



THE EMMANUEL

# NEWSLETTER

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## APPOINTMENT OF NEW SENIOR TUTOR

We are delighted to have welcomed Dr Corinna Russell as our new Senior Tutor, following election by the Governing Body on 11 March.

Dr Russell's appointment follows a tenure as Deputy Senior Tutor and, following the death of Professor Robert Henderson in December 2023, she served as Acting Senior Tutor. She has been an Official Fellow since 2002, joining in the same week as Lord Wilson, and is a Director of Studies and College Lecturer in English. Her research interests are in literature between 1760 and 1870; she has published widely on Romantic-period lyric poetry and Victorian novels. She co-founded and ran the English Faculty Teaching Forum, and has been Chair of the Faculty's DoS committee.

On appointment, Dr Russell said: 'the warmth and generosity I've encountered from the whole Emmanuel community since I stepped into the role in December has confirmed to me that this is a job worth undertaking. I'm deeply thankful to be elected to serve as Senior Tutor after 22 years as a Fellow of the College.'



Dr Corinna Russell, Senior Tutor

'The two Senior Tutors and three Masters I've known since I joined Emmanuel in 2002 all maintained a culture where I've been able to be myself through various life changes, but where I've always felt part of something gently but vitally purposeful. I want every member of our community to feel equivalently valued and included as they continue to learn and support learning.'

'My priorities for the months ahead are to nurture the conditions in which the tutorial and educational work of Emma can flourish.'

## *Remembering Professor Henderson, Professor Burgoyne, Dr Jadon and Jack Lang*

The college was greatly saddened by the deaths of Professor Robert Henderson, Professor Christopher Burgoyne, Dr Deepak Jadon and Mr Jack Lang, on 10 December 2023, 2 January 2024, 17 November 2023 and 23 April 2024 respectively.

Professor Henderson, a mainstay of the University's Pharmacology Department, held many roles at Emma, including as Tutor, Financial Tutor, Admissions Tutor, Acting Senior Tutor and, since 2011, as our Senior Tutor, a position which he only stepped down from a fortnight before his death.

Professor Burgoyne, a Life Fellow, joined Emmanuel College in 1989 as an Official Fellow and College Lecturer in Engineering. He was the long-time Director of Studies in Engineering.

Dr Jadon was a Bye-Fellow of the college and a Director of Studies for Clinical Medicine.

Mr Jack Lang was a Bye-Fellow and Director of Studies in Computer Science and Management Studies.

Professor Henderson and Professor Burgoyne's funeral services were held in the college chapel, and a memorial service was held for Dr Jadon in college. News of Mr Lang's death reached us as this edition of the Newsletter was going to press and before details of a memorial were announced. All will be deeply missed and long remembered.

## ARCHIVES BLOG: *The Mildmay Line*

The London Overground map is undergoing a revamp. Its wandering orange lines will be replaced by new colours and names denoting the six segments that make up the system. The route between Stratford and Clapham Junction/Richmond has been designated the 'Mildmay Line', sparking considerable interest among Emma Members.

The route's name commemorates the Mildmay Mission Hospital, founded in 1877. Since 1988, it has been a specialist centre for patients with HIV. The hospital was one of many charitable organisations set up by Canon William Pennefather and his wife Catherine, who lived in an area of Newington Green known locally as the Mildmay estate. This quarter had been developed for housing in the mid-nineteenth century, and the ubiquity of 'Mildmay' in the resulting nomenclature – Street, Road, Avenue, Grove, Park – is a sure indication that the land had formerly belonged to a family of that name.

Henry Mildmay, born c.1594, was a grandson of Emmanuel's Founder, Sir Walter Mildmay. Admitted to Emmanuel in 1610, he continued to take an interest in college affairs after graduating.

Knighthood in 1617, Sir Henry was MP for Maldon from 1621 and held several important official posts, including Master

of the King's Jewel House. Originally a royalist, he switched allegiance during the Civil War and attended Charles I's trial, although he stopped short of signing the King's death warrant. He was nevertheless sentenced to life imprisonment at the Restoration; his estates were forfeit, and he was exiled to Tangiers, where he died in 1668. Given his cupidity, Sir Henry had naturally sought a wealthy bride. The lucky lady was Anne, daughter and co-heiress, with her sister Margaret, of William Halliday, a vastly wealthy London alderman. Henry enlisted the help of the King, no less, to coerce the girl's suspicious father into permitting the betrothal, which took place in 1619.

William Halliday had a house and copyhold estate in the village of Newington Green, and it was this property that became known as the Mildmay estate. Exactly when the Mildmays acquired full possession of the land is unclear. Sources state variously that it was after Halliday's death (1624), or his widow's death (1646), or Anne Halliday's death (1657). The estate had presumably been divided between the sisters, as Margaret Halliday bequeathed her Newington copyholds to her nephew, Henry Mildmay junior, in 1673.

Henry junior followed his father to Emmanuel, being admitted in 1651. The apple may not have fallen far from the tree, as he was 'admonished' in December 1652 for

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## EMMA IN THE ANTARCTIC: *A report by Finnian Robinson (2017)*

This winter, Elena Cates and I had the opportunity to follow Emmanuel's long tradition in the Antarctic, thanks to the Master's efforts in placing Emmanuel students and recent graduates on board HMS Protector, the Royal Navy's Antarctic Patrol ship.

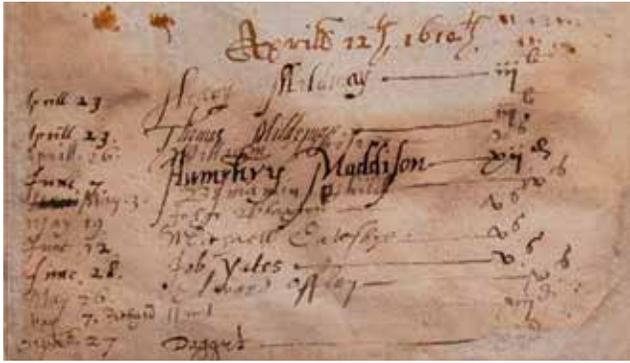
My research focused on how the Antarctic Treaty System is accommodating the challenges of the twenty-first century, particularly with the impact of climate change; Elena worked on the physics behind ice-ocean interaction.

After a brief sojourn in the Falklands, our first destination was South Georgia. The Island is home to vast penguin and seal colonies, breathtaking glaciers, and the grave of Sir Ernest Shackleton. Having paid our respects, we traced his journey south to the Weddel Sea, resupplying the BAS scientists in South Orkney on the way. Rather than risk the ice we sailed West to the Antarctic peninsula; waking up in my cabin and suddenly seeing the continent out of my porthole was an unforgettable experience.



Finnian Robinson and Elena Cates flying the flag for Emma on board HMS Protector

I managed to wrangle my way ashore through offering to provide Spanish translation for a series of base inspections. With a low morning sun, we navigated our way through the iceberg field in a small zodiac, darting between chunks of blue glacial ice and startled penguins. The base teams, some of whom had not seen a new face in over a year, were astonishingly welcoming, with their desire for conversation



Henry Mildmay's signature in the college admission book; Thomas Mildmay, admitted on the same day, was his cousin

hitting another student (the only founder's kin to receive this formal censure) and was later accused by his elder brother William of having cheated him out of his inheritance. The Mildmay estate in Newington remained in the hands of Henry junior's descendants until its sale in the late 1850s.

Surviving documentation suggests that, against all the odds, the marriage between Sir Henry Mildmay and his 'so good a wife' Anne Halliday was a happy one. Parents to six children, they founded their own 'Mildmay line', and gave their name to a little corner of north London. Something to ponder when rattling between Dalston Kingsland and Canonbury...

**Amanda Goode, College Archivist**

*A full version of this article is available on the college website.*

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challenging my translation skills. Thankfully the universal language of football came to our aid, with an international friendly occurring between HMS Protector and the Chilean Antarctic team (the final score of course remains a state secret).

Having previously completed an MPhil at Emmanuel focusing on the history of Britain's expeditions to the Antarctic, I found it particularly exciting to visit the hastily abandoned British base at Detaille Island, a veritable Antarctic time capsule replete with ancient equipment, notebooks and even a never-to-be-finished game of scrabble. The sadness of leaving Detaille immediately shifted to awe as, shortly after our departure, we witnessed a pod of orcas hunting two humpbacks.

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## Gardening for good at Emma

Work is progressing at pace on the college's community garden. The garden will be in the rear gardens of numbers 1, 4 and 5 Park Terrace, selected because they receive more sunlight and have fewer existing large shrubs and trees.

The vision for the community garden is to create a calm, safe and positive environment that allows students, Fellows and staff to take ownership of a small piece of growing space within the college grounds. Over time, it is hoped the activities of practical gardening will provide vital therapeutic benefits across the college community.

The community garden is a long-standing dream of the college's garden department. Headed-up by Brendon Sims, the team plans to introduce accessible raised planters, a small polytunnel and even wall space for espalier trained fruit trees.

'Gardening is a therapeutic pastime that is important to help balance stress levels and promote wellbeing,' says Brendon, Emma's Head Gardener.

'It's a skill and passion for life, helping us connect with each other and the natural world. There are many services available to those who are facing challenges related to their mental health, but our ambition is to put something complementary in place that the community can channel, as an alternative to sport.'

The community garden is well underway at the time of writing and is due to be completed in the summer. Watch out on social media, and the *Emma Connects* email newsletter, for further information on the launch.



A scale impression of the layout of two of the gardens



## EVENTS

### Old Emma vs College Cricket

Friday 14 June 2024, 11.00am, Wilberforce Road Cricket Ground

The annual Old Emma vs College fixture. Always great fun; come along to support your chosen side!

### Frankland Society lunch

Sunday 23 June 2024, 11am, Emmanuel College

An annual event to say 'thank-you' to members of the Frankland Society – those who have committed to support Emma's future through intention to leave a legacy to the college.

### Wren churches walking tour

Tuesday 25 June 2024, 2.00pm, London

Join architectural historian Canon Janet Gough OBE (1980) for a walking tour to discover the extraordinary genius of Sir Christopher Wren. You will visit several highly varied and ingenious Wren churches, not forgetting their iconic towers and spires, ending with a special visit to the triforium at Wren's masterpiece – domed St Paul's Cathedral, containing highlights of British Baroque while firmly rooted in the gothic tradition.

Tickets are £45 per person. Numbers are strictly limited. Members are welcome to attend with one guest.

*Please note: This event is now fully booked. You can join a waiting list for places should they come available on the website.*

### Emmanuel Society Summer Garden Party

Saturday 6 July 2024, 2.00pm, Emmanuel College

The Emmanuel Society is delighted to invite all Emma

members back to our beautiful gardens for this year's summer garden party. Expect great food, games, storytelling, talks, and much more!

### Gathering of Members 1984–86

Saturday 28 to Sunday 29 September 2024, Emmanuel College

Our September 2024 Gathering sees us welcome back Members who matriculated in 1984, 1985 and 1986. Further details and invitations will be sent out towards the end of July.

### Save the date: A visit to the Institute of Astronomy

Saturday 16 November 2024, 4.45pm, Institute of Astronomy, Cambridge

Following last year's enjoyable talk and tour of the night's sky, the Emmanuel Society is delighted to offer members another opportunity to visit Cambridge's Institute of Astronomy with Paul Fellows (1982), Chair of the Cambridge Astronomical Association.

Registration will open in September.

### Save the date: Carol service at Temple Church

Friday 29 November 2024, 6.30pm, Temple Church, London

Welcome the festive season with Emma's annual Advent service in London. Join members, students, staff and the Chapel Choir in joyful song, followed by refreshments.

Registration will open in September.

Visit [emma.cam.ac.uk/members/events](http://emma.cam.ac.uk/members/events) for all events

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