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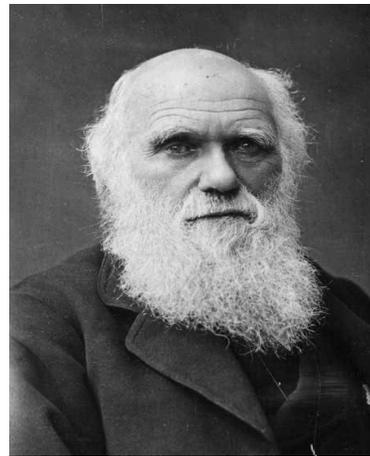
May 2010 NEWSLETTER

FUTURE EVENTS

Please put these dates in your diary and check with Cambridge Society of NSW Website:
<http://www.cambridgesocietynsw.org.au/> for any further information.

- **Thursday, 27 May 2010:** Annual General Meeting and Cocktail Party, UUSC Club, 25 Bent Street, 6:00pm for 6:30pm, Members free, guests \$20 includes showing of boat race video.
 - **Thursday, 19 August 2010:** Annual WinterFeast, Guest Speaker: Professor Barry Maitland "*The Great Crimes of Cambridge*", 6:30 for 7:00pm, Royal Sydney Golf Club, Members \$110, Guests \$130.
 - **Friday 22 October 2010:** Golf Match against Oxford followed by dinner at Royal Sydney Golf Club
 - **November 2010:** Annual Cricket & Tennis Matches versus Oxford. St. Paul's College Oval.
 - **Thursday 9 December 2010:** Annual Xmas drinks, UUSC Club, 25 Bent Street, 6:00pm, Cash Bar, Hors d'oeuvre provided. Dress rules apply: business casual minimum.
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CAMSOC Winterfeast 2009



The Speaker for the 2009 Winterfeast was Paul Brunton, Senior Curator, Mitchell Library, who spoke to a packed house at the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron on "*Darwin in Australia and Cambridge*". 2009 was the bicentenary of Darwin's birth and 150th anniversary of the first publication of *The Origin of Species*. The picture above was the one of the last photographs taken of Charles Darwin, circa 1878. Paul was the curator for the excellent Darwin Down Under exhibition at the State Library. In the picture above he is shown with final, handwritten journal of Pringle Stokes, the first captain of HMS Beagle. Had Stokes not committed suicide, Charles Darwin would never have been invited to join the Beagle on its epic second voyage. Paul spoke brilliantly for over 45 minutes, explaining why scholars now think that Darwin's visit to Australia in 1836 was a seminal event in the development of the theory of evolution and on Darwin's life. During a 30 minute question time his witty replies to questions kept the audience in great humour. It was a terrific night and the positive feedback was wonderful.

CAMSOC Winterfeast 2010
The Great Crimes of Cambridge
Guest Speaker: Professor Barry Maitland

**The Royal Sydney Golf Club, Kent Road,
Rose Bay NSW 2029**

Thursday 19th August 2010, 6.30pm for 7.00pm

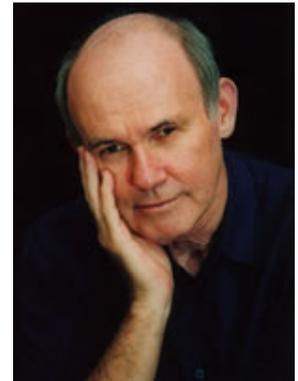


Cambridge has been the scene of famous murders that gripped not just the town but the whole nation, ranging from to the unsolved murder of Cambridge shopkeeper Alice Lawton to the murder of a 15-year-old drummer boy whose ghost haunted the killer and drove him to confess. Cambridge has also been the setting for various detective novels such as the Matthew Bartholomew mediaeval mysteries by Susanna Gregory. The world's greatest detective, Sherlock Holmes, before moving to 221B Baker Street, attended Sidney Sussex College in the early 1870s.

Professor Barry Maitland grew up in London after his family moved there from Paisley in Scotland where he was born. He studied architecture at Trinity College and went on to work as an architect in the UK, then took a PhD in urban design at the University of Sheffield, where he also taught and wrote a number of books on architecture and urban design. In 1984 he moved to Australia to head the architecture school at the University of Newcastle in New South Wales, and held that position until 2000.

However it is as a writer of detective fiction that Professor Maitland has gained world-wide fame. In particular he is the author of the acclaimed Brock and Kolla series of crime mystery novels. The Brock and Kolla novels were among the first in contemporary crime fiction to feature a male-female police team as the central characters, playing complementary roles in the resolution of their cases. His novels are celebrated for their strong sense of place and atmosphere due in part to his architectural background.

One of Australia's most celebrated crime writers, a Cambridge alumnus, will be speaking on the great crimes of Cambridge and its most famous fictional detectives. You will be in one of Sydney's finest venues, eating a terrific meal, drinking great wine, and with fellow alumni. Could there be a better evening?



Put this event in your diary; it is a night not to be missed.

The Winterfeast will be held on **Thursday, 19 August 2010**, 6:30 for 7:00pm, Royal Sydney Golf Club, Kent Road, Rose Bay, Members \$110, Guests \$130.

URGENT REMINDER – MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION

Dear Cambridge Alumnus

Please renew your CAMSOC membership if you have not done so to date. Failure will result in relentless reminders!! The fees are only \$40.00 and, besides the \$20.00 discount for the WinterFeast and discounts at other functions, members get notification of some of the best social events held in Sydney. A renewal form is at the back of this newsletter. We look forward to your continuing support!!

Current Camsoc Committee members

President:	Chris Golis
Vice President:	Christopher Dawson
Secretary:	Alistair Newmarch
Treasurer:	Lorna Sproston
Administrator:	Suzie Ruse
Committee Members:	Gemma Easter, Rhys Goodey, Edward Hossack, Carole Jackson, Charles Kingdon, Liza Rybak, Chandra Senaratne, and Robert Wilson.

The Committee are elected annually at the Annual General Meeting which will be held this year at the UUSC Club, 25 Bent Street, members free, guests \$20, and includes a showing of the 2010 Boat Race Video. The meeting will be held on Thursday, 27 May 2010 6pm for 6:30pm. Please note dress rules apply for the UUSC Club. No jeans, shorts or running shoes. Go to <http://www.cambridgesocietynsw.org.au/Committee.html> for Committee biographies.

New committee members are always welcome. The committee meets quarterly on the second Thursday evening of the second month in Mosman.

Robert Wilson, who has been a long serving Committee member, has stated he wishes to not stand for re-election. Robert has been a committee member since 2002 and was Chairman of the Society for three years from 2003 to 2006. Robert has made a number of outstanding contributions to the Society ranging from organising Winterfeasts to being the architect of the Rules of the Society. The *modus operandi* and Rules of the Cambridge Society of NSW are being adopted by other Cambridge Societies around the world. On behalf of the current and former members of the Committee I would like to thank Robert for his efforts. He will be sorely missed.

Values and objectives of the Society

The Cambridge Society of New South Wales is a social association of Cambridge University alumni in New South Wales and achieves its aims through formal and informal social functions where members and their guests can meet fellow alumni, maintain and renew old friendships and make new ones, bonded together by their heritage of the world's finest academic and intellectual institution.

The financial operating objectives of the Society are simple.

1. Breakeven on functions.
2. Obtain sufficient membership fees for the year to maintain the Society and pay administration costs.

The Society has continued to attract sufficient members that administration costs have been more than adequately covered. Accordingly the Committee has decided to keep membership fees at \$40.00 and to have free drinks and nibbles for the members at the AGM.

A corollary of these objectives is that where functions are booked on a sliding cost scale, the Society must cover itself by having all the cash in hand before the function starts. People who arrive on the night with cash or cheque, without previously made a paid booking, should not expect to be able to partake as of right.

There has been no increase in membership fees for a number of years and, as inflation had returned to Australia, the 2009 AGM voted to raise membership fees by the princely sum of \$5 to \$45 for the 2009 financial year. However, given the Global Financial Crisis and the health of the Society's balance sheet, it was decided to keep membership fees at \$40 for 2010. Members should be aware that Committee membership is only allowed to Society members who are financial at the start of AGM.

Put this date in your diary: May 27, 2010 Annual General Meeting and Cocktail Party, UUSC Club, 25 Bent Street, 6:00pm for 6:30pm, Members free, guest \$20 includes showing of boat race video.

Spanish Evening Thursday, 15 April 2010



Over the years CAMSOC NSW has hosted a number of international evenings including ranging from Sri Lankan Curries to Turkish Belly Dancing. On a Thursday night over 30 Camsoc members met at the Cafe Asturiana for a night of tapas, flamenco dancing and Spanish wine. The evening was organised by Camsoc Committee member, Emily Baxter and wines chosen and supplied (with tasting notes) by our resident sommelier, Camsoc Committee member Rhys Goodey. An excellent evening was had by all, particularly when the flamenco dancing started!! You can see more pictures of the night at our new facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Cambridge-Society-of-NSW/107719509249023>.

Emily Baxter set up the Cambridge facebook site and welcomes comments.

Our next international night will be held in April 2011. We are planning to make it a Malaysian evening. Chandra Senatare and Rhys Goody will be the organisers. More information to come.

Finally a point of useless trivia: have you ever wondered about the colours of Spanish flag? I always thought it was something to do with sun and blood. It turns out the colours were selected by Charles III in the late 1700s. Charles reasoned that too many countries had designs that were predominantly white, which could lead to understandable confusions during war. So he asked for proposals of new designs that would be highly visible from a distance, and not white. Hence the rational colours and design. He should have gone to Cambridge.



4-Way Debate Oxford & Cambridge vs Harvard & Yale "The older your university, the more eloquent your speech"

Over 120 people (a packed house) attended the debate held on Wednesday 28 April, 2010 at the KPMG auditorium. Canapés were provided by KPMG and drinks were supplied by Lion Nathan (CEO Rob Murray is a Cambridge alumnus). The selection of wines from the Lion Nathan portfolio were gratefully appreciated by the guests and included Wither Hills Sauvignon Blanc, Stonier Chardonnay, Knapstein Carbernet Merlot and St Hallett Shiraz.

The debate was organised by Harry Chiam (Oxford) with support from John Rothnie-Jones (Cambridge, who also runs the successful IQ2 debates). At the first organising meeting Paul Hunyor (Harvard) casually slipped into the conversation that he would get Greg O'Mahoney to represent Oxford and that the two of them had won the World Intervarsity Debating Championships. Also he could get Adam Spencer (ABC radio commentator and their debating coach) to act as "independent" judge/MC. I remember walking out of the meeting and saying to Vice-President Chris Dawson "Do you think we could get Germaine Greer?"



Who was to represent Cambridge became a matter of concern. Fortunately Committee member and Executive Search genius Charlie Kingdon suggested Rashda Rana, former London barrister and currently chief legal counsel for Bovis Lend Lease. Rashda more than held her own. Harvard/Yale chose to attack Oxbridge as elitist and argued that Harvard and Yale were more diverse. Rashda, who was born in Sri Lanka, coolly looked at the four white males sitting around her and said "On this platform, I am the diversity." The laughter from the Asian members of the audience was only matched by the cheers of the females. At that point the debate was over and Oxbridge won on a telling show of hands.

I must also mention the contribution of Dr Peter van Onselen who stepped in at literally the last moment as Adam Spencer's replacement. Peter is an associate professor in politics and government at Edith Cowan University, columnist at The Australian, and hosts a weekly programme "The Contrarians" on Sky News. Peter was absolutely outstanding and brought the house down on many occasions with his impromptu quips.

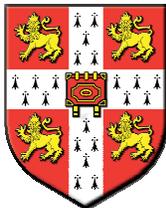
There could be another debate in 2011 and it is not an event to be missed.

22nd October 2009 Ray Hughes Art Gallery



A party of around 20 Camsoc members had fabulous evening of fine art, food and wine at the Ray Hughes Art Gallery at 270 Devonshire Street in Surry Hills. The evening was organised by Camsoc Committee member Charlie Kingdon. After drinks the gathering was treated to an excellent talk by the artist Lucy Culliton followed by Q&A. You can see her work via Google. She is a well-established Artist, who specializes in rural, country show style oil-based still life works. The evening culminated in an excellent dinner with wines.

Charlie is planning a similar event in October 2011. The feedback about this night was great and it comes recommended



INTER-VARSITY EVENTS



2009 CRICKET & TENNIS MATCHES

(by John Rothnie Jones) Thanks to our sponsors, Middletons, we were again able to stage the annual Oxford/Cambridge cricket and tennis match at St. Pauls College, Sydney University. This year the weather was kind and perfect conditions greeted the arrival of Oxbridge cricketers of varying ages and skills. The pitch needed a little loving care and the Oxford captain and former Bradman scholar, Geoff Lovell and Cambridge's Charlie Lewis shared the duties with brush and roller. And a very good job they did. A suitable surface having been established for this titanic struggle, Oxford won the toss and, not surprisingly, decided to bat.

For Cambridge, Charlie Lewis and Tom Hanson bowled outstandingly to restrict the Oxford openers to 18 off the first six overs and shortly after picked up the first wicket. Charlie went on to bowl an uninterrupted spell of 14 overs. He beat the bat regularly; and whilst not taking any wickets, it was a great effort for a 43 year old with even older knees. The Oxford innings progressed steadily but not expansively. The dangerous former Blues Nathan Ashley and Geoff

Lovell were contained and it was not until the 25th over that the score reached 100. The last ten overs, thanks to some excellent bowling from Mark Hodge (5 for 34) and Guy Stuckey-Clarke (3 for 19), and supported by some surprisingly agile ground fielding and catching, only brought a further 45 runs and Oxford were finally bowled out for 145.



Tea was taken between innings as cricketers, tennis players (under the inspired even-handedness of organiser, Gemma Easter, the tennis match was keenly contested and declared a draw) and spectators came together to tell tales of long forgotten and heavily embellished sporting prowess.

The Cambridge innings started slowly with former Blue, Dominic Katter and skipper, Rothnie-Jones being restricted by former Oxford paceman, Ben Wood, who bowled 7 overs for 16 runs. When Rothnie-Jones was bowled by another former Blue, Michael Jeh, who'd travelled from Queensland to play, in the 16th over, the situation changed markedly. Four wickets fell for the addition of as many runs. Former Blue, Russell Lyons, former Crusader, Nick Bilinsky and Guy Stuckey-Clarke picking up just one run between them. From this point, Michael Jeh (3-14) and former Authentic, John Pickhaver(4-33) made life very difficult for the Cambridge middle and lower order. Wickets fell regularly and the required rate rose accordingly. When former Rugby Blue and Cambridge committee member, Ali Newmarch was run-out, the light blues were a spent force. A final score of 111 was a disappointment after a promising start.

The day had been a great success for both the dark and light blues and, after some speeches of thanks, both sides adjourned to the local pub to construct next year's battle plans.

The 2010 Matches will be held at St. Pauls College in November 2010. Those wishing to play cricket should contact Alistair Newmarch (anewmarch@archercapital.com.au). Those wishing to play tennis contact Gemma Easter (gemmaeaster@hotmail.com). Once again many thanks to John Rothnie-Jones for organising this excellent annual event.

Inaugral 2009 GOLF MATCH

The match was played at Manly. Daryl Dixon and Peter Young played John Boyce and Bob Gilchrist in the initial four ball. Daryl won his match and Peter played magnificently to halve his match. Cambridge 1.5 Oxford 0.5. Chris Golis then played Peter Abelson and Murray Tobias and permitted three of the Oxford team to use carts. Of course carts are normally worth at least 2-3 holes but no compensation to the handicaps was offered by Oxford. In addition ball was 'found' by the Oxford captain for Cambridge was discovered to be incorrectly named with the immediate loss

of hole to both Oxford players. Unfortunately the Cambridge captain's golf was not up to overcoming these burdens and both matches were lost. Cambridge 1.5 Oxford 2.5. Russell Lyons then played former Oxford golf captain, Paul Barry, and former Oxford rugby blue, Charles Thorburn. Russell beat Paul early on. Cambridge 2.5 Oxford 2.5. But on the final hole of the final match Russell was 1 down. Both got on the green in two. Russell struck a magnificent putt to within 20 cm. Unfortunately Charles lagged his first putt short and missed the second. Russell won the hole and halved the match. Cambridge 3 Oxford 3. (by Chris Golis)



Manly put on an excellent seafood buffet and an excellent dinner was shared by all.

The 2010 Match will be held at Royal Sydney Golf Club on Friday, 22 October 2010. CAMSOC members holding a AGU handicap wishing to play please contact Chris Golis (cgolis@bigpond.net.au)

First 2011 events

19-20 February 2010 Garden Party at St. Pauls College. Final dates and times to be advised.

Remember those May Week functions you used to attend. We hope to replicate those memories at St. Pauls College. Pimms and Gourmet Sausages on the barbeque.

Friday 17 March 2010 Sydney Opera House Tour and Breakfast. 7:30am

Committee member Ed Hossack, General Manager of the Australian Opera and Ballet Orchestra is organising a morning tour and breakfast at the Sydney Opera House. The event will be held on a Friday morning in February 2011. It will start with a tour at 7:30am followed by a breakfast in the Green Room starting at around 9am. The cost will be \$75 pp or 50% normal price. All attendees will participate in two free lucky draws. One prize will be a special behind the scenes tour for two, the other will be two free opera tickets.

Thursday evening 14 April 2010 Malaysian night of surprises.

Final venue and times to be advised.

More details to follow shortly and will be posted on the website www.cambridgesocietynsw.org.au



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If re-applying and your details have not changed, please just complete your name.

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Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Mobile: _____

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Cambridge Details

Faculty: _____

College: _____ Year Graduated: _____

Honours/Other Degrees: _____

Do you permit your details to be included in the Society's Directory? Yes [] No: []

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Fees

Annual Subscription: \$40.00

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Email the completed form to tomsuzieruse@smartchat.net.au and make **payment** by direct deposit to the Cambridge Society's St George Bank account (please include surname on transfer)

Account Name: Cambridge Society of NSW **BSB:** 112 879 **Account No:** 036-502-926

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