15. Cambridge walks short and long plus one cycle ride
Foreword

Celebrating the past, transforming the future

The University of Cambridge is sustained by shared values: a commitment to the life of the mind, developed through study, teaching and inquiry; and an equal commitment to the improvement of wider society, through the educated citizens who leave here, and through the discoveries, inventions, and scholarship we send out. We attract the very best, and we allow them to give of their best. The pages of this report show the breadth and the brilliance of Cambridge teaching and research, from biodiversity conservation to ‘educating the philosophers of the future’.

In introducing this Annual Report – covering a period which began under the inspirational Vice-Chancellorship of Professor Dame Alison Richard – it is my very great privilege and challenge to ensure that these values are maintained uninterrupted. I am proud beyond measure of Cambridge’s students, staff, and alumni, and look forward to enjoying their company, whether in Cambridge or on my overseas travels, for the seven years to come.

Cambridge can expect to feel the effects of national political and economic developments. Along with almost every other sector, UK universities will receive less from general taxation, and most students at all universities will be asked, after graduation, to pay a higher contribution to the costs of tuition. We will need to support our students, and aspiring students, as never before. We must guard fiercely the principle that ability to think, not ability to pay, should be the guiding criterion in the composition of our student body. Cambridge will succeed in this, and we will succeed because of those shared values and common purpose.

800 years history

12k undergraduates

6k graduates
Cambridge 800
AN INFORMAL PANORAMA
Quentin Blake 2009
Great escape from Oxford
De Winton and Thring: the rules of Football 1848
James Clerk Maxwell
1850
DNA: Franklin, Crick & Watson
1953
Peterhouse College – end of 13th Century
started in 1446
Henry VI – The Royal Saint
(1421-71)
Sir Francis Bacon.  
He invented English breakfast
To the Reader.

This Figure, that thou here seest put,
It was for gentle Shakespeare cut,
Wherein the Grauer had a strife
with Nature, to out-doo the life:
O, could he but have drawne his wit
As well in brasse, as he hath hit
His face, the Print would then surpass
All, that was euer vsrit in brasse.
But, since he cannot, Reader, looke
Not on his Picture, but his Booke,
B. I.

LONDON
Printed by Isaac Jaggard, and Ed. Blount. 1623.
Cambridge 'punt wars' erupt between rival operators

- Battle for business on river Cam escalates
- City shocked after two boats found sawn in half

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Cambridge “punt wars” leave tourists at the mercy of aggressive touts

THE TIMES

June 20, 2009
"And laughs the immortal river still
Under the mill, under the mill?"

RUPERT BROOKE
"A BOSKY WOOD, A SLUMBROUS STREAM"

"SAY, DO THE ELM CLUMPS GREATLY STAND
STILL GUARDIANS OF THAT HOLY LAND?"
In the 1930s a number of young men at Cambridge University were recruited as Soviet spies. They became known by the KGB as the 'magnificent five' but were better known in Britain as the Cambridge spy ring.

Guy Burgess (right) fled to Moscow

Kim Philby
was head of anti-Communist counter-espionage
Monty Python