

Thank you to John Stone (Christ's 1957-60)

Thank you very much to Geography alumnus John Stone (Christ's, 1957-1960) for his kind donation of three photobooks to the Department library. The vibrant photobooks illustrate John's travels during his time at Cambridge, when he travelled to Iran and Ecuador as part of his studies, and the journeys he has been on since.

John hitchhiked to Iran in 1959- a journey of some 3,400 miles by road- to research and write an essay, looking at the effects of an irrigation and hydroelectric project, as part of his final year work for the Geographical Tripos.

Then, in 1960, John travelled to Ecuador as part of a Cambridge University expedition. There, the geography team conducted land use surveys and climbed the 16,500 ft Volcan Tungurahua, a snow- and ice-capped volcano almost on the equator. John says this climb remains one of the achievements in his life of which he is most proud.

In one of the photobooks, John tells us why making the albums was so important to him:

"I have been so lucky in my life to have travelled widely to most interesting countries. I find it amazing how places and people have changed in only the seventy years I have been taking photographs. So to pass on my experiences to future generations I am putting together a collection of my favourite photographs... in the hope that they will make an interesting, educational, enjoyable and lasting legacy".

John's kindly donated books are now available to view in the Department library, to be shared with geographers for years to come.