



Happy New Year to all our alumni and friends, and welcome to the first e-bulletin of 2011, which brings you the latest alumni events, news, and updates from across the University.

Vice-Chancellor's New Year Message

The Vice-Chancellor has published a New Year message that can be accessed [online](#), and which covers the implications of the Government's recent decisions on university funding for Cambridge.

As he points out, there is still much uncertainty about the detail of the changes which will only become clear over the coming months. In the meantime, if you wish to respond to the Vice-Chancellor's message, please email alumnicomment@admin.cam.ac.uk or write to The Old Schools, Trinity Lane, Cambridge CB2 1TN.

CARO Events



Bregenz Opera Festival **Saturday 23 July & Sunday 24 July**

Seasoned opera fans and newcomers alike will enjoy the opportunity to visit the beautiful alpine setting of the Bregenz Opera festival for the new run of 'André Chénier'.

According to Artistic Director David Pountney (St John's 1966), it seems as though André Chénier was composed especially for the amazing floating stage at Bregenz. 'The opera presents a perfect mix of ingredients for the venue: a thrilling story and four strong characters, caught between the excesses of the Ancien Régime and the terror of the French Revolution.'

Alumni will also have the opportunity to see 'Achterbahn' (Miss Fortune) by British composer Judith Weir (King's 1973); the first in a series of newly commissioned operas to be performed at the Festival House.

CARO Notices

GU/CARO Committee - we need your help!

The Graduate Union and CARO are putting together a joint committee, providing a forum for social and professional networking amongst current graduate students and alumni.

We are looking for volunteers to sit on the committee and to help organise events. We would also be interested in hearing from alumni in a range of careers, who would be willing to give talks/attend networking events about their particular career path. If you are interested or would like to find out more, please [email Anna Kay](#) or phone 01223 760155.

Online services

We are currently developing our online services for alumni and are looking for volunteers to help us test them out over the coming months. If you are interested in being involved, please [contact Chiara Ferrara](#).

CAMCard

Two additional Cambridge hotels offer alumni discount. [The University Arms Hotel](#) and [The Varsity Hotel](#) now offer special rates to Cambridge alumni through the CAMCard

Alumni Benefits



Special Priority Booking Offer for Glyndebourne Festival 2011

Alumni are able to purchase tickets over a month before opening to the general public, for the Glyndebourne Festival Opera 2011.

For full details of the Festival, and information on all of Glyndebourne's other activities, visit www.glyndebourne.com.

Coming up in Cambridge this New Year



Fitzwilliam Museum

The collection of portraits by Renaissance printmaker Ottavio Leoni is only on display until the end of February, so if you can, make sure you pay a visit soon. While you're there, you can also see a new display of Italian Etchings, as well as the newly-reopened gallery of 19th-20th century British & European Art.

ADC Theatre

This February, the ADC Theatre brings you a selection of fantastic productions, guaranteed to amuse and entertain.

Michael Frayn's classic farce *Noises off*, billed the funniest farce ever written by the New York Post, will have you in stitches. *The Pin*, a stream-of-consciousness sketch show, is brought to you by Footlights Ben Ashenden, Alex Owen and Mark Fiddaman, and is a riotous explosion of comedic innovation.

Book your tickets online now.

University News

- [Study reveals new possibility of reversing damage caused by MS](#)
- [Professor Sir Maurice Wilkes \(1913 - 2010\)](#)
- [New Year Honours for Cambridge Academics](#)
- [New Health Services Research Centre opens](#)
- [Rex Walford OBE BSc \(Econ\) BD MA MA PhD PGCE FRGS \(1934 - 2011\)](#)
- [Next Director of the Isaac Newton Institute for Mathematical Sciences appointed](#)
- [EDSAC to be recreated](#)

Research Horizons

programme. The University Arms Hotel offers alumni rates of single occupancy from £105 and double occupancy from £115. The new Varsity Hotel offers alumni a rate of £145 for one of the hotel's Graduate Double Rooms (with complimentary upgrade when available).

To receive the discounts, contact the hotels directly and mention the CAMCard alumni discount at the time of booking.

Visit the [CAMCard](#) section of the alumni website to find out more about these hotels and other discounts offered to Cambridge alumni.

Social Networking

Get news and event updates from CARO on facebook!

Our [fanpage](#) is regularly updated with news and events from across the University and from our Alumni Groups. Through facebook you can also comment on our news items, events and group notices!

You can also...

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Video and Audio

Cambridge Ideas

See the audio and video



Quasars shine a light on the earliest stars

New research is bringing astronomers closer to unlocking the 'dark ages' of the cosmos.

Astronomers can now look back in time over almost all of the 13.7-billion-year history of the universe, from the present epoch to when the universe was still in its infancy, thanks to ever-more powerful telescopes that detect light reaching us from billions of light-years away.



Out of poverty

Cambridge researchers are contributing to projects in Bangladesh that aim to lift 1 million people out of poverty by 2015.

Alumni Groups

We are pleased to announce the newly formed Cambridge Alumni Association in Afghanistan, making the total number of Alumni Groups, 395. If you are interested in joining a Group please see our [website](#).



To see what events are coming up this year, then please see the [Forthcoming Events page](#). If you run a Group please do let us know what events you are planning for 2011, and we will advertise it for you on the CARO website. Please email details to [Jan Pudney](#).

News from Departments

Department of Engineering

9th Annual Lecture Series in Sustainable Development 2011

The Department's Centre for Sustainable Development hosts an Annual Lecture Series, where experts distinguished in the field of sustainable development, give a presentation on their subject. The lectures are held in Lecture Theatre 0 in the Department of Engineering, on Wednesday evenings, 5:30 for 6:00 p.m.

For further details [please email Dr R. A. Fenner](#) or phone 01223 765626.

Department of Chemical Engineering & Biotechnology

The CEB Alumni Speaker Series returns this year with two further talks on 28 January and 25 February at 5pm. If you would like to attend these free lectures, please register [online](#).

Cambridge Judge Business School

Alumni Banking & Finance SIG: Dinner with guest Dr Alexander Dibelius, Goldman Sachs - 24 February

Cambridge alumni are invited to join Cambridge Judge Business School's alumni banking & finance special interest group at their annual dinner event at the Oxford & Cambridge Club.

productions that present the University's cutting edge research.

Can computers understand emotions? Can computers express emotions? Can they feel emotions? The latest video from the University of Cambridge shows how emotions can be used to improve interaction between humans and computers.



For more of the above see:

Cambridge University on [YouTube](#)

[Cambridge on iTunesU](#)

News from Clubs and Societies

The Triple Helix Society

The Triple Helix is a student society exploring the interdisciplinary issues surrounding science and society. They publish a termly journal, which is written, edited and produced by undergraduates and reviewed by academics. If you would like to receive a copy of the journal; or would like to find out more, please feel free to get in touch at president@camtriplehelix.com.

For more information please visit www.cr.jbs.cam.ac.uk.

Departmental newsletters

The following newsletters have recently been sent out:

[Department of East Asian Studies](#)

[Department of Middle Eastern Studies](#)

If you are a graduate of the Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies and haven't received the relevant newsletter, please [get in touch](#).

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