



The Cambridge Experience

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Ask yourself two questions



- **What do I want to get out of university education?**
- **Where is the best place to fulfil my dreams?**



WHY Cambridge?

Why Cambridge?



- I am looking for a brainy husband/wife
- Because only the best students go there
- I thought that's where Harvard and MIT were
- I didn't get into the other place

Seriously, why go to Cambridge?

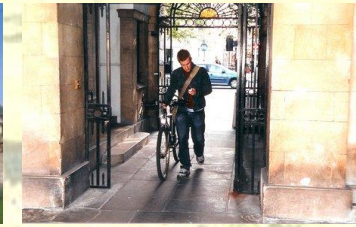
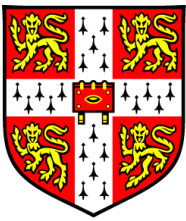


- To have the best time of your life
- To challenge and develop yourself
- To meet great friends and mentors from all over the world and become part of the alumni network in future
- To get a degree that might land me a job afterwards

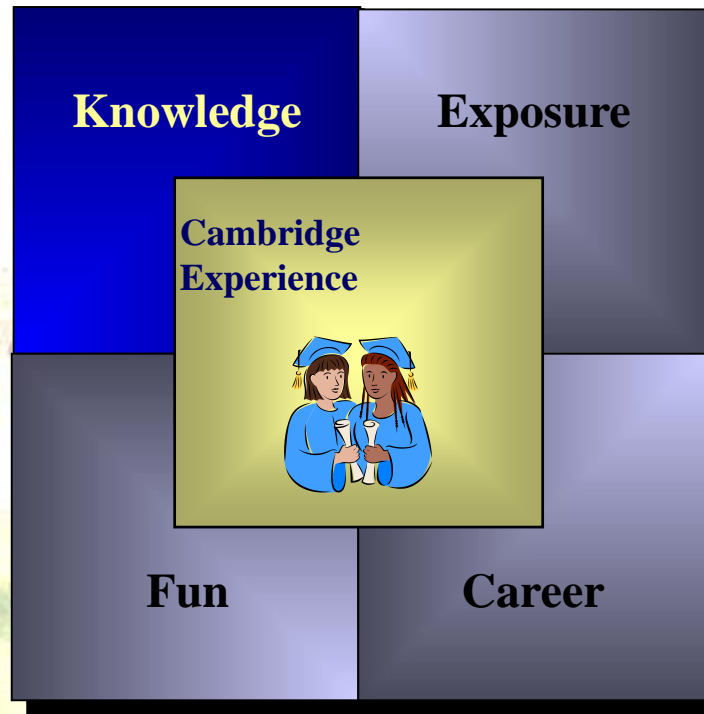
I want to get...



Explore the Cambridge Experience



Wealth of knowledge



Let Cambridge influence you!



Supervisions

- Quick thinking and response to questions
- Self-motivation in solving problems
- Interactions with experts and talented students

One of the places that you can practise your presentation skills and debating skills as well as meeting celebrities and excellent debaters

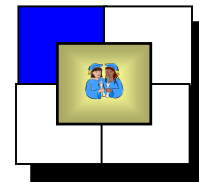


CAMBRIDGE
UNION SOCIETY



- meeting people everywhere
- academic or casual discussion all around the town, can be in places like coffee shops or in lunch

Cambridge has more Nobel Prize winners than any other institution

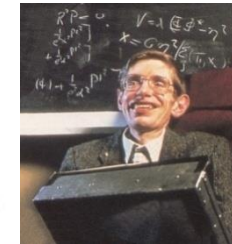


- 80+ affiliates of the University of Cambridge have won the Nobel Prize since 1904.
- Affiliates have won in every category
 - 29 Nobel prizes in Physics
 - 22 in Medicine
 - 18 in Chemistry
 - 7 in Economics
 - 2 in Literature
 - 2 in Peace.
- Trinity College has 31 Nobel Prize winners, the most of any college at Cambridge

Plus other famous alumni



Prof. Louis Cha
(金庸)



Prof. Stephen Hawking



Dr. The Hon. Sir
David Li



Mrs Carrie Lam
Chief Secretary for
Administration



Dr The Hon. Mr. Wong
Yan Lung, JP, Former SJ



Former Chief Justice
Andrew Li



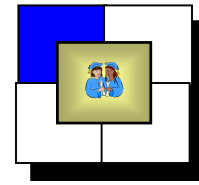
One of the best universities in the world



Times Higher Education-QS World University Rankings 2012

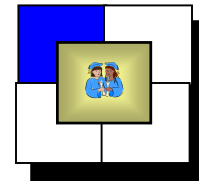
2013	2012	2011	School Name	Country
1	1	3	Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)	United States
2	3	2	Harvard University	United States
3	2	1	University of Cambridge	United Kingdom
4	4	7	University College London (UCL)	United Kingdom
5	6	6	Imperial College	United Kingdom

>100 subjects offered under ~27 departments



- Akkadian
- American Literature
- Anatomy
- Anglo-Saxon, Norse and Celtic
- Anthropology
- Arabic
- Aramaic
- Archaeology
- Architecture
- Assyriology
- Bengali
- Biochemistry
- Biological Anthropology
- Biology
- Catalan
- Chemical Engineering
- Chemistry
- Chinese
- Classics
- Computer Science
- Coptic
- Czech, with Slovak
- Dutch
- Ecology
- Economics
- Education
- Egyptology
- Electrical and Information Sciences
- Engineering
- English
- Environmental Studies
- Ethics
- Experimental Psychology
- French
- Genetics
- Geography
- Geology
- German
- Greek, Classical, Modern
- Hebrew
- Hindi
- Hinduism
- History
- History and Philosophy of Science
- History of Art
- Hungarian
- Indian Studies
- Irish, Medieval
- Islamic Studies
- Italian
- Japanese
- Judaism
- Land Economy
- Latin
- Law
- Linguistics
- Management Studies
- Manufacturing Engineering
- Materials Science and Metallurgy
- Mathematics
- Medicine
- Modern and Medieval Languages
- Music
- Natural Sciences
- Neuroscience
- Norse
- Politics, Psychology, Sociology
- Russian
- Sanskrit
- History and Philosophy of Science
- Social Anthropology
- Social Psychology
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Statistics
- Syriac
- Theology and Religious Studies
- Urdu
- Veterinary Medicine
- Welsh, Medieval
- Zoology

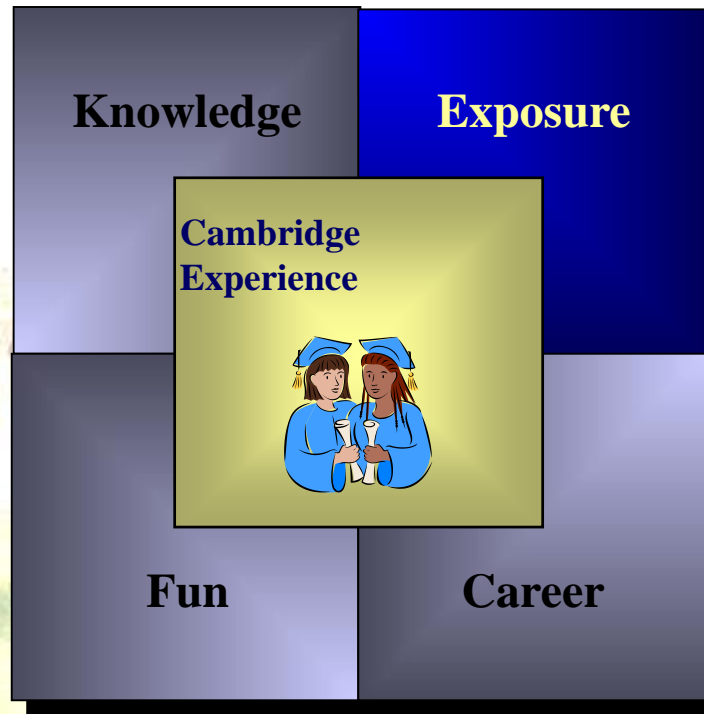
Supervision: Individual support



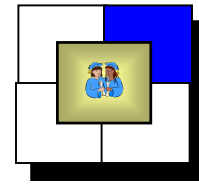
“One of the real strengths of the Cambridge system is the close individual support you receive from an expert in your field.”

- A supervision is the Cambridge name for a small-group teaching session.
- These are usually one hour in length with 2-4 students and a member of your College who is a specialist in the subject you are studying.
- Supervisions are arranged by your College and are your best opportunity to explore the course material in a much greater depth than lectures allow.
- They are designed to clarify any points brought up in lectures, to engage in in-depth problem-solving and allow you to discuss those aspects of the course which interest you most.




























Once in a lifetime cultural experience



Inter-collegiate system



Undergraduate colleges

	Christ's College		Murray Edwards College (New Hall)
	Churchill College		Newnham College
	Clare College		Pembroke College
	Corpus Christi College		Peterhouse
	Downing College		Queens' College
	Emmanuel College		Robinson College
	Fitzwilliam College		St Catharine's College
	Girton College		St Edmund's College
	Gonville and Caius College		St John's College
	Homerton College		Selwyn College
	Hughes Hall		Sidney Sussex College
	Jesus College		Trinity College
	King's College		Trinity Hall College
	Lucy Cavendish		Wolfson College
	Magdalene College		

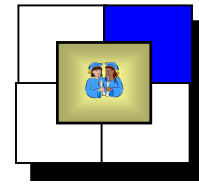
Background

- **31 colleges in Cambridge**
 - For undergraduate or mature students
 - For co-ed or women colleges
 - Most of them are co-ed colleges with full range of courses/ programmes
- **College is where you'll do a lot of studying and socialising**

Characteristics

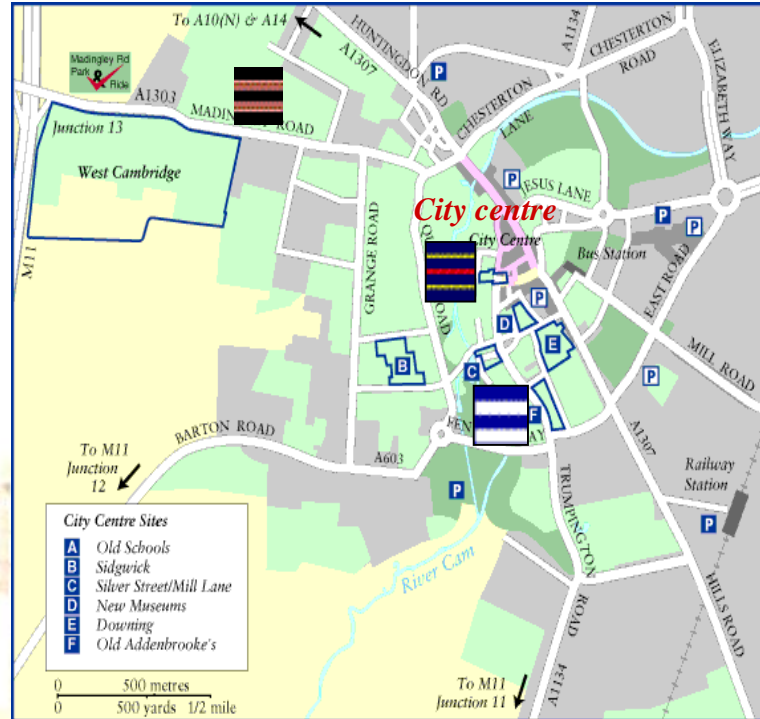
- **Academic**
 - Be responsible for its own undergraduate admission
 - Has its own set of programmes being offered to students
 - Be responsible for providing supervisions to its students (private tuition session)
- **Social**
 - Offers what students need, from accommodation and food, to libraries, computers, bars and common rooms, personal support and recreational facilities

Inter-collegiate system



Churchill

- **Founded in 1960**
 - Aimed at developing scientists and technologies for UK
 - 70% of the students are scientists, engineers and mathematicians
- **Located in the new university area**
 - 15 mins away from city centre
- **With modern and spacious design**
 - 500 years away from the traditional image of a Cambridge college
 - Integrated campus with sports and dormitories



Trinity

- **Founded by Henry VIII in 1546**
 - Largest college with 700 undergraduates and 300 graduates
- **Located right at the heart of the city centre**
- **Long tradition of academic excellence**

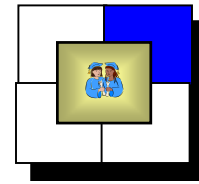


Peterhouse

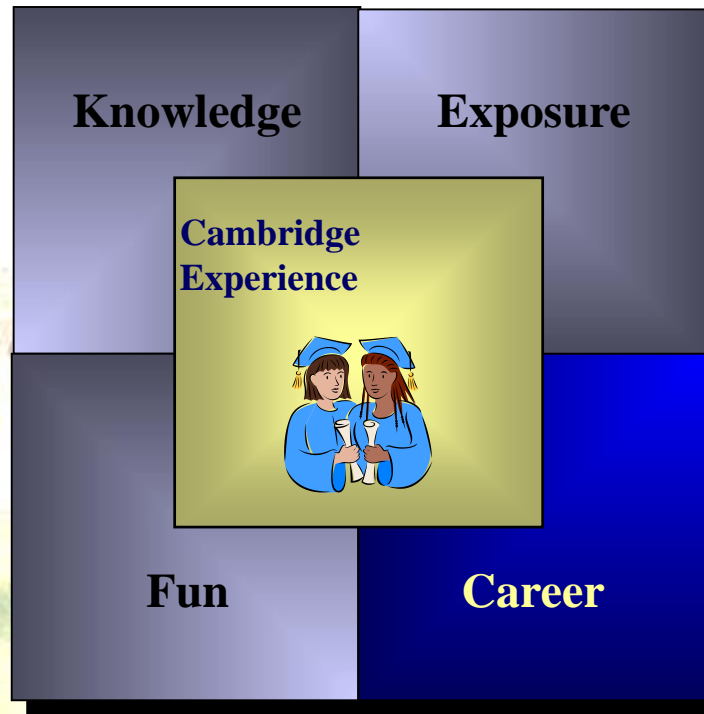
- **Founded in 1284**
 - Oldest and smallest college in Cambridge
 - Only admits 80 students annually



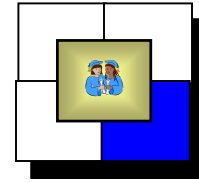
Meeting students across the globe



The best preparation for your career



Have you ever thought of working in these firms?

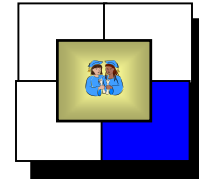


Quote:

“We prefer to hire graduates who have studied abroad. Their global perspective and level of maturity is definitely crucial to operating in an international environment.”

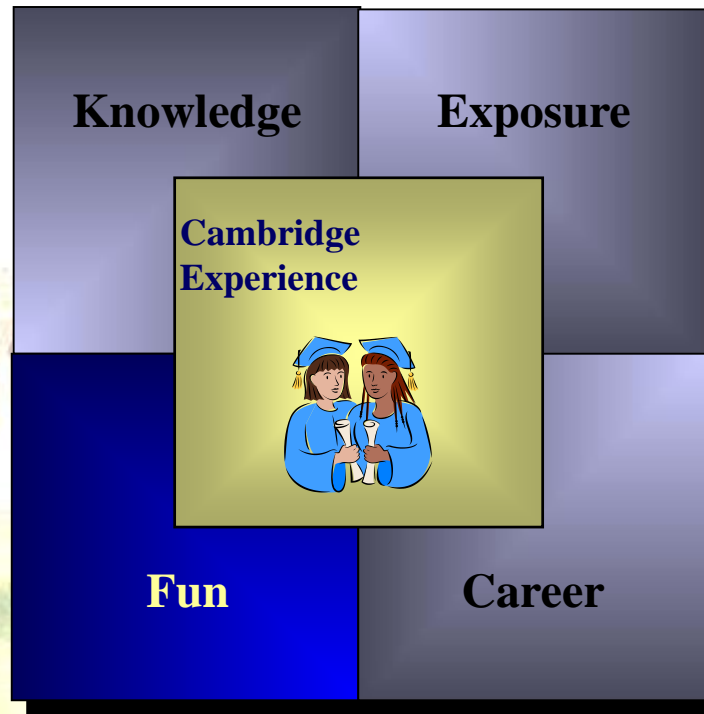
Top global management consulting firm

Careers facts

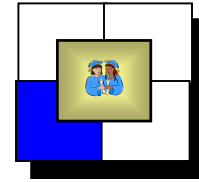


- **More than 96% of graduates are in graduate employment or further study 6 months after graduation**
- **450 organisations visited Cambridge to promote their opportunities**
- **2,200 recruiters promoted their vacancies on the Careers Service website and vacancy lists**

And most important of all...have fun!



Diverse social life



“Excellent opportunity to make friends with people from all over the world.”

“With more than 16,000 students and over 400 societies, you'll never be bored.”

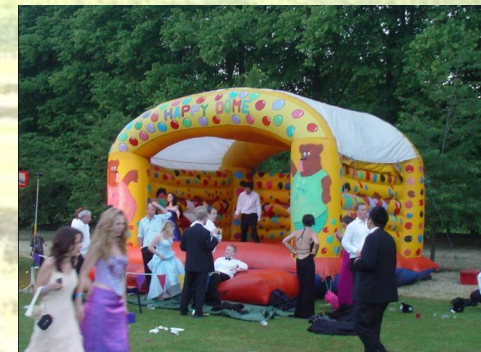
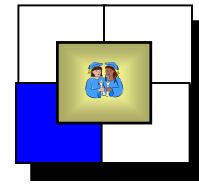


“At Cambridge you can do almost anything at almost any level, from 'having a go' to semi-professional.”

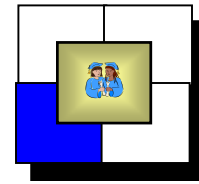
“Societies with focus on Hong Kong and China: Cambridge University Chinese Society and Hong Kong & China Affairs Society.”



Cambridge traditions



Cambridge City and beyond



Cambridge City

- **The tourist attraction**
 - You will find more tourists than students on street on a normal day
 - Highly praised by famous Chinese academic 徐志摩
- **Community of its own**
 - With all basic facilities
 - » Banks, city library, super markets, cinemas, theatres, shopping mall, swimming pools
 - And something more
 - » Golf courses, football stadium, botanic garden, tea house
- **The UK tech centre**
 - Science park, plenty of start ups and MNC investment in the city and surrounding area

And neighbourhood

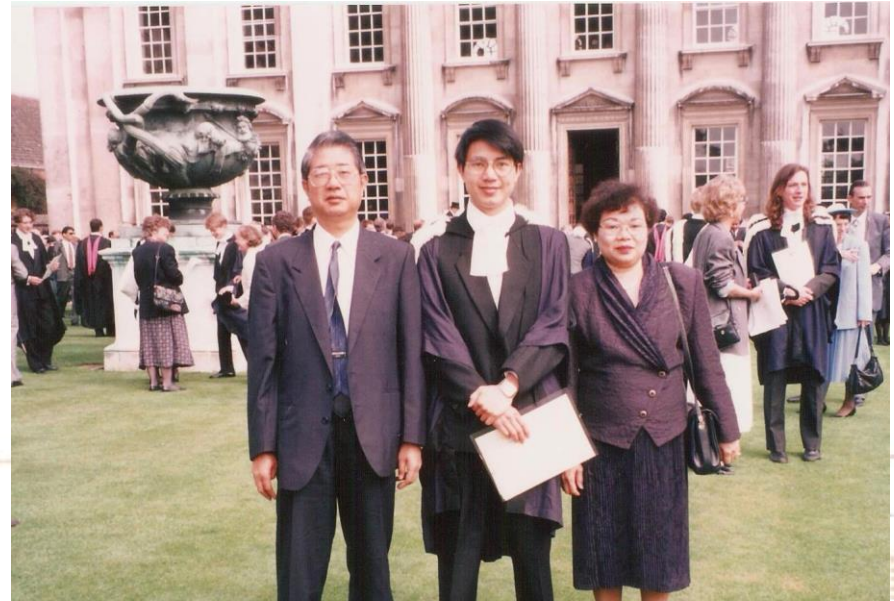
- **Easy access to rest of UK.....**
 - 40 mins by train to the London
 - » UK capital
 - » Financial and cultural centre of Europe
 - 30 mins by train to Newmarket
 - » Polo, horse riding
 - 30 mins by train to Duxford
 - » For flight piloting and gliding
- **And beyond**
 - 30 mins to the London Stansted Airport
 - » With flights connecting to rest of Europe
 - » With reasonably priced tickets
 - Example: Under 50 pounds for London-Milan return





Life as a student in Cambridge

Passed Tripos Exam



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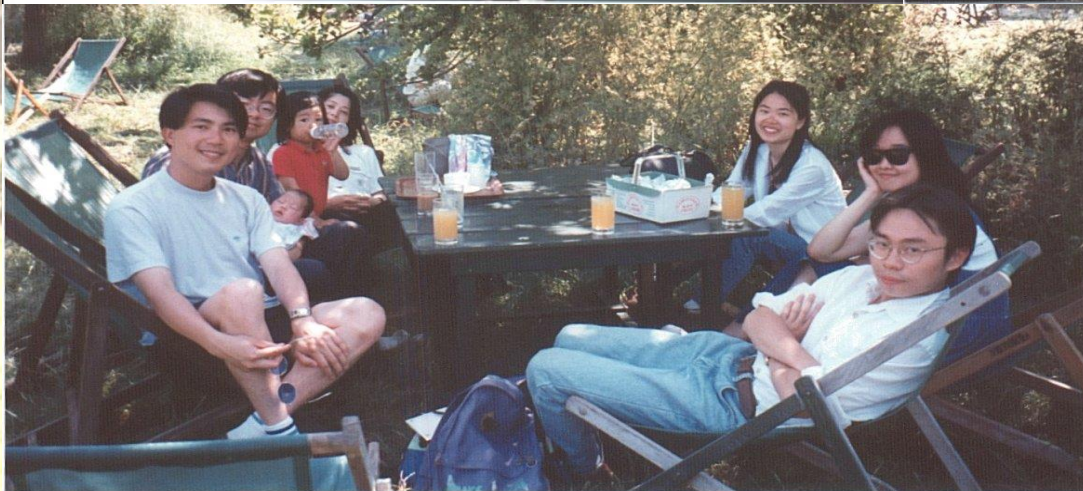
Go to formal halls of every colleges



Go to May Ball



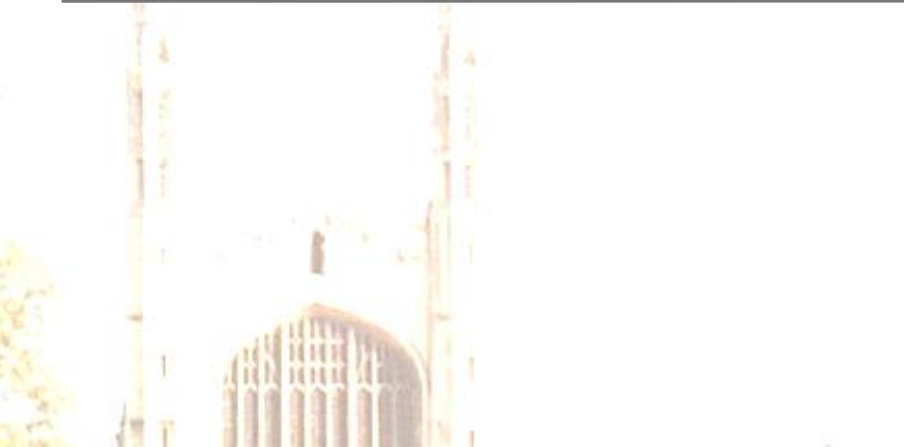
Have scorns and tea in Orchard Garden



Dragon boating on River Cam



Strawberry picking

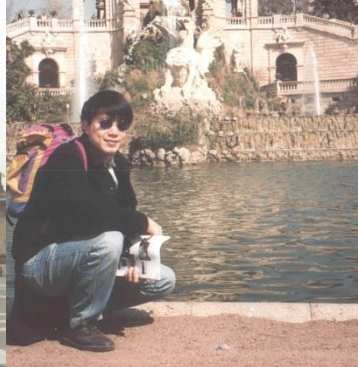
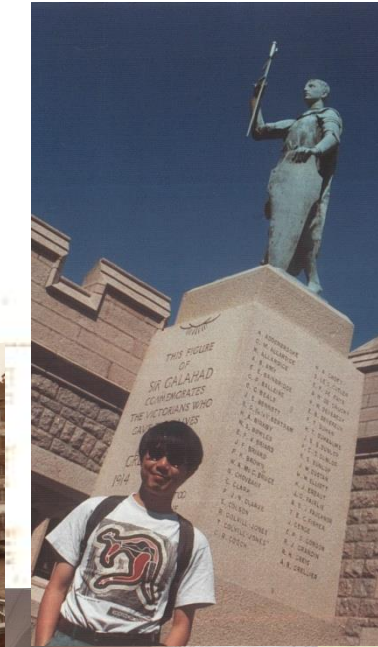
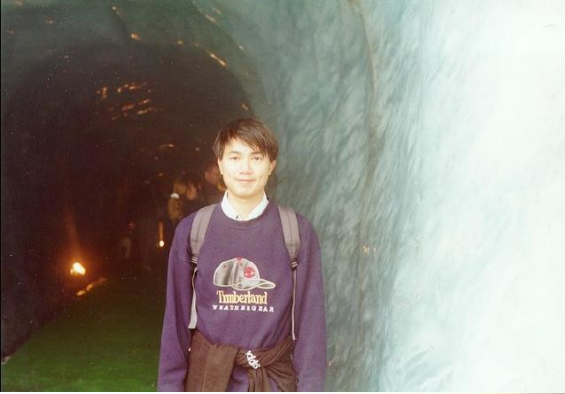




Punt all the way to Granchester at night



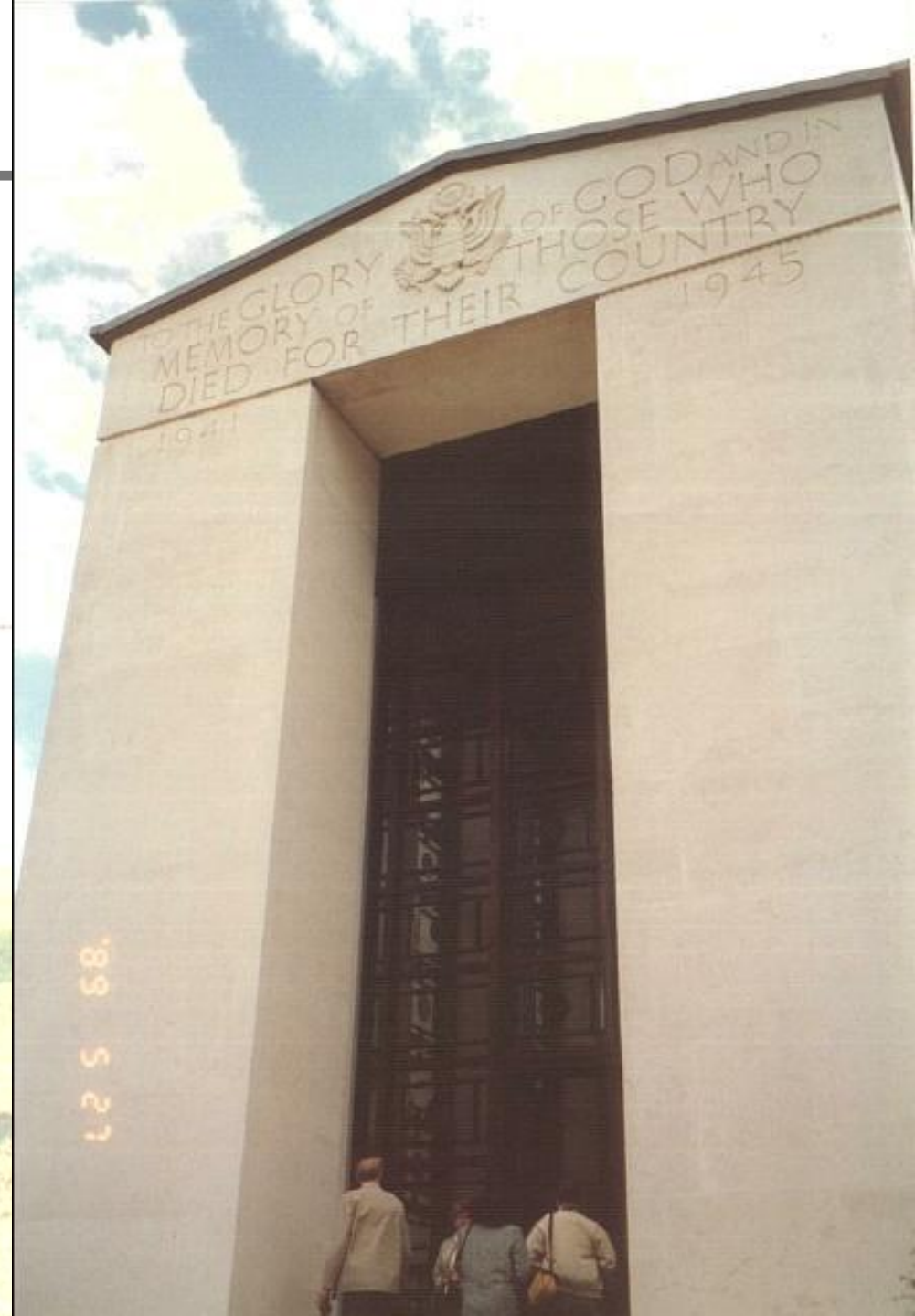
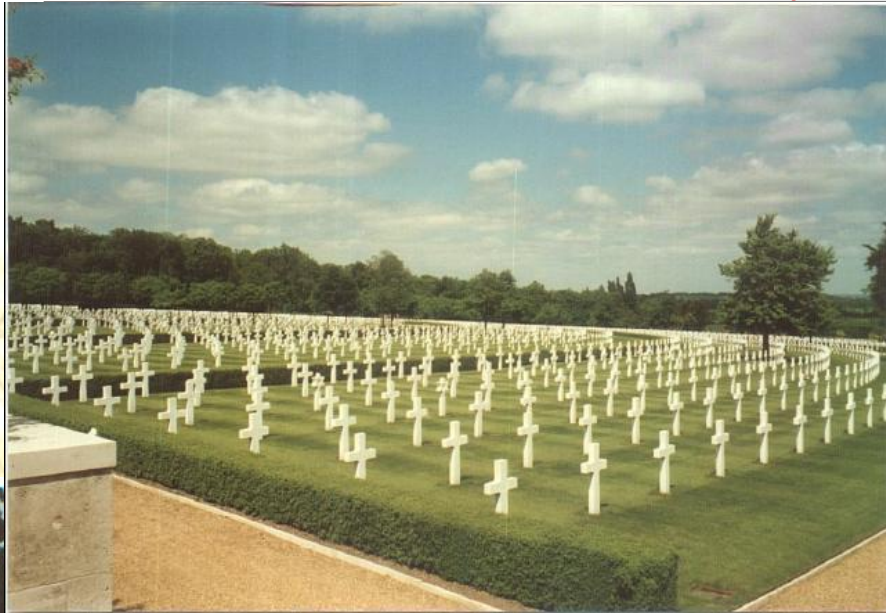
Visit other countries



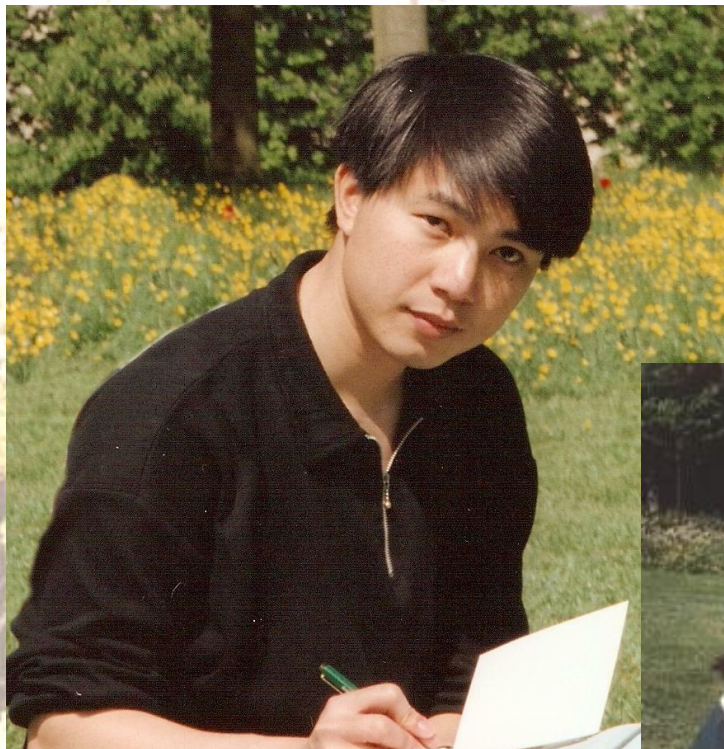
Dine at Mid-Summer House



Visit American Cemetery



Relax at the Backs



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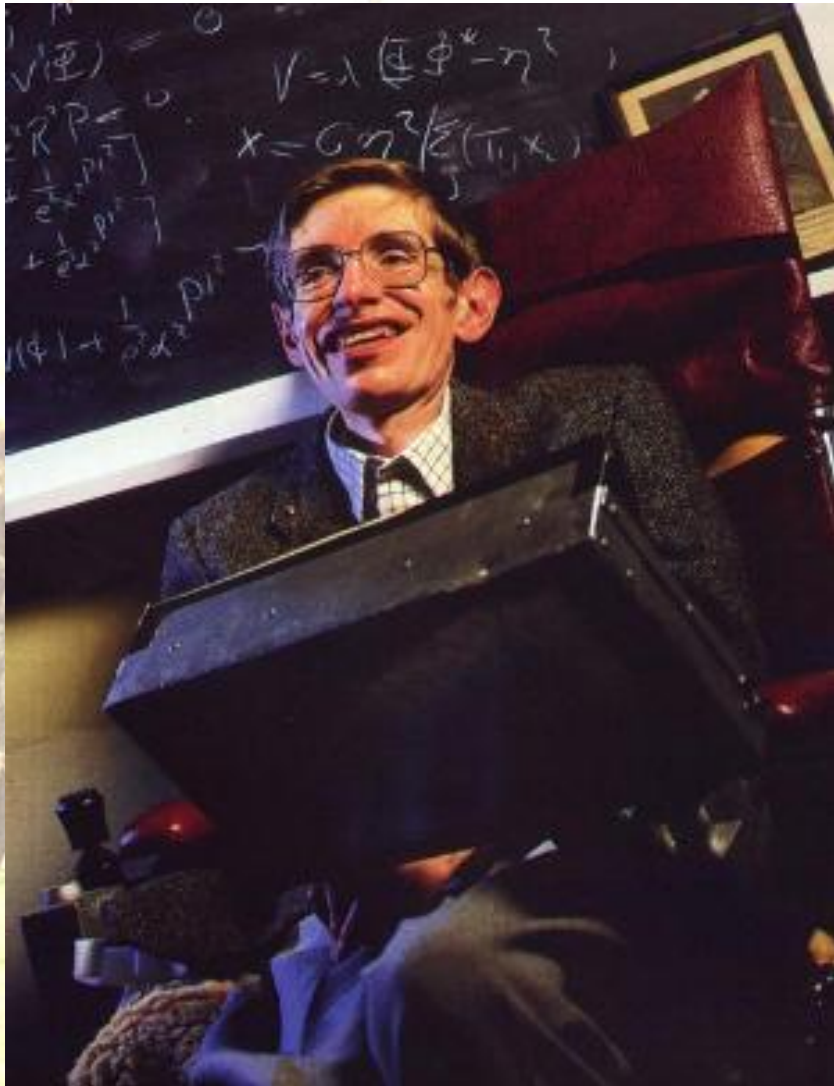
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Reach the top of St Mary's Church

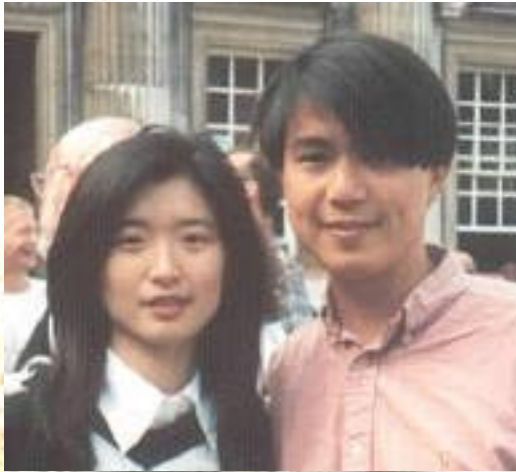




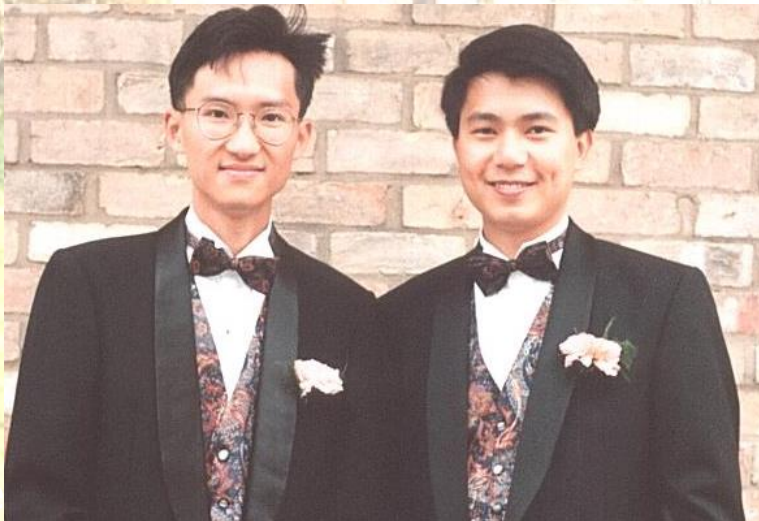
Meet Prof. Stephen Hawking



Attend someone else's graduation



Attend a friend's wedding



Produce a Variety Show - V-Show



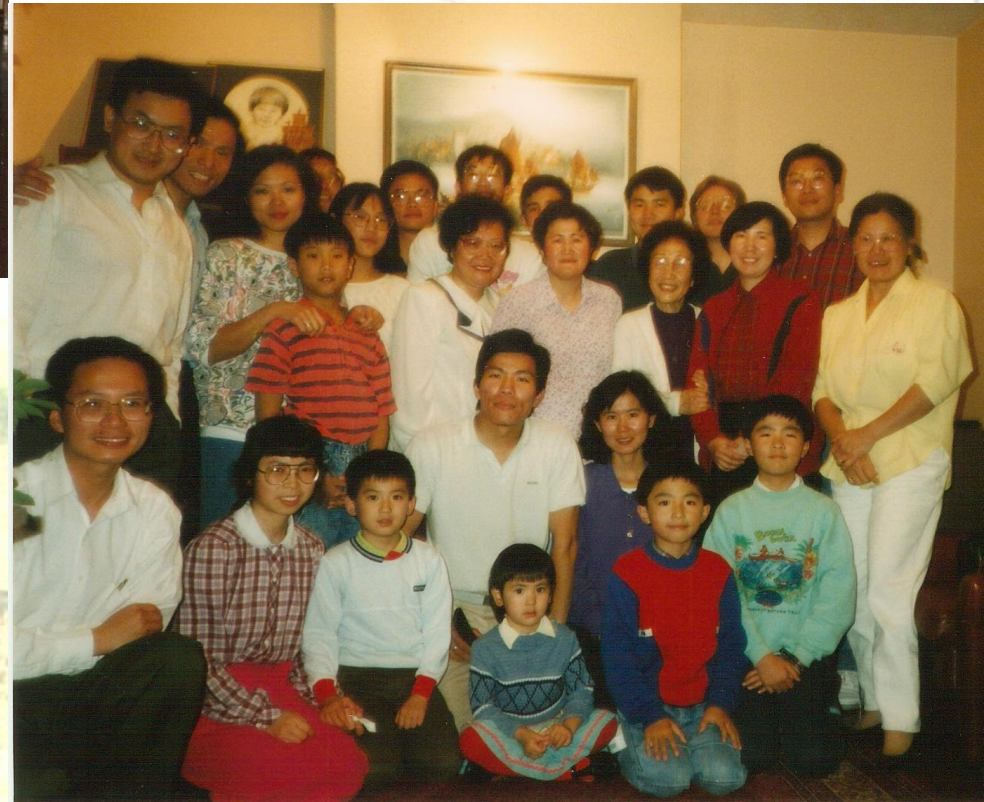
Run a Society like CUCS and CUHKCAS



Make Movies – Cambridge Movies Workshop



Teach at Sunday Chinese School



Top this



- Listen to the choir in college chapel
- Have tea at the 『 Aunties 』
- Row/Watch your friends row
- Visit Girton College



Top this



- To fall in love and fall out of love (maybe)
- Have dinner at the high table at your own college and another college
- Have lunch with a college master other than your own college
- Have dinner with Vice Chancellor of the University

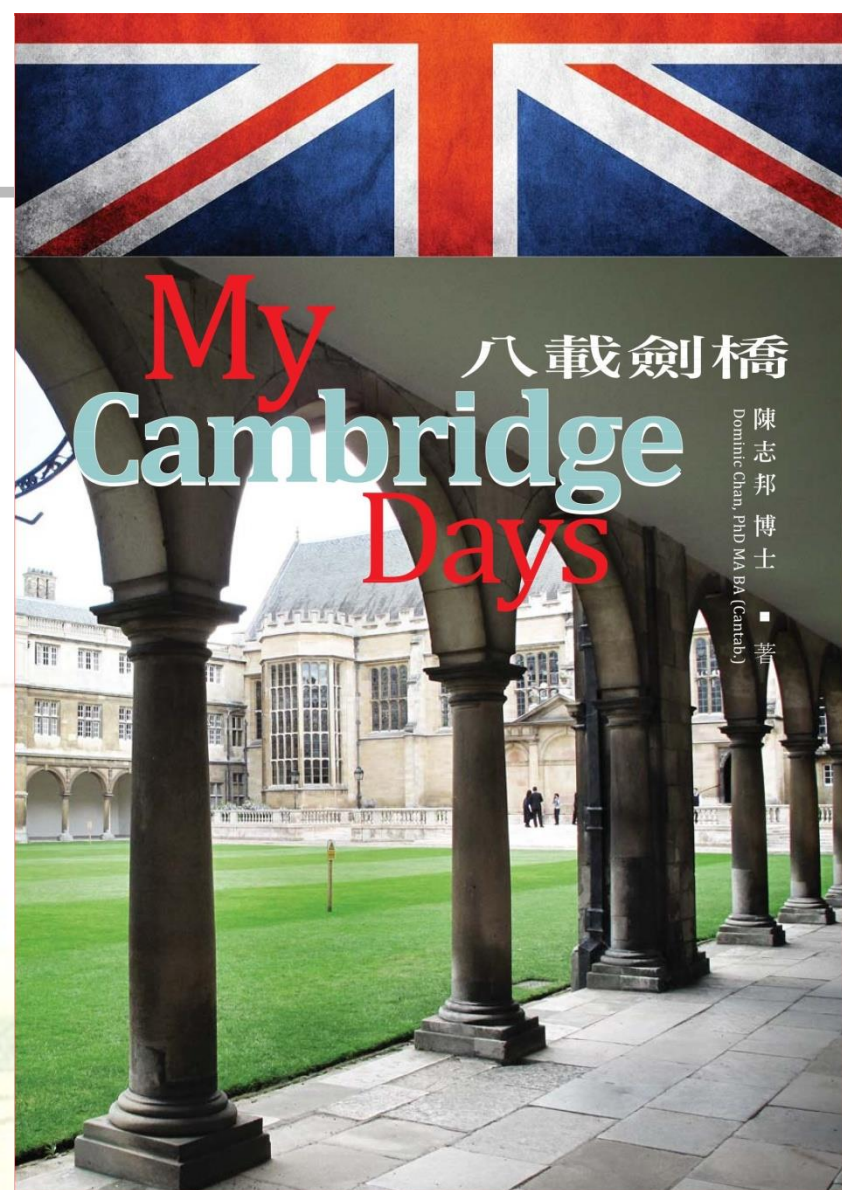
代序 李國寶博士

陳博士在劍橋渡過了八個寒暑，留下美好的回憶。他將當年劍橋種種的生活點滴寫下來，與讀者分享，內容豐富精彩，趣味盎然。

《八載劍橋》見證陳博士在劍橋成長的歷程，誠如陳博士所言，劍橋八年，終生受用，不僅是知識、人生觀的培養，還有結交到一群良朋益友，彼此鼓勵，互相扶持。我覺得入讀劍橋，仿如開啟了豐盛人生的鑰匙，希望讀者從《八載劍橋》得到啟發，積極奮鬥，創造更美好的人生。

本書介紹 劍橋八年影響了我一生，不僅得到終生受用的知識，培養出我的人生觀，更重要是一群良師益友。離開劍橋後，校友們仍然互相扶持，互相鼓勵。彼此相互發揮正面的影響，延續了大家對母校的情意結，這正是我活躍於同學會的原動力。這書是寫對劍橋想念之情。

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Appendix

Some Myths

The Mathematical Bridge – Queen's College



- **One famous narrative relates to Queens' College's so-called Mathematical Bridge (pictured right). The story usually goes as follows: supposedly constructed by Sir Isaac Newton, it reportedly held itself together without any bolts or screws. Years later, inquisitive students took it apart in order to see how it fitted together and the deconstructors were unable to reassemble it without bolts. (A variation on this tale has the bridge being dismantled by the college's Fellows due to the onset of World War II). However the bridge was erected 22 years after Newton's death and always used pins and screws at the joints (although the current version of the bridge does use more visible nuts and bolts).**

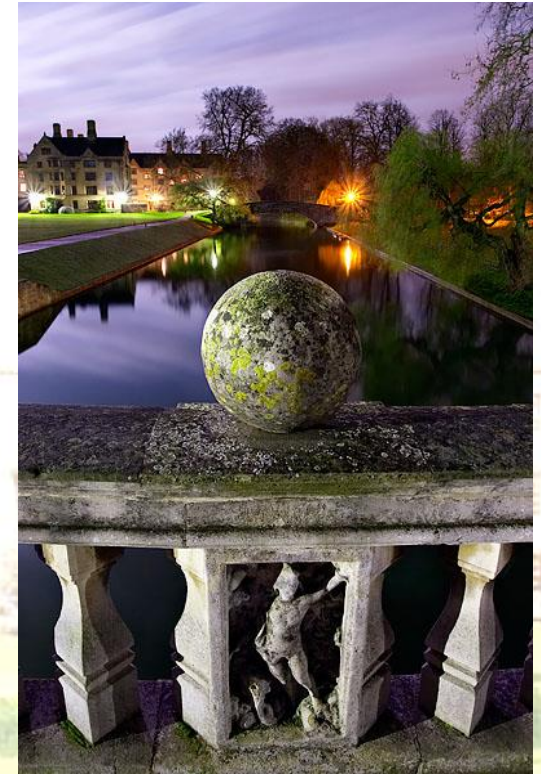


Source: Wikipedia

Clare College bridge



- Built 1639-40 Spherical stone ornaments adorn this bridge. One of these has a quarter sphere wedge removed from the back, a feature pointed out on almost all tours over the bridge. Two tales explaining this are:
 - The bridge's builder was not paid in full due to the college's dissatisfaction of its construction. The builder thus took his revenge by committing a small act of petty vandalism.
 - A college fellow removed the quarter-sphere to ensure another fellow could not win a bet with him as to how many spheres there are on the bridge.
- In reality, the reason for the missing wedge of one sphere is not known.



The Bridge of Sighs – St John's College



- On two separate occasions, students have pulled the prank of dangling a car under the Bridge of Sighs at St John's. In the first incident (in 1963), a 1928 Austin Seven was punted down the river using four punts that had been lashed together then hoisted up under the bridge using ropes. The second incident (in 1968) involved a "Bond Bug" (a three-wheeled car) being dangled under the bridge. In neither case was the bridge damaged.



Objects on King's College chapel



- One story tells of a couple of students with a keen interest in climbing, who decided to scale the walls of King's College chapel after hours and place a roadcone (or similar object) atop one of the spires. On discovering the object the next morning, the college are said to have called in a building company to erect scaffolding in order to remove the offending object. However, the erection of the scaffolding could not be completed before dusk, and so the adventurous students ascended the chapel the next night and moved the roadcone to the opposite end of the chapel's roof, thus rendering the half-erect scaffolding useless.



- In 2002 a toilet seat placed by a student on one of the spires remained there, eventually being retrieved by a steeplejack.

Trinity College's riches



- **As the wealthiest of all Oxbridge colleges, Trinity College is naturally the subject of many rumours and popular urban legends. The college is sometimes suggested to be the second or third largest landowner in the UK (or in England) - after the Crown Estate, the National Trust and the Church of England. (A variant of this legend is repeated in the Tom Sharpe novel Porterhouse Blue.) However, the college only takes in around 20 million pounds per year in rent from its properties. A second legend is that it is possible to walk from Cambridge to Oxford on land solely owned by Trinity. Jeremy Fairbrother, the college's chief bursar, has said this belief is incorrect.**

