



St Catharine's College
Cambridge



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GUEST HANDBOOK

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Founded in 1473...

St Catharine's College was founded in 1473 by Robert Woodlark. He had spent nearly twenty years buying up tenements in what is now Queens' Lane until he had a site large enough to accommodate the little hall which he called 'Saynt Kateryns Hall of Cambridge'. Two years later, on 16 August 1475, the hall was incorporated, by charter of King Edward IV, as a college for a Master and three or more Fellows: 'a perpetual college, for ever to remain'.

Undergraduates were not admitted to St Catharine's until the 16th century, and at the beginning of the 17th century, it was still one of the smallest Colleges in Cambridge. However, a series of outstanding Masters and generous benefactors were to change its fortunes.

In 1626 Dr John Gostlin bequeathed the Bull Inn to St Catharine's. The College used the revenue from the Inn to found six new scholarships



College frontage, c.1950-70

and to build a new building on Queens' Lane. This was followed in 1704 by the completion of the new College Chapel. The bequest of Mary Ramsden when she died in 1745 enabled the building of A and B staircases, and led to the College changing its orientation from Queens' Lane to Trumpington Street.

The 19th century brought two Masters of exceptional quality: Joseph Proctor (Master from 1799-1845) and Henry Philpott (Master from 1845-1861). Philpott was Bursar prior to becoming Master, and went on to become Bishop of Worcester. While he was Master, the College was honoured with a visit by Queen

Victoria and Prince Albert, who was also Chancellor of the University. The Queen and Prince Albert attended a dinner in what is now the SCR and the Duke of Wellington, who was also in the Royal Party, was accommodated in what is now the Old Lodge.

The latter part of the 19th century was dominated by what became known as the 'Robinson Vote'. In 1861 the election for Philpott's successor took place, with Charles Robinson and Francis Jameson standing for the position. The actual facts of the case are obscure, but Jameson voted for Robinson, presumably expecting Robinson to vote for him, but Robinson voted for himself, enabling him to win. The episode was well-known throughout the University, causing the reputation of the College to suffer for a number of years.

It was not until after World War I that the fortunes of the College rose again. An influx of undergraduate ex-servicemen led to a period of growth for the College under the Masterships of Bishop Drury and Frederick Rushmore. The Fellowship also began to expand. Work to increase student accommodation began with the completion of Hobson's in 1930 and continued with the John's Building in 1935.

In 1966 a major rebuilding project took place under the Mastership of Professor E. E. Rich, creating a new larger hall, new kitchens and the accommodation between St Catharine's and King's College. Pressure on accommodation continued to grow, and in 1981 further accommodation was built at St. Chad's on Grange Road, with further rooms added in 1998. In 2013 the College completed the building of a new lecture theatre, College bar and JCR in Chapel Court. Named the McGrath Centre, the new building has greatly enhanced the College's public spaces.



Rowing team, 1876

Present...

Today, St Catharine's is a thriving community comprising the Master, around 120 Fellows, some 230 graduate students and about 450 undergraduates. The College is committed to academic excellence and success, while maintaining a relaxed and sociable atmosphere.



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Did you know...

St Catharine's has the only open-sided court, visible from the street, of any Cambridge College.

John Addenbrooke, who gave his name to Cambridge's hospital, was a Fellow. We still have his books, specimens and body.

The two lampposts in front of the College have bases made out of French cannons captured at Waterloo.

St Catharine's is the College of Sir Ian McKellen, known for his roles as Gandalf, Magneto and King Lear.

Other famous Alumni include Jeremy Paxman, Sir Peter Hall, Rebecca Hall, Ben Miller, Richard Ayoade and Tunku Abdul Rahman.

The famous phrase 'Hobson's choice' originated with Thomas Hobson (1544-1631), who owned a livery stable where the Hobsons building now stands. Customers were offered the choice of either taking the horse in his stall nearest to the door or taking none at all.

Past....

Guest information



As first point of contact within the College, the Lodge is staffed 24 hours a day. The Porters are responsible for all room keys, security in College, fire safety, first aid and general advice about College services. There is a free phone located near the Porters' Lodge should you require a taxi. Please note the College operates on a cashless basis.

In case of emergency or illness, please contact the Porters' Lodge on +44 (0) 1223 338300 in the first instance as all the Porters are trained first-aiders. Please report any accidents on College property to the Porters' Lodge.



Check in is available from 14:00 and the check out time is before 10:00. Please return keys to the Porters' Lodge. Limited luggage storage is available.

Please note that any lost keys will incur a charge of £30.00.

Your key will provide access to external doors and gates around College. Please ensure that these gates/doors are closed behind you to ensure the safety and security of other users of the College. Please note that the main gate of the College is closed from 23:00 each night and your key will be required for access.

Visitors must not walk or sit on the lawns in Main Court or Sherlock Court. Cambridge is a busy tourist city and guests should be careful with their valuables.

Please be aware that some areas of the College are open to the public. Please ensure doors and windows are locked when you leave your room. The College regrets that it cannot accept liability for any loss or damage to personal possessions.



Free Wi-Fi is available for guests across the College site.

Network: StCatharinesCollegeGuests
Password: WirelessfortheWheel

If your devices are configured to use eduroam, you will be able to connect automatically. Computer and printing facilities are available in Woodlark basement, downstairs from the Porters' Lodge.



Rooms will be serviced Monday to Friday between 09:00 and 15:00. If you do not wish to be disturbed, please leave the card provided outside on the hook. Additional towels, blankets, tea and coffee are available from the Porters' Lodge. If you need to contact our Housekeeping Department, please see their details on the back page of this booklet or ask in the Porters' Lodge.

We are working hard to reduce our impact on the environment. Towels will be changed as needed but if you require an additional change please ask your Housekeeper. Beds are normally changed on a weekly basis.

Guests are kindly asked to use the toilet and not the bins to dispose of tissue paper. Bags for sanitary products are provided in the bathroom.

If you find a fault with your room or something is not working please report this to the Porters' Lodge.



Coin operated laundry rooms and ironing facilities are available for residents' use. Please ask at the Porters' Lodge for directions and access card. A change machine is also provided.



Complimentary Fairtrade tea and coffee is available in your bedroom, Unless otherwise arranged, all meals are served in the Dining Hall.

We are able to accommodate guests' dietary requirements providing we are given advanced notice.

Daily Meal times

Breakfast 7:30 - 9:00 (9:30 Saturday & Sunday)

Lunch 12:30 - 13:30

Dinner 18:00 - 19:00

The Catz Café in the McGrath Bar is open Monday to Friday from 8:30-16:00 unless otherwise advertised. The Café sells a range of sandwiches, snacks, coffee, tea and soft drinks.



The College Bar is located below the McGrath Centre, accessible via the door next to the library.

Opening times and availability will be posted outside the Bar and in the Porters' Lodge.



Barely altered over the last three hundred years, St Catharine's beautiful Chapel is available for reflection and prayer, no matter what your religion or faith may be.

Please kindly note that the College Library is not open to conference delegates or B&B guests, unless arrangements have been agreed in advance with the Librarian.

Guests are requested to consider the comfort and convenience of other residents and refrain from creating any noise or disturbance after 23:00. The College is a community of academics, scholars and staff who work all year round and guests are asked to treat College property with respect.



Visitors should familiarise themselves with the fire safety signs displayed in all College rooms. Any queries about fire safety can be raised directly with the Head Porter or Deputy Head Porter. The college alarms are tested every Wednesday between 09:00 and 12:00. The main fire assembly point is on Main Court (please see map).



The College is a completely smoke free environment. Smoking is not permitted in any rooms or on College grounds.

Places of interest



Kings College Chapel - Stunning and iconic. It is famed for its choral services, in particular the evensong services and the Christmas Eve service.

Fitzwilliam Museum - World-renowned collections include antiquities, applied arts, illuminated manuscripts, and paintings by Constable, Hogarth, and Gainsborough.

The Corpus Clock - A sculpture of a beastly time eating insect, the 'Chronophage', sits atop the gold handless clock with LED lights. Both beautiful and disturbing.



Cambridge University Botanic Gardens - A beautiful heritage-listed garden originally conceived by Professor John Henslow, the mentor and teacher of Charles Darwin.

Scudamores Punting - Cambridge punt hire, perfect for trips along the College Backs or out towards Grantchester. Guided and Self-hire available.



The Eagle Pub - Drinking and thinking hub where Watson and Crick announced they had discovered 'the secret of life'. Traditional British pub fare.

Pint Shop - Creative menus, craft beers, real ales and a wonderful gin collection. Industrial-chic décor in a Grade II listed building. Modern British cuisine.

The Mill - One of Cambridge's most iconic pubs, a 19th Century Mill idyllically located on the grassy banks of the River Cam overlooking Laundrys Green.



Fitzbillies - A Cambridge institution. Its famously sticky Chelsea buns have been made and sold on the premises since 1921.

Aromi - Artisan Sicilian bakery and café serving excellent food using their revered 'pizzaioli' (pizza-makers) to produce authentic handmade food worth waiting for.

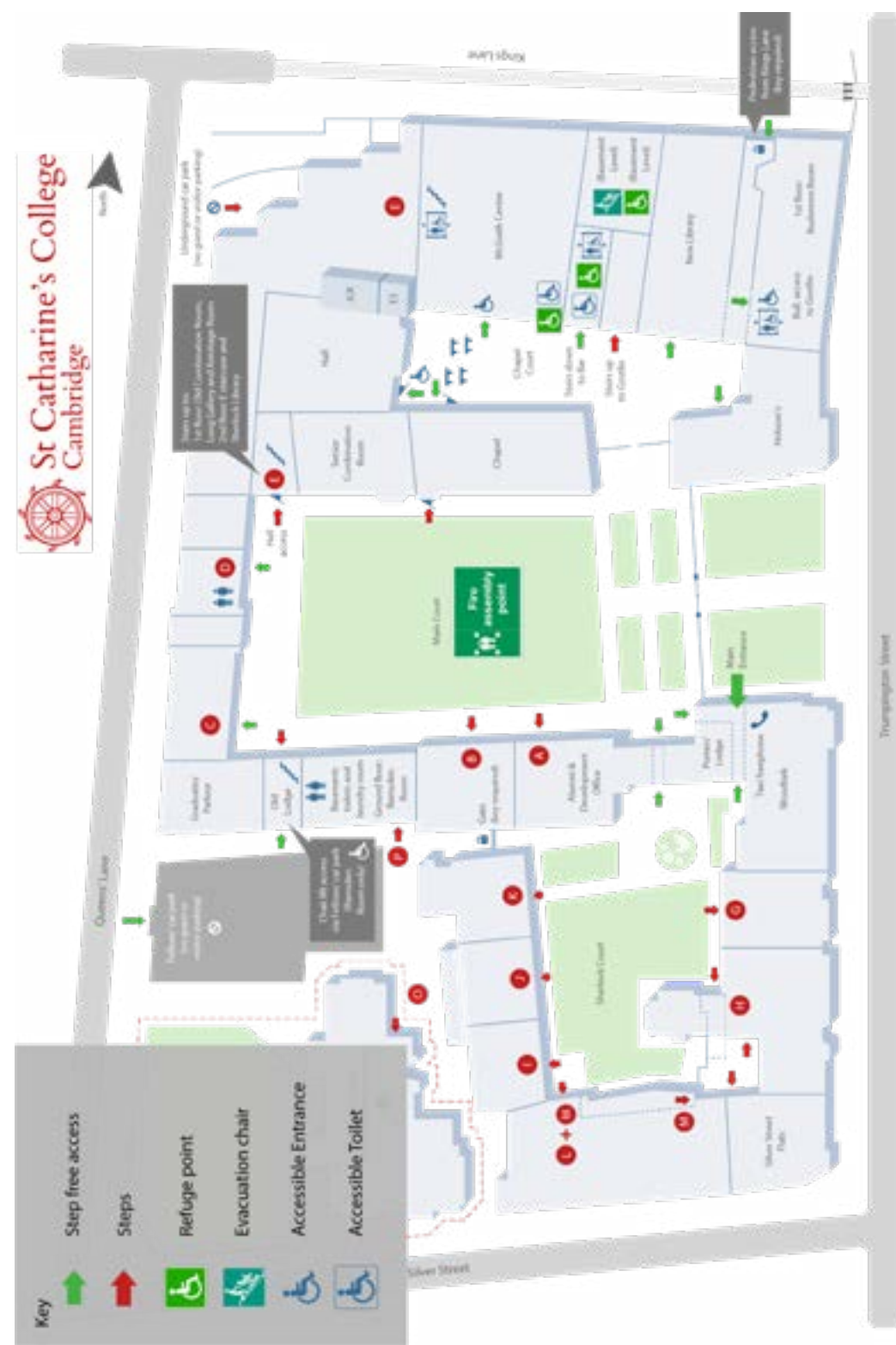
Michaelhouse Café - serving delicious fresh handmade food cooked on site every day. This café, situated within St Michaels church, has the aim 'to make simple things perfectly'.



Bread & Meat - Independent eatery specialising in roast meat sandwiches, craft beers and coffee. Honest, excellent food.

Cambridge Chop House - The restaurant serves up traditional, no nonsense British food with a speciality in steaks. The real ales are local and served from the cask, while the wine list is imaginative. St John's Chop house is the sister restaurant following the same ethos.

Trinity restaurant - Their mission is simple 'To deliver a great fresh plate of food, served by friendly, knowledgeable staff in a warm and inviting atmosphere.'





Contacts

For any queries outside of the hours listed below, or in the case of an emergency, please contact the Porters Lodge on 01223 338300 or plodge@caths.cam.ac.uk

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