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**NOTICES****Calendar**

- 24 November, *Monday*. Ballot of the Regent House, voting opens at 10 a.m.  
 29 November, *Saturday*. End of third quarter of Michaelmas Term. Congregation of the Regent House at 10 a.m.  
 3 December, *Wednesday*. Ballot of the Regent House, voting closes at 5 p.m.  
 5 December, *Friday*. Full Term ends.  
 9 December, *Tuesday*. Discussion by videoconference at 2 p.m. (see below).

**Discussions (Tuesdays at 2 p.m.)**

9 December

**Congregations (at 10 a.m. unless otherwise stated)**

29 November

**Discussion on Tuesday, 9 December 2025**

The Vice-Chancellor invites members of the Regent House, University and College employees, registered students and others qualified under the regulations for Discussions (*Statutes and Ordinances*, p. 111) to attend a Discussion **by videoconference** on Tuesday, 9 December 2025 at 2 p.m. The following items will be discussed:

1. Joint Report of the Council and the General Board, dated 19 November 2025, on exchanges of Professorships (p. 118).
2. Report of the Council, dated 19 November 2025, on removal of the membership of the University Centre (p. 119).

Those wishing to join the Discussion by videoconference should email [UniversityDraftsman@admin.cam.ac.uk](mailto:UniversityDraftsman@admin.cam.ac.uk) from their University email account, providing their CRSid (if a member of the collegiate University), by 10 a.m. on the date of the Discussion to receive joining instructions. Alternatively contributors may email their remarks to [contact@proctors.cam.ac.uk](mailto:contact@proctors.cam.ac.uk), copying [ReporterEditor@admin.cam.ac.uk](mailto:ReporterEditor@admin.cam.ac.uk), by no later than 10 a.m. on the day of the Discussion for reading out by the Proctors,<sup>1</sup> or may ask someone else who is attending to read the remarks on their behalf.

In accordance with the regulations for Discussions, the Chair of the Board of Scrutiny or any ten members of the Regent House<sup>2</sup> may request that the Council arrange for one or more of the items listed for discussion to be discussed in person (usually in the Senate-House). Requests should be made to the Registry, on paper or by email to [UniversityDraftsman@admin.cam.ac.uk](mailto:UniversityDraftsman@admin.cam.ac.uk) from addresses within the cam.ac.uk domain, by no later than 9 a.m. on the day of the Discussion. Any changes to the Discussion schedule will be confirmed in the *Reporter* at the earliest opportunity.

For general information on Discussions see the *Reporter* website at <https://www.reporter.admin.cam.ac.uk/discussions>.

<sup>1</sup> Any comments sent by email should please begin with the name and title of the contributor as they wish it to be read out and include at the start a note of any College and/or Departmental affiliations held.

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.scrutiny.cam.ac.uk/> and [https://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/reporter/regent\\_house\\_roll/](https://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/reporter/regent_house_roll/).

**Election to the Board of Scrutiny**

*13 November 2025*

The Vice-Chancellor announces that the following candidates have been nominated in accordance with Statute A VII 3 for election to the Board of Scrutiny, and that it has been certified to her that the candidates have consented to be nominated:

**Class (c)(ii): members of the Regent House**

Dr FRANCESCA PATRICIA LOUISE MOORE, *HO*  
*nominated by:* Dr D. Trocmé-Latter, *HO*, and Dr S. Annett, *R*

Professor MICHAEL THOMAS ROBERTS  
*nominated by:* Professor C.-B. Schönlieb, *JE*, and Professor J. H. F. Rudd

Dr CONNOR PURCELL WOOD, *CL*  
*nominated by:* Dr T. G. Chesters, *CL*, and The Revd A. E. Strauss, *T*

There will be an election to select one member of the Regent House from among the three candidates. The person elected will serve with immediate effect until 30 September 2029. Voting will open at **10 a.m. on Monday, 24 November and close at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, 3 December 2025** (voters will receive an email when voting opens).

## **Syndicates, Committees and other bodies: Appointment**

Further to the Notice published as part of *Reporter* Special No 1 on 1 October 2025, the Vice-Chancellor announces that, in accordance with Statute C III 7(b), the following appointment has been made:

Managers of the Martin C. Faulkes Bell Fund: Dr Timothy Keith Dickens, *PET*

## **Report of the General Board on the Herchel Smith Professorship of Biochemistry: Notice in response to Discussion remarks**

The Council has received the remarks made at the Discussion on 7 October concerning the above Report (*Reporter*, 2025–26: 6796, p. 14; 6799, p. 48). The General Board has been consulted in the preparation of this response.

The Report proposes that Professor Miska be permitted to exchange the Herchel Smith Professorship of Molecular Genetics for the Herchel Smith Professorship of Biochemistry, now that he is Head of the Department of Biochemistry. Professor Miska, Professor Simons and Professor Russell provide additional information in support of this proposal, including the endorsement of the Managers of the University trust funds supporting the two Professorships. Professor Russell notes that the appointment to the vacancy the proposal would create in the Herchel Smith Professorship of Molecular Genetics would be made by a Board of Electors in the normal way.

Professor Evans suggests that no case is made for not requiring Electors in this instance. The case is that Professor Miska has already been appointed to a Professorship in a related field, he is now Head of the Department of Biochemistry, and Biochemistry is the field of the Professorship to which it is proposed that he be appointed, and that there is support for the exchange from the Head of the School, the Heads of Department and the Managers concerned.

Professor Evans suggests that Professor Miska would need to resign from his current Professorship in order to be appointed to a different Professorship. The Council agrees, but it also notes that it would not be prudent for him to do so before approval of the proposed exchange. As the recommendation of the Report indicates, the appointment is to take effect from the date of Professor Miska's resignation from the Herchel Smith Professorship of Molecular Genetics, so that the exchange and the resignation are simultaneous.

The Report proposed that this exchange of Professorships should be approved by the Regent House as an exception to Section 1 of Part B of Special Ordinance C (vii). Both Professor Evans and Dr Astle express concern about being able to make an exception to a provision in Special Ordinance. Such an exception is permitted by Order under Statutes A II 1 and A X 2(a). However, since publication of the Report, it has become apparent that this scenario, where an exchange of Professorships is sought, is rare but more common than originally thought. The Council and the General Board have agreed to propose an amendment to the relevant section, to give the General Board the ability to approve such an arrangement in the future. As this would entail an amendment to Special Ordinance, a new Report has been published to present this amendment for approval (see p. 118). To separate out the proposal for a change of process from the proposal concerning an individual, a Board of Electors will be appointed in accordance with Part B of Special Ordinance C (vii) to enable Professor Miska's election to the Herchel Smith Professorship of Biochemistry to be considered. The General Board has therefore withdrawn this Report.

## **Report of the Council on the proposed disposal of land and buildings at 1–3 Hills Road: Notice in response to Discussion remarks**

The Council has received the remarks made at the Discussion on 4 November on the above Report (*Reporter*, 2025–26: 6800, p. 73; 6803, p. 113).

Professor Evans notes the government's announcement of significant investment for the 'growth corridor' between Oxford and Cambridge and the grant towards a large-scale innovation hub in the centre of Cambridge. The Council welcomes this announcement. Professor Evans queries the differences between the recommendations of this Report, which ask for the Finance Committee to be authorised to approve the terms of the disposal, and others she cites (the Faculty of Music extension and a new building for the Department of Engineering). They are different because those other Reports were seeking approval for University building projects and this Report proposes the granting of a lease of the site for more than 60 years to a joint venture partnership between the University and prospective development and investment partners in order to develop an innovation hub. The proposal therefore requires approval by Grace in accordance with Regulation 2(a) of the Ordinance for Financial Matters (*Statutes and Ordinances*, p. 1053). As the Report explains, the site requires significant expenditure to bring it into a usable condition and the expectation has been that the site would be disposed of. This investment from the government will enable the site to become an innovation hub that will benefit both the University and the region. The proposal has the support of the Council on the recommendation of the Estates Committee, the Property Board and the Finance Committee.

The Council is submitting a Grace (Grace 1, p. 121) for the approval of the recommendations of this Report.

## VACANCIES, APPOINTMENTS, ETC.

### Election

The following election has been made:

Professor BEN QUASH, M.A., Ph.D., *PET*, Professor of Christianity and the Arts, King's College London, elected Regius Professor of Divinity with effect from 1 October 2026.

### Vacancies in the University

A full list of current vacancies can be found at <https://www.cam.ac.uk/jobs>.

**Kidani Professorship of Integrated Cancer Medicine in the Department of Oncology**; tenure: from 1 October 2026 or as soon as possible thereafter; informal enquiries: Professor Rebecca Fitzgerald (email: [rcf29@cam.ac.uk](mailto:rcf29@cam.ac.uk)); closing date: 31 January 2026; further details: <https://www.cam.ac.uk/jobs/kidani-professorship-of-integrated-cancer-medicine-rd47951>; quote reference: RD47951

*The University actively supports equality, diversity and inclusion and encourages applications from all sections of society. The University has a responsibility to ensure that all employees are eligible to live and work in the UK.*

## REPORTS

### Joint Report of the Council and the General Board on exchanges of Professorships

The COUNCIL and the GENERAL BOARD beg leave to report to the University as follows:

1. This Report proposes a change to Special Ordinance to enable the General Board to approve proposals for the exchange of one Professorship for another. Since publication of a separate Report proposing a one-time exception to enable such an exchange, there is now evidence that this scenario is uncommon but likely to occur again and therefore a permanent change to the Special Ordinance is proposed.

2. In the past, the General Board has appointed a Board of Electors to consider the election of the holder of an existing Professorship to another Professorship. However, this level of process seems disproportionate when all parties concerned, including the School, will need to have

endorsed the transfer to the vacant Professorship for it to be contemplated. There should be an overt but separate process for elections that do not follow the standard recruitment process.

3. If the Regent House approves this Report's recommendation, the General Board will consider each new proposal for such an election on its merits and determine the steps it wishes to take to ascertain whether the individual concerned has sufficient standing in the field of the vacant Professorship. The Board will remain mindful of the need to maintain high standards of academic excellence in elections to all Professorships whilst recognising that a light-touch process may be appropriate.

**4. The Council and the General Board recommend** that the following new sub-paragraph (v) be inserted at the end of Section 1(c) of Part B of Special Ordinance C (vii) (*Statutes and Ordinances*, p. 82):

- (v) any vacant Professorship to which the General Board agrees to elect the holder of another Professorship, the election to the vacant Professorship to take effect from the date of resignation from the other Professorship;

19 November 2025

DEBORAH PRENTICE,  
*Vice-Chancellor*  
GAENOR BAGLEY  
JO DEKKERS

JOHN DIX  
ALEX HALLIDAY  
HEATHER HANCOCK  
ELLA MCPHERSON

ALAN SHORT  
PIETER VAN HOUTEN  
ANDREW WATHEY  
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NIGEL PEAKE  
RICHARD PENTY  
ALAN SHORT  
JON SIMONS

PIETER VAN HOUTEN  
BHASKAR VIRA

#### NOTE OF DISSENT

We cannot support a proposal that would allow the General Board to elect its favoured candidates into some of the world's most prestigious Professorships without so much as an explanatory Notice to the University. If transfers between Professorships are to be allowed they should be approved by Grace of the Regent House following the publication of a Report.

19 November 2025

WILLIAM ASTLE

AUGUSTIN DENIS

JASON SCOTT-WARREN

## Report of the Council on removal of the membership of the University Centre

The COUNCIL begs leave to report to the University as follows:

1. In this Report the Council proposes the rescission of the Ordinance for the University Centre. The building would remain a part of the University estate, and remain subject to the normal procedures governing University sites and buildings, but there would no longer be a membership associated with the building. The University Centre requires a comprehensive refurbishment, which is unlikely to be affordable for ten to fifteen years and therefore it is unlikely to be able to serve as an amenity space for use by members for at least that period.

2. The University Centre was built in the late 1960s to provide recreational and meeting space and catering facilities for those within the University community who did not have access to College amenities.<sup>1</sup> The Report of the Syndicate on the Relationship between the University and the Colleges noted that there was ‘no single focus for the life of the University as distinct from its Colleges’ and that those University staff who were not Fellows of Colleges, and postgraduate research students, ought to have access to ‘rooms for meetings and conferences, for occasions when the University gives hospitality, and for other needs’.<sup>2</sup> The Ordinance for the University Centre reflects those expectations, by entitling members of the Regent House, University officers and Fellows of Colleges, and postgraduate registered students to be members of the University Centre.

3. Prior to the Covid-19 pandemic, the University Centre provided several loss-making (and therefore subsidised) food services. These are now closed, as is the ground floor bar which immediately before the pandemic was operated by a local wine bar. The University Centre, along with other buildings across the estate, was closed during the pandemic. This coincided with plans to undertake some internal refurbishment to provide more teaching space and operational accommodation within the building, and to relocate the University’s central catering kitchen from the University Centre to the West Hub on the West Cambridge site. The West Hub provides recreational and meeting space and catering facilities equivalent to those previously provided in the University Centre, albeit not in the historic city centre. Building works undertaken in 2023, including replacing the roof coverings, have enabled the continued productive use of the University Centre pending agreement of its future long-term use.

4. Notwithstanding these and other, discrete interventions that have been made over time, the building’s mechanical, electrical and plumbing (MEP) systems, which are beyond end of life, will need to be replaced if the building is to continue in long-term operational use. In addition, the building fabric will need to be assessed, in particular the listed external cladding and fenestration. A major refurbishment of the building would be expected to replace the current gas-fired boilers with low or zero carbon energy solutions, and any alternative arrangements for space and water heating would require thermal performance upgrades to the building fabric. The cost of replacing fossil fuel energy sources to meet the University’s zero carbon commitment will be significant. Current figures suggest that those costs will exceed the existing allowance for capital expenditure.

5. A feasibility study was conducted in 2024 to evaluate options for future use of the University Centre, and this included a consultation process which sought the views of those entitled to membership of the University Centre about its future. The consultation covered four options for a refurbished University Centre: a multi-use (students and staff) hub analogous to the West Hub; an education hub for teaching and examinations, similar to the Sidgwick site lecture block; a mixed workplace for University and commercial uses; and a fully commercial use (sale or lease to a third party). 80% of respondents indicated a preference for the first option; there was little enthusiasm for third party commercial use.

6. The Strategic Estate Framework takes seriously the expectation that a reshaped University estate will include sufficient and appropriate amenities for students and staff. The Framework and the consultation process that underpinned it indicate, however, that the University Centre building is not well suited to meet that expectation. The vision for the University estate as set out in the Strategic Estate Framework is to develop facilities that better connect people across the University estate, within the principal University sites and buildings. The Strategic Estate Framework proposes to develop, over time, in the region of ten ‘themed forums’ across the University. These will be open to all University members and will provide collaborative spaces, a café, private working and meeting rooms as well as labs or workshops that will enable collaboration within and across Schools, analogous for example to Pavilion A in the Centre of Mathematical Sciences, where students, staff and visitors meet both for work and to socialise.

7. The top floor of the building is assigned to the Cambridge Students’ Union, and other areas are used for University teaching and examinations; both uses helped to facilitate the sale of the Mill Lane (South) site to Pembroke College by replacing the former Cambridge SU offices in 17 Mill Lane and (in part) the former Mill Lane lecture rooms. Some back-office areas are used by the University Messenger Service and other facilities management functions of the Estates Division. The closure and disposal to King’s College of the University buildings on the north side of the Mill Lane has, however, created opportunities to make further, productive interim use of space in the University Centre during the period until a comprehensive refurbishment is affordable and a substantive long-term use agreed.<sup>3</sup>

- The former bar area on the ground floor will be assigned to the Newcomers and Visiting Scholars organisation,<sup>4</sup> which has been a regular user of the facilities in the University Centre for many years.
- Part of the former central catering kitchen on the first floor will be repurposed as an Occupational Health hub, providing services to students that will complement staff-facing Occupational Health services (the latter will be relocated from 16 Mill Lane to Bene’t Place, to co-locate with Staff Counselling).

<sup>1</sup> The building is Grade II listed.

<sup>2</sup> *Reporter*, 4289, 1961–62, p. 1104.

<sup>3</sup> The possibility of sale or lease of the University Centre to a third party has not been ruled out.

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.nvs.admin.cam.ac.uk/>.

- The area formerly used exclusively by the Gates Cambridge Trust scholars (until their own move to 17 Mill Lane in 2023) will be assigned to IdeaSpace,<sup>5</sup> to replace its current accommodation in Laundress Lane.

8. Given the requirement for a comprehensive refurbishment of the building in due course, none of the changes is intended to be permanent nor do they require substantial alterations; a Grace seeking Regent House approval for these proposals under Statute F II 3 is therefore not required. The Ordinance for the University Centre does not stipulate how the building is to be used, therefore it is not necessary to remove the Ordinance to enable these temporary uses. However, in light of the withdrawal of many of the services previously provided by the

University Centre, the Council has agreed that it would now be appropriate to seek Regent House approval to remove the Ordinance for the University Centre.<sup>6</sup>

9. If this Report's recommendation is approved, the Council has agreed:

- to consult with the University and Staff Joint Board on the wording of class (j) in the Schedule of Classes of Persons Excluded from the Status of University Assistant (*Statutes and Ordinances*, p. 152); and
- to remove a reference to the University Centre in paragraph 6.1 of the Sites and Buildings Regulations (reproduced in *Statutes and Ordinances*, p. 1069) by revising the relevant bullet to read 'operating catering outlets around the University'.

**10. The Council recommends** that the Ordinance for the University Centre (*Statutes and Ordinances*, p. 671) be rescinded.

19 November 2025

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<sup>5</sup> <https://ideaspace.cam.ac.uk/>.

<sup>6</sup> Removal of the Ordinance would entail the removal of provisions concerning the office of General Manager of the University Centre, which is vacant.

## OBITUARIES

### Obituary Notices

Professor RUDOLF HANKA, M.A., FRSM, FRSS, Emeritus Fellow and formerly Vice-President, Senior Tutor and Tutor of Wolfson College, member of Gonville and Caius College, sometime University Lecturer in the Faculty of Clinical Medicine, former Head of the Medical Informatics Unit and Director of the Centre for Clinical Informatics, onetime Proctor (Junior), Bolzano Medallist, died on 18 October 2025, aged 88 years.

JAMES BARDSLEY LAWSON MAYALL, M.A., FBA, Emeritus Fellow, formerly Vice-Master and Director of Studies in Human, Political and Social Science of Sidney Sussex College, Emeritus Sir Patrick Sheehy Professor of International Relations, sometime Director of the Centre of International Studies, died on 5 November 2025, aged 88 years.

DAVID MICHAEL HOLBURN, M.A., Ph.D., Life Fellow, formerly Senior Tutor, College Lecturer and Director of Studies in Engineering of Gonville and Caius College, member of Fitzwilliam College, sometime University Senior Lecturer in the Faculty of Engineering and onetime Head of the Scientific Imaging Group, died on 8 November 2025, aged 72 years.

## GRACES

### Graces submitted to the Regent House on 19 November 2025

The Council submits the following Graces to the Regent House. These Graces, unless they are withdrawn or a ballot is requested in accordance with the regulations for Graces of the Regent House (*Statutes and Ordinances*, p. 111), will be deemed to have been approved at **4 p.m. on Friday, 28 November 2025**. Further information on requests for a ballot or the amendment of Graces is available to members of the Regent House on the Regent House Petitions site.<sup>§</sup>

1. That the recommendations in paragraph 6 of the Report of the Council, dated 20 October 2025, on the proposed disposal of land and buildings at 1–3 Hills Road (*Reporter*, 6800, 2025–26, p. 73) be approved.<sup>1</sup>

2. That with effect from 1 October 2026, Regulation 2 of the Ordinance for the Passingham Fund and Prize (*Statutes and Ordinances*, p. 941) be amended to read as follows:<sup>2</sup>

2. There shall be a prize, called the Passingham Prize, which shall be open for award in each year by the Head of the Department of Psychology to a student who in the opinion of the Head of the Department has done work of sufficient merit in that year as a candidate for the Psychological and Behavioural Sciences Tripos, Part II, or as a candidate for the degree of Ph.D. or M.Phil. in the Department of Psychology, provided that the Prize shall not be awarded to any student to whom it has been awarded on a previous occasion.

3. That Regulations 1, 3 and 4 of the Ordinance for the Ra Jong-Yil Fund (*Statutes and Ordinances*, p. 956) be amended to read as follows:<sup>3</sup>

1. The sums given to the University by Ra Jong-Yil, of Seoul, Republic of Korea, and others shall form a fund called the Ra Jong-Yil Fund. The first charge on the income of the Fund shall be the honorarium of a Ra Jong-Yil Lecturer or Lecturers.

3. In the Easter Term of each year the Managers shall appoint a person to give the annual Ra Jong-Yil Lecture. Alternatively, if the Managers consider there is sufficient income available in any given year, they may appoint one or more Lecturers to give a series of Ra Jong-Yil Lectures in that year. In making the appointments the Managers shall, if possible, select scholars qualified to lecture on a topic related to the history, politics, and culture of Korea.

4. The honorarium paid to the Lecturers shall be such sum as shall be determined by the Managers within a range approved from time to time by the Council. In addition the Managers may at their discretion defray from the income of the Fund any expenses of the Lecturers and any other expenses incurred in connection with the lectures.

<sup>1</sup> See the Council's Notice, p. 117.

<sup>2</sup> The Council, on the recommendation of the General Board and with the support of the Committee of Management for the Psychological and Behavioural Sciences (PBS) Tripos and the Committee of Management for the Natural Sciences Tripos (NST), is proposing these changes to reflect amendments to the examination regulations for those Triposes from 1 October 2026. From that date, Psychology will no longer be available as a subject for study in Part II of the NST, with the subject instead being offered as Part II of the PBS Tripos (*Reporter*, 6801, 2025–26, p. 80). A reference to the degree of M.Sc. has also been replaced with a reference to the degree of M.Phil. to reflect the degrees offered by the Department.

<sup>3</sup> The Council, on the recommendation of the General Board, the Faculty Board of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies and the Managers of the Fund, and with the support of the donor, is proposing these changes, in accordance with Statute E I 8, to enable more than one Lecturer to be appointed or more than one Lecture to be given each year, provided that there is sufficient income available to support those alternative arrangements.

<sup>§</sup> Accessible by members of the Regent House at <https://universityofcambridgecloud.sharepoint.com/sites/RegentHousePetitions> [University account required].

## ACTA

### Approval of Grace submitted to the Regent House on 5 November 2025

The Grace submitted to the Regent House on 5 November 2025 (*Reporter*, 6802, 2025–26, p. 103) was approved at 4 p.m. on Friday, 14 November 2025.

R. B. SACHERS, *Director of Governance and Compliance*

END OF THE OFFICIAL PART OF THE 'REPORTER'

**COLLEGE NOTICES****Elections****Jesus College**

Elected to an Honorary Fellowship from 6 October 2025:

Julia Longbottom, CMG, M.A., *JE*

Michael Omari Owuo, Jr (Stormzy)

**Vacancies**

*Peterhouse*: Postgraduate Studentships 2026 (several available); tenure: three years from 1 October 2026; full or partial funding available according to circumstances; closing date: 5 January 2026 at 5 p.m.; further details: [https://www.resfell.pet.cam.ac.uk/phd\\_2026/](https://www.resfell.pet.cam.ac.uk/phd_2026/)

*Trinity College*: College Lectureship and Fellowship in English (12 hours); tenure: from 1 September 2026 for five years in the first instance; salary: £57,556 plus collegiate benefits; closing date: 5 January 2026 at 12 noon; further details: <https://www.trin.cam.ac.uk/vacancies/college-lectureship-and-fellowship-in-english/>

**Events**

*Downing College*

**Danby Society**

Demetrius A. Floudas (Downing College) will give an open lecture entitled 'From servants to successors: The evitable journey of artificial intelligence to replace humanity', in the Wilkins Room, Downing College, on Monday, 24 November 2025 at 6 p.m.; attendance free; further details: <https://talks.cam.ac.uk/talk/index/240922>

**SOCIETIES, ETC.****Cambridge Antiquarian Society****Autumn Conference 2025**

This year's Autumn Conference, entitled 'Recent archaeology in the Cambridge region' and comprising nine talks on significant recent excavations and discoveries in the Cambridgeshire area, will take place on Saturday, 22 November 2025 at the Law Faculty, Sidgwick Site, CB3 9DZ; booking not required; further details and programme: <https://www.camantsoc.org/meetings-and-events>; enquiries: Ian Mason, Secretary (email: [secretary@camantsoc.org](mailto:secretary@camantsoc.org))

**Cambridge Philosophical Society**

'A lot of hot air: Volcanic degassing and its impact on our environment', a talk by Professor Marie Edmonds, FRS, will take place on Monday, 24 November 2025, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., in person at the Bristol-Myers Squibb Lecture Theatre, Yusuf Hamied Department of Chemistry, Lensfield Road; free and open to all; further details: <https://www.cambridgephilosophicalsociety.org/events/event/professor-marie-edmonds>

**EXTERNAL NOTICES****Oxford Notices**

*New College*: The Astor Junior Research Fellowship in Physics; tenure: three years from 1 October 2026; salary: £33,400 plus allowances; closing date: 15 December 2025; further details: <https://talent.sage.hr/jobs/048040d0-c125-47e8-a678-421356bcb396>

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