environment.

What are the more challenging aspects of your role as College Steward?

Probably the regular juggling acts of helping to maintaining the quiet life of the College, alongside ensuring that the various departments are able to achieve their objectives. There are many contradictions that departments have to manage on a daily basis. For example, regular and timely room cleaning alongside

mollifying students who would rather stay in bed undisturbed; the myriad of essential, noisy, disruptive maintenance works for which there is never a good time because they conflict with both student studies and conference meetings; preparing delicious and nutritious food that appeals across the broad range of tastes, appetites, religious convictions and budgets. And for each of the domestic departments I could tell similar tales of the many balls they have in the air at any one time. Happily all the members here at Robinson - Senior, Junior and Staff - are committed to each other, so finding compromises and solutions is usually not difficult. I am lucky that my job is made as easy as it is by them all.

What is your favourite memory of Robinson?

With at least another 10 years to go, I hope I may not have got to it yet. However, so far with nearly 13 years under my belt, I think the first May Madrigals I heard was pretty special. It was a crisp, coldish morning with a clear sky and the sun was still quite low over Herschel Court. The Choir sounded amazing – on that particular morning there seemed to be no traffic noise at all – and their voices came clearly across Front Court. Beautiful.

What changes would you like to see in College in the coming decade?

We already have a great reputation and from time to time I hear students say that although they didn’t apply to Robinson as their first choice, now, in retrospect, they wouldn’t be anywhere else. Building on that reputation is where we need to concentrate. Being an ever improving centre of excellence in education of course; but we need to continue to build the quality of our food, our building fabric and gardens, our bedrooms and meeting rooms and all the other services our members and visitors enjoy. I think this is probably less “change” so much as continuing with more of the same.

Lewis Research Studentship in Chemistry



With more than one third of the endowment goal of £697,000 raised for the Lewis Research Studentship in Chemistry Fund, Robinson has been able to match a partial award from the Fund with another partial award offered by the Chemistry Department to appoint the first Lewis Research Student in Chemistry, **Aurimas Narkevicius** (pictured above). Aurimas joins Robinson to begin his PhD research this term. Below he explains his intended work.

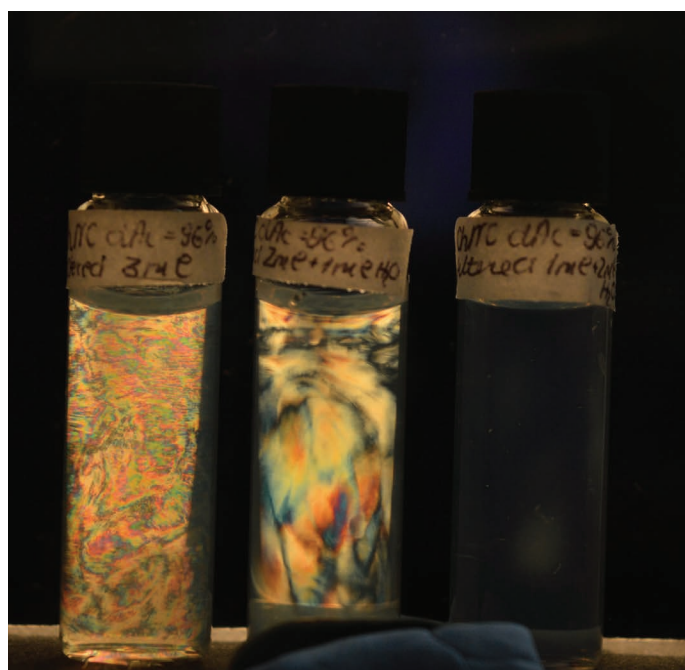
Colour in nature

Nature is full of colours which attract the attention of many living beings, as well as threatening sometimes in order to frighten predators. Most people can spot and distinguish colours with ease, without special training. Thus colour has interested people since time unknown and has been employed in arts as well as in daily life.

There are many ways in which colours are produced in nature. The two main ways are by employing chromophores and structural colouration. The former is probably the most widespread way in nature since it requires a dye (aka chromophore) to be present

for the colour to be seen. For instance, leaves are green because of a dye, chlorophyll. Almost always people use the same technique to replicate colours from nature – using dyes. It is probably the easiest way since it is enough to obtain the dye.

The other branch, which is less explored and not very common in nature, is called structural coloration. The key term here is structural since the colour is created due to the structure in which the materials are assembled. For example, a multi-layered structure, with each layer being of similar thickness, would produce an intense colour. In general, structural coloration leads to long-lasting and vivid colours, which usually surpass conventional dyes.



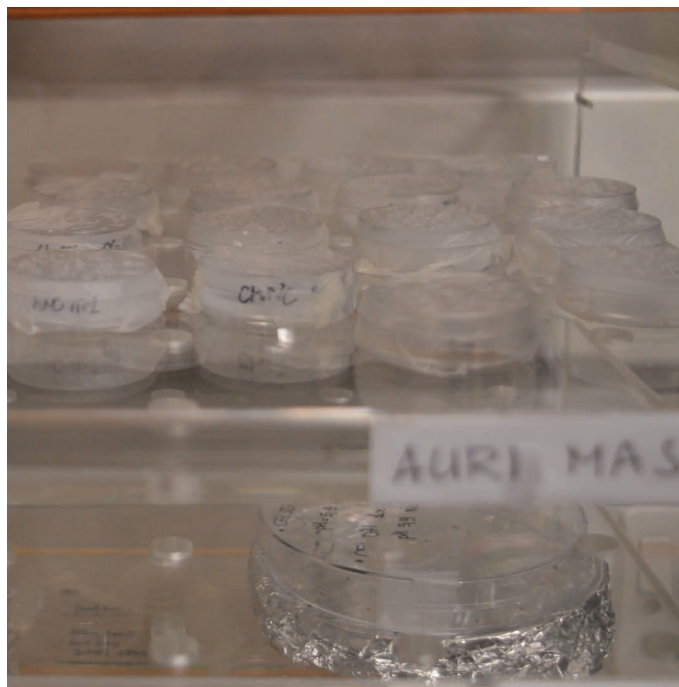
Nature uses a variety of ways to produce structural coloration. Many examples are found on insects and beetles: their shells are comprised of chitin. There has been a lot of attention on chitin for its strength, yet there has been little focus on it as a material to produce structural colour. Thus I have become interested in using chitin to produce structural colours.

One might think that colours are not worth our attention, but structural colours can be employed, for instance, as sensors and thus solve a lot of problems.

For example, expired food could potentially be recognised via a chitin film changing its colour.

I have outlined my inspiration and the overall goals I want to accomplish in my PhD studies. I am profoundly grateful to Robinson College for entrusting me with a Lewis Studentship, without which this would have remained an outline. I have also to express my gratitude to Dr Silvia Vignolini, the leader of the Bioinspired Photonics group, who has confidence in my abilities and thus accepted me as one of her students.

If you would like to contribute to the Lewis Research Studentship in Chemistry to support young chemists like Aurimas, you may make a regular or single gift at <http://www.robinson.cam.ac.uk/alumni/general-donation>.



Lady Lewis with her children, Ian and Penny, and the local Wildlife Trust conservation manager, Martin Baker. Photo courtesy of the local Wildlife Trust and Cambridge News.

Lewis Memorial Garden

A new public garden at Trumpington Meadows Country Park has been dedicated to the memory of Lord Lewis of Newnham. The 'rainbow reflection garden' provides year-round colour and includes a number of new sculptures, including a chair, the shape of which is inspired by the Osmium anion prepared by Lord Lewis's laboratory. Lord Lewis was Chair of the Veolia Environmental Trust from 2002

to 2012. In 2015 the Trust awarded the local Wildlife Trust a grant of £134,455 through the Landfill Communities Fund to finance the project in Lord Lewis's memory and recognise his commitment to providing a safe and attractive environment for all.

There will be a Pegasus Society trip to the Garden on 25 March 2017.

Rhetoric vs reality - purposeful parenting with Kidz For Cha



After graduating from Robinson in 2002, **Rupal Kantaria (1999)** joined leading Management Consultancy firm, Oliver Wyman, and spent a number of years as a Strategy Consultant in Financial Services before transferring to a management role as Chief Operating Officer of Oliver Wyman's Europe, Middle East and Africa Insurance Practice. Recently she has shifted her focus to how corporates and businesses can use their capabilities to drive social change, working with Oliver Wyman's Social Impact Programme and her family's charitable foundation, which focuses on empowering women and girls in the UK and India. You can connect with her on LinkedIn.

When I was asked to write this article, I suggested numerous topics from Brexit to Impact Investment to Women in the Boardroom and I was surprised, but pleased, to hear that feedback indicated that a family-focused piece on engaging children in social issues would also be of great interest to many 'Binson alumni.

Back at 'Binson, as I thought about my future – my career, my hobbies – I didn't realise that being a good parent would be so important to me, or that it would be much harder than doing "well" in exams and my own career.

As we try to give every opportunity to our children, how do we ensure that we are supporting them to fulfil their potential? Creating balanced, happy human beings, while giving them a hard work ethic which isn't masking a fear of failure? A Harvard study a few years ago, (*The Children We Mean to Raise: The Real Messages Adults Are Sending About Values*), highlighted a clear disconnect between, on

the one hand, parents telling their children that thinking of others is more important than winning ("I care about your effort darling, not the result"), and on the other hand, what children are hearing and the pressure they feel on themselves. Indeed this seems to be borne out by the incidence of recorded mental health disorders skyrocketing amongst children.

" Do as I say, not as I do - no surprises it does not work."

There is a plethora of apps, classes, tutors to support parents to teach phonics, numeracy, drama at younger and younger ages, supplementing what is being taught in schools... , but where is the discussion and practice on developing "how to live" skills, how to manage anger, how to deal with failure, how to get along with others, how to just "be"?

All this doesn't result in children, or adults, who are less successful materially – if anything, these two go hand in hand, and yet it is easy to undervalue kindness and character in favour of ever greater academic and outward success in an ever more competitive, fast-paced environment where we don't take the time to stop, to introspect, to change.

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As I try to be a better parent, I am also developing as a person and I'm realising that rather than teaching my children, they are teaching me. Despite the seeming omnipresence of pushy parenting, there are many others who feel the same. So as I have reflected on how we can parent more purposefully, I realise that we must go on a journey together as a family and that I have to change, too.

"Kidz For Change" is in its infancy, but it is a campaign, a movement, to support parents who feel the same as me. It aims to give families ideas and opportunities to come together to practise kindness and to think of others, to learn about social issues and to step out of and away from the strong current which is the pull of life and our environment. It is starting with individual acts of kindness with the aim of translating these into a way of life.

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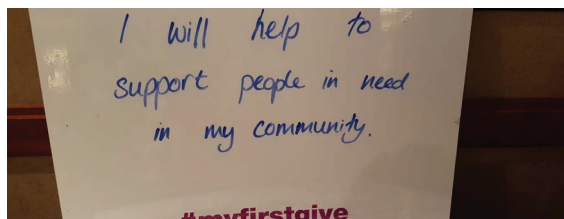
“Kindness is not an act. It is a lifestyle”.

Anthony Douglas Williams

Over a hundred people gathered in central London in the summer of 2016 for the inaugural Kidz for Change family charity live crowdfunding event.

Families came together, wanting to engage their children in the joy of giving to others, to translate charity from a faceless collection box to a personal, engaging, empowering experience. Over £4,000 was raised in a mere 30 minutes, with children bidding in £5 increments with ‘pocket money’, although the primary focus of the event was awakening and igniting our social conscience, rather than fundraising.

The charities involved were The Lightyear Foundation, supporting young people with learning disabilities via sensory science; Pulse Arts, which makes music on children’s wards to reduce patient anxiety and stress; and FirstGive, which enables young people from disadvantaged backgrounds to win grants for their community by promoting charities that they care about in a school public-speaking competition. Each charity gave



Planting the seeds of giving in the next generation

a five-minute pitch about what they do to help others, with five minutes for the children to ask questions. Children and parents alike loved being up close and personal with dynamic individuals who were driving innovative, exciting solutions to support others and being part of a community of people giving with others.

It was engaging, it was fun, it was joyous. A parent commented that “it shifted the responsibility to give from our heads to our hearts, from thinking ‘what can I get?’ to ‘what can I give?’”.

“It made me feel so good about myself.” - aged 8.

“The buzz in the room was palpable. I loved it.” - aged 17.

Our children, like us, are becoming desensitised to the world around us at ever earlier ages. Telling them how privileged they are is not a compelling argument – it’s all too easy for us to go back to our daily lives and forget. However, if we can give our kids and ourselves opportunities to be kind and caring which are fun – addictive almost – what a head start to being happy we are giving them. Which parent doesn’t want that?

Fred Boyne Memorial Bench

26 April 2016 greeted the College with its morning freshness and an undeniable smell of spring in the air. This was the day when Robinson celebrated the life of Fred Boyne MBE, the first Head Porter (1980-2002) with a dedication ceremony in the College gardens. The ceremony was attended by the Warden; Fred’s wife, Mrs Mary Boyne; his daughter, Ms Jane Foort; the College Chaplain, Rev Dr Simon Perry (all pictured, right); members of the College, and some of Fred’s former colleagues. A bench with a dedication plaque was unveiled.

Fred Boyne is remembered by generations of College members, staff and alumni as a key part of their Robinson experience. He joined the College just as we moved into the new buildings in the late summer of 1980 and retired a year after the founding Warden. It was Fred who provided new undergraduates and visitors with their first impression of the College, and whose management of the Lodge determined the quality of much of their day-to-day experience later. We hope that members and former



staff returning for a visit will sit on Fred’s bench, enjoy the views of the College gardens and reminisce about their time at Robinson.



Essay Prize Winner completes her first year

Anastasia Raymond, Robinson College Essay Prize Competition Winner 2014



I entered the Robinson Essay Prize competition in 2014, answering the question: 'The real purpose of books is to trap the mind into doing its own thinking'. I had

never heard of Robinson College before, and I had certainly never been the most academic student in class, but I entered the Essay Prize competition after my mum advised me to do so. Sometimes parents are right! I think that in taking the time out of my summer to do some extra academic work I was able to show universities in my personal statement that I was driven, that I wanted to push myself and, above all,

that I love the subject that I was applying to read, making me more than just some state school girl with average grades and big dreams.

Mostly though, I am so happy that through this essay prize I came into contact with Robinson, as I instantly fell in love with the place. As the writer of one of the commended essays in the competition, I was invited up to College for an award ceremony and lunch, where I met the Director of Studies for my course, had a tour of the College and ultimately decided to apply to Robinson. Thanks to this informal meeting, when I came to interview with my Director of Studies formally I felt more at ease, more like a person and less like an academic robot! I've just finished my first year at Robinson studying Education with English and Drama, and I've had the most wonderful time! I urge all Year 12 students to find out more about the essay prize competition, and about Robinson. You never know what might happen unless you try!

Women in Science & Engineering Festival 2016

Ninety young women from twenty-two different schools in London, Cambridgeshire, Leicestershire, Yorkshire, and our 'link areas' in Gloucestershire and Wiltshire attended the 2016 Women in Science and Engineering Festival at Robinson on 22 September 2016. Professor Dame Athene Donald spoke inspiringly about her career and communicating about science outside the scientific community. Participants took part in a Science Fair with posters, models and design presentations for which prizes were awarded and Robinson Fellows, Dr Rachel Oliver (Materials Science), Professor Melinda Duer (Chemistry) presented their work in a plenary session alongside Dr Tamsin O'Connell (Archaeology) and Dr Laura Celler (Biological Natural Sciences) before an afternoon of practical sessions in Materials Science, Engineering, Astronomy and Archaeology.



Deborah Thom's Retirement Lunch



Some seventy-five of Deborah Thom's former History and Social & Political Science (SPS) students and Tutees gathered with current students and Fellows for lunch in Hall to mark Deborah Thom's retirement after twenty-nine years as a Robinson Fellow. Thankfully, this will not be the last that we will see of Deborah in College, as in her new guise as Fellow Emerita she will still direct studies for Part II History and Human, Social and Political Sciences (a combination of what used to be the departments of SPS and Archaeology and Anthropology) and will have a (smaller than previously) group of around twenty tutees.

Those present included former undergraduate and graduate students. Earlier in the year many of the graduate students had also taken part in

a symposium organised to celebrate Deborah's work, which addressed themes reflecting her long-held research passions: women, childhood, war, work and punishment. A fuller account of this appears in the 2016 *Robinson Record*.

After lunch, three alumni, Fran Perrin, Thea and Josh Sherer, from the 'sample' year of 1998, spoke about how their studies at Robinson in SPS (Fran and Thea) and History (Josh) with Deborah had influenced their thinking and their approach to their subsequent careers. The speakers are pictured, left, with Deborah and Danielle Landau (1998).

Fran finished in a way that echoed the sentiments of those there: "And the conversation, honestly, ended up citing Gordon Allport's 1954 intergroup contact theory, which I first learned in this building. And I thanked my lucky stars, not for the first time, that I'd studied SPS at Robinson and been fortunate enough to be guided by Deborah Thom."



David Williams Chair in Public Law

In July, the Warden and Fellows were delighted to welcome the Vice-Chancellor, colleagues from the Law Faculty and University and members of the late Sir David Williams' family, including his widow Sally and their children, to celebrate the endowment of the Sir David Williams Chair in Public Law. The Chair is held within the University of Cambridge Faculty of Law and associated with a Fellowship at Robinson College. It was made possible by the generosity of Honorary Fellow Sir David K P Li, his family, and friends in Hong Kong. The Fellowship was particularly pleased that our own Professor Christopher Forsyth was elected as the first holder of the Chair until his retirement on 30 September this year. The Fellowship (including Christopher in his new Emeritus status) await the next appointment with interest and look forward to welcoming a new David Williams Professor to Robinson in due course.



Robinson College Merchandise

To order any College merchandise, please visit the College website at <http://www.robinson.cam.ac.uk>

Gifts for Family and Friends



Black lined notebook and pen: £8.50



Blue ballpoint pen: £1

Robinson College mug: £6.50



Robinson College by Hilary Gibson, pack of 10 notelets with envelopes: £7.50

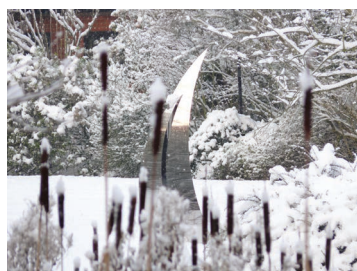


Enamel Key-ring £4.50

CHRISTMAS CARDS



The Beginning and the End, pack of 10: £5.00



Sail in the Garden, pack of 10: £5.00



Thorneycreek in the snow, pack of 10: £4.50



Snowman pack of 10: £4.50



Conversing Figures, pack of 10: £4.50

The text in all these cards reads "Season's Greetings".

CHRISTMAS GIFTS



Robinson pashmina scarf or shawl: £20



Robinson ties: £15 (silk), £10 (polyester)



Robinson bear: £10

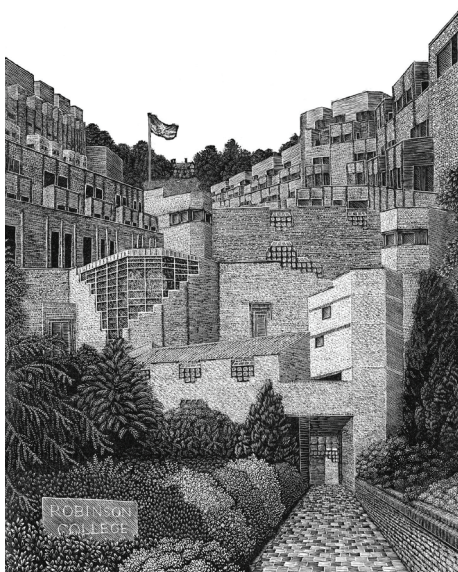
Robinson College cufflinks (silver colour): £15



Robinson College enamel cufflinks: £15



Robinson College enamel lapel pin: £1



Limited edition print (unframed) of Robinson College wood engraving by artist, Geri Waddington: £95.

£52.25 of each sale is donated to the College by the artist to support Robinson's educational goals.

The last order day before Christmas for Robinson merchandise will be Sunday 18 December 2016.

Updates, announcements and

Births

Alastair (2002) and Serena (2003, née Aylward) Newman are delighted to announce the birth of a daughter, Genevieve Clara Elizabeth, on 13 January 2016, a sister for Sebastian, now 3 years old. Alastair is currently a partner at JA Kemp (Patent Attorneys), but will be leaving next year to train for ordained ministry in the Church of England.

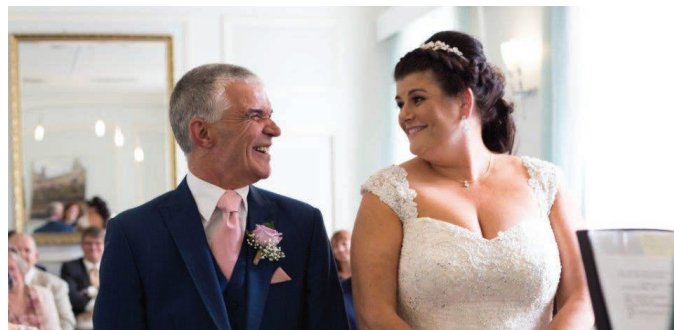


Marriages

Alan Roberts (1997) married Judith Philip in Cambridge on 27 August 2016. Their engagement photograph below was taken at the College grounds by Colin Hulett.



Long-serving members of staff, **Clare Davies**, Food Service, and **Jim Hodge**, Maintenance, were married in Cambridge on 28 May 2016. The bride was attended by four of her colleagues from Food Service as bridesmaids.



News

Lisa Anderson (1989) writes: 27 years after we met, a photo of families and a few other friends. Very back row left to right: **Lisa Bailey, Nick Creak, Rebecca Forwood, Sarah Davies, Paul Watson and Penny Avril (all 1989)**.



Abi (Julia) Allanson (1991) says she and her three children Isaac, Aaron and Seth are enjoying life even though they miss the boys' father, **Phil Michaels (1991)**, who passed away in August 2014.



Christopher Bishop (former Bye Fellow and Senior Member) was appointed Laboratory Director of Microsoft Research Cambridge in September 2015.

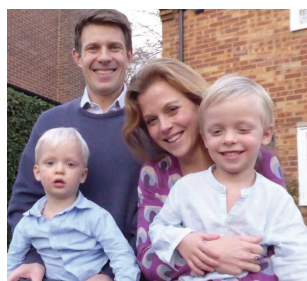


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Dr **Colin Crump** (Fellow) has been appointed to a University Senior Lectureship in Pathology.

Professor **Melinda Duer (Fellow)** takes on the role of Deputy Warden of Robinson College from 1 October 2016. Melinda's profile appears in the 2016 *Robinson Record*.

Eleanor Dixon (née Griggs, 2000) writes: since leaving Robinson I have qualified as a solicitor, married Basil Dixon and had two young boys - Barnaby who is 5 and Dominic who is 3. I didn't return to the law after having my first son and, instead, started working in the family business. This is a junior girls' school that my grandmother started in 1954 called Falkner House and it is where I, alongside my three sisters, was educated until I was 11. Falkner House is now opening a pre-prep for boys aged 4-8 in Earl's Court; I will be headteacher of the new school and my mother, Anita Griggs, will be principal. My son Dominic will be part of our inaugural reception class of September 2017. My family and I are very excited!



Dr **Imre Galambos (Fellow)** has been awarded a Readership in East Asian Studies .

Nick Jones (2013), fourth year MML Robinson student, in cooperation with Robinson's Brickhouse Theatre, directed his new film *Mud and Sky*. In this cinematographic adventure, he worked together with up and coming professional Karol Jurga, alumnus of Lodz Film School and laureate of the best film at the International Sport Film Festival in Gdynia. The crew was a mix of professionals and students looking to gain experience at a film set and behind a camera. It stars **Neil Mullarkey (1980)**, Kathryn and James McMullan (Caius) and Louise Hoare. *Mud and Sky* is a drama set in the flat, but not uneventful, landscape of Cambridgeshire. A middle-aged couple live a seemingly quiet life with no children. However, the husband feels compelled to admit a secret to his wife. A secret regarding something he did the first night they met. The film is shortly leaving the editor's table and will start to be sent to major festivals in Europe and further a field in the Autumn.



Neil Mullarkey (1980)

Linkline Co-ordinators announce: "We have changed our name from Linkline to Nightline to boost publicity and recognition, but none of our principles will be affected. To record all the great memories of Linkline we are creating a memory board. If you are willing to share some sentences describing a fond memory of your time at Linkline that would be great - either anonymously, or leave your name and years at Linkline. Also if you have any photos you would be willing to share, please email them to: co-ordinators@linkline.org.uk Later in the year we will be hosting an anniversary dinner, so stay posted for that! IMPORTANT: If you wish to stay in contact with Nightline, please send your current contact details, and years to Linkline: co-ordinators@linkline.org.uk

Philip Robert Lowe (1981) wrote and directed a short film *The Driving Seat*. It will be coming into film festivals this autumn, 2016. More details here:

<http://turntheslateproductions.com/portfolio/the-driving-seat/>



Senior Member, John McInerney was elected Dean of the Faculty of Science at University College Cork, Ireland in May 2016. He has been Professor and Head of Physics there since 1992, and was a Fellow of Robinson from 1984-6.

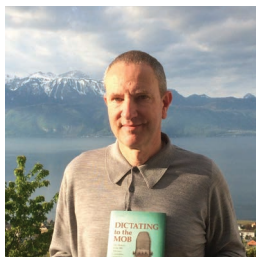
As of 14 March 2016 **Philip Moser (1987)** took over as a joint Head of Chambers at Monckton Chambers in London.

At her retirement **former Bye Fellow Dr Jan Pilditch** was made an Honorary Fellow and Research Associate of the University of Waikato. She has just finished editing the letters of Catherine Carswell. *The Selected Letters of Catherine Carswell and Catherine Carswell's War: Letters 1939-1946* have been published by Kennedy and Boyd. <http://www.kennedyandboyd.co.uk>

John Pritchard (1983) was appointed as Chair of the University of Cambridge Alumni Advisory Board. Among a number of new initiatives, John hopes that he and other Board members will connect with more alumni by attending events run by the officially recognised University alumni groups. There are nearly 450 around the world, running hundreds of events every year.



Jürg Schwyter (former Bye Fellow), Professor of English Linguistics at the University of Lausanne, has published a book: *Dictating to the mob: The History of the BBC Advisory Committee on spoken English*. The book is a fascinating story of language policy in broadcast English and has been widely covered in the press, including features in the *Times* and the *Guardian*. He finished it, making good use of Cambridge resources, during his Bye-Fellowship during which time he was still recovering from a stroke and he thus very much appreciated the consideration which College gave him. Jürg writes at the end of his acknowledgements: "Above all ... I would like to express my gratitude to the Warden and Fellows of Robinson College, Cambridge. Their hospitality and support during the Easter Term 2013 at Robinson College have provided me with the ideal setting for finishing the book."



In September 2016 the College Development Office team gained two new members: **Catherine Biggs** replaces **Nicola Jones** as Deputy Development Director, and **Norbert Truszczynski** takes on the new role of Alumni Relations Assistant.



Dr **Nicola Jones** was a guest of the Pegasus Society at High Table in Easter Term to thank her for all her work as Deputy Director of Development in the past four years. Nicola has moved to become Director of Development and a Fellow at Fitzwilliam College. Nicola and her partner, Carl, are pictured below with Dr **Steve Trudgill**, President of the Pegasus Society.



Anthony Toole (1984) took over the role of Honorary Secretary of the Pegasus Society in March. Anthony writes: "I have ideas to make The Peg Society more relevant, more exciting, more engaging. It concerns me that the Society is viewed by some as a stuffy organization for the elite few. But it isn't like that at all. It is simply the name for everyone who went to Bobz. I want to market the next Pegasus Society event as more of a 'Catch Up' than an 'event'. We could all have some fun. For example, at the last event in Cambridge, I saw the brilliant Malcolm Trotter. And, at an event this week, I was able to catch up with **Graham Poole (1985)**, **Anna Willey (1983)**, **Sally West (1984)** and others. I'm also in touch with 'Big' Andy Scrotes, Wavey Davey, Peter Brown (the duck ventriloquist), Graeme Robinson and Paul Evans. I am trying to contact people from my year and the years two above and two below to build a network of people vaguely connected to me who might enjoy a get-together. I have limited my task to these years to make the job achievable but, if you are in this group and know people outside of these years, that's fabulous because we can stretch the reach. Email me at: anthonytoole@virginmedia.com.

Two events have taken place in Hong Kong since the last edition of *Bin Brook*. The first was a dinner with the **Warden** and Mrs **Susanna West-Yates (1994)** and Fellow Director of Development, **Helen Cornish**, in April. The second was a dinner to mark a visit by Founding Fellow and former Senior and Admissions Tutor Dr **Chris Hughes** and his wife Maureen. Chris was invited to Hong Kong by **Honorary Fellow, Sir David K P Li** to present the Prince Philip Scholarships in their thirty-fifth anniversary year. Both events were organising by Dr **KK Chan (1986)** and the Greater China Alumni Group Committee: **Elaine Chong (1988)**, **Deirdre Fu (1988)**, **Alex Hui (1988)**, **Edwin Yee (1989)** and **Li Zhong (2000)**. The picture below shows Chris and Maureen with the Committee and other College members and guests in September.



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Sports

Sailing

Robinson made an almost clean sweep of team racing and windsurfing coppers, held at Grafham Water Sailing Club on Tuesday, 14 June 2016. The Robinson first team of Alex Berry, Olivia Collin, Arthur Henderson and James Pinder won the Yule Oldham Cup for the main dinghy team racing competition, beating Magdalene 2-0 in the final. The Robinson second team of Cliff Cheung and Cameron Holloway, Matt Kite and Mimi Shaul won the Royal Harwich Tankard for the Silver Fleet team racing competition. To add to his accolades, Cliff Cheung also won the Silver Fleet windsurfing competition for Robinson. See a fuller report in the 2016 Robinson Record.



Victorious Robinson I sailing team: James Pinder, Olivia Collin, Arthur Henderson and Alex Berry

Double Blades for W1

W1 had a tremendous year, winning blades in both Lent and Mays Bumps. A full report of the women's and mens' racing appears in the 2016 *Robinson Record*. The victorious W1 Mays crew is pictured below.



The W1 Crew:

Fiona Howells,
Heather Keenan,
Madison Marshall,
Cammy Mitchell,
Roselyn Old, Lottie
Plaschkes, Valentina
Sassow, Amy Wilson

First Football Cuppers Win for Robinson

In a hard-fought match against Pembroke, that went to extra time, the Robinson first football team won the football cuppers (see also *Robinson Record* 2016). Neither Robinson nor Pembroke had won the trophy before, so both teams were highly motivated. Robinson's players were ably supported by a crowd of around 200 Robinson students, staff and fellows. One of many exciting moments from the match is pictured below.



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