

Welcome to this April 2026 edition. In the previous newsletter, you will remember we welcomed our newly appointed Trusts and Grants Fundraiser, Lorraine Dunk. Since then she has been working actively on grant applications to further our work and she would be delighted to explore opportunities within our alumni community - as she writes:

**Can you help us grow our income?** As a member of the Lindemann community, you will know the strength and distinction of the network we are part of. We are now looking to build on that legacy. The Trust has ambitious plans: to expand our outreach work, giving more young people access to leading scientific environments, and to grow our Fellowship programme beyond its current funding base. To achieve this, we need to diversify and strengthen our income, including developing new corporate partnerships.

This is where your support could make a real difference. Many of our alumni are now in senior positions across academia, industry and beyond, with access to networks and opportunities that the Trust would not otherwise reach. We would be grateful for your help in identifying potential avenues for support within your organisation or wider networks. This could include:

- Charity of the Year partnerships
- Corporate or foundation giving
- Staff fundraising initiatives or events

Even a simple introduction or suggestion could open up a valuable opportunity. If you are aware of any potential leads, or would be willing to explore possibilities, [please do get in touch](#).

The Lindemann Trust has long supported exceptional scientists at pivotal moments in their careers. With your help, we can ensure that this legacy continues – and that its benefits are extended to the next generation.

## Event Reports

It was a pleasure to return to Cambridge in March for our annual schools day, hosted at Magdalene College. We were delighted to welcome back Astronomer, Dr Frances Rigby (Imperial College, London), who talked about exoplanets, their transits, and the search for extra-terrestrial life, and Dr William Barrie, Junior Research Fellow at Cambridge University, who helped us learn about our own evolution. We were very pleased also to be joined by Lindemann Alumnus, Professor Chris Hooley (Coventry University), who showed us just how super 'super-fluids' can be! This year, for the first time, the schools also enjoyed a tour of the College, kindly led by some of Magdalene's College Ambassadors. We have had some wonderful feedback from those schools who joined us for the day, including this from Milton Road Primary:

*“The children gained a great deal from the sessions, both in terms of scientific knowledge and wider inspiration. They developed their understanding of cutting-edge topics, and were exposed to the real-world work of scientists at the forefront of their fields. Just as importantly, they saw what it looks like to think scientifically — asking questions, testing ideas and exploring the unknown. We also really valued the opportunity for the children to visit the lecture theatre at Magdalene College. Being in a real university setting made the experience feel authentic and exciting, and it helped the pupils to imagine themselves in that environment in the future.”*



## From the Archive

This month, we have had fun finding pictures taken at various Lindemann events over the years! Below, you can see the Selection Committee from 2004 (and there is still one familiar face from today's panel)! And the second picture shows committee members and alumni offering their good wishes to the 2008 outgoing Fellow.



2004 Lindemann Committee, with L-R Dr Gossel, Professor Williams, Professor Cowley, Professor Sir Roger Penrose, Professor Edwards and Professor Sir Francis Graham-Smith.

Outgoing Lindemann Fellow, Julie Ferguson, with alumni, Professor Chris Hooley and Dr Jonathan Keeling, along with Committee member, Professor Roger Cowley.



## Fellowship News

We were delighted to receive a record-breaking number of applications for this year's selection and, as always, the Committee was overwhelmed by the calibre of all the candidates. Interviews will shortly take place in London and we look forward to bringing news of our 2026-2028 Fellows later in the year. In the meantime, 2024-2026 Fellow, John Cattermull, has entered the final six months of his Fellowship at Stanford, working hard to complete as much experimental work as he can, whilst also mentoring a new PhD student group, building on the research that he has been undertaking with the synthesis of single crystals.

Ben Moss, one of the Fellows from our 2025 cohort, completed his Fellowship at the end of last year and has successfully applied for a lectureship in the Department of Chemistry at UCL. His group will be the world's first high throughput operando spectroscopy group outside of the major synchrotron facilities.

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## Upcoming Events

- **Introduction to Science and School events**

We look forward to hosting a Schools event in Durham, in partnership with Durham University, in June. And we will be returning to Cambridge not just once, but twice in the coming academic year, following the success of this year's event! If you would like more details and are interested in getting involved, [please let us know](#).

- **Lindemann at the Royal Society Summer Exhibition**

Lindemann Alumnus, James McGilligan, who did his Fellowship in Boulder in 2018 and is now based at Strathclyde, will be presenting on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, with a talk titled *Like Clockwork: Everything You Need to Know About Timekeeping*.

- **Alumni Lunch:** Autumn 2026, Cambridge; details to follow.