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Do you want to keep up-to-date with what is happening in the Cambridge Society of Paris. Visit the website regularly, and in particular the [events](#) page, to find out more. There has not been a British Community Calendar since January, so this document is not currently available on our website. Finally, the latest edition of the Cambridge e-Newsletter is attached.

Details of events coming up in the Spring are given below. I hope some are of interest to you.

Are you planning to visit Cambridge? If you are, the Universities French Society, led by one of our younger members, Leo Paillard, would be delighted if you would be willing to make a short presentation to their group to talk about your job in France, or the reasons you chose to live in Paris, or just to chat with the Cambridge French community. If you can do this, please contact Leo on lrp2@cam.ac.uk at least two weeks before your visit so he can make appropriate arrangements.

Hoping you find something in the list below to suit your interests, and I am looking forward to seeing you soon.

Tony Banton, President

TODAY Sunday 26th March 16:00 – Concert : Christopher Wells (Magdalene) presents...

...the next concert of the Wells Consort : "A dagger will pierce your heart..."

Sunday 26th March at 16h00. Eglise Saint-Denys-du-Saint-Sacrement, 68bis rue de Turenne, 75003 Paris.

The programme includes mainly a series of Italian and English Renaissance pieces bringing to light reciprocal and original influences in various seasonal compositions. Liturgical works by Byrd, Fayrfax and Gibbons ; major classics by Palestrina and Victoria ; motets from the dark, unpredictable and emotional Gesualdo ; emotions again from the following Century with the Funeral Music of Queen Mary, repeated just a few months later for Purcell's own funeral.

Entry free, with an optional contribution

Sunday 2th April from 17:00 – The Boat Races at the Bowler



The women's and men's Cancer Research Boat Races will take place at 5:35pm and 6:35pm respectively, Paris time on Sunday 2nd April, so unless you're dashing off on the eve of the school holidays, join us at The Bowler, 13 Rue d'Artois, 75008 Paris, to support your team!

Sunday is all day Happy Hour at the Bowler and it's an ideal opportunity to stay on and feast on fish and chips washed down with a pint of real ale to fend off the Monday blues...

Everyone is welcome, but it will help if we can give the pub a rough idea of how many will be there, so please can you let us know at admin@camsocparis.org if you plan to come along.

Wed 5th April 19:00 - Monthly Drinks

Come and join us from 7pm to meet up for an informal evening. All Oxford and Cambridge Alumni and their friends are warmly welcome.

Just mention "Oxbridge" at the bar for a discounted price on the pint of beer. Typical pub food and soft drinks also available.

Murphy's House - 10 rue de la Chaussée d'Antin, 75009 Paris. Metro Opéra - RER Auber - vélib: station 2015 rue Louis le Grand

Tues 25th April 19:00 - Alumni Drinks at the Embassy

Members of the UK University Alumni Associations in Paris have been invited to informal drinks in the Embassy Bar on Tuesday 25th April. Numbers are strictly limited to five per University, and names must be provided to the Embassy a week before the event. If you would like to attend, please send an email to admin@camsocparis.org. Places will be allocated on a strict first-come, first-served basis. The exact timing of the event will be given with the confirmation of your place.

Thurs 27th April 18:15 – Visit to the Maison Européenne de Photographie

We have a second opportunity of a guided visit of the Maison Européenne de la Photographie on Thursday 27th April. The visit will take place from 18:30 to 19:30 and will cover the exhibition [ORLAN in Capitals](#), presented (in French) by ORLAN herself.

We will meet at the museum at 6.15 pm sharp in order to be able to join our guide and start the tour promptly at 6:30 pm. The address is : Maison Européenne de la

Photographie, 5/7 rue de Fourcy, 75004 Paris. The MEP is just in front of Metro Saint Paul.

For those who want to stay afterwards and eat something, we can reserve tables at a nearby Spanish Tapas bar.

Places are limited, so please reserve yours now with Peter Salinson on peter.salinson@wanadoo.fr by sending in the [reservation form](#) below.

Wed 3rd May 19:00 - Monthly Drinks

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Wed 17th May 18:30 - The Society's AGM

Wed 17th May 20:00 – Talk “The Benefits of a Cambridge Education”

Don't miss this double bill of the Society's AGM, and a presentation by Prof. John Parker on the subject of Charles Darwin's enlightenment under the tuition of John Henslow.

The AGM is your annual opportunity to influence the way in which the Society operates, to express your views. As I mentioned in my New Year message, I will be standing down as President after the AGM as, following my retirement, I will have moved to Northern France and so will be less able to be a regular attendee at events. So if you wish to put yourself forward to take a more active part by joining the Committee, this will be your opportunity. The formal notice of the meeting, including committee nomination forms and a proxy form for those unable to attend, will be sent out to paid-up members before the end of April.

John Parker was Director of Cambridge University Botanic Garden for 14 years, and Professor of Plant Genetics in the Department of Plant Sciences. His experimental research concerns evolutionary genetics of plant populations. Recently, he has been studying the life of John Henslow, Professor of Mineralogy and of Botany at Cambridge and founder of the current Botanic Garden.

John Parker was a Trustee of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, an Honorary Fellow of the Natural History Museum, and on the Council of the Royal Horticultural Society. He is an Emeritus Fellow of Clare Hall, Cambridge.

Charles Darwin, a failed medical student at Edinburgh University, came to Cambridge in 1828 to read for an ordinary degree that would qualify him for the gentle life of an Anglican clergyman in a country parish. At Cambridge, Darwin fell under the influence of John Henslow, Professor of Botany and a polymath. Darwin attended Henslow's botany course in three successive years, took his practical classes, went on his field trips, and was present at his Friday night scientific soirees. In 1831, Henslow recommended the newly graduated Darwin as scientist/companion to Captain Fitzroy of HMS Beagle.

Prof. Parker will explore the research and teaching programme of John Henslow to establish what Darwin gained from the interaction between them, how Henslow

acted as a life-long mentor, and how far Henslow's research is reflected in the 'Origin of Species' of 1859.

Friday 19th May : Bal de l'X

The 126th Bal de l'X will take place at the Opera Garnier on Friday 15th April. Once again, members of the Cambridge Society have been invited to join the Alumni of Polytechnique for this prestigious event.

Tickets start at €160 per person, and details and registration can be found at www.baldelx.com.

We suggest that if you are interested, you contact the organisers directly. Telephone contact details are provided on their website.

Tuesday 6th June 19:00 - Shakespeare in the Bois de Boulogne

The Tower Theatre will present an open-air performance of Much Ado About Nothing on Tuesday, 6 June, at 7pm, in the Shakespeare Garden in the Bois de Boulogne (Pré Catalan).

The price remains at €20pp for members and their guests (€12pp for children under 14) and includes the traditional strawberries and champagne in the interval.

A registration form is attached, and should be sent to Clare Hohler by post or email using the contact details included.

Wednesday 7th June - Annual Garden Party, at the British Embassy

The annual Garden Party will take place on Wednesday 7th June, with a return to the British Embassy. This year, the event is organised by Oxford and the speakers will be Sir Mark Jones FSA FSRE and Thomas Grenon. Sir Mark was Master of St Cross College Oxford until September 2016 and prior to that he was Director of the V&A Museum. Thomas Grenon is Director of the Laboratoire Nationale de Métrologie et d'Essais (LNE) after a distinguished career in both public service and industry.

Full details and the reservation form will be sent to members in April.

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Registration Form – Maison Européenne de la Photographie Visit: Thursday April 27th at 18:15am
5/7 rue de Fourcy, 75004 Paris

Please respond to peter.salinson@wanadoo.fr no later than Thursday April 20th 2017

I wish to reserve places on the MEP visit on Thursday April 27th

I intend to stay on for dinner after the visit YES / NO

Name :

College : University :

My guest(s) will be

Contact details (email or mobile phone):